



Boys Ice Hockey Post-Season Report 2017-2018

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

		<u>School</u>	<u>Athlete</u>
Ice Hockey	Division 1	Orchard Park	Jimmy Doran
	Division 2	Starpoint	Luke Kenyon
	Division 3	Lockport	Brandon Rice

***NEW → Coaches Sportsmanship Selections:**

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:

This year we were able to schedule all league games with a start time of no later than 8:30 PM. In the past we have started games at 9:00 PM which proved to not only be tough to get spectators at but was a late night for players.

Problems encountered/concerns:

Only problem was weather related cancellations. We had a significant amount of cancellations this year which resulted in rescheduling dates and times that are unfavorable. We had games starting late and a couple times we had to get kids out of school early to get the games in. One note is that when schools cancel games, we still have to pay for the unused ice unless we can sell it off to minor teams or our other member schools that aren't closed. This does not happen often so most cancellations result in us eating the cost of the ice.

Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar:

We have approved the entrance of Iroquois/Alden to the league next year. We are still discussing divisional alignments. There is talk of Niagara Falls and Lockport merging with other schools or with each other. This will affect our divisional alignment as well.

Other pertinent data:

Discussion with the Sabres has been ongoing to try to move the Sectional Championships to a Saturday or Sunday to include the girls championship with us. Special Thanks to Great Skate for their continued support of Section VI Hockey. Due to their generous contributions we have been able to really sell our programs. They provide, water bottles and water bottle carriers to each team, championship hats to the winning teams at our championship and \$5,000 which we use to pay for our championship luncheon, and State dinner.

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results

Regular Season Champions:

Division 1 Williamsville North
Division 2 West Seneca East and Grand Island
Division 3 St. Francis

Sectional Semi-Finals

West Seneca West	5	Williamsville East	3
Sweet Home	3	West Seneca East	2
Williamsville North	5	Lancaster	1
Niagara Wheatfield	3	Orchard Park	0

Sectional Finals

West Seneca West	2	Sweet Home	1
Niagara Wheatfield	2	Williamsville North	0

Regionals

West Seneca West	2	Canandaigua	1
Niagara Wheatfield	3	Syracuse	1
Sweet Home	3	Northeastern Clinton	1

State Semis

Niagara Wheatfield	4	North Rockland	0
West Seneca West	3	John Jay	0
Sweet Home	6	Auburn	4

State Final

Niagara Wheatfield	1	Victor	5
Sweet Home	7	West Seneca West	5

Respectfully submitted
Mark DiFilippo, Section VI Ice Hockey Chairman