

# SECTION VI *newsletter*

N.Y.S. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## Seminar on Fingerprinting of Officials

The legislation in the Assembly to exclude officials from the fingerprinting requirement (Bill A10066) expired 12/31/02. Consequently, this requirement for officials under S.A.V.E. remains unchanged. In addition, SED has begun auditing Section VI member schools regarding S.A.V.E. legislation. In light of this information, the Section VI Executive Committee has arranged for a guest speaker to address the issue of fingerprinting on the morning of the March Athletic Council meeting. Deborah A. Marriott, Senior Attorney for the NYS Department of Education Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRE) will explain the law and its discuss its implications:

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Wednesday March 19, 2003  
Erie 1 BOCES  
Maryvale 9-10 Building • Cafetorium

The Athletic Council meeting following the presentation, will include a vote on the direction that Section VI will take regarding the fingerprinting of officials. Therefore, it is very important that this morning seminar be attended by the following:

1. Voting members of the Athletic Council (or alternate)
2. Athletic Directors of member schools
3. Presidents of all sports officials organizations (or a designated representative)

Please RSVP to the Section office by Monday, March 17 at 821-7299.  
Thank you.

## NEXT ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

★ **NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR MARCH ONLY!**

March 19, 2003 1:00 PM  
Erie 1 BOCES - Maryvale 9/10 Building  
1050 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga

### ACTION ITEMS:

- ✓ Section VI direction on fingerprinting of officials (*come early and attend seminar on left*)
- ★ Combining Schools for Fall Sports
- ★ Requests for Senior All-Star contests

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- ★ Computer Assigning of Officials
- ★ Nominations for Fall Sportchairs, Boys Rep
- ★ Difficulties caused by a split break with one week in February

### Split Break

The trend towards a split break with one week in February is creating difficulty for winter sports. Other sections in the state have been contacted as to how it affects their scheduling. This will be a discussion item at the March 19th Athletic Council meeting. Athletic directors and school administrators are encouraged to contact their league representative to the Athletic Council with their concerns.

### Nominations Being Accepted

All Section VI Fall Sport Chairperson positions are open for nominations. Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson. The Fall Chairpersons will be appointed by the Athletic Council at the May meeting for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2006. Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224. Current nominees are:

#### Fall Sportchairs Current Nominations:

Cross Country-B: Mike Janisch  
Cross Country-G: James Zubler  
Field Hockey: Jennifer Higgins  
Field Hockey: Judith Otto  
Football: Charles Funke  
Football Asst.: Chuck Amo

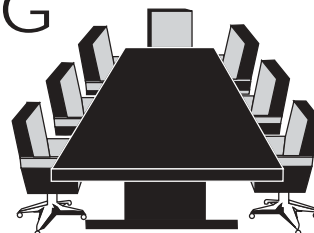
Gymnastics-B: Robert Beach  
Gymnastics-G: Donna Aquino  
Soccer-B: Art Jaspe  
Soccer-B Asst.: No Nominations  
Soccer-G: No Nominations  
Soccer-G Asst.: Meg Thompson

Swimming-G: Bruce Johnson  
Tennis-G: A. Anne Smith  
Volleyball-B: Walt Stefani  
Volleyball-G: Patricia Wilson  
Volleyball-G: Debby Schrufer

Other Section VI positions open for nominations are:

Section VI Boys Representative Nominations: Chris DeMarco

Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224



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# NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

## Coaching Clinics

March 21-22 Track & Field/Cross-Country  
Coaching Clinic - Hotel Utica  
May 30 Boys and Girls Soccer  
Coaching Clinic -  
Soccer Hall of Fame, Oneonta  
June 13 Boys and Girls Volleyball  
Coaching Clinic -  
SUNY Oneonta

For registration information, contact Lloyd Mott, NYSPHSAA, 518-439-8873

## Reminder:

### State Dues to Increase

NYSPHSAA dues will be increasing for the 2003-2004 year to \$550 for the base district fee (increase of \$50) and \$.60 per student over 300 in grades 7-12 (increase of \$.05).

## Fingerprinting of Officials

Assembly Bill A10066 to exclude sports officials from the fingerprinting legislation expired Dec. 31, 2002. Section VI will conduct a seminar on this issue (see p.1).

## Non-Public School Classification

A committee is being developed with representatives from each section to establish a state-wide method of classification of non-public schools.

## Increases in State Championship Participation

Increases in participation in state championships were approved as two-year experiments for 2003-04, 2004-05 for the following sports: Girls Soccer (5 classes), Boys/Girls Basketball (5 classes), Softball (5 classes), Wrestling (2 classes), and Baseball (5 classes-2003, 2004). Proposals for 2004-05 to be submitted to the Championship Advisory Committee in April 2003 are expected from Girls Lacrosse (3 classes) and Boys Soccer (5 classes).



## Regents Exam Dates

The August 2003 Regents exam dates have been announced as August 13 and 14 and should not conflict with section starting dates for Fall '03.

## Scholar Athlete Team Award Program

The program has completed its 34th season (12th fall sports season) with again record breaking participation: 2056 teams (up from 1941), 508 schools (up from 503) and 23,114 athletes (up from 21,900). Complete results are posted on the state Website at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org). The deadline for winter 2002-03 applications to be e-filed is Friday, March 7, 2003.

## Classification of Schools

The goal of establishing classifications for schools in January, which allows planning and scheduling for the following year to commence, is being met however the process has been extremely time-consuming and challenging. A revised process was approved whereby Section Directors/Secretaries will collect the BED's numbers from each building report form from their section schools, review it for accuracy and then input it electronically to the Association database. See page 9 for the approved class cut-off numbers for 2003-2004.

## Track & Field/Cross Country



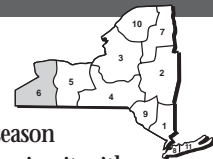
Changing the designation status of Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field and Cross Country from team sports to individual sports for the purpose of counting contests is being considered.

This issue is to be reviewed by each section and will be voted on in May.

## Safety Committee Recommendations

Football Experiment - Sections 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 have indicated willingness to participate in the Football experiment allowing a minimum of 16 players rather than the 18 eligible players required to play a football game. The Safety

Committee will be evaluating the data collected from the 2001 season (18 player rule) and comparing it with the data from the 2002 season (16 player rule) and make a recommendation at the March 28, 2003 Football Committee meeting.



Pole-Vaulters /Helmets - There are no changes in the present rule for pole-vaulters wearing helmets - NFHS Track and Field Rules state wearing a helmet by pole-vaulters is optional. ASTM is not recommending the wearing of a helmet, only recommending that if helmets are used, they meet one of the following standards: ASTM 1492 or NOCSAE Lacrosse helmet without ear guard or visor.

## New York Good Sports Program

Informational letters and assessments for the New York Good Sports program will be mailed to school superintendents soon. All schools are encouraged to participate.



The assessments are to be sent to the Section Sportsmanship Coordinator by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The 2002 New York Good Sports schools will be recognized at the NYSAAA Conference on March 14th. Please see page 7 for further information.

## Citizenship Through Athletics

The CTA instructor's course will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn - Turf, Wolf Road, Albany. Any previously certified instructors are invited to attend for a half-day update/input session. Call Lloyd Mott 518-439-8873 to register.

## Transfer Rule

The Appellate Court ruled in favor of the NYSPHSAA on the appeal of the transfer case in Section 5. The decision strongly favors the Association, citing our authority to govern high school athletics and our ability to promulgate rules pursuant to our constitution and by the authority delegated by the Commissioner of Education.

*State News cont'd. on next page*

## News From the State Office *cont'd.*

### Participation Survey

The bi-annual sports participation survey will be conducted this spring. Full cooperation from all member schools will be greatly appreciated. Materials will be sent out in March.

### Technology Reminder

Schools need to update their district information on the state website [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org). Please use your district code to gain access and input the changes.

### Female Athlete Triad

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council are seeking input to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and improve future efforts. A survey was sent to each school district in January. Athletic administrators who return the survey will receive a free copy of the video *Dangers of Dieting* as a thank you for cooperating.

### State Handbook Updates

Approved definition:

Recruiting is an act, on or behalf of or for the benefit of a school, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school for

the purpose of participating in athletics.

For discussion - input needed from the sections:  
New bylaw #25:

Recruiting and Undue Influence is defined as the use of influence by any person connected directly or indirectly with a NYSPHSAA school to induce a student to transfer from one school to another, or to enter the ninth grade at a member school for athletic purposes - whether or not the school presently attended by the student is a member of the NYSPHSAA.

- a) The use of undue influence to secure a student for competitive purposes in a sport is prohibited. An infraction shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility in that sport for one year from the date of enrollment. The offending school shall be subject to provisions of Rule 20 (D).
- b) Evidence of undue influence includes, but is not limited to, personal contact by coaches and sponsors in an attempt to persuade transfer, gifts of money, jobs, supplies, clothing, free transportation, admission to contests, invitation to attend practices and/or games, or free tuition.

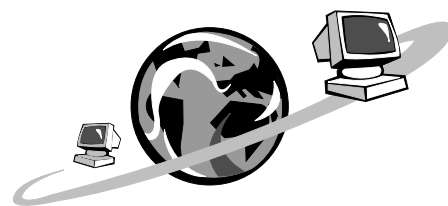
### Approved class cut-off numbers for 2003-2004

5 Class:

AA	900 & up	152 schools	19.87%
A	550-899	147 schools	19.08%
B	350-549	133 schools	17.52%
C	200-349	173 schools	22.48%
D	1-199	161 schools	21.05%

4 Class:

A	801 & up	187 schools	24.44%
B	401-800	209 schools	27.19%
C	215-400	194 schools	25.36%
D	1-214	176 schools	23.01%



## Section VI Web Site Update [www.section6.wnyric.org](http://www.section6.wnyric.org)

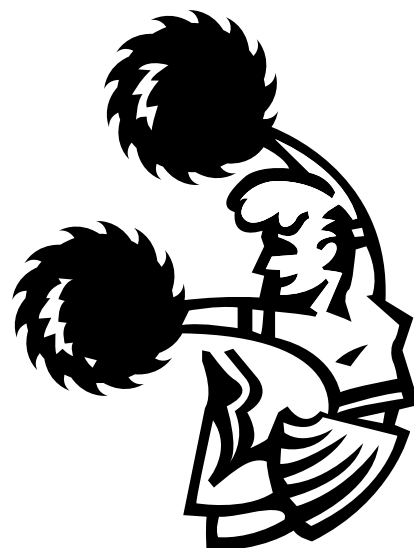
The *Contract Between Section VI and the WNY Sports Officials 2001-2004* is available in its entirety along with the fee schedule. Click on Officials and Contract. With negotiations for the 2004-2007 contract about to begin, school administrators are encouraged to review it and contact Tom Cowan at the Section office with suggestions (821-7094).

ALSO NOTE: Pertinent section information needed by athletic directors is posted i.e.: Section approved season dates, NYSPHSAA championship dates, current season sectional calendar, BEDS numbers used for sectional classifications, safety policies AND every form you could possibly need. Check it out ...click on *Forms and Information*.

### NEW!!! Spring 2003

Each sport handbook will be posted in a printable format on the website. Click on forms, info and then handbooks.

When was the last time YOU tuned in to your web site???







## Dates to Remember 2003

- March 12-15 NYS Association of Athletic Administrators Conference
- March 14 Deadline to apply for Section VI Student Leader Position
- March 19 Athletic Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m.  
New location for March meeting only (see p.1)
- March 19 Seminar on Fingerprinting of Officials (see p. 1) - 10:00 a.m.
- March 21-22 Track & Field/ Cross-Country Coaching Clinic - Hotel Utica
- March 25 Post Season Meeting - Winter Sports - Maryvale HS Room 417
- April 10 Section VI Executive Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. Distance Learning
- April 15 Good Sports Assessments to Section Sportsmanship Chair
- April 30 Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting
- April 30 Citizenship Through Athletics Instructors Course Holiday Inn - Turf, Albany
- May 2-3 State Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Syracuse
- May 15 Deadline postmark for All-WNY Scholar Athlete Nominations Spring Sports
- May 16 Deadline for NYSPHSAA Spring Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications
- May 21 Athletic Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m.  
The Dock at the Bay Restaurant, Blasdell
- May 10 Good Sports Assessments to State
- June 18 Section VI Executive Committee Meeting
- June 17-25 Regents Examinations (Rating day 6/25/03)
- Aug. 6-8 State Central Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Grand Island

## National Student Leadership Conference

Section VI and NYSPHSAA will once again be sponsoring 2 students to the National Federation's Student Leadership Conference entitled "Making a Difference". The conference will be held July 11-14, 2003 in Indianapolis, IN. Applications will be accepted from students who will be juniors in 2003-04. Member schools are asked to encourage both males and females to apply. Interested students may obtain an application form by calling the Section office 821-7299. Applications should be submitted to your Athletic Director, and to the Section VI office by March 14, 2003 as follows:

Section VI Leadership Selection Committee  
355 Harlem Rd.  
West Seneca, NY 14224

## Welcome Aboard

Congratulations to Judy Otto, Barker High School and Jennifer Higgins, Amherst High School who were newly appointed as Acting Co-Chairs for Section VI Field Hockey at the January Athletic Council meeting. The Section is looking forward to sharing their energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic athletics!

## Officials Contract Negotiations to Begin

Negotiations for the 2004-2007 contract between Section VI and the Western New York Sports Officials are beginning. The Section VI Negotiating Team, headed by Tom Cowan OCF, is actively soliciting input from school administrators on potential revisions for the new document. The current contract along with the fee schedule, is available on the Section website (see Section VI website update on page 3). Athletic Directors, superintendents and principals encouraged to review it and send recommendations to Tom Cowan, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca 14224 (or fax: 821-7352, phone: 821-7094 or email: [cszczesn@erie1.wnyric.org](mailto:cszczesn@erie1.wnyric.org))

## Pole Vault Clinic Conducted for Coaches

By Tim Marong,  
Section VI Safety Chairman  
[tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org](mailto:tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org)



On Wednesday evening, January 22, 2003, twenty-seven coaches from eighteen Section VI schools attended a Pole Vault Clinic conducted by Bob Beach, Hamburg High School Track and Field Coach at the Lancaster Field House. Safety Concerns, Drills, Pole Selection Procedures, Analysis of the Pole Vault, Coaching the Beginner, and Coaching Tips were topics covered by Coach Beach. Student Athletes were on hand to demonstrate various drills, and procedures. A question answer period concluded the workshop and coaches were invited participate in spotting the athletes as they demonstrated proper techniques. Notes from the workshop are available in the section office. You can also contact Coach Beach at [coachbeach@netzero.net](mailto:coachbeach@netzero.net).

Guest speaker for the clinic was Rick Suhr, pole vault instructor from Rochester, New York. Rick also ran a pole vault Mini-camp in February and has plans for 2-day clinics in March and April. He can be contacted at (585) 234-6657.

Special thanks to Bob Beach, Rick Suhr, Lancaster AD Len Jankiewicz, and Lancaster Track and Field Coach Kevin Carriero for hosting the event.



Section VI

[www.section6.wnyric.org](http://www.section6.wnyric.org)

# Congratulations to the SECTION VI FALL STATE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE CHAMPIONS

Section VI had three teams that achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Fall Sports!

Lancaster Football - *State Champion* with a team GPA of 95.368

Clarence Field Hockey - *State Champion* with a team GPA of 95.957

Hamburg Boys Soccer - *State Champion* with a team GPA of 96.283

In addition Section VI had 5 teams that qualified as a State Champion Runner-Up: Portville, 2nd in Boys Soccer, GPA 95.876; Portville, 2nd in Girls Soccer, GPA 97.696, Albion, 3rd in Girls Soccer, GPA 97.425; Frontier, 2nd in Girls Volleyball, GPA 96.094; Roy-Hart, 3rd in Girls Volleyball, GPA 95.753.

## Clarence Field Hockey



Members of the Clarence High School Girls Field Hockey Team were recently honored for earning the New York State Scholar Athlete State Championship in their sport. The 24-member team posted a composite average of 95.957 percent, the highest in field hockey this year and the fourth highest field hockey average in the program's 12-year history.

Walter Eaton, Assistant Director of the NYSPHSAA presented the team with their award and banner at a ceremony held January 15. "Sports emphasizes good work habits, responsibility, time management, and the importance of participating in extracurricular activities. These are all attributes that make athletes better students," Eaton said. There are 767 schools that participate in the Scholar/Athlete program, according to Eaton. "Section VI dominates the program and Clarence is among the best in Section VI," pointing out

that Clarence has won 10 championships in the last 12 years.

"Competition for the banner is very keen," noted Eaton. This year 138 field hockey teams posted a composite average of 90 percent or higher. He explained it is necessary to carry the average out three decimal points because sometimes the difference between a winner and the runner-up might only be one thousandth of a point. The team is coached by Michele Buono.

## Hamburg Boys Soccer



The Hamburg Boys' Varsity Soccer Team was awarded the 2002 Scholar Athlete State Championship. The Scholar Athlete Team of ten players had a composite average of 96.25. The players earning this award were Dan Pelgrin, Peter Hines, A.J. Schwartz, Shivam Mital, Ben Elliott, Casey Derkacz, Mike LaValley, Sean Connors, Matt Kent and Bill Sipprell. This award was the first for a Hamburg Soccer Team and the team's grade point average was the second highest for a soccer team in New York State since the

inception of the program. As in all Scholar Athlete Teams, many of these students will be receiving academic scholarships due to their efforts. The team takes great pride in this honor as the Hamburg Central School District continues to stress the importance of the student athlete.

## Lancaster Football



photo provided by Mary Jo Monin, Buffalo News

The NYSPHSAA completed its 12th sports season recognizing the academic achievement of student athletes. For the first time in the school's history Lancaster has topped the State scholar athlete team list with the 2002 Varsity Football team. The cumulative average of 95.368 ranked #1 amongst all football teams in NYS. In a brief ceremony on January 14th, Assistant Director Walter Eaton presented the championship banner to a gathering of team members, staff, Board of Education members & administration.

# *Congratulations to our Section VI All WNY Scholar Athlete Champions!!!*

## Andersons/Buffalo News All-Western New York Scholar Athlete Teams Fall 2002

Section VI congratulates the members of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete fall sports teams! The student athletes achieving this honor were recognized in the Buffalo News and were awarded sweatshirts. Each season, Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to these teams. The criteria for selection are senior status, overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters (fall/winter sports), seven semesters (spring sports), and starter or important reserve. The fall program was sponsored by Andersons and the Buffalo News.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Jill Connors, Clarence  
Nicole Cretacci, Sweet Home  
Christine George, Clarence  
Kimberly Hanavan, East Aurora  
Lindsay Hoffman, Clarence  
Jessica Jones, Lancaster  
Meredith Kolbas, Sweet Home  
Katherine Mahoney, Amherst  
Jessica Montmarquet, Sweet Home  
Corie Pagano, Holland  
Leah Tibbetts, Amherst  
Shannon Tibbetts, Amherst

### BOYS SOCCER

Christopher Bartolone, Lancaster  
Brian Brehm, Lancaster  
Chris Dayer, Iroquois  
Erik Dusel, East Aurora  
Eric Fischer, Williamsville North  
Matt Grabowski, Lockport  
William Hulbert, North Tonawanda  
Jason Kowalski, Amherst  
Andy Levin, Williamsville North  
James Mikulski, Williamsville North  
Stephen O'Dea, Medina  
Justin Weibel, Lancaster

### GIRLS SOCCER

Laura Artim, Orchard Park  
Brittney Brinkworth, Amherst  
Jenelle Chagnon, Maple Grove  
Christina Coates, Grand Island  
Lynn Gugliuzza, Kenmore West  
Jennifer Hartwell, Pioneer  
Rebecca Laubenstein, Sweet Home  
Caitlin Ott, Williamsville East  
Maragret Siegel, East Aurora  
Rachel Smith, Albion  
Savannah Stolzenburg, Grand Island  
Emily Urbanczyk, Williamsville East

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Evan Crahen, Clarence  
Thomas Erb, Sweet Home  
Ed Fazekas, Sweet Home  
Nick Ihle, Clarence  
Brian King, Depew  
Jeff Rathbun, Sweet Home  
Nick Tolli, Lockport

### GIRLS TENNIS

Nicole Bojanowski, East Aurora  
Kathleen Colvin, Depew  
Jeeyson Huh, Sweet Home  
Allison Keddie, East Aurora  
Margaret Lindstrom, East Aurora  
Ruchi Mathur, Sweet Home  
Jennifer Odien, Sweet Home  
Rachele Trippe, Sweet Home  
Megan Walsh, East Aurora

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Elizabeth Anderson, Panama  
Melissa Badding, Williamsville North  
Stephanie Burt, West Seneca West  
Susan Johnson, Salamanca  
Mary Keegan, West Seneca West  
Amanda Turner, Clarence  
Jessica Vogel, Sweet Home  
Rachel Whitfield, Clarence

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Lindsay Antonik, Hamburg  
Megan Castlevetere, Clarence  
Cheryl Dybowski, Amherst  
Courtney McEntee, Lancaster

### GIRLS SWIMMING

Andrea Beanan, Sweet Home  
Megan Cornwall, Pioneer  
Lauren Creighton, Clarence  
Ami Denman, Sweet Home  
Holly Hogg, Sweet Home  
Shannon Kahabka, Clarence  
Andrea Narduzzo, Clarence  
Stephanie Owczarczak, West Seneca West  
Stacy Pustulka, West Seneca West  
Lindsey Rodgers, West Seneca West  
Ellen Witoff, Clarence



### BOYS GYMNASTICS

Brandon Costello, Hamburg

### BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Ben Lewin, Lockport  
Michael Long, Williamsville North  
Derek Petti, Lockport  
Gregory Sonnenberg, Lake Shore  
Adam Syty, Clarence  
Dan Taylor, Sweet Home  
Samuel Trzyzewski, East Aurora

### GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Genevieve Baran, Sweet Home  
Shanley Blackley, Lockport  
Jessica Dixon, East Aurora  
Kaitlin Ganley, Leonardo da Vinci  
Sara Jablonski, Hamburg  
Rose Stocklosa, Depew  
Bree Zogaria, Depew

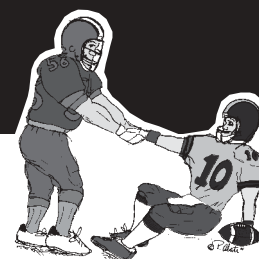






# Always a winner...

by Archie Bradley, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator



## COACHING AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

The sportsmanship committee chaired by coordinator Archie Bradley, met on February 13, 2003 to hear an informal report by officials coordinator Tom Cowan on the frequency of incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct by member coaches this winter sport season. To say that the committee is concerned over this matter would be an understatement. Discussion included proactive measures as well as more punitive measures to those who fall victim. The matter will be discussed at length with the Executive Committee.

## WNY SUPERSPORTS HONORED

The following were honored at local basketball games for their outstanding character, good sportsmanship and support of their respective schools by section coordinator Archie Bradley.

Grand Island:	Bre DeMarco (student), Gary Haynos (parent)
Alden:	Clarence Lanich (community member)
Sweet Home:	Greg Wetherspoon (parent)
West Valley:	Pete Scherer (community member)

Each received standing ovations from those in attendance and genuine heartfelt thanks from the athletic directors of each school.

## ALL-WNY GOOD SPORTS-WINTER

Each sport chairperson should send those who have been named (one school and one member of that team) from each league to coordinator Archie Bradley for follow up recognition.

## GOOD SPORT EVALUATIONS

Athletic Directors are asked to be timely in their completion of the State Good Sport Evaluations. There are a number of great things going on in our schools and you are encouraged to share those with others through the completion of the report. Reports are due to the sportsmanship coordinator by April 15, 2003.

## PARENTS FOR GOOD SPORTS (PGS)

Parents for Good Sports has made a proposal through the NFHS Citizenship Committee, for instituting a nationwide approach for implementing its programs in every state. Books, workbooks and a tentative implementation timeline will be established. You may visit the PGS website for related information: [www.parentsforgoodsports.org](http://www.parentsforgoodsports.org)

## New York Good Sports Program

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has established the promotion of sportsmanship as a major goal. The New York Good Sports Program encourages each member school to assess its district's approach to developing sportsmanship and recognizes schools that have exemplary sportsmanship programs.

In the 2001-2002 school year, NYSPHSAA with the help of the sportsmanship committee members, awarded 72 New York Good Sports Certificates, 24 Section Plaques and 5 State Banners to deserving schools. By completing the self-assessment, each school will realize the programs they have in place to promote sportsmanship and discover areas in which to improve sportsmanship promotions. It also affords the opportunity to share ideas with others.

Schools should submit the New York Good Sports Self-Assessment to their Section's Sportsmanship Committee by April 15 (Archie Bradley/Silver Creek Central). School(s) with proactive programs will receive the New York Good Sports Certificate. Schools deserving Section recognition for promoting sportsmanship will be presented with a New York Good Sports Plaque.

By May 30, the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee will review all self-assessments receiving sectional recognition and choose the school(s) deserving the New York Good Sports State Banner. This prestigious award will be presented to the winner(s) at the Annual NYSPHSAA, Inc. Central Committee Meeting in August.



# ...Good Sports Finish First

# 2003 SPRING SPORTS SECTIONAL/REGIONAL/STATE DATES

This chart is posted (and updated if necessary) on the section website. Click on [schedules](#)

BASEBALL	CLASS	DATE	RAINDATE	LOCATION
Seeding Meeting:		May 20		Eden High School 9:00 pm
Qualifier:		May 22	May 23	
Pre-Quarters:	All	May 23	May 24, 25, 26	Higher Seed 4:30 PM
Quarters:	All	May 27	May 28	Higher Seed 4:30 PM
Semifinals:	All	May 29	May 30	Higher Seed 4:30 PM
Finals:	All	May 31	June 1	Sal Maglie Stadium, Niagara Falls Diethrick Park, Jamestown
Regionals:	AA, A, D	June 2	June 3, 4, 5	Section VI: Sal Maglie Stadium, Diethrick Park
	B, C	June 2	June 3, 4, 5	Section V: Sites & times TBA
States:		June 7	June 8	Binghamton, Endicott - Section 4
<b>GOLF</b>				
State Qualifier:		May 5	May 19	Lockport Town & Country Club, Lockport, NY
States:		May 31-June 2		Cornell University, Ithaca - Section 4
Federation:		June 8		Carvell Country Club, Pine Plains - Section 9
<b>LACROSSE (Boys)</b>				
Seeding Meeting:		May 20		Sweet Home High School
Quarter-finals		May 22		Higher Seed
Semifinals:		May 28		Higher Seed
Finals:		May 30		Canisius College- B-3:30, A-5:30, C-7:30
Regionals:		June 3		St. John Fisher, Rochester - Section 5
State Semifinals:		June 5		Coyne Field, Syracuse
States:		June 7		Hofstra, Long Island A-11:00, B-1:30, C-4:00
<b>LACROSSE (Girls)</b>				
Seeding Meeting:		May 16		Lancaster HS 6:00 pm
Quarters:		May 20	May 21	Higher Seed 4:30 pm
Semifinals:		May 22	May 23	Higher Seed 4:30 pm
Finals:		May 28		Lancaster HS: A-4:00 pm, B-6:00 pm
Regionals:		May 31		Section 5 - Site TBA
States:		June 6-7		SUNY Cortland - Section 3
Senior All-Star Contest		June 11		West Seneca East HS
<b>SOFTBALL</b>				
Seeding Meeting:		May 20		Depew HS 8:00 pm
Qualifiers:	A,C,D	May 22		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
Pre-Quarters:	B1,B2	May 22		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
	A,C,D	May 23		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
Quarters:	B1,B2	May 23		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
	A,C,D	May 27		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
Semifinals:	B1,B2	May 27		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
	A,C,D	May 29		Higher Seed 4:30 pm
Finals:	B1,B2	May 29		TBA 3:30 & 5:30 pm
	A,C,D	May 31		Fairmont Park C,D-3:15 pm, A-5:00 pm
Reg. Qualifier	B1/B2	May 31		Fairmont Park 5:00 pm
Regionals:	C,D	June 3		Brockport HS - Section 5 C-3:00pm, D-5:00pm
	A,B	June 3		SUNY Brockport - Sec. 5 B-3:00pm, A-5:00pm
States:		June 7		Clifton Commons - Section 2 9:00 am
<b>TRACK (Boys &amp; Girls)</b>				
State Qualifier:		May 30-31		University at Buffalo
States:		June 6-7		Union Endicott HS, Binghamton - Section 4
<b>TENNIS (Boys)</b>				
Seeding Meeting:		May 18		South Towns Tennis Club 9:00 am
Sectionals:		May 20, 22	May 21,23	Lancaster High School
States:		May 29-31		National Tennis Ctr, Flushing Meadows-NYC



# Classification Numbers for 2003-2004

(9-11 plus prorated ungraded from 10/02 BEDS)

Classifications can be printed down from [www.section6.wnyric.org](http://www.section6.wnyric.org)

## Cut-off numbers for Team Sports:

<u>5 classes:</u>	Baseball, Softball, B&G Basketball, G Soccer AA: 900 & up, A: 550-899, B: 350-549, C: 200-349, D: 0-199
<u>4 classes:</u>	B Soccer A: 801 & up, B: 401-800, C: 215-400, D: 0-214
<u>3 classes:</u>	F.Hockey A: 800 & up, B: 400-799, C: 0-399
<u>2 classes:</u>	G.Lacrosse, Track, B.Volleyball A: 800 & up, B: 0-799

## Cut-off numbers for Individual Sports:

Division I: 600 & up, Division II: 0-599

## Sport Specific Classification cut-off numbers:

C.Country:	A: 911 & up, B: 518-910, C: 318-517, D: 0-317
Football:	AA: 1001 & up, A: 625-1000, B: 401-624, C: 276-400, D: 0-275
B.Lacrosse:	A: 1000 & up, B: 650-999, C: 0-649
G.Volleyball:	A: 900 & up, B: 525-899, C: 301-524, D: 0-300

Niagara Falls HS	NFL	1852	Starpoint Central	NO	661	Holland Central	ECIC	352
Lancaster Central	ECIC	1464	Olean HS	Chaut	648	Salamanca Central	Chaut	351
Lockport Senior HS	NFL	1415	Lewiston Porter C.S.	NFL	640	John F. Kennedy HS	ECIC	340
Frontier Central	ECIC	1286	Albion Central	NO	624	Silver Creek Central	Chaut	338
Kenmore West HS	NFL	1276	Springville-Griffith Instit.	ECIC	611	Cassadaga Valley	Chaut	332
N.Tonawanda Sr High	NFL	1264	Maryvale HS	ECIC	609	Allegany-Limestone	Chaut	331
Orchard Park Central	ECIC	1250	Depew HS	ECIC	600	Cattaraugus-Little Valley	Chaut	311
Jamestown HS	ECIC	1159	Kensington HS	Buffalo	591	Portville Central	Catt	284
Williamsville North H.S.	ECIC	1100	Cheektowaga Central	ECIC	584	Barker Central	NO	272
Clarence Central	ECIC	1071	Tonawanda Sr HS	ECIC	567	Frewsburg Central	Chaut	264
Bennett HS	Buffalo	1058	East Aurora HS	ECIC	538	Chautauqua Lake	Chaut	254
W.Seneca West HS	ECIC	1047	Alden Central	ECIC	534	Franklinville Central	Catt	251
Kenmore East HS	NFL	994	Seneca Vocational H.S.	Buffalo	519	Leonardo da Vinci HS	Buffalo	242
Niagara Wheatfield	NFL	970	Lackawanna HS	ECIC	517	Westfield Acad. & C.S.	Chaut	242
Sweet Home HS	ECIC	941	Newfane Senior HS	NO	505	Randolph Central	Chaut	241
Hamburg Central	ECIC	909	Dunkirk Public Schools	Chaut	503	Maple Grove HS	Chaut	214
McKinley HS	Buffalo	905	Fredonia Central	Chaut	469	Panama Central	Chaut	209
Hutchinson Tech. H.S.	Buffalo	893	Burgard Vocational H.S.	Buffalo	455	Emerson Vocational	Buffalo	206
Lake Shore Central	ECIC	892	Southwestern Central	Chaut	453	Pine Valley Central	Chaut	195
South Park HS	Buffalo	879	Medina Central	NO	452	North Collins Central	Catt	191
Lafayette HS	Buffalo	849	Eden Central	ECIC	431	Brocton Central	Chaut	166
W.Seneca East HS	ECIC	823	Royalton-Hartland	NO	428	Ellicottville Central	Catt	155
Grover Cleveland H.S.	Buffalo	806	Buffalo Traditional	Buffalo	421	Forestville Central	Chaut	143
Grand Island HS	NFL	770	Buffalo Arts Academy	Buffalo	397	Clymer Central	Chaut	140
Pioneer Central	ECIC	770	Akron Central	NO	395	Sherman Central	Chaut	132
Williamsville East H.S.	ECIC	758	Wilson Central	NO	377	Hinsdale Central	Catt	123
Amherst Central	ECIC	751	City Honors	Buffalo	368	West Valley Central	Catt	122
Iroquois Central	ECIC	733	Falconer Central	Chaut	361	Ripley Central	Chaut	94
Riverside HS	Buffalo	702	Gowanda Central	Chaut	355	Randolph Acad. & UFSD	Catt	70
Williamsville South H.S.	ECIC	689	Cleveland Hill HS	ECIC	352			

This chart is posted (and updated if necessary) on the section website. Click on **forms and info then classification.**

*The following is a press release on the latest warnings about the use of supplements by high school student-athletes, in light of the recent death of Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler.*

## NFHS Reiterates Warning About Supplement Use

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Jerry Diehl INDIANAPOLIS, IN (February 19, 2003)

In light of the recent death of Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) once again urges high school athletes and their parents to consult with their physicians before using any supplement, particularly any containing the potentially harmful ingredient ephedrine, which has been linked to heatstroke and heart trouble and was in a dietary supplement that Bechler was taking.

"While all the details on Bechler's death are not complete at this time, it is a fact that he was taking a supplement with ephedrine, and we know that ephedrine has been linked to heatstroke," said Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS executive director. "There is no possible positive reason for taking supplements that would justify their use when weighed against this tragedy."

Last November, in response to an increasing concern about the use of supplements by student-athletes at the high school level, the NFHS re-emphasized its original 1998 position against improper use of supplements that are unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration and which contain harmful ingredients such as creatine, ephedrine or excessive amounts of caffeine. In 1998, the NFHS issued a position statement on the use of drugs, medications and supplements by participants in interscholastic sports.

In light of Bechler's death and with current empirical data indicating continued widespread use of such products by persons of high school age, the NFHS, through its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, reminds leaders in the nation's 18,000 high schools of the key points of that statement: "All student-athletes and their parents/guardians should consult with their physicians before taking any supplement product. In addition, coaches and school staff should not recommend or supply any supplement product to student-athletes." The statement was issued at the request of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and was intended to serve as a strongly worded warning to student-athletes, parents and school officials. The warning reminded all interested parties that medications, supplements and consumables purporting to enhance strength and/or endurance should be ingested, if at all, only in accordance with applicable laws, manufacturer's dosage limits and the advice of one's own health-care provider.

In the earlier statement, Jerry Diehl, NFHS assistant director and staff liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, said, "Because of the reported high level of supplement usage by teenagers, the NFHS is asking that its warning be given increased emphasis by all interested parties." "Certainly, if we were concerned about the use of supplements by high school

student-athletes last November, we are very concerned now as a result of Bechler's tragic death," Kanaby said. "I would urge the nation's high school athletic directors and coaches to make sure that none of their student-athletes are using these potentially harmful supplements."

The NFHS, which is the national administrative and service organization for high school sports and fine arts programs in speech, debate, music and theatre, last year published the second of edition of the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook, a 96-page publication that contains information on supplements, as well as many other medical, equipment and administrative issues. The Sports Medicine Handbook, which sells for \$14.95, plus shipping and handling, can be purchased by contacting NFHS customer service at 800-776-3462.

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## Proposed NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites 2003-2004

### January 2003

DATE	SPORT	SITE	HOST SECTION
<b>FALL 2003</b>			
October 25-27	Tennis - G	East Side Racquet Club, Manlius	3
November 8	Cross Country B/G	Marcus Whitman HS	5
TBA	Volleyball - B (Regional)	TBA	2
November 14-15	Volleyball - G	SUNY Cortland	3
November 14-15	Field Hockey	P & C Stadium, Syracuse	3
November 14-15	Soccer - G	TBA	5
November 15-16	Soccer - B	Hall of Fame, Oneonta	4
November 15	Gymnastics B (Regional)	Rush-Henrietta HS	5
November 15	Federation X-Country - B/G	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls	1
November 21-22	Swimming/Diving - G	Nassau Aquatics Center	8
November 21-22	Football East Semifinals	Kingston	9
November 21-22	Football West Semifinals	TBA	
Nov. 28-30(TBA)	Football Finals	Carrier Dome, Syracuse	3
<b>WINTER 2003-2004</b>			
Feb. 23-24	Skiing - B/G	Lake Placid	7
March 5-6	Wrestling	Syracuse War Memorial (TBA)	3
March 5-6	Swimming - B	Nassau Aquatics Center	8
March 6	Gymnastics - G	Shaker HS	2
March 6	Bowling - B/G	Mardy Bob Bowl Lanes, Poughkeepsie	1
March 6	Indoor Track/Field -- B/G	Carrier Dome, Syracuse	3
March 6	Rifle (Regional)	TBA	
March 13-14	Ice Hockey	Utica	3
March 19-21	Basketball - B	Glens Falls Civic Center	2
March 19-21	Basketball - G	Hudson Valley C. C., Troy	2
TBA	Volleyball - B (Regional)	TBA	3
March 26-27	Federation Basketball - B/G	Glens Falls Civic Center	2
<b>SPRING 2004</b>			
May 27-29	Tennis - B	National Tennis Center, Flushing	NYC
June 4-5	Track/Field - B/G	Univ. of Buffalo	6
June 4-5	Lacrosse - G	TBA	
June 5	Lacrosse - B	Hofstra U.	8
June 5	Softball	Clifton Commons	2
June 5	Baseball	Binghamton, Endicott	4
June 5-7	Golf	Cornell University, Ithaca	4
TBA	Federation Golf	TBA	

## Section VI Hosts State Championships

Sincere thanks go out to Jeff Banks, Boys Swimming Sportchair and his committee who ran the NYSPHSAA tournament at Erie Community College this winter. Section VI and NYSPHSAA extend their thanks for a good job well done!

## Spring Sports Handbooks 2002-2003

Spring Sports Handbooks are currently being printed and distributed to Athletic Directors, and head coaches (via the Athletic Director). This year the media has been sent a Media Guide for Spring Sports with pertinent information from each of the sport handbooks. If you have not received YOUR copy by March 10, please call the Section VI office 821-7299.

ALSO NOTE: Beginning with Spring 2003, each handbook will be posted in printable format on the Section VI Website. (See "Web Updates" on p. 3)

## Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express its gratitude to Sue Fuller, Field Hockey Chairman as she steps down from her long-standing position as the Section VI Sport Chair. Sue has given her time and energy to the Section over many years. We thank you Sue for your tireless efforts, and endless dedication to Field Hockey and Section VI athletes!





# IT'S OFFICIAL...

by Tom Cowan, Section VI Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

- January of 2003 was the target month to begin negotiations for a new contract with the various officials' organizations within the Section. The Negotiating Team is actively soliciting input from athletic directors that might lead to a revised document beginning with the 2004-2005 school year. Please review the current contract and fee schedule posted on the section website\*.
- There is a Section and Statewide shortage of officials that is becoming critical in some sports. To assist many local organizations with recruitment the Section is posting a variety of information on our web site. Fee schedules, training dates, and contact persons can be viewed at the website\*. We would encourage the distribution of

these materials to all interested parties.

- It is becoming increasingly more commonplace for fans, parents and even coaches to hurl insults and verbal abuse at officials. Section VI hasn't been immune to this nationwide problem as a new low was reached during January of 2003. Sadly, over a two-week stretch, nine out of ten sportsmanship calls recorded on the officials' hotline had to do with the ejection of coaches. With fan abuse and a variety of sportsmanship issues ranking as the number one and two reasons for officials getting out, the Section's Sportsmanship Committee is actively researching steps that might be made to reduce future incidents.

\*[www.section6.wnyric.org](http://www.section6.wnyric.org) Click on *Officials*



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