

## SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT

### Ice Hockey 2016-17

### Chairperson: Mark DiFilippo

#### Committee members

Section VI Chairman/President:	Mark DiFilippo	Williamsville East
Large School AD Rep:	Rich Gray	Frontier
Small School AD Rep:	Brett Banker	Ken-Ton School District
Financial Coordinator:	Chris Mucica	Williamsville Central
Discipline Coordinator:	Greg Kaszubski	Clarence
Officials Liaison:	Steve Ferenczy	Williamsville North
MMAA Representative:	Pete Schneider	St. Joe's
Large School Coach Rep:	Rick Brooks	Orchard Park
Small School Coach Rep:	Kyle Pray	Kenmore East
MMAA Coach Rep:	Sam Belsito	Canisius

#### Committee meeting date(s)

Executive Committee Meeting Dates  
 September 22, October 20, January 12, April 6, May 11  
 General Membership Meeting Dates  
 November 10, June 8

#### Post Season Information

<b>Ice Hockey (Boys) Mark DiFilippo (c) 713-0193 <a href="http://section6.goalline.ca/index.php">http://section6.goalline.ca/index.php</a></b>				
Pre-Quarters:	Private	TBA	Niagara	TBA
	Small	Feb. 16	Northtown Center at Amherst	6:00 & 8:00pm
	Small	Feb. 17	Northtown Center at Amherst	6:00 & 8:00pm
Quarter-finals:	Large	Feb. 18	Northtown Center at Amherst	1:00, 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00pm
	Small	Feb. 19	Northtown Center at Amherst	1:00, 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00pm
Semi-finals:	Private	Feb. 20	HARBORCENTER	TBA
	Large	Feb. 21	HARBORCENTER	6:00 & 8:30pm
	Small	Feb. 22	HARBORCENTER	6:00 & 8:30pm
Finals:		Feb. 26	First Niagara Center (former HSBC)	TBA
Regionals:	Large	Mar. 4		TBA
	Small	Mar. 4		TBA
States:	Finals	Mar. 11-12	HARBORCENTER	Times <a href="#">Link to State Info</a>
	Private	Mar. 4	TBA	TBA

#### Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments

1. No new teams for 2016-17 staying at 24 teams. St. Mary's of Lancaster and Starpoint have shown interest for 2017-18.
2. For the 2016-17 season we will be using a 4 division breakdown based on competitiveness. Each division will have 6 teams and everyone will play within their own division twice and then Divisions 1 and 2 will cross over for one game each and Divisions 3 and 4 will do the same so everyone will have 16 league games. This is the same format and alignment from the 2015-16 season that worked out well.
3. Small school seeding will be as follows. The first two seeds are highest ranked D2 teams in Division II. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seeds will be the Division III and IV highest finisher. The 5<sup>th</sup> seed will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher in Division II. Seeds 6 through 12 will fall in based on total points.

4. Large schools will be seeded by overall points with Niagara Falls and Lockport automatically taking the 7 and 8 spots. Point system is as follows.  
Division win = 1 point, Division tie =.5 pts, Crossover win =2pts, Crossover tie =1point.

**Division 1**

Canisius  
Lancaster  
Niagara Wheatfield  
Orchard Park  
St. Joe's  
Will North

**Division 2**

Timon  
Clarence  
Frontier  
Hamburg  
Kenmore East  
Will East

**Division 3**

Grand Island  
Niagara Falls  
St. Francis  
WS East  
WS West  
Will South

**Division4**

Amherst  
Kenmore West  
Lewiston-Porter  
Lockport  
North Tonawanda  
Sweet Home

**Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season**

We will be moving our Semi-finals to HARBORCENTER this year and will be discussion the possibility of moving all Sectional games for 17-18 to HARBORCENTER. This can be a cost saving and opportunity to generate more revenue for Sectionals. The other discussion item will be dues structure if new teams are added. Currently we have kept the dues down to \$4,000 based on revenue generated. Should new teams benefit from revenue generated by current teams??

**Rule Changes for 2016-17**

N/A

**Other Pertinent Data**

Niagara Wheatfield and Williamsville North are classified as Small Schools but is requesting approval of the Athletic Council to play in the Large school division. This a yearly request. Both schools have been playing in the Large school division but are classified by the state as small schools. The ice hockey committee approves this move and is looking for the approval

**Budget 2016-17:**

We are proposing dues to be \$4,000 this year. The actual projected fee per team should be about \$8,000 per team. However due to projected gate revenue and fund balance we are able to keep the dues constant between \$4,000 and \$5,000 since 1990. We anticipate to use about \$25,000 of our Fund balance for expenses this year.

Respectfully submitted 8/2/16,  
Mark DiFilippo, Section VI Boys Ice Hockey Sportchair