



Boys Basketball Post Season Report 2016-2017

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

LEAGUE	DIVISION	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL
Buffalo League	Large Small	McKinley MST	Nakye Booze Dominic Prince
CCAA League	Division 1 East	Salamanca	Hercules Rasha
CCAA League	Division 2 East	Forestville	Trent Hartloff
CCAA League	Division 1 West	Olean	Luke Rogers
CCAA League	Division 2 West	Sherman	Chris Robson
ECIC League	Division 1	Williamsville North	Corey Sweich
ECIC League	Division 2	Amherst	Richard Kay
ECIC League	Division 3	Lake Shore	Brave Williams
ECIC League	Division 4	Springville	Greg Cooney
Niagara Frontier League		Niagara Wheatfield	Anthony Ruffino
Niagara Orleans League		Wilson	Connor Seeley
Charter School		Tapestry	Dorian Plummer

***NEW → Coaches Sportsmanship Selections:** Pete Hudecki – South Park High School

Report on changes in policy or practice: Binghamton was an outstanding host for the State Tournament, the city did a great job embracing the event, in spite of a major snowstorm just days ahead of everyone's arrival.

The official "ball" for the Section will become the Spalding "Legacy". This will be used for Sectional semi-finals through the State Final Four. Home teams in earlier rounds may use the Legacy OR the Spalding "Classic" that was used this past season. This change was made after NYSPHSAA offices listened to feedback from Sectional Chairman as well as BCANY.

Problems encountered/concerns: Charter schools – had a very informative, helpful, cordial post season meeting with Mr. Robert Baxter, current Athletic Director at the Health Sciences Charter School. Mr. Baxter explained the way Charter Schools go through a lottery system within the city of Buffalo for choosing potential students. Our committee was allowed to ask questions and gain information as we try and get a handle on how we should classify Charter Schools, particularly those that are beginning to show a “pattern of dominance” within their current Class. The question at hand is whether or not we should take a school such as Health Sciences and bump them up from Class B to Class A or AA. After our meeting, we continued to discuss the pros and cons of re-classifying, tried to get a better handle on our own definition of “dominance”. Many schools have shown patterns of having great teams, but that tends to be cyclical and eventually the tide turns and they come back to the pack so to speak. At this point, we have agreed as a committee to continue to consider what our position should be. We plan on re-visiting this issue and making a decision on re-classification for any basketball teams this fall.

Other pertinent data: BEDS numbers are very low for Class C. As of right now, we anticipate having only 1 Class C division for Sectional play next year as opposed to the C1/C2 split we have had for many years.

We continue to rotate Classes during the week at Buffalo State – after 5 years, we are back to the original format with Class B starting on Monday, and Class AA playing on Thursday. Rotating classes has not shown to have any adverse effects on travel, attendance, etc.

Regionals ran into some issues with the severe weather conditions in the greater Rochester area in early March (major windstorm). Regionals were forced to move to Genesee Community College, which was a willing and accommodating site, but much too small for the event.

Season will begin on Monday, November 6, 2017 (week 19 of NYSPHSAA Calendar)

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:

Sectional Champions

Class AA - Niagara Falls

Class A1 – North Tonawanda Class A2 - Amherst

Class B1 – East Aurora Class B2 – Health Sciences Charter

Class C1 – Randolph Class C2 – Chautauqua Lake

Class D - Franklinville

Overall Class A – North Tonawanda

Overall Class B – Health Sciences Charter

Overall Class C – Chautauqua Lake

Regional Champions

Class D – Franklinville Class B – Health Sciences Charter

State Champions

None

Recommendations for next season (including dates/sites): Buffalo State and Jamestown CC continue to be outstanding venues for our semi-final and Finals. Class C continues to have more and more teams from leagues “other” than the Southern Tier schools, but is still the best alternative as opposed to finding a more Northern venue for Class C. And as stated earlier, there will not be a “split” in Class C for the following season, unless schools combine and are labeled as Class C schools for the following season. Currently, there are 16 Class C schools. All sites and dates are listed below.

Basketball (Boys): Larry Jones				
Last regular season game		Thursday, 2/15		
Seeding meeting		Saturday, 2/17		
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	Class(es)	Date	Site	Time(s)
1 st Round	All	Tue., 2/20	Higher Seed	7:00
2 nd Round	All	Wed., 2/21	Higher Seed	7:00
Quarters	All	Friday, 2/23	Higher Seed	7:00
Semi-Finals	Class C	Monday, 2/26	Jamestown CC	6:00, 7:45
	Class B2	Monday, 2/26	Buffalo State	6:00, 7:45
	Class D	Tuesday, 2/27	Jamestown CC	6:00, 7:45
	Class A2(2), B1	Tuesday, 2/27	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class A1(2), B1	Wed, 2/28	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class AA	Thur. 3/1	Buffalo State	6:00, 7:45
Finals	Class D, C	Friday, Mar 3	Jamestown Comm. College	6:00, 7:45
Finals	Class B2, B1, A2, A1, AA	Sat. Mar 3	Buffalo State	Noon, 1:45, 3:30, 7:00, 8:30
Regional Qualifier	Class A, B, C	Tues, Mar 6	Class C, B, A	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
Far West Regionals	Class D, C, B, A, AA	Sat. Mar 10	Buffalo State College	Noon, 1:45, 3:30, 7:00, 8:30
States:	All	Mar 16-18	Binghamton – Floyd Maines Veterans Arena	TBA
Fed.Tournament	Class AA, A, B	Mar 23-25	Glens Falls Civic Center	TBA

Respectfully submitted
 Larry A Jones
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