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Dear Section One Superintendents and Athletic Directors,

As in previous years, the Section One Executive Committee, guided by input from Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors across the Lower Hudson Valley, continues to prioritize minimizing the loss of instructional time during the postseason. With that at the forefront of the section's planning efforts, the intent of the Executive Committee is to utilize Saturdays and Sundays as often as possible to schedule sectional and NYSPHSAA regional events.

The approval of all seasonal tournament calendars rests with the Section One Executive Committee, following recommendations from Sport Chairs and the Championship Committee. That said, some postseason events may conflict with SAT/ACT exams, school-sponsored activities (such as concerts, award ceremonies, or proms), non-interscholastic athletic competitions, and days of religious observance.

The Executive Committee wants to clearly emphasize the Section One Championship Policy regarding postseason schedules:

- The scheduling of postseason contests is not determined by the participating schools. All games must be played on the dates established in the official tournament calendar.
- During postseason play, contests may be scheduled in the evening, early afternoon, or on weekends, including Sundays, to complete the tournament.
- While participating schools may mutually agree on event start times in most rounds of the postseason, Section One Championship events have set dates and times that cannot be altered.
- The start time of Section One Championship games is pre-determined and may not be altered.

Section One respects the significance of non-interscholastic commitments, days of religious observance, and school-sponsored events. However, due to the complexity of postseason planning, it is not possible to accommodate all individual conflicts.

We ask for your cooperation in clearly communicating this policy to coaches, student-athletes, and your school community. Sharing this information early will help minimize scheduling issues during the championship season.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to the integrity of Section One Athletics.

Sincerely,

Todd Santabarbara