



## Boys Basketball Post Season Report 2017-2018

### All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

LEAGUE	DIVISION	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL
Buffalo League	Large Small	South Park Riverside	Ray Mushat Rob Kyle
CCAA League	Division 1 East	Salamanca	Nick Johnson
CCAA League	Division 2 East	Pine Valley	Zach Mansfield
CCAA League	Division 1 West	Falconer	Tylar Olson
CCAA League	Division 2 West	Clymer	Sam Wiggers
ECIC League	Division 1	Williamsville North	Ryan Johnston
ECIC League	Division 2	Amherst	Jackson Tan
ECIC League	Division 3	Springville	Mason Goodridge
ECIC League	Division 4	Holland	Jordan Kolbmann
Niagara Frontier League		Grand Island	Jason Messing
Niagara Orleans League		Wilson	Mac Mussal
Charter School		Global Concepts	Luis Mercado

**\*NEW Coaches Sportsmanship Selections:** Sal Constantino - Niagara Falls HS

**Report on changes in policy or practice:** In their second year of hosting, Binghamton was again an outstanding host for the State Tournament. The city did a great job embracing the event, no major snow this year to act as a deterrent, and well attended from all parts of the state. This coming Fall there will be a meeting to look at bids for the tournament moving forward for 2020-2022. 2019 will be the last year of Binghamton's current 3 year term as host

The official ball will continue to be 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 last season. This change was made after NYSPHSAA offices listened to feedback from Sectional Chairman as well as BCANY last spring.

**Problems encountered/concerns:** As a committee, there are two or three items that are brought up every time we meet that are major concerns for our coaches in boys basketball. Number one on that list is transfers/player movement/recruiting. I lump them all together because they are all pertinent to the discussion in an age where parents are "shopping" their kids around, and coaches are unfortunately listening. Kids start in public schools, go to Catholic school for a year or two, come back to public

schools, etc. Education seems to be the least of their concerns, but that's a discussion for another day. Charter schools, while considered public, have physical/geographic boundaries much different than the public schools they are playing against. While the "lottery system" of enrolling students at Charter schools seems to be a fair one, it is viewed by the outside world and our committee with a skeptical eye. Schools seem to continue to get very good athletes, specifically basketball players, into their schools via this system. Regardless of perception, it is obvious that there is a competitive imbalance when looking at the student-athletes showing up at some Charter Schools. To that end, we believe Health Science Charter School should be re-classified next season to either a Class AA or Class A school. For a school that has only been in existence for approximately 10 years, they have shown a dominance in Class B, advancing to the State Final Four the past 2 seasons. They have won 42 games the past 2 season, while their 9 losses have come to schools that have won State titles within the past 2 seasons, or competed in Regional or Sectional Finals. Along with that, they have a geographic advantage that allows them to draw students from all of Buffalo, and from outside of that border if they have not fulfilled their lottery number for student enrollment.

**Other pertinent data:** The State changed Class parameters pertaining to BEDS numbers, but this will have very little effect on boys basketball. We as a Section continue to have fewer AA schools (down to 8 now). Although it may not be pertinent just yet, the possibility of combining with Rochester should be something to be explored in the future if our schools continue to get smaller and we have fewer AA schools to compete against each other. Also, we will be back to having Class C split into Classes C1 and C2 since more schools fall into this category next season.

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.

Our committee is considering a schedule change for our quarter-final games. These games are played at the higher seeds' home court. Since there are 32 games to be played that Friday evening, we run into issues trying to get quality officials for this specific evening because of the amount of High School AND College games played on this specific night of the year. We will vote this fall at our October meeting on whether or not to split this night (by Class) into 2 days, having some games on Friday night, and others on the following Saturday afternoon. Our only concern will be schools who are generally closed on Saturdays. I will do some research between now and then to see if Superintendents would be receptive to this idea.

One change on the Committee - Greg Lauer from Fredonia is stepping down from his position as CCAA West1 rep, as well as voting member from the CCAA. Dave McCann from Ellicotville will step in as voting member for the CCAA. Nick Bertrando will take over as the Fredonia coach and fill the role of CCAA West 1 representative. I will send his personal info to BOCES office.

Regionals were hosted by Section 6 this season at Buffalo State - another great event that was well attended. Three Rochester Schools advanced, while two Buffalo schools advanced to the State Final Four, with Buffalo East winning a State title. Congratulations to Coach Starling Bryant and his team. East High will be re-named as the Buffalo Schools continue their transformation in many schools. They will be known as "East Community" next season and move up to Class C as they expand their enrollment now to include freshman thru junior classes.

The season will begin on Monday, November 5, 2018 (week 19 of NYSPHSAA Calendar)

### **Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:**

#### **Sectional Champions**

Class AA - Niagara Falls

Class A1 – West Seneca West      Class A2 - South Park

Class B1 – Olean                      Class B2 – Health Sciences Charter

Class C - Tapestry

Class D - East

Overall Class A – West Seneca West

Overall Class B – Health Sciences Charter

#### **Regional Champions**

Class D – East Class B – Health Sciences Charter

**State Champions**

Class D – East

**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 will go back to being split into Classes C1 and C2 based on next year’s BEDS numbers. All sites and dates are listed below.

<b>Basketball (Boys): Larry Jones</b>				
Last regular season game		Thursday, 2/14		
Seeding meeting		Saturday, 2/16		
Click here for → <a href="#">BoysBasketball Brackets</a>				
	Class(es)	Date	Site	Time(s)
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	All	Tue., 2/19	Higher Seed	7:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	All	Wed., 2/20	Higher Seed	7:00
Quarters*	All	Friday, 2/22	Higher Seed	7:00
Semi-Finals	Class C1(2) & D (1)	Monday, 2/25	Jamestown CC	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class AA	Monday, 2/25	Buffalo State	6:00, 7:45
	Class C2 (2) & D (1)	Tuesday, 2/26	Jamestown CC	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class B1(2), B2	Tuesday, 2/26	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class A2(2), B2	Wed, 2/27	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class A1	Thur. 2/28	Buffalo State	6:00, 7:45
Finals	Class D, C2, C1	Friday, Mar 1	Jamestown Comm. College	5:15,6:45, 8:15
Finals	Class B2, B1, AA, A2, A1,	Sat. Mar 2	Buffalo State	Noon, 1:45, 3:30, 7:00, 8:30
Regional Qualifier	Class A, B, C	Tues, Mar 5	Class C, B, A	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
Far West Regionals	Class D, C, B, A, AA	Sat. Mar 9	TBA	TBA
States:	All	Mar 15-17	Binghamton – Floyd Maines Veterans Arena	TBA
Fed. Tournament	Class AA, A, B	Mar 22-24	Glens Falls Civic Center	TBA

\* possible change to Fri/Sat quarter finals - to be finalized at Fall meeting

Respectfully submitted  
 Larry A Jones  
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