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Available at www.section6.e1b.org click on *Handbooks, Forms & Info*

Team Roster
Financial Report
All-WNY Scholar – Athlete Nomination

NYSPPHSAA Code of Conduct (updated Oct. 2009)

(available at the state website - click below)

<http://www.nyspphsaa.org/forms/pdf/conduct.pdf>

2009-10 Ice Hockey Calendar

The Section VI approved sport season is
November 2, 2009 to March 29, 2010

First Practice..... November 2, 2009
 First Scrimmage- After Eight (8) Team Practices but no sooner than..... November 11, 2009
 First Contest- After Ten (10) Team Practices but no sooner than November 13, 2009
 Pre-Season Coaches Meeting at Will North HS 7:00pm..... November 16, 2009
 Rosters due November 16, 2009
 Team pictures and updated rosters due January 31, 2010
 End of Regular Season..... February 14, 2010

Post Season Coaches Meeting at the Pepsi Center 6:00pm February 15, 2010
 Post-season schedule (see below)
 ALL- WNY Scholar Athlete Forms due March 1, 2010

Regular Season Schedule

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391092695045840/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=52727&1139Nav=|&NodeID=723>

Post Season Schedule

Pre-Quarters:	Large	Feb. 16	Pepsi Center	11:30am, 1:30pm
	Small	Feb. 16	Pepsi Center	12:00pm
Qualifier:	Private	Feb. 17	Pepsi Center	11:30am
Quarter-finals:	Large	Feb. 18	Pepsi Center	5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm
	Large	Feb. 20	Pepsi Center	1:00pm
	Small	Feb. 20	Pepsi Center	3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm
Semi-finals:	Large	Feb. 24	Pepsi Center	6:00pm, 8:00pm
	Small	Feb. 25	Pepsi Center	6:00pm, 8:00pm
	Private	TBA	TBA	TBA
Finals:	Small	Feb. 28	HSBC Arena	4:00pm
	Large			6:00pm
	Private			8:00pm
Regionals:	Large	Mar. 6	Section 1	TBA
	Small	Mar. 6	Section 7	TBA
States:	Finals	Mar. 13-14	Utica Auditorium Section 3	TBA
	Private	Mar. 7	TBA	TBA

Ice Hockey Federation Executive Board/ Sport Committee

Committee voting privileges: As per the Section VI Constitution p.11 Item 7.6: "The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the sports chairperson." Voting rights on a federated sports committee are the same as league sports: one vote for each league or division represented. The chairperson generally exercises his right to vote when there is a tie. The voting members of the committee are indicated below with an **asterisk**. For Ice Hockey: 1 vote per officer on the Executive Board

<u>Section VI Chairman:</u>	Mark DiFilippo* mdifilippo@nwcsd.org 215-3129	Niagara Wheatfield School District 2292 Saunders Settlement Sanborn, NY 14132
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Federation Directory

	Athletic Director	Head Coach	
Amherst	Nancy Riccio	362-3020	Mark Mobus
Bishop Timon-St. Jude	Jim Palano	826-3615	Pat Fisher
Canisius	Jim Mauro	882-0466	Terry Miller
Clarence	Greg Kaszubski	407-9043	Rick Brooks
Frontier	Tim Marong	926-1704	Bob Klimowicz
Hamburg	Chuck Amo	646-3344	John McFall
Kenmore East	Brett Banker	874-8411	Kyle Pray
Kenmore West	Brett Banker	874-8411	Mike Mondoux
Lewiston Porter	Scott Townsend	754-8281	Kevin Kirsch
Lancaster	Len Jankiewicz	686-3270	Kevin Miller
Lockport	Pat Burke	478-4473	Mike Evans
Niagara Falls	Dan Bazzani	286-0794	Stan Wojtan
Niagara Wheatfield	Mark DiFilippo	215-3116	Rick Wrazin
Nichols	Rob Stewart	875-8212	Adam Holler
North Tonawanda	Greg Witman	807-3647	Jeff Swan
Orchard Park	Jim Higgins	209-6208	Derek Gilham
St. Francis	Steve Otremba	627-2359	Craig Fattey
St. Joe's	Pete Schneider	874-2224	Rich Crozier
Sweet Home	Chris DeMarco	250-1207	Dave Gerspach
West Seneca East	Timm Slade	677-3144	Dan Goldie
West Seneca West	Timm Slade	677-3144	Kevin Roza
Williamsville East	Chris Mucica	626-8445	Mike Torrillo
Williamsville North	Steve Ferenczy	626-8542	Bob Rosen
Williamsville South	Kevin Lester	626-8219	Sean Green

Ice Hockey Federation Divisions

Division 1

Niagara Falls
Lancaster
Lockport
Frontier
Orchard Park
Clarence

Division 2

Canisius
St. Joe's
Kenmore West
North Tonawanda
Niagara Wheatfield
Williamsville North

Division 3

Sweet Home
Kenmore East
Williamsville South
Williamsville East
Amherst
Lewiston Porter

Division 4

West Seneca West
Hamburg
St. Francis
West Seneca East
Timon
Nichols

Section VI WNY Varsity Hockey Federation Method of Determining a Champion

For the 2009-10 season, the league will be broken up into 4 divisions. Divisions one (1) and two (2) will be made up of large schools and Divisions three (3) and four (4) will be made up of small schools.

All teams will play a double round-robin format within their own division and one (1) cross-over game, with each team in the other division within their classification (large or small) for a total of 16 games. The standings for each division shall be determined on the basis of two (2) points for a win, and one (1) point for a tie. All 16 games will count toward Sectional seeding and Divisional Champion. If teams are tied for first place after regular-season play, the teams will be declared Co-Champions.

Playing Sites

Amherst Pepsi Center Phone: 631-7555
1615 Amherst Manor Dr., Williamsville, 14221

Buffalo State Ice Rink Phone: 878-4198
1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, 14222

Dann Memorial Rink (Nichols School)
Phone: 875-8212
1250 Amherst St., Buffalo, 14216

Hamburg Ice Rink Phone: 649-8771
2982 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg, 14075

Holiday Twin Rinks Phone: 685-3660
3465 Broadway, Cheektowaga, 14227

Leisure Rinks Phone: 675-8992
75 Weiss Rd., Orchard Park, 14127

Niagara University - Dwyer Arena
5795 Lewiston Rd. Phone 286-8782
Niagara University, NY 14109

Riverside Ice Arena Phone: 875-4820
2607 Niagara St. Buffalo, 14207

West Seneca Ice Rink Phone 558-2292
1250 Union Rd., West Seneca, 14224

Admission

Regular Season

Adults\$5
Students.....\$1
Season Pass.....\$50

Regionals.....\$5

Sectionals

Pre-Q, Quarters & Finals: Adults \$5
..... Students \$3
Finals (2010 only) Free admission

States\$8

Rules

NFHS 09-10 Rules Changes



Faceoff Changes Highlight Ice Hockey Rules Revisions for 2009-10 www.NFHS.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: John Gillis

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 28, 2009) - In an effort to simplify the game for coaches, players and officials, four rules addressing face-offs were among nine changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Ice Hockey Rules Committee at its April 26-27 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 6-12-1 now begins with the sentence "All face-offs must be conducted on one of the nine (9) faceoff spots located on the rink."

Under Rule 6-12 as previously written, face-offs could have occurred "...at many locations on the ice 15 feet from the boards, along an imaginary line between the end zone faceoff spots."

"The committee felt that this revision will help simplify the game for everyone," said Rick Majerus, chairperson of the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee. "By making this change, the rule is now very specific regarding where face-offs can occur."

The committee felt that penalties for puck-handling should be consistent with those for high-sticking. As such, the penalties for Rules 6-17-1 and 6-17-3 have been changed from "Faceoff" to "Faceoff at the defensive zone faceoff spot of the offending team."

"The former puck-handling penalties were 'Face-off,' and the high-sticking penalties are 'Faceoff at the defensive zone faceoff spot of the offending team,'" Majerus said. "Since the committee felt the penalties for both offenses should be the same, the penalties in Rules 6-17-1 and 6-17-3 (puck-handling) are now the same as those in Rule 6-18, which deals with high-sticking."

In an effort to cut down penalties and to make the high school rules consistent with those of the other national governing bodies, the committee changed the faceoff location after a penalty is assessed to take place at the defensive zone faceoff spot of the offending team. All such references to this in Rule 6-12 (Face-offs) have been rewritten to reflect this revision.

As a means of helping readers more easily locate rules pertaining to minor penalties that involve team captains, the copy in Rule 2-2-6 has been replicated in Rule 4-2-8.

Rule 2-2 addresses "Team Captains" and Rule 4-2 addresses "Minor Penalties." Since Rule 2-2-6 ("When rules indicate 'captain's choice of players' for serving the penalty, the captain must select a player who was on the ice when the infraction occurred.") is a rule that addresses both minor penalties and team captains, it is now replicated in the "Minor Penalties" section. In that manner, readers will now find it referenced in both locations within the rules book.

Rule 4-3-2 was revised to replace the penalty "A player (captain's choice of players)" with "A player and an additional player."

"Prior to last year, 'captain's choice' meant any player," Majerus said. "Last year's revision was a blanket change that stipulated that any place the rules book says 'captain's choice,' the player had to come from the ice. In this particular situation, the player does not need to come from the ice. As such, it should not read 'captain's choice of players.'"

In an effort to make NFHS rules consistent with other national governing bodies' and to conform with manufacturers' current dimensions, the measurements of the goalkeeper's leg pads, goalkeeper's gloves and goalkeeper's catching glove have been downsized.

According to Rule 3-3-2, the goalkeeper's leg pads currently "... shall not be wider than 12 inches (30.48 cm) each." The new rule states "... shall not be wider than 11 inches (27.94 cm) each, nor longer than 38 inches (96.52 cm)."

Rule 3-3-3 currently stipulates that "Protective padding attached to the back or forming a part of the goalkeeper's gloves shall not exceed 9 inches (22.86 cm) in width at any point, nor shall it exceed 17 inches (43.17 cm) in length. Protective padding attached to the back or forming part of the goalkeeper's catching glove shall not exceed 9 inches (22.86 cm) in width at any point, nor shall it exceed 17 inches (43.17 cm) in length."

The revised rule now stipulates that the width of the goalkeeper's blocking glove shall not exceed 8 inches (20.32 cm), nor shall it exceed 15 inches (38.1 cm) in length. The rule further stipulates that the catching glove shall have a maximum circumference of 45 inches (114.3 cm), and the wrist cuff shall not exceed 4 inches (10.16 cm) in width, nor more than 8 inches (20.32 cm) in height.

The words "with face masks" were added to Rule 3-4-8 so that it now reads "All players are required to wear helmets with face masks while in the players' or penalty box."

This rule was revised at a previous rules committee meeting. The aforementioned verbiage regarding face masks (while possibly implied or understood) was inadvertently left out at that time. This revision will now specifically state that those helmets will have face masks.

Ice hockey is played by 36,667 boys in 1,564 high schools nationwide, according to the NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey. Additionally, 8,621 girls in 534 high schools nationwide participate in ice hockey.

Commitment Rule

Prior to January 1, a player who participates in a practice or game for a team other than his Federation high school team, at the same time as a scheduled Federation high school league game, is in violation of the commitment rule, and shall be suspended from the next league game of his team;

From January 1 on, a player who participates in a practice or game for a team other than his Federation high school team, at the same time as a scheduled high school practice or game (non-league or league), is in violation of the commitment rule, and shall be suspended from the next league game.

All rostered players shall be required to practice and attend games during the suspension period. A second occurrence of the commitment rule shall result in a two-game suspension to be enforced at the next two league contests. Upon a third violation by the same player, a suspension for the remainder of the Federation regular season and playoffs is incurred.

Rosters

Team rosters shall be unlimited in size, but all players listed shall be required to honor the commitment rule. All players must be rostered with the Federation at the start of the season in order to be eligible to participate. Any additions or deletions must be registered with the Sectional Chair and League Statistician prior to any participation.

8th Graders

Eighth graders are not permitted to play Ice Hockey. All players must be in at least the ninth grade to be eligible.

Emergency Goalkeeper

Each team may designate an emergency goalkeeper at the start of the season, to be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation. This player must appear on the original roster, and be properly designated. The emergency goalkeeper must abide by NYSPHSAA rules, but shall be exempt from the commitment rule.

8 Goal Rule

In the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play there will be an eight goal rule with a running clock. If a team goes ahead by eight goals, from that point the clock will be a running clock for the rest of the game or until the score goes below an eight goal difference. The running clock will be started at the beginning of play after the eighth goal is scored.

Referees

Referees are assigned by the Federation. Only NIHOA enrolled referees shall be hired for high school games. Referees are paid in accordance with fees established by Section VI. Referees shall report their arrival to the school official who is present as "Site Manager" and in charge of the contest. Referees must be certified in NFHS Official Rules. NIHOA shall be responsible for certifying officials in New York. Referees will receive a copy of the WNY Ice Hockey Federation Handbook and NYSPHAA Ice Hockey Rules. A Two-Man Referee System will be used for all regular season, sectional, and state games.

Remember that:

- A bench penalty can be called for inappropriate fan behavior after one warning.
- The mouth piece and neck guard rules should be enforced.

- The “above the shoulder” stick violation is a major penalty, except where a minor penalty applies for incidental contact.
- Any penalty after a whistle shall include a misconduct on the penalized player(s).
- Disqualified players must be reported on the appropriate WNYVHF Ice Hockey form. Failure of a referee to “write-up” a disqualification may result in a suspension from officiating WNYVHF school sponsored hockey games for a period not to exceed one year. Game disqualification penalties should be reported immediately on the WNYVHF forms, which should be available from the off-ice official. (Referees are encouraged to have extra copies of this form in their possession.)

It is further recommended that Referees:

- Conduct an “off-ice” session with players and coaches prior to the season to explain new rule changes, to promote good sportsmanship, and to explain the role of a high school ice hockey referee. It is also strongly recommended that school officials (principal, athletic director, site manager, off-ice game officials) attend this session, in order that a positive dialogue be developed.
- Call a tight, appropriately played, game of ice hockey as is desired by member schools of the WNYVHF. Officiating should be in accordance not only with NFHS/WNYVHF rules, but with the educational philosophy desired in high school, as opposed to youth, college or professional ice hockey. It is recommended that federation develop an evaluation procedure for officials which incorporates evaluations by AD’s and coaches. Referees are “in charge” and should demand an appropriate HIGH SCHOOL game of ice hockey. Interscholastic sport is justified only because it is a school activity where education occurs. Exceptionally good sportsmanship should be demanded of players, coaches and fans.
- Be the first on the ice to “greet” players, check equipment, urge a good game, and meet coaches. It is required that referees remain on the ice until all players have left the ice either between periods or at the end of the game.
- Have the team captains meet at center ice before the game to discuss desired sportsmanship and shake hands. (It is suggested that introductions be conducted with helmets removed).
- Not allow players to bang sticks on the ice or on the boards after a goal, for opponent penalty, etc
- Discourage the throwing of sticks, piling on, etc. after a victory or goal.
- Not tolerate Inappropriate language, taunting gestures and provocative behavior by players or coaches.

Off-Ice Game Officials

Official Time, Score, Penalty Box

Qualified persons should be assigned to keep the official time, WNYVHF score sheet, and to supervise the penalty boxes. At least one adult, preferably either a game official or school official, should be designated as responsible for these functions. It is recommended that this designated adult, sitting as a scorekeeper/ timekeeper/ penalty box supervisor, be considered a secondary game official. He/she will work closely with the on ice officials, assisting in the identification of fan misbehavior and alerting officials of inappropriate behavior, language or gestures by players serving time in the penalty box.

Public Address Operator

The public address operator should come under the jurisdiction of an adult and should display the same positive goal desired in all interscholastic competitions.

Score Keeper

The scorekeeper shall prepare the WNYVHF recommended game report, and appropriately transit the copies to the “Site Manager.” Said game sheet then will be filed with the statistician, and will include the number of minor penalties and major penalties. Names of players who receive game disqualifications or too many penalties in one game resulting in that game disqualification, will be maintained by the rules and discipline chairman. In order to promote improved sportsmanship it is recommended that periodically the rules and discipline chairman share this summary information with the league officials. It may be requested that a summary of penalties be filed with the WNYVHF on a weekly basis by the following Tuesday of each week.

Promoting Good Sportsmanship by Spectators

It is recognized that the promotion of proper response and cheerleading will be most difficult given the sometimes improper examples evident at professional and other levels of ice hockey contests. Positive school spirit is, however, an objective that all WNYVHF schools share. Because the ice rink is most often “off campus,” it is urged that WNYVHF posters and easily identified school sponsored signs be posted which clearly outline the expected behavior and desired sportsmanship.

The following is recommended:

- Rinks should provide designated – separate areas for fans of opposing teams. School personnel and security should actively monitor these areas and the parking lots— before, during, and after the game.
- No banners or signs are allowed, except for an official school banner (permanently affixed).
- Whistles, megaphones, horns, and other noise makers are forbidden.
- Student cheering sections should NOT be in back of the team bench, especially the opposing team bench (whenever possible).
- Mascots, and cheerleaders are not allowed on the ice, on the bench, or in player areas.
- Spectators may not bring cans or bottles to the game arena. Alcohol and other controlled substances are not allowed in the arena. Violators must immediately be removed from the facility and appropriately disciplined.
- Hats, paper wads, confetti, and other objects are not to be thrown on the ice. This undesired action is dangerous to players. Persons guilty of this misbehavior should be immediately removed from the rink and appropriately disciplined. (Schools are encouraged to restrict admission of spectators whose behavior is inappropriate.)
- Fans should not be permitted to leave a facility and return.
- Fans should be seated and not leaning over the glass or rink boards. AT NO TIME should police or supervisors allow a fan to pound on the glass boards or to grab and lean over said boards. Failure to abide by this rule should result in immediate removal of the individual from the rink.
- The first row behind the boards be vacant and serve a “buffer zone”.
- The use of profanity, objectionable cheers or gestures is strictly forbidden. Taunting (i.e. “you, you, you”) —slang which resembles profanity or any actions that maybe insulting to others must be prohibited.

Emergency Cancellation Policy

Only actual emergencies will cause game cancellations. It is incumbent on the respective AD’s to make sure that all dates assigned to your school can meet your schedule. There will not be any cancellations or rescheduling except for emergencies (i.e. weather emergencies, school closings, etc.). The following policy will be adhered to for cancellations:

1. Cancellations will be made ONLY AD to AD of the schools involved.
2. Home AD will contact the sectional chair. Chairman will contact:
 - a) referees
 - b) minor officials
 - c) security
 - d) facility
 - e) Section VI Executive Director (for post-season play)
3. Home AD will contact:
 - a) media
 - b) treasurer
4. The AD of both schools involved will re-schedule with sectional chair.
 - a) President will contact:
 - referees
 - minor officials
 - security
 - b) AD’s are responsible for
 - facility
 - treasurer

Responsibilities of the Athletic Director / “Site Manager”

By WNYVHF constitution, the Athletic Director or his/her designee, shall be present at all interscholastic home contests. These school officials are supervisors who are seeking desired objectives, be they spectator behavior, team sportsmanship or facility conditions and environment. The home team’s AD or designee (not a member of the hockey staff) should be the “Site Manager”. The site manager, working with rink personnel - other school personnel - police and the coaching staff, will:

- Oversee enforcement of rules for spectators.
- Assure that game officials, proper medical personnel and other conditions are in order before authorizing the start of the game.
- Be in possession of game rules, game suspension forms and the recommended WNYVHF Game Sheet. (Remember, the site manager is responsible for initiating the reporting of game suspensions).
- Be in charge and responsible for all “off ice” functions and activities associated with the game (e.g. players sent to the locker room should be accompanied by a member of the school staff).
- Represent the interests of the host school and seek those goals and objectives shared by WNYVHF member schools.
- Forward to appropriate home and away school personnel and statistician, the game score sheet and misconduct reports. (The WNYVHF Game Sheet facilitates this process)
- Meet with the referees, proctors, security personnel and ticket takers, sellers. In case of an emergency everyone is known to the Site Manager.
- Ensure that: SCORESHEETS OR COPIES FROM ALL GAMES PLAYED (INCLUDING TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION GAMES, ETC.) WILL BE TURNED IN TO STATISTICIAN OF LEAGUE.
- **Verify that the new Financial Procedure for Ice Hockey (page 16) is followed by all parties.**

In accordance with NFHS rules and the WNYVHF rule book, the Site Manager and coaches may be involved with game officials to make a judgment regarding the termination of a game – given conditions such as unruly behavior of spectators and/or players.

To ensure proper behavior of players, coaches and spectators - **ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPALS** should:

- Insist that referees demand exceptional behavior of participants.
- Plan to have more than one school/official monitoring spectators at all home hockey games.
- Conduct a preseason meeting with local security, and demand that assigned security work those games, both inside and outside the rink.
- Remind coaches that it is imperative to keep players under control, especially in the last minutes of a one-sided contest.
- Insist that coaches remove players from games whose behavior or language is unacceptable (even if not observed or penalized by the referee).
- Demand that referees officiate consistently and not according to the score . . . and that all violations are penalized.

Facility / Rink Issues

- School Rules: Most high school teams lease time at rinks away from the school campus for their ice hockey games and practices. High school hockey is one of the few school activities whose contests and practices take place off campus. Wrongfully, some players and fans consider this facility outside the jurisdiction of the school and the school’s rules, regulations and codes of behavior. School rules (and WNYVHF rules) apply and should be enforced as if the event were being held on the school campus. The fact that the game and practices are school functions should be known by news releases, public address announcements, and the visible presence of school personnel.

- **Lease:** In the lease agreement with the facility, the school should demand a safe and healthy environment for its players and fans. The agreement should clearly state the financial arrangements as they pertain to rental fees and gate receipts. A contract should include more than just the financial considerations. It should also include specific references to necessary and expected services, and facility conditions. If the agreement includes the hiring of personnel by the rink management (such as security, ticket takers, etc.) and the right of the rink to sell refreshments, the school should emphatically demand that local and WNYVHF codes of spectator behavior be enforced (see section on spectators on page 9).
- **Advertisements:** *It is strongly recommended that advertisements for alcohol be removed or covered at the rink and must not be included in a printed hockey program.*
- **Parking:** Excellent lighting and monitoring of the parking area should be provided by the rink.
- **Loitering** before and after games should not be permitted. Players should not exit from locker rooms until fans have departed from the rink. Whenever feasible, exits should be used that are away from locker room areas. Separate exits should be utilized for spectators from each school.
- The **scoreboard** should be functional, preferably with not only game time and score, but also noting penalty minutes.
- A **public address system** should be available for game and emergency announcements.
- **Music:** The home team may provide music for games, as long as it is played at a reasonable level. The visiting team to provide music at games only by mutual consent of the coaches.
- **Emergency medical procedures** should be planned in advance and supplies readily available (See Emergency Medical Procedures on page 10).

A close working relationship between rink management and school administration (athletic director or high school principal) is a must. The communication link between the rink and school should not be solely dependent on the coaching staff. Periodically, there should be reports as to the conditions of the locker room (before and after practices) and facilities. With the assistance of rink management, the school administration should develop a procedure for handling student-fan misbehavior, monitoring adult spectators, and visiting team fans. Also the two parties should define what problems are to be handled by school officials and what problems are to be handled by the rink personnel or security. A good “model” is that practiced at home basketball games.

Responsibilities of Coaches

Coaches are employees of the school and community and should subscribe to the rules, philosophy and procedures desired by the school, its administration, the athletic department and the WNYVHF. The behavior and attitude of the coach sets the tone!

- **Behavior:** Inappropriate language or behavior is not be permitted on the bench or around the rink area. Any member of the coaching staff who receives two game misconducts and/or disqualification penalties during the season shall not participate in Sectionals.
- **Rules:** Coaches should be familiar with the WNYVHF and NFHS rules.
- **Bench:** There is no maximum number of players dressed on the bench. If the coach is removed from the bench, the assistant coach will be in charge. Only employees or official representative of the school district may serve as a coach. In addition to the players, only a coach, asst. coach, school trainer, and student manager are permitted on the bench. Coaches should accompany their players from the locker room to the bench before each game and between periods.
- **Player Eligibility:** Every player must have eight varsity practices to be eligible. Club practices do not count. Players must play nine league games to be eligible for playoffs. Exception will be injured players and players off for medical reasons. Those games missed due to above reasons will count towards the nine games. No player should appear on any game sheet unless the player is dressed to play.
- **Equipment:** The coach must be certain that all players are properly equipped, by the rules of high school ice hockey.
- **Rosters:** Coaches are required to email their rosters on the Team Roster Form (see page 1) to the Section VI Chairman Mark DiFilippo at mdifilippo@nwcsd.org by **November 16**. Team photos and updated rosters for post-season play must be emailed by **January 31**.

- **Interaction with Officials:** COACHES SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WHEN SPEAKING WITH OFFICIALS. CRITICISM OF A REFEREE SHOULD BE WRITTEN AFTER A GAME AND FORWARDED TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SECTIONAL CHAIR.
- **NEW 2009-10** Coaches are expected to evaluate their own game officials throughout the year using the on-line system set up by Dan Murphy in ArbiterSports. Coaches will be contacted prior to their first game regarding this process.

Supplementary Discipline

1. All major penalties result in an automatic Disqualification.
2. During the WNYVHF Regular season and Playoffs, a player receiving a game Disqualification for fighting or abuse of officials will be suspended for his next 2 games. A player receiving his first major penalty is suspended to play in the next game, according to the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules.
3. Every subsequent Disqualification or game misconduct, results in a cumulative suspension of 1 game for each game the player has been suspended. Example: Player A receives his second game Disqualification of the season; therefore, he is suspended for 2 games.
4. During the WNYVHF Regular Season and Playoffs, a player receiving his third game disqualification, third game misconduct, third major penalty in the WNYVHF Regular season or playoffs is suspended for the remainder of the season and playoffs upon the review of the discipline committee.
5. During the WNYVHF Regular Season and Playoffs, a player receiving his fourth misconduct is awarded a game Disqualification. Said player is then suspended to play in the next game or games, dependent on whether he had incurred any previous game Disqualification. A violation of rule #1 and rule #3 in the same game will constitute two violations. If the disqualified player is a senior, and it is his last game of the season, the incident will be referred back to the offending player's school for disciplinary action.
6. During the regular season and playoffs, a member of the coaching staff who receives a game disqualification/game misconduct penalty is ineligible to coach in the next two (2) games of his team, upon review of the executive committee. A member of the coaching staff receiving a second game disqualification/game misconduct penalty is ineligible for the remainder of the season, upon review of the executive committee, and the member school.
7. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final game of the season, upon review of the discipline committee. Additionally, a player receiving a game disqualification penalty in a WNYVHF Playoff Game may not be eligible for post-season awards.
8. The WNYVHF Sport Handbook monitors league games only, but penalties carry over to non-league games. Non-league games shall follow NYSPHSAA and NFHS rules regarding penalties & suspensions.
9. Coaches must submit all non-league and tournament score sheets and report any suspensions to the league statistician 24 hours prior to their next league game.

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Emergency Medical Procedures

1. It is imperative that all coaches be knowledgeable of and adhere to American Red Cross recommended procedures for administering first aid.
2. Where situations warrant (example: head, neck, back injuries, suspected broken bones, etc.) or when in doubt, the First Aid Squad should be summoned.
3. Doctor, Trainer, or Coach will administer first aid. If further immediate aid is indicated, this person will direct the head proctor to summon the First Aid Squad. If injury occurs during practice, the coach will summon the First Aid Squad. In either case, a person shall be assigned to direct the squad to the location of the emergency. This call may be made at telephones located in coach's office or Physical Education office, or the hockey arena.
4. The head proctor or proctor assigned the responsibility must identify himself/herself to both head coaches, as well as doctors or trainer if present.
5. Parent(s) must be notified by proctor or coach prior to transportation to the emergency room. In cases of non-serious injuries where no additional immediate medical aid is indicated, parent is to be notified by the coach at earliest convenience (i.e.: immediately following contest).

6. Regardless of the seriousness of the injury, transportation home or to the hospital is to be provided ONLY by ambulance, parent, or when absolutely necessary, by a coach or proctor. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE INJURED ATHLETES TO BE TRANSPORTED BY ANOTHER STUDENT! An adult, preferably a parent, coach or proctor, should accompany the student. In the case where only one coach is present and no other adult can be found, the coach must remain with remainder of the team but must follow-up on student's condition as soon as possible.
7. Accident report must be completed as soon as possible for all injuries, regardless of extent.
8. **Section VI AED Policy** (effective Feb. 2003) The game site-chairperson will be responsible for securing an AED for the certified trainer's use at all sectional contests, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. The certified trainer will be provided by an orthopedic group contracted by Section VI, at all post-season contests held at **NEUTRAL SITES**. **Note:** If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for post-season contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Media – Reporting Results

At the conclusion of the game, the winning coach must report results to radio and television. Please make certain of this. Each year, sportswriters and sportscasters criticize Section VI for lack of cooperation in reporting game results. Additional media are listed on page 10 of the Section VI Directory or on the Section VI website.

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391041014336120/lib/11391041014336120/media.pdf> or go to <http://www.section6.e1b.org> General Information, Media

For Media requirements for post season play see Sectional Competition below.

Bee Group

204-4903 Patrick Nagy pnagy@beenews.com

Buffalo News

849-4461 Mary Jo Monnin mmonnin@buffalonews.com

800-777-8610 Keith McShea kmcshea@buffalonews.com

Metro Group

668-5223 x8168 Matthew Ondesko mondesko@metrowny.com

Niagara Gazette

282-2311 x2266 Tim Schmitt tschmitt@gnnewspaper.com

282-2311 x2262 Nate Beutel beuteln@gnnewspaper.com

WGR-550AM

843-0220 x464 Tony Caligiuri Tcaligiuri@entercom.com

WGRZ-TV2

849-2219 Ed Kilgore ekilgore@wgrz.com

WKBW-TV7

840-7799 Jeff Russo jrusso@wkbw.com

WIVB-TV4

879-4994 John Murphy sports@wivb.com John.Murphy@wivb.com

If you get an answering machine, leave score on machine

SUPER SEVEN (Athlete of the Week)

840-7798 Answering Machine

Sectional Competition

Sectional and State Representation

Upon completion of the regular season, there will be 3 separate Sectional tournaments: Large Schools, Small Schools, Private Schools.

- The Private schools will be seeded one (1) through five (5) based only on the games played between those Private schools.
- The Large Schools will be seeded one (1) through ten (10)
- The Small Schools will be seeded one (1) through nine (9) based on their 16 game schedule.

Teams will be reseeded throughout each round of the Sectionals as reflected in the schedule in this booklet. The following tie-breaker procedure shall be used to determine Sectional seeding.

- 1.) The results of the games played between the teams tied; total points acquired in these games.
- 2.) Most Wins.
- 3.) Goals For/Goals Against Differential in divisional games
- 4.) Goals For/Goals Against Differential in complete schedule

Schedule (see page 2)

Team Photos and Rosters

Coaches are required to email their team photos and updated roster for post-season play on the Team Roster Form (see page 1) to the Section VI Chairman Mark DiFilippo at mdifilippo@nwcsd.org by

January 31.

Media

Radio and TV stations must secure approval from the local school, officials, the Section VI Ice Hockey Chairman (see page 3) and the Section VI Media Chairman, Leo Kaminsky (684-3157). A contract which includes the general provisions for telecasting/ broadcasting Section VI contests must be signed and appropriate fees submitted prior to the event being broadcast.

Selection of Officials

The selection of officials for sectional and regional play will be based on coaches' evaluations during the regular season. Coaches are expected to evaluate their own game officials throughout the year by the on-line system set up by Dan Murphy. At the conclusion of the regular season, evaluations will be reviewed by Dan Murphy and Mark DiFilippo and selections will be based on those evaluations. At the post season meeting, coaches will also be asked to provide their preferred list of officials as well as their non-preferred list officials. This form will be issued to them prior to that post season meeting.

Brackets

Large Schools

Niagara Falls	Lancaster	Pre-Quarters:	7 th vs. 10 th	&	8 th vs. 9 th
Lockport	Kenmore West				
Frontier	North Tonawanda	Quarters:	1 st vs. 8 th	&	2 nd vs. 7 th ,
Orchard Park	Niagara Wheatfield		3 rd vs. 6 th	&	4 th vs. 5 th
Clarence	Williamsville North	Semis:	1 st vs. 4 th	&	2 nd vs. 3 rd

Small Schools

Sweet Home	West Seneca West	Pre-Quarters:	9 th vs. 8 th		
Hamburg	Williamsville East				
Amherst	Kenmore East	Quarters:	1 st vs. 8 th	&	2 nd vs. 7 th ,
Williamsville South	West Seneca East		3 rd vs. 6 th	&	4 th vs. 5 th
Lewiston Porter		Semis:	1 st vs. 4 th	&	2 nd vs. 3 rd

Private Schools

Canisius	St. Joe's	Qualifier:	4 th vs. 5 th		
Timon	Nichols				
St. Francis		Semis:	1 st vs. 4 th	&	2 nd vs. 3 rd

NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Championships
Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, 2010
Utica Memorial Auditorium
Utica, N.Y.

Code of Conduct

Head coaches and assistant coaches must sign the Code of Conduct (see Forms page 1) and will be expected to adhere to all responsibilities.

Travel Policy

Please refer to the Section VI policy on travel to state competition (see page 14).

Section VI Policies

Travel to State Competition Policy for Team Sports

Summary for Team Sports (updated 9/16/09)

This policy in its entirety is posted on the Section website:

http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049112849960/lib/11391049112849960/Travel_Policy_Jan09.pdf

Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation.

Supervision (approved 1/21/09)

One or more certified coaches are required to travel with the student athletes from **their school** and must be present on any Section VI contracted bus, as well as the location where the athletes are housed, state competition where the athlete(s) will compete and all related events.

Transportation:

Schools will be responsible for all transportation costs. Schools will make their own transportation arrangements for their athletes involved in state competition in team sports. Section VI will apply to NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of \$1.30 per mile on the state grid (for one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

Lodging:

Schools will be responsible for all lodging costs. The Sportchair will advise participating schools if accommodations are to be arranged by the state or by the schools.

Meals: Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition.

All-WNY Scholar Athlete **Ice Hockey** Team

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to the **All-WNY Scholar Athlete Ice Hockey Team**. The criteria for selection are listed on the Nomination Form (see forms page 1) which must be submitted to the Section VI office by **March 1**. The team will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star & Outside Agency Contests (updated April 2009)

1. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests MUST be approved by Section VI. In addition, Senior All-Star contests must be approved by NYSPHSAA. The forms required are posted on the section website*
2. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests must be conducted within the season dates approved by the Section VI Athletic Council for that sport. The calendar of approved season dates for all sports is posted on the section website*
3. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.
4. A contestant may participate in no more than one approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.

NOTE: A Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open-tryouts are held, the contest is NOT a NYSPHSAA All-Star contest.

*www.section6.e1b.org Under General Information, Click on Forms and Information, or call the Section office 821-7365.

No Shows at Sectionals

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting spoils the integrity of the tournament. The following Section VI policy was adopted by the Athletic Council 11/98:

- a. Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding, as per the sport specific sectional handbook. Schools failing to fulfill their pre tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction:

One year ineligibility for sectional play in that sport with the ability to appeal to the Athletic Council. Appeal must occur within 60 days of the completion of sectional play.

- b. The Section Chairperson must notify the Executive Secretary of the occurrence and the Section office will notify the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of the sanction.

Financial Procedure for Section VI Ice Hockey

(effective 9/16/09)

Gate receipts collected at each ice hockey venue will be deposited directly into the Section VI Ice Hockey Account by the Federation appointed venue staff within 24 hours of the event, or transferred to the Section VI Treasurer to deposit within 24 hours of the event. The Federation Financial Coordinator will submit the deposit slip reflecting gate receipts *within 5 business days to:*

Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

Section VI will pay all personnel, both administrative and officials. All personnel must indicate **Name, Duty, Amount Due and Signature** on the Financial Report (see Forms Page 1). The Federation Financial Coordinator will submit the completed Financial Reports *in a timely manner to:*

Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

Individuals will be paid monthly from the reports submitted by the close of the month. Payment will be made no later than the fifteenth of the following month. All checks will be issued by the Section office from the Ice Hockey Account.

The Federation Financial Coordinator will mail a copy of the Financial Report to the Sport Chairperson.

NOTE: Officials are to be paid as per the Officials Agreement 2007-2010, Fee Schedule (Appendix E) or www.section6.e1b.org click on Officials, Officials Contract, Fee Schedule. Officials assigned outside their "Geographic Area" will receive a \$20.00 premium for all Sectional Games.

SECTION VI - NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Philosophy & Code of Conduct

Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning at all cost attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

******* Sportsmanship Statement Reminder *******

The following statement will be read over the public address system just prior to the pledge to the flag. If there is no public address system, the statement will be read to both teams by the site chairperson or his representative:

“Welcome to Section VI (name of sport). Athletic competition can provide everyone with a sense of accomplishment and pride, if all of us - players, coaches and spectators - abide by the rules of good conduct. We ask that you enjoy the performance of our outstanding athletes in a spirit of sportsmanship and appreciation of competition.”