



**SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 10, 2024**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.2 *Recommendation to move boys and girls soccer semi-finals to higher seeds***
- 1.3 *The Boys Soccer non-player personnel proposal, the Boys Volleyball tiebreaker proposal, and the Girls Swimming combined teams percentage proposal are excused from the request for approval of the Fall 2024 pre-season reports at the May 15, 2024 athletic council meeting.***

**SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Committee Members: (*indicates present)

- *M. DiFilippo, Chairman
- *A. Lloyd, Buffalo Representative
- *B. Drake, CCAA Representative
- *J. Przybysz, ECIC Representative
- *B. Halgash, NFL Representative
- *J. Reed, NO Representative
- *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
- *J. Roth, Male Representative

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Boys and Girls Basketball 2-Year Tiebreaker Pilot (approved AC Sept 2022) ends this year

*The Pilot deviates from the Section Policy Manual. If Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball want to move forward after 2 years, a proposal would have to be made to change the Policy Manual.

Concern was expressed as, currently, some sports' tiebreaker procedures deviate from the Policy Manual. The Boys and Girls Basketball 2-year pilot ends with the conclusion of this winter 23-24 season and the Section has three (3) other sports in the process of requesting changes in their tiebreaker procedure.

The consensus of the S/I Committee is to create a framework regarding tiebreakers across all sports, but to allow the sports committees the autonomy to generate and present proposals they feel fit the needs of their sports. The framework will include the proposal process and the hierarchy of review, recommendation, and determination as well as piloting implementation and analysis if deemed approved. In addition, the framework will include a mandatory pilot period, but permit sports to revert to past practice if the change enacted is not proving beneficial as originally anticipated. The Policy Manual will be revised to include this framework to provide a clear explanation of the tiebreaker procedure for all to reference and/or follow.

M. DiFilippo to request that Boys/Girls Basketball provide their recommendation regarding their ending tiebreaker pilot within their 2023-2024 post season report

A section for current pilots and proposals will be added to pre and post season reports.

1.2 Boys and Girls Soccer semi-finals

The NO League has not had a chance to discuss this item as a group at present. The CCAA, NFL, ECIC and BPS are in favor of having the semi-finals move to the higher seed, but regardless of the decision for boys and girls to have the same procedure.

Recommendation to move boys and girls soccer semi-finals to higher seeds

CARRIED

Przybysz/Halgash (J. Roth abstain)

1.3 Fall 2024 Pre-Season Reports, Appendix A (*recommendation needed for May 15, 2024 AC meeting)

a) Boys Soccer (Jason)

-The Boys Soccer committee indicates interest in piloting splitting classes after the opt out date (this was already approved via the March 20, 2024 athletic council meeting for both boys and girls for 24-25 and 25-26)

-The Boys Committee making recommendation that a maximum of 5 non-player personnel allowed in the bench area and plans to add to the handbook.

The S/I Committee expressed concern about policing of this proposal and remaining consistent across all sports. This is believed to be more of a sectional issue, but it is not clear if it is it is specific to only post season.

**** The S/I Committee felt further discussion is required. Therefore, this proposal is excused from the request for approval of this report at the May 2024 athletic council meeting.***

- b) Girls Soccer (Jason)
No Concerns
- c) Girls Volleyball
Concern with boys and girls playing on the same dates.
- d) Boys Volleyball
Concern with boys and girls playing on the same dates.
**In consideration of the current discussions regarding tiebreakers, the Boys Volleyball tiebreaker proposal is excused from the request for approval of this report at the May 2024 athletic council meeting.*
- e) Cross Country
No concerns.
- f) Football
No concerns.
- g) Girls Swimming
The Girls Swimming Committee is proposing to use 100% of beds for any combined swim teams. The chairperson shared that the intent is to recommend this practice for both boys and girls. This only affects class meets as there is only 1 classification at the state level. The only 3 sports that deviate from the state procedure are Boys and Girls Swimm and Indoor Track. This proposal would allow for Section VI to follow state procedure in these 3 sports, which is consistent with all other sports.

The S/I Committee will review this proposal for all 3 sports with their respective leagues before making recommendation.

This proposal is excused from the request for approval of this report at the May 2024 athletic council meeting.

M. DiFilippo to inquire with Indoor Track chairperson about following suit with this proposal.

- h) Girls Field Hockey (Marisa)
No concerns. The combined team of Holland and East aurora will move to class B for the 2024 season.
- i) Girls Tennis (Ben)
It was noted that Section 6 has the lowest number of teams participating in sectional team championships across the state.
- j) Girls Gymnastics (Brad)
No concerns.

2.0 **Section Concerns:**

2.1 Section VI Tiebreaker Framework (discussed during item 1.1)

2.2 Boys Golf Chairperson, Girls Cross Country Chairperson, Boys Indoor Track Chairperson, and Girls Wrestling Chairperson Vacancies

At least one application was received for each vacancy except Boys Golf. M. DiFilippo did receive some interest in the Boys Golf chairperson position by an individual. M. DiFilippo will reach out to them to investigate if they will be able to dedicate the time to the sectional championship and travel to the state championship.

3.0 **NYSPHSAA Concerns (J. Roth/M. Fallacaro-Dougherty):**

3.1 Reminder - NYSPHSAA items to be sent via google to obtain athletic council direction for male/female representatives to vote at the May 2024 state meeting. Deadline to vote is April 16, 2024, close of business.

No questions or concerns were presented.

4.0 **Next Athletic Council Actions Items:** (informational only)

- 5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Fall 2024 pre-season reports: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, Football, Girls Field Hockey, Girls Swimming, Girls Tennis, Girls Gymnastics
- 5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Winter 23-24 post season reports: Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Swimming, Indoor Track & Field, Alpine Skiing, Bowling, Cheerleading, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Unified Bowling

5.0 **Old Business**

5.1 Awards Ad Hoc Committee Update

5.2 Sectional Scheduling Ad Hoc Committee Update

M. DiFilippo to work on scheduling meetings for both ad hoc committees.

6.0 **Good of the Order:**

6.1 Winter 23-24 post season reports due May 1, 2024 (*committee to be emailed reports, action item at May 15, 2024 AC meeting)

There is no scheduled S/I Committee meeting between the winter 23-24 post season reports' due date and the May 15, 2024 Athletic Council meeting. Unless there are significant issues, email correspondence will be utilized to review the reports and recommendation for approval.

6.2 Next meeting date – September 12, 2024, via Zoom

*Email correspondence and/or a quick meeting specific to developing the tiebreaker framework will be conducted in advance of September.

6.3 ***Motion to adjourn***

CARRIED

Przybysz/Lloyd



**2024 PRE-SEASON REPORT
BOYS SOCCER
Chairperson: Todd Marquardt**

Committee members (voting*)

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NFL:		(c)	
NO:	Steve Luksch* (Medina-Lyndon)	sluksch@medina.csd.org	(c) 531-8768

All-Star Selections WNYHSSCA All-WNY Kevin Beale (above)
All-Star Selections NSCAA All- American Kevin Beale (above)

Committee meeting date(s)

Mid Feb.....Mid June.....Seeding Mtg Oct 19

Classification Breakdown

AAA: 1090+ AA: 711-1089 A: 412-710 B: 249-411 C: 138-248 D: 1-137

Recommendations for next season & proposed dates

The boys soccer committee would like to move towards neutral site for Finals only
The boys soccer committee would like to participate in the 2 year pilot of splitting classes after the opt out date (10-16-24)
Maximum of 5 non player personnel allowed in the bench area during contest. Will be listed in the handbook
Regionals will be hosted by Section V
 The following is the proposed Dates/Times/Locations for the 2024 sectional play. A more detailed schedule will follow discussions with Chris Durr and the girls schedule to avoid conflicts.
 All host schools (higher seed) will dictate start time and location for all pre-quarters, quarters & semi's

SOCCER BOYS Sportchair Todd Marquardt (c) 903-5875 www.arbitersports.com			
Seeding meeting 10-19			
Pre-Quarters	B1, B2, C	Higher Seed	10-22

Pre-Quarters	A1, A2, AA	Higher Seed	10-23
Quarters	B1, B2, C	Higher Seed	10-24
Quarters	A1,A2,AA & AAA	Higher Seed	10-25
Semifinals	B1, B2	Higher Seed	10-28
	A1, A2	Higher Seed	10-29
	AA, C	Higher Seed	10-30
	AAA	Higher Seed	10-31
Finals	B1 & B2	TBA	11-1
	AAA, AA, A1 & A2	TBA	11-2
	C & D	TBA	11-4
State Qualifier	A & B	TBA	11-5
Regionals	TBA	TBA	11/8 – 11/9 (Section V)
States		TBA	11/15 – 11/17 (Section IX)

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

Boys soccer will enter 2nd year of pilot a 4,5,6 power point system for all classifications during league games for the 2024 season.

A 6th classification (AAA) will continue for the 2024 season

Rule Changes for 2021

The 2024-25 NHFS boys soccer rules have not yet been posted

Respectfully submitted 2/20/2024

Todd Marquardt, Section VI Boys Soccer Sport Chair

**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
GIRLS SOCCER 2023
Chairperson: Chris Durr
March 2023**

Committee members (voting*)

Section Chairperson:

Chris Durr* Williamsville East **Retired H – 316-3892

Assistant Chairperson:

Joanna Fildes Amherst Central C – 908-9550

Consultants:

Steve Sabo Meadow Elementary (N.T.) H – 228-7362

ECIC Joanna Fildes* (see above)

ECIC Mike Graffeo Orchard Park C – 359-1665

CCAA Dale MacArthur* Allegany-Limestone HS H – 372-5447

CCAA Kevin Rice Silver Creek C – 560-3479

BFLO Jason Milne* City Honors C- 698-9571

NFL Hannah Sicarunzo* North Tonawanda C - 417-8592

Dave Bowman Conner Middle (Grand Island) C – 829-9422

NO Maggie Orbaker* Albion C – 585-590-1557

German Lesmes Southern Tier Officials Representative C – 785-7087

Bill Sciolino Buffalo Officials Representative C – 912-1200

Committee meeting date(s) February 10th (Zoom meeting)

Classification Breakdown

(All are estimated until combined approval)

AAA - 3, AA - 15, A - 19, B - 20, C - 16, D - 4

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

Recommendation to hold the section meeting first, and then the individual league meetings. (some leagues were finished with their meetings early)

Committee is ready to implement the seeding pilot that Girls and Boys Basketball implemented – see minutes

Rule Changes for 2024

No major rules changes - minor edits

Other Pertinent Data

Committee discussed keeping semifinals at Neutral sites

Positives:

1. can complete semis in all classes in three nights using Will North or Will East.
2. more officials to choose from (3 person) based on availability
3. Great atmosphere for girls soccer (4 games at one facility)
4. sites and times are fixed so schools know where they are going to play
5. section can charge admission
6. no conflicts with home facility
7. officials fees and supervision paid by the section.

concerns of playing semis at home sites

1. grass fields
2. early start times (2 or 2:30 if school doesn't have lights)
3. travel time to opponent (same as quarterfinals)
4. game times (who decides when teams play and what is the deadline for notifying Section chair for official assignments)
5. if higher seeds lose in quarterfinals, a very quick turnaround for a team that is now hosting vs traveling
6. smaller fields
7. availability of officials for earlier times
8. more requests for game time and date changes based on home school conflicts.
9. conflicts with home site (FB, Boys soccer, and FH teams games and practices)
10. admission fees would be difficult as some facilities
11. schools would pay for officials and supervision

Section VI "Pink the Field" Event is scheduled for October. This will be the 15th year.

Season Dates

First Practice - 8/26

First Game - 9/2

First Scrimmage - 9/2

Last Regularly Scheduled League Game - 10/17

Seeding Meeting - 10/19

Post Season Information

See attached minutes

Respectfully submitted 3/5./24

Chris Durr Section VI Sport chair Girls Soccer

SECTION VI GIRLS' SOCCER 2024 Sectional Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October	14	15	16	17 Last Scheduled League game Cut-Off Date	18	19 Seeding Meeting
20	21	22 <u>Pre- ¼</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed AA, A1, A2	23 <u>Pre- ¼</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed B1, B2, C	24 <u>Quarters</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed AA, A1, A2	25 <u>Quarters</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed B1, B2, C	26 <u>Quarters</u> 11 am at Higher seed AAA (if needed)
27	28 <u>Semis D</u> at TBA 5:30 & 7:30 A1 & A2 at TBA 5:30 & 7:30	29 <u>Semis C</u> at TBA 5:30 & 7:30 AA at TBA	30 <u>Semis AAA</u> at TBA 5:30 B1 & B2 at TBA 5:30 & 7:30	31	1 <u>Finals</u> A1, A2 at TBA 5:15 & 7:30	2 <u>Finals</u> AAA, AA, B1, B2 at TBA 11, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45 C & D at Dunkirk 11 & 1:15
3	4 <u>Finals</u> AAA at TBA 6:00	5 <u>Crossover Finals</u> (if necessary) A & B at TBA 5 & 7	6	7	8 <u>REGIONALS</u> @ Section 6 AAA, AA 5 & 7:30	9 <u>REGIONALS</u> @ Section 6 A, B, C, D 11, 1:30, 4, 6:30
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 STATES @ Cortland (Section 3)
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**PRE-SEASON REPORT
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 2024
Chairperson: Debby Schruefer
March 2024**

Committee members (voting*)

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Committee meeting date(s):

June 2024

Recommendations for next season & proposed dates/sites

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS Sportchair Debby Schruefer © 716-445-8521 www.arbitersports.com

*** 2024 Proposed Post Season Schedule Seeding Meeting October 22**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location & Time</u>
Last league game	October 21	
Qualifiers	October 23	Higher Seed 6:00 PM
Pre-qualifiers	October 25	Higher Seed 6:00 PM
Quarterfinals	October 28	Higher Seed 6:00 PM
Semifinals	October 30	Higher Seed 6:00 PM
Finals B1, B2	November 1	TBD B2:6:00 PM B1 8:00PM
Finals C1, C2	November 1	TBD C2 6:00 PM C1 8:00 PM
Finals D1, D2	November 4	TBD D1: 6:00 PM D2: 8:00PM
Finals AA, A	November 4	TBD A: 6:00 PM AA 8:00 PM
Finals B	November 5	TBD B: 8:00 PM
Finals AAA	November 5	TBD: AAA: 6:00 PM
Finals C, D	November 6	TBD: C: 6:00 PM D: 8:00 PM
Far West Regionals	November 8	TBD: AAA. AA. A Section 6 host
Far West Regionals	November 9	TBD: B, C, D Section 6 host

State Championships

November 22-24,2023

Cool Insuring Arena Section 2

Respectfully submitted 2/29/2024

Debby Schrufer, Section VI Girls Volleyball Chair

**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
BOYS VOLLEYBALL 2024
Chairperson: Walt Stefani
February 22, 2024**

Committee members (voting*)

Chairperson - **Walt Stefani***

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Robert Pierce *	ECIC III	Eden	(H) 648-8815	(S) 992-3607

At Large Representatives:

Ricky Albano	ECIC I	Orchard Park		(S) 209-6243
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League Chairpersons

Robert Pierce - ECIC

Luke Hogdsons - NFL

Committee meeting date(s)

** Pre-Season Meeting - August @ ECIC Fall Meetings - Site TBA

** Post-Season All WNY/All Star Meeting – 11-18-2024 Site TBA

Classification Breakdown

2023 Season - cut-off #'s - Div 1: 900+, Div 2: 0-900 or by new numbers if classifications change

2024 Season Information – I am assuming Kenmore West will want to Host again.....

VOLLEYBALL BOYS Sportchair Walt Stefani (c) 903-5389			www.arbitersports.com
Start of Season	Mon. Aug. 19, 2024	Practices can begin (follow scrimmage/contest regulations)	
Regular season ends	Tues. Octo. 22, 2024	Power points need to be calculated/tabulated for seeding	
Seeding Meeting	Weds. Oct. 23, 2024	By phone 6:30 pm	
Qualifiers (if needed)	Thurs. Oct. 24, 2024	Higher Seed 6:00 pm	
Pre-Quarters	Fri. Oct. 25, 2024	Higher Seed 6:00 pm	
Quarterfinals	Weds. Oct. 30, 2024	Higher Seed 6:00 pm	
Semi-finals – Div. 1	Fri. Nov. 1, 2024	Higher Seed 6:00 pm	
Semi-finals – Div. 2 A & B	Sat. Nov. 2, 2024	Higher Seed 2:00pm	
Finals – D2A, & D2B	Tues. Nov.5, 2024	Kenmore West HS D2A 5:30pm - D2B 7:30pm	
Champ. Playoff D2A/2B	Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024	Kenmore West HS D2A/D2B 5:30pm - D1 7:30pm	
Finals – D1	Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024	Kenmore West HS D1 7:30 pm	
NYS Regionals	Sat. Nov. 9, 2024	Kenmore West D1 3:00 pm – D2 1:00pm	
NYS Championship	Sat. Nov. 16, 2024	Albany Capital Center, Albany, NY Times TBA	

Other Pertinent Data

** Spaulding **Boys TF-VB5** red, white, and blue ball for Sectional/State Competition

**** Need to have 20 of each per team → Blue and Red Patches and Certificates**

**** Champion Shirts should be 3XL and 17L per Championship Team**

**** Please Inform on the outcome of this Re-submitted Proposal:::.....**

Boys Volleyball Committee Proposals for the 2023 season:

1.) Proposal to Change Power Point Tie Breakers for WNY Boys Vball

Rational for the change was to eliminate a tie by a coin toss. Remove Divisional wins as a tie breaker because of the differing number of teams in divisions.

We would like to propose ties in Power Points for seeding be as follows in Section VI...

1. Head-to-head in the division
2. Set percentage head-to-head in division
3. Set percentage in division
4. Point percentage in division
5. Coin flip

“Sectional Intersectional voted to table this item until the February 2023 meeting.”

We would like to re-submit this proposal to break ties for Section VI Sectionals as we feel this would be a better way to break ties for positioning in the playoffs than a simple coin toss.

Classification break at 900 (Division I: 901+, Division II: 0-900 5/19)

Division 1:

1. Niagara Falls	1608
2. Kenmore West/KE	791/696
3. Lancaster	1187
4. Lockport	1083
5. Orchard Park	1052
6. Frontier	1035
7. Williamsville North	930
8. Hutch Tech	914

Division 2A: (Will adjust if schools combine or added)

1. Clarence	897
2. West Seneca West	815
3. Niagara Wheatfield	798
4. Sweet Home	780
5. North Tonawanda	750
6. Starpoint	737
7. Hamburg	725
8. Williamsville East	696
9. Grand Island	666
10. Amherst	654
11. Grand Island	626

Division 2B: (Will adjust if schools combine or added)

1. Will South	618
2. West Seneca East	614
3. East Aurora/Holland	393/167
4. Cheektowaga	516
5. Lake Shore	503
6. Iroquois	491
7. Eden/North Collins	258/125
8. City Honors	459
9. Maryvale	446
10. Tapestry	264
11. Olmstead	***

Please CHECK that all Division 2 teams are represented – Thank You!

Budget 2024:

To be provided by Section VI Treasurer, Don Scholla

Respectfully submitted 2/22/2024

Walt Stefani, Section VI

Boys Volleyball Sportchair





CROSS COUNTRY 2024 PRE-SEASON REPORT

Sport Chairs: BOYS – Jason Longo/Walt McLaughlin, GIRLS – Pete Szymanski

Committee members (voting*)

Section VI Chairpersons

		School	Cell
Boys	Jason Longo	Will South	308-6654
	Walt McLaughlin	East Aurora	829-9282
Girls	Pete Szymanski.....		480-2333

Boys League Representatives

		School	Cell
ECIC	*Pete Szymanski,	West Seneca West ..	480-2333
Buffalo	*Andrew Grine	Hutch Tech	877-9737
NFL	*Tim Willett,	Lockport	998-7200
NO	*Paul Dersarkisian,	Barker	860-7147
CCAA	*Tim O'Donnell,	Gowanda	270-7685

Girls League Representatives

		School	Cell
ECIC	*Walt McLaughlin,	East Aurora	829-9282
Buffalo	*Christine Piscopo	Riverside	480-5976
NFL	*Tim Willett	Lockport	998-7200
NO	*Mike Heitzenrater.....	Newfane.....	860-7147
CCAA	*Kathy Stamets, All/Lime.....	375-6606	498-8615
At Large	Sean Ode	Randolph	499-2995

Committee meeting date(s) Specific dates to be announced.

Classification Breakdown

4 classes: A: 815+, B: 450 - 814, C: 255 - 449, D: 0-254

2023 Season Information

Sectionals:	Fri. Nov. 1	Knox Park, East Aurora
	Boys	TBD: 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 pm, 11:30 pm
	Girls	TBD: 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm
States:	Sat. Nov. 9	Queensbury HS (Section 2)
NYS Federation Meet	Sat. Nov. 16	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (Section 1)

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

Rule Changes for 2024-2025

Other Pertinent Data

- The sectional course will be available for inspection only on Friday, November 1st starting at 9:00 am. Only varsity teams will be participating.
- The State Meet to be held at Queensbury High School on November 9.
- Sectional awards ceremonies will be broken up into class ceremonies following each of the races: 5, 6, 7, 8. Committee members will be needed to help run their specific award ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted 3/1/2024,
 Jason Longo/Walt McLaughlin Section VI Boys Cross Country Chairmen
 Pete Szymanski, Section VI Girls Cross Country Chairman



SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
SECTION VI FOOTBALL 2024
Chairperson: Jay Sirianni
Assistant Chairpersons: Ken Stoldt

Committee members

Chairman-Jay Sirianni (Southwestern) Assistant Chairman – Ken Stoldt (Retired)

Division Chairmen:

AA – Don Bass	Niagara Falls
Tom Langworthy	Jamestown
A1 – Ron Luders	Williamsville North
A2 – Al Cavagnaro	Starpoint
B1 – Joe Licata	Williamsville South
B2 – Doug Ames	Retired
B3 - Glenn Graham	Cleveland Hill
C North - Eric Valley	Medina
C South – Scott Greenough	Forestville
D - Chris Payne*	Panama
Buffalo - Pat Ricci	Buffalo
At-Large – Adam Erickson	Williamsville South

Committee meeting dates: TBA

Classification Breakdown

AA – 1025 and up
A – 665-1024
B – 385-664
C – 261-384
D – 260 and down

Sectional Alignments: (see attached)

First Day of Practice: Saturday August 24, 2024 (possible start date Wed 8/21 pending state approval)

Preseason Meeting: Tuesday August 13, 2024 6:00 pm – In person/Virtual

Post Season Information

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

FOOTBALL

Seeding Meeting	Oct. 27	Virtual Meeting
Week # 9 Playoffs	11/1 – 11/2	Home school
Semifinals:	11/8 – 11/9	Divisional Champion's home site or Higher Seed
Finals Bowl games:	Thurs. Nov 6	Higher seed
Finals:	11/15 – 11/16	Highmark Stadium Classes & Times TBA
Regionals:	11/22 – 11/23	Section V Hosts, Classes & Times TBA
State Western Semifinals:	11/29 – 11/30	@ Cicero-North Syracuse
State Finals:	12/6 – 12/8	JMA Wireless Dome, Syracuse

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

TBD at State Meetings end of March

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2023 -

TBD

Football Rules Changes – 2023

TBD

Other Pertinent Data – Schedule to be released soon.

Respectfully submitted 3/1/24
 Jay Sirianni, Ken Stoldt
 Section VI Football Chairmen

2024 Alignments

AA (1025 +)

Niagara Falls - 1608
Lancaster - 1187
Jamestown - 1104
Lockport - 1083
Orchard Park - 1052
Bennett
Hutch Tech

A (665-1024)

A1

Frontier - 992
Will North - 930
Clarence - 897
McKinley - 822
West Seneca West - 815
Niagara Wheatfield – 798

A2

Kenmore West - 791
Sweet Home - 780
North Tonawanda - 750
Starpoint - 737
Hamburg - 725
Will East - 696

B (385-664)

B1

Amherst - 654
Kenmore East - 651
HS/Global Concepts - 636
Grand Island - 626
Will South - 618
West Seneca East - 614

B2

South Park – 587
Cheektowaga - 516
Lake Shore - 503
Iroquois – 491
Pioneer - 482
East Aurora/Holland - 459

B3

Dunkirk – 458
Lackawanna - 458
Lew-Port - 458
Maryvale - 446
Albion - 435
Olean - 423
Depew - 410
Springville - 393

C (384-261)

C North

Tonawanda - 377
Alden – 357
WNY-Martime/Tapestry 350
Roy-Hart/Barker - 349
Medina - 330
Akron - 317
Newfane - 317
Cleveland Hill - 290

C South

Falconer/CV/MG – 356
Portville/CR/Hin - 333
Fredonia - 332
Southwestern - 309
Eden/NC - 308
Chaut Lake/W/B - 306
Silver Creek/Forest – 266
Salamanca - 264

D (260-0)

Gowanda/PV - 255
Wilson - 240
Randolph - 209
Catt-LV - 198
Franklinville/EV - 187
CSP - 178

8 Man

Allegheny-Limestone
Frewsburg

JFK –JV only
Burgard – JV only

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

March 1, 2024

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The current committee is a balance of individuals from each league. At large members not only represent their leagues (ECIC, the largest league, and BPS a league where we strive to have stronger representation,) but also are coaches who split their time with USA Swimming and Diving.

Recommendations for next season & proposed dates/sites*

Post League Championship Format	Circa Oct 29-Nov 9	Location/s TBD
State Championship	Nov. 22-23	Webster Aquatic Center, Webster, NY

Committee meeting date(s) via ZOOM May and August 2024

Classification Breakdown The Committee recommends that schools are assigned to three divisions based on BEDS. 100% of the BEDS numbers will be used for the 24.25 school year for combined teams since swimming is technically a one classification sport. This will have very minimal impact on classification organization.

The Committee also recognizes that BEDS numbers do not always correlate to a team's strength and performance. Therefore, utilizing crossover meet opportunities again this fall, based on 2023 results, will help to strengthen competition and build programs.

- *Thursday September 5, Friday September 6, or Saturday September 7 is the first opportunity.
- *Thursday October 3, Friday October 4, or Saturday October 5 is the second opportunity.
- *Coaches would communicate with each other and set up meets with opposing schools, if they chose.
- *League schedules should be structured to keep the dates above available for cross-over opportunities.

Sectional 6 Classification Championship Meets / State Qualifier Meet The format used for Class championships hosted by member schools as a three-day format (swim prelims, diving, swim finals) worked well in the 2022 and 2023 seasons.. A timed final state qualifier meet held at a college facility, recognizing the fastest swimmer/top diver within the section. Both the boys and girls committees

continue to evaluate this format, based on data reports available through swimcloud to determine if we are giving athletes the best opportunity to be the most successful.

State Qualifying Times for 2024: The May 2024 state committee meeting will review qualification times based on 2021, 2022, and 2023 data. The current time standards are below.

**NYSPHSAA
QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR
GIRLS' SWIMMING & DIVING**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>
200 Medley Relay	1:52.35
200 Freestyle	1:57.24
200 Individual Medley	2:12.84
50 Freestyle	24.84
Diving (11 dive)	440.00
100 Butterfly	1:00.02
100 Freestyle	54.36
500 Freestyle	5:14.65
200 Freestyle Relay	1:41.69
100 Backstroke	1:00.42
100 Breaststroke	1:08.60
400 Freestyle Relay	3:42.73

Rule Changes for 2024: None available at this time.

Other Pertinent Data/recommendations:

1. The State Championships will be held in Webster again this year. The Hilton Garden Inn will again host the Section VI team. The location used last year (2022 and 2023) worked well with the ability to have large section meals on site. This site has been contracted again for 2024.
2. The Girls and Boys Swim Committees continue to recommend mandatory online reporting of all results by member schools via [swimcloud](https://swimcloud.com). All of NYS now uses this site.
3. The NYSPHAA Committee meeting on May 10 will address concerns of the length of the 2023 state championship meet and the RFP's for the 2025/2026/2027 State Championship. Section VI is planning to submit an RFP.
4. The Section VI girls swim/dive committee will discuss cut times for Class Championships at its May meeting.

Respectfully submitted Date: March 1, 2024
Nathan Bourke



**Field Hockey
2024
Pre-Season Report**

Committee members(voting*)

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ECIC Representatives: Pete Tonsoline* and Dawn Kauderer

NO League Representatives: Rob Mucha* and Amber Flint Cleaveland

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Proposed 2024 Season Post Season			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location & Time</u>
Last league game		10/25/24	
Seeding Meeting		10/26/24	
Pre-Quarters	B	10/28/24	Home school higher seed
Quarterfinals	BCA	10/30/24	Home school higher seed
Semi-finals	BCA	11/1/24	Home school higher seed
Finals:	BCA	11/4/24	TBA
Regionals:		at Section V	TBA

Classifications : Holland -East Aurora is moving up to the B Classification

Respectfully submitted

Date March 1,2024

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PRE-SEASON REPORT SECTION VI GIRLS TENNIS 2024
Chairperson: Kristin Janese

Committee members (voting*)

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Committee meeting date(s)

Seeding meeting for Team Sectionals, Saturday September 21st, 2024 (Virtual) 10am
 Seeding meeting Individual Sectionals, Sunday, October 13th, 2024 @10am Zoe Restaurant on Transit Rd.
 Each league chair meets with his/her coaches during their individual pre-season meeting. Committee meetings are not held prior to the sectional tournament unless something comes up that requires discussion.

Classification Breakdown (Not necessarily accurate - will update as needed)

According to the 2022-2023 BEDS, we have 25 Division 1 schools and 24 Division 2 schools

Division 1 (600+) 25 Schools	Division 2 (<599) 24 Schools
CCAA (2) Jamestown Olean	CCAA (7) Fredonia, Southwestern, Salamanca, Falconer, Frewsburg, Chautauqua Lake, and Maple Grove
ECIC (13) Lancaster, Clarence, Will North, Orchard Park, Frontier, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, Hamburg, Sweet Home, Will East, Starpoint, Will South, & Amherst	ECIC (10) Iroquois, Cheektowaga, East Aurora, Maryvale, Lakeshore, Depew, Springville, Tonawanda, Alden, Eden
NFL (7) Niagara Falls, Lockport, Niagara Wheatfield, Ken West, North Tonawanda, Grand Island, Ken East	NFL (1) Lew-port
BUFFALO (3) Hutch Tech /Emerson/Culinary Arts, Burgard /McKinley, DaVinci /South Park	BUFFALO (6) City Honors , MST /East, I-prep /Lafayette/Riverside, LBJ Bennett /Middle Early College, Olmsted, Research Lab

Post Season Information

TENNIS GIRLS Sportchair Kristin Janese (C) 716-471-5537		
Individual Sectionals Seeding Meeting:	Sun. Oct. 13th 10:00AM	Zoe Restaurant 5711 Transit Rd. E. Amherst 639-4550 10:00am
Team Sectionals:	Saturday Sept 28th & Tuesday October 8th	Saturday (Quarters and Semis) Tuesday (Finals) Locations TBD Preferable locations with 8 courts
Individual Sectionals:	Fri.-Sat. Oct. 18-19, 2024	Lakewood YMCA Friday is 12PM start and Saturday is 3PM start
Regionals:		@ Section 6 Location and times to be announced
Individual States:	Monday October 28th - Wednesday October 30th 2024	USTA National Tennis Center Flushing, NY Travel Day/Seeding Meeting - Sunday October 27th
Team States:	Friday Nov. 8th, 2024	USTA National Tennis Center Flushing, NY
Team OPT OUT Deadline	Sept. 13th	Email needs to be sent to both the league chairperson and sectional chairperson

Team Sectional Championship - Year 3

Of Special Note:

1. We continue to have the lowest % of teams participating in Team Sectionals across the State. (15 in 2023)
 2. Teams need to make sure that they have scheduled enough matches for players to be eligible. They need to have played 6 matches in order to be eligible for sectional play.
 3. We will again use a top 8 format for each division because of low participation with teams from each league being represented fairly. The committee would like some flexibility in case more or less teams choose to participate.
 4. Clarification of practice/line-up rules will again be made prior to the tournament.
- In the Section VI Team Championship tournament, we will use the following format to match the format at the state level.
 - Division 1 - 3 singles and 4 doubles (11 players) If you do not have enough players to field all positions, you will forfeit at that position.
 - **Division 2 - 2 singles and 3 doubles (8 players)** *Format is part of a 2-year pilot that will be used for 2024 and 2025. *****

Team Sectionals

Day 1 - Saturday September 28th: Quarterfinals and Semifinals

8 Team Bracket - Single elimination Draw

This will be a regular scoring, best 2 out of 3 set matches.

Seeds will be based on team record up until Sept. 20th, BEDS, perceived strength according to chairpersons, and may consist of UTR, past performances, or other information available at that time. The goal is to have a fair and equitable tournament for all teams in order to send our strongest team to Regionals.

Once a site is determined (Division 1 must be at a site with 8 courts if at all possible), a schedule of time will be made available.

Day 2 - Tuesday October 8th: *Finals*

This will be a regular scoring, best 2 out of 3 set match using the format listed above.

The winners will advance to Regionals vs. Section V during the week of October 21st.

In case of rain, we will use the next available day to get the matches in. In some cases, we may need to use a Sunday, or more sites/multiple days.

Sectional Championship matches will take precedence over league matches.

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

For the Individual Sectionals each league will send reps as follows:

ECIC (7), NFL (3), CCAA (3), Buffalo (3). If Buffalo again does not send a full field, the next highest seeded players amongst the CCAA, NFL and ECIC (as agreed upon by the committee) will fill in the brackets.

The Executive Committee approved a 2 singles/3 doubles format for Division 2 NYSPHSAA Team Championships as a two-year pilot which will be used in the 2024 and 2025 girls' team championships. Therefore, in the postseason - we will use that same format for Division 2 Team Sectional Tournament as well as the Section VI vs Section V regional match.

For the 2024 NYSPHSAA Individual Tournament, Section 6 will send 3 singles qualifiers and 4 doubles teams.

NYSPHSAA has received an offer by Diadem for a five-year agreement to provide all the tennis balls for the state tournaments (individual & team) and sectional level tournaments. These tennis balls are USTA and ITF approved for tournament play. This is not a done deal.

Rule Changes for 2024-2025:

We will follow the most up-to-date safety information and protocols (if any) regarding Covid-19.

Other Pertinent Data

1. A joint proposal for boys and girls tennis was approved which states that all NYSPHSAA tennis players are **required** to claim their profile in the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system prior to the season. Coaches/schools are also required to claim their teams and update their rosters. This provides NYSPHSAA and member sections a comprehensive system to properly seed its tournaments..
2. Coaches will be **required** to report scores using the UTR website as our official score reporting site. This is free and step by step instructions will be given. The UTR is the most important number when it comes to seeding players at the State level and for many sections, at the section level as well.
3. We will hold our Section 6 individual tournament at the Lakewood YMCA. The club has already committed to hosting the event and has agreed to the proposed tentative start times. They have agreed to 5 courts on Friday and 4 courts on Saturday.
4. Section VI will be hosting the Section VI vs. Section V Regional matches this year on the week of **October 21st and a location to be determined as well as times.**
5. The Individual State tournament will be held **Monday October 28th to Wednesday October 30th**, at the **USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY.** I am awaiting more info to confirm on a block of 10 rooms

at a host hotel.

6. The transportation/meal/hotel policy has worked out very well for years now and I would again recommend continuing with this policy.
7. The State committee seeding meeting at the State Tournament will be held on **Sunday October 27th**.

Respectfully submitted 2/26/2024

Kristin Janese, Section VI Girls Tennis Sportchair



**PRE-SEASON REPORT
GIRLS GYMNASTICS 2024
Chairperson: Joe Buscaglia
March 2024**

Committee members (voting*)

The Girls Gymnastics Committee consists of one representative from each of the 9 participating schools. Each representative has one vote.

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Coach: Williamsville South High School

Committee meeting date(s)

August 2024 & November 2024

Recommendations for next season & proposed dates

PROPOSED DATES 2024

GYMNASTICS GIRLS Sportchair Joe Buscaglia (c) 228-0340				www.arbitersports.com
Sectionals:	November 1, 2024	Lancaster HS 5pm		
States:	Feb. 28 – March 1, 2025	TBD		

Number of Schools Participating/Divisional Alignments -

9 Schools in the following 2 divisions.

Division I: Chris Watson
Frontier/Lake Shore
Hamburg
Lancaster
Orchard Park
Williamsville East

Division II: Kathy Nardini
Clarence
Maryvale
Williamsville North
Williamsville South/Amherst

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

- **Sectional Championship Qualifying:**
Decrease the number of sectional qualifiers from top 50 to top 45. The top 45 scorers from each event will qualify for Sectionals.

Rule Changes for 2024

- None

Other Pertinent Data

- Judging: Chris Bagneschi- President of Judging Association and Assignor
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