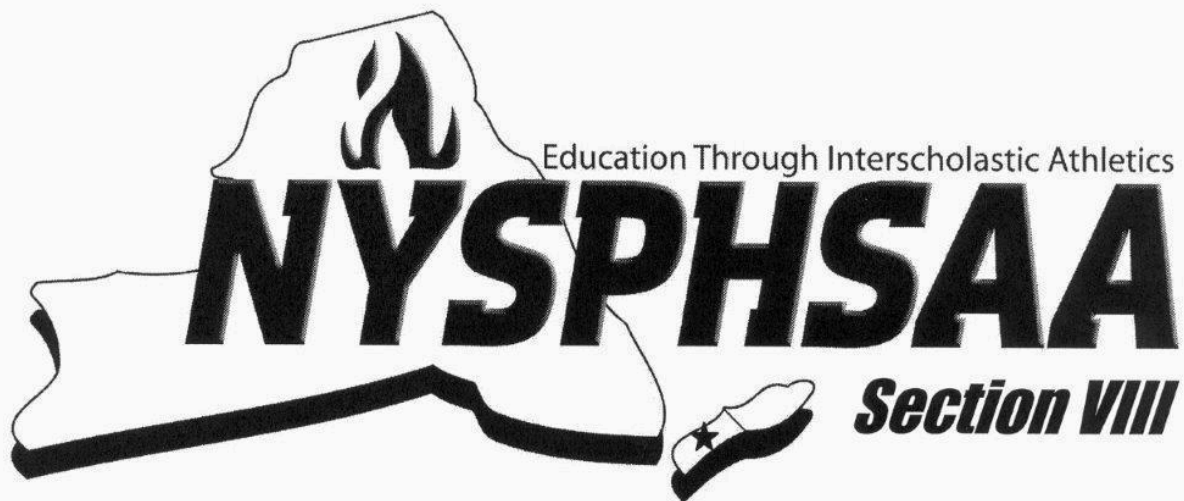




NASSAU COUNTY GAMEDAY CHEERLEADING

2026-2027

Sport Coordinator: Jennifer Keane, Wantagh High School
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Cheerleading Committee

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Caitlin Beatrice - Farmingdale High School
Melanie Velez – Carey High School
Katelynn Romano - Cold Spring Harbor

The National Federation High School Spirit Rule Book will be followed.

Classifications –

Class A 849 - up
Class B 479 - 848
Class C 478 - below

Number of practices prior to the first competition is a minimum of 6.

Competition Standards – Duration of competition is 3 minutes. Section VIII will be utilizing the NYSPHSAA score sheets for the 26-27 season.

Post Season Representation – In order to qualify for post-season, your team must have competed in THREE competitions within New York State under the NYSPHSAA rules and regulations. An individual competitor must be eligible for a minimum of three competitions as per the NYSPHSAA representation rule. (UCA does not count towards the required # of competitions for representation).

Qualifying for the Section VIII Cheerleading Championships will be based on scores achieved during the competition season using NYSPHSAA score sheets. The TOP 50% of the schools in each division based on an average of 3 scores will compete in the Nassau County Championships. If your team DOES NOT show up for a scheduled competition, they will receive a zero. This score will be one of the (3) scores that is averaged into your playoff eligibility.

Qualifying for the NYS Cheerleading Championships – The winner of each classification at the Nassau County Championship will go onto the State Championship. If there is a tie, both teams will compete against each other again to break the tie.

All schools MUST adhere to Copyright Rules. NYSPHSAA has developed guidelines to assist member schools with compliance with the copyright regulations that arise with the use of music for cheer routines and performances. The copyright law is designed to protect artists, promote creativity and to ensure that artists are compensated for their work. Pursuant to copyright law proper licenses must be obtained to make additional copies of music and to remix recordings.

Resources - Please utilize the following website as a resource for Cheerleading. <https://nysphsaa.org/sports/cheer>

Competition Dates-

JV teams will start at 5:30pm and Varsity teams will start immediately following.

Tuesday, October 6th @ Island Trees - All participating JV and Varsity Class B Schools

Wednesday, October 7th @ Cold Spring Harbor- All participating JV and Varsity Class A and C Schools

Tuesday, October 13th @ Division - All participating JV and Varsity Class B Schools

Wednesday, October 14th @ East Meadow- All participating JV and Varsity Class A and C Schools

Tuesday, October 20th @ Wantagh - All participating JV and Varsity Class B Schools

Wednesday, October 21st @ Freeport- All participating JV and Varsity Class A and C Schools

POST SEASON

November 1, 2026

Nassau County Championship @ Farmingdale State College @ TBA

November 8, 2026

NYSPPHSAA Championship @ Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY