

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Unified Basketball 2018
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Committee members (voting*)

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Committee meeting date(s)

2017 Post season wrap up: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 Erie1 BOCES- B1 (11:00 – 2:00PM)
 General Unified Sport Meeting: October 12, 2017 Erie1 BOCES-A1 (11:00 – 1:30PM)
 Unified Bowling Coaches Pre-season Meeting: in December (TBA)
 Unified Basketball Coaches Pre-season Meeting: Monday, March 12, 2018 (4:30 PM)
 Cheektowaga High School 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga NY 14225

Pre - Season Information

Unified Basketball		
Practice begins	Monday, April 9, 2018	
Scrimmage date	Wednesday, May 2, 2018	Two sites: 1-North / 1-South (TBD)
Games begin	5/04/18 – 5/23/18	
First round of Play-offs	Tuesday, May 29, 2018	Multiple Sites - TBD
Culmination Final Event	Thursday, May 31, 2018	Site: Lancaster HS / Field House
Youth Activation Summit	Friday, January 12, 2018	Site: TBA

Number of Schools Participating

North: Akron, Grand Island, Lockport, Medina, Niagara Falls, Starpoint
 Central – A: Alden, Clarence, Lancaster, Newfane, Sweet Home, Williamsville
 Central – B: Cheektowaga, City Honors, Hamburg, Iroquois, Lackawanna, Olmsted
 South: Eden, Frontier, Holland, Lake Shore, Pioneer, Salamanca

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

At the June meeting, we voiced a concern with Unified Basketball and the Commissioner’s Regulations that only allows a student athlete to play to age 19. We asked for support to pursue a possible waiver of the Commissioner’s Age Rule as it pertains to Unified sports only. This will be a Discussion item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Other Pertinent Data

Youth Leadership – YAC Summit / YAC Leadership Academy
 Authenticity of Play – Officials / Meaningful Involvement / Condescending – Dominating – Facilitating
 Tournament Play – Awards
 Expansion – Fall (Cross Country) / Winter (Bowling) / Modified Basketball Pilot (Spring)
 Grant money – Basketball 1st yr. \$2,000.00, 2nd yr. \$1,000.00, 3rd yr. \$0.00 (District)
 Bowling 1st yr. \$400.00, 2nd yr. \$400.00, 3rd yr. \$0.00 (District)
 Unified Sports Commitment Date – Thursday, October 12, 2017

Respectfully submitted 10/18/2017
 Doug Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chair