



**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT  
SECTION VI FOOTBALL 2018**

**Chairperson: Ken Stoldt**

**Assistant Chairpersons: Adam Stoltman, Chuck Amo**

**Committee members (voting\*)**

Chairman-Ken Stoldt\* (Akron)

Assistant Chairmen - Adam Stoltman (Alden)  
Chuck Amo- ECIC

**Division Chairmen:**

AA – Bob Casler, Len Jankiewicz -Retired  
 A 1- Mike McFadden                      Hamburg  
 A 2- John Faller                              Sweet Home  
 A 3 - Tim Delaney                            South Park  
 B 2 - Rob Valenti                            Springville  
 B 3 - Doug Ames                              Newfane  
 B 1 - Scott Zipp                                Cheektowaga  
 C North - Glenn Graham                  Cleve-Hill  
 C South - Jay Sirianni                      Southwestern  
 D - Chris Payne                                Panama  
 Buffalo -Tim Delaney                        South Park  
 NYSHSFC A Rep - Brian Wilson    Depew

**Committee meeting dates:** TBA

**Classification Breakdown**

2018-19 cut-off #'s AA: 1025+, A: 585-1024, B: 355-584 C: 230-354, D: 0-229

**Sectional Alignments:** (see attached)

**Post Season Information**

At this time I would suggest keeping the same weekends reserved.

<b>FOOTBALL Chairs Ken Stoldt (w) 542-5040 x4137 Adam Stoltman (w) 937-9116 x4171</b>		
Seeding Meeting	Oct. 14	Hamburg HS 9:00 am
Week # 8 Playoffs	Fri.-Sat. Oct. 19/20	Home school
Semifinals:	Fri.-Sat. Oct 26/27	Divisional Champion's home site
Finals Bowl games:	Thurs. Oct.25	Southwestern , Pioneer, Depew Classes & Times TBA
Finals:	Fri. Nov.2	New Era Field, Classes & Times TBA
	Sat. Nov.	New Era Field Classes & Times TBA
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Regionals:	Fri. Nov. 9	@ Section VI, Classes & Times TBA
	Sat Nov. 10	@ Section VI, Classes & Times TBA

State Western Semifinals:	Fri. Nov. 16 Sat. Nov. 17	Union-Endicott HS, (4)Classes & Times TBA Union-Endicott HS, (4) Classes & Times TBA
State Finals:	Fri. Nov. 23 Sat Nov. 24	Carrier Dome, Syracuse Carrier Dome, Syracuse

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

Scheduling: Class AA, A, B, & D are aligned according to BEDS.

Thursday night games will again be needed to accommodate the officials shortage due to increase in schools getting lights and a declining roster.

**Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2018:**

**Football Rules Changes - 2018**

By NFHS on February 08, 2018

**1-5-4, 1-5-5, 3-5-10e (NEW) 3-6-2, 9-9:** Improperly equipped player shall be replaced for at least one down.

**Rationale:** Prior to the game, the head coach is responsible for verifying that the players are legally equipped and will not use illegal equipment. The penalty for a player who is not properly equipped has changed from a distance penalty against the team to removal of that player for at least one down. The penalty provisions for any use of illegal equipment remain unchanged and result in an unsportsmanlike conduct foul charged to the head coach.

**2-32-16a:** Defenseless player provisions for passer clarified.

**Rationale:** The committee clarified that defenseless player provisions do not apply to a passer until a legal forward pass is thrown. The passer continues to be a defenseless player until the pass ends or the passer moves to participate in the play.

**6-1-3b PENALTY, 6-1-4 PENALTY:** Signal change for free kick infractions.

**Rationale:** The signal for free kick infractions, other than encroachment of the neutral zone, has been changed from signal 18 to signal 19.

**6-1-9b (NEW), 6-1-9b PENALTY (NEW), 10-4-2 NOTE (NEW), 10-5-1j (NEW):** New penalty option adopted for fouls by kicking team.

**Rationale:** In an effort to reduce re-kicks, further minimize risk and ensure that appropriate penalties are in place for all fouls, the committee has added an option for fouls committed by the kicking team during free and scrimmage kicks. The change would allow the receiving team all of the previous options as well as accepting the distance penalty at the end of the down.

**SIX-PLAYER FOOTBALL (RULE 3):** Length of time between periods revised.

**Rationale:** The timing rule between periods and intermission for six player football has been standardized to match the current NFHS 8-, 9- and 11-player football rules.

**Other Pertinent Data**

Respectfully submitted 2/22/18

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Sportchairs