



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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Next Athletic Council Meeting

March 16, 2005

10:30 AM

Members will be notified of the location for this meeting when agendas are sent out.

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

Lou Marcantonio, the Section VI Boys Bowling Coordinator, recently underwent successful quadruple bypass surgery. Lou is resting comfortably at home at 1127 Haerberle Ave in Niagara Falls. Best wishes for a speedy recovery...we hope to see you back on your feet (and at the alleys) again soon Lou!!! Many thanks to Ted Berdzik who has stepped up in Lou's absence to assist John Zloty, the Girls Bowling Coordinator, to manage the Sectional Tournament and arrangements for the State Tournament for our bowlers.

Orchard Park Swimmers Take State Championship



The Orchard Park Girls 200 medley relay team placed first in this event for the second year in a row at the NYSPHSAA State Championships on Long Island in November. The Quakers' foursome of junior Andrea Lehner, 8th grader Maddie Sherry, sophomore Hannah Whistler and junior Megan Smith swam an automatic All-American time of 1:49.24. The swimmers pictured from left to right are Maddie Sherry, Hannah Whistler, Andrea Lehner and Megan Smith.



Nominations Being Accepted

Section VI positions that are currently open for nominations include Section VI Girls Representative to the Central Committee and all Section VI Winter Sport Chairperson positions. Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve in these positions. Appointments will be made at the Athletic Council meeting in May. The Girls Rep will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2005. The Winter Chairpersons will be appointed for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2008. Current nominees are:

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| Girls Rep: | Pam Maryjanowski, Medina and Dawn Bak, JFK |
| Basketball: (Boys) | James Walker |
| Basketball: (Girls) | Leo Kaminsky |
| Ice Hockey: | Brett Banker, Kenton |
| Indoor Track: (Boys) | Pete Szymanski, JFK |
| Indoor Track: (Girls) | Emilio Mancino, West Seneca West |
| Swimming: (Boys) | Ron Zugelder, Lockport |
| Wrestling Co-Chairs: | Mike DeBarbieri, Portville and Jon Hoover, Lew-Port |

Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 or via e-mail to cszczesny@e1b.org.

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NOTE: New E-mail address: cszczesny@e1b.org

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

(518) 439-8875 • www.nysphsaa.org



NYSPHSAA Handbook Rule Changes (approved January 2005)

Page 55, #2 Amateur

NOTE: Only awards or prizes having a monetary value of one hundred dollars or less per competition will be approved by the Association. Move NOTE up to #2, and add the following:

When honoring student athletes for success in NYSPHSAA sponsored championship events, Boards of Education are encouraged to approve limited awards that are appropriate to high school level competition.

Page 68 #22B – Add as second sentence:

Specifically, during the regular season physical and/or instructional activities related to the sport on seven consecutive days is prohibited.

Boys Basketball



The request to use 3-man officiating in all state tournament contests was denied.

Girls Basketball

The request to rotate the selection of the 12th official between sections was denied. The 12th official will be provided by the host section.

Field Hockey



The following rules were approved for permanent adoption:

Rule 2-1-2a: Officials may wear a solid color shirt contrasting with the color of both teams' uniform tops or alternating black and white 1-inch vertically striped shirt.

Rule 4-2-2g: The game clock may continue to run after goals are scored and when one team is ahead by 5 or more goals.

Rifle



The request to increase participation in Air Rifle to equal the participation in Cartridge competition at the Regional Championships (6 competitors per sport per section) was approved.

Softball

The Softball Committee's request for a waiver on the use of "NOCSAE approved" facemasks for the 2005 softball season was approved. FYI: Schools may permit the student athletes to wear batting helmets with attached face masks.

Boys Tennis

The Boys Tennis proposal to allow the PSAL to participate in the 2005 Championships on a one year trial basis was approved.



Girls Tennis

The request to fill the 2 byes in the state tournaments opening round brackets in both singles and doubles competition was denied.

Track and Field

The proposal to expand the definition of excellence for an individual sport to be one Class for every 300 schools with a program to a maximum of 3 was DEFEATED.

Reminder: Schools planning to send athletes to the sanctioned Penn Relays must register with Lloyd Mott, 518-439-8872 at the state office.

Wrestling



The request to extend the 2 class state tournament format experiment to 2005-06 was approved.

Wrestling Minimum Weight Certification

This year, NYS had several schools utilize the services of an assessor who had let their certification lapse. We were able to correct the situations with the help of our Regional Consultant, but schools are to check our list of certified assessors prior to scheduling assessments each season. We will be attempting to develop an assessors' email contact list to help us communicate important messages, reminders, and information to each assessor.

Two wrestling schools violated the "14 Day Rule" having teams assessed after the last allowable day in their section. Again, working with the section wrestling coordinator and the regional coordinators, steps were taken to censure the schools and develop a process for assessing the wrestlers so they did not lose their season. Penalties were applied.

The Wrestling Advisory Committee will meet in the early spring to review the minimum weight certification process along with several wrestling rules related to weigh-ins, hydration and weight loss. A consideration of replacing the calipers for assessing % of body fat with the Tanita BMI impedance machine and moving to centralized sites for weight assessments in regions will take place. The committee has recommended that these happen in the future. Some related research has taken place in this past season.

Lloyd Mott will be a co-presenter, along with one of our Regional Consultants, on the minimum weight certification process at the NYSAAA Conference in March. The goal will

be to have athletic directors become better informed and more involved in the process.

Class Configuration 2005-2006 Season

Config-uration	Class ID	# of Schools in Class	Total in State	Min. Enroll-ment	% in State
5 Class	AA	151	783	950	19.28
5 Class	A	158	783	550	20.18
5 Class	B	162	783	325	20.69
5 Class	C	154	783	193	19.67
5 Class	D	158	783	0	20.18

Out-of-Season Competition

On October 28, 2004, Nina Van Erk convened a subcommittee to review NYSPHSAA and Commissioner of Education rules and regulations pertaining to attendance at unsanctioned and so-called national meets. The subcommittee drafted the attached Points of Emphasis to outline how athletes can participate in these events unattached from their high school programs while adhering to the spirit of our rules:

Points Of Emphasis

In order to encourage compliance within the spirit of NYSPHSAA and Commissioners Regulations, this is to serve to guide school districts so that athletes can avoid being declared ineligible for high school competition

- High school aged athletes wishing to compete in unsanctioned events or so called "national" events may participate if they are not representing their high school and/or their high school is not sponsoring the event in any manner.
- Clubs should have no affiliation with the school or the school's athletic program. Coaches should be volunteers or compensated by club funds. Clubs should be self-insured and not under the insurance policy of the school district. Clubs should establish a name different from the high school team and purchase separate uniforms for competition.
- School uniforms may not be worn. Regarding track and field: According to NFHS Track and Field rules, "School issued uniforms must be worn in competition". Therefore any uniform (regardless of purchaser) worn during high school competition must not be worn in unsanctioned events.

NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

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- School district funds should not be used to fund entry fees, travel, meals, lodging, etc. School districts should not be linked with athletes participation in any manner.
- Athletes should be encouraged to obtain a USATF card. Membership also includes insurance for the individual.

“Fairness in High School Athletic Competition Act”

Message from Kathryn P. Faber, President, NYSPHSAA

Assemblyman Morelle’s proposed legislation “Fairness in High School Athletic Competition Act” has been introduced to the Assembly (Bill A2162) and to the Senate (Bill S2064) supported by Senator Libous from the Section IV area. This legislation, if passed, will completely alter how we establish and conduct our state tournaments. It should be understood that with its passage we will lose the control to have a school, league, section or committee present future proposals to improve our programs and championships.

It is imperative that all of us involved in high school athletics voice our opinion of this legislation so that we may maintain control over the future of our association. If you are opposed to the legislation please take the time to write to your local legislators; both in the Assembly and the Senate. A sample letter is available at the Section VI office 821-7299 to assist you in this endeavor. It is important for your letter to be mailed on either personal or school letterhead. A complete list of all members of the Assembly and the Senate is also available at the Section office. A copy of the bill can be obtained on the internet at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02162>

Please inform others so they may also support the NYSPHSAA by expressing their opposition to this legislation.

Every letter will count in our effort to maintain member school control in the decision making process of the NYSPHSAA.

I thank everyone in advance for your attempts to preserve the philosophy and integrity of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

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Coaching Certification Courses Spring/Summer 2005



Catt-Allegany BOCES

Course #3; Health Related Aspects:

Mon/Wed; March 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; April 4, 6, 11, 13, 25, 27; May 2, 4, 9, 11 & 16

Location: BOCES @ Belmont, 5536 Co. Rt 48; Belmont

Times: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Fee: \$350

Registration: Contact Mary Gilbert at 716-376-8227 or mary_gilbert@caboces.org

Erie II-Chautauqua Cattaraugus BOCES

Health Science Applied to Coaching

March 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 2005 • 6pm-10 pm

Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education

April 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2005 • 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Theories and Techniques of Coaching

April 4, 5, 6, 7, 2005 • 6pm-10 pm

Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education

June 27, 28, 29, 30 & July 1, 2005 • 8:15 am - 3:30 pm

Health Science Applied to Coaching

July 5, 6, 7, 8, 2005 • 8:15 am - 3:45 pm

Theories and Techniques of Coaching

June 20, 21, 27, 28, 2005 • 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

First Aid Skills and Knowledge Update

Session A: July 11 & 12, 2005 • 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Session B: July 25, 2005 • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CPR

Session: August 8, 2005 • 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Adult/Child CPR/AED

Session A: July 18, 2005 • 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Session B: August 15, 2005 • 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

First Aid Skills and Knowledge

August 8, 9, 10, 11, 2005 • 5:30 pm - 9:30

Registration: Call Erie II BOCES Specialist: Linda Quinn 1-800-344-9611 X 2061 or Lisa Ver Haque: X 2062

Erie I BOCES

Held at ERIE I BOCES, 1050 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga unless noted otherwise

Theories and Techniques of Coaching - Presenter Chuck Amo

Location: Hamburg High School

Mon/Wed. March 7, 9, 14, 16, 2005 • 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Registration Deadline: March 3, 2005 • \$156.00

Health Science Applied to Coaching - Presenter Chris Kaplan

Mon/Wed. Apr. 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 2005 • 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Registration Deadline: Apr. 21, 2005 • \$156.00

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting - Presenter Tamara Larson

Tues., Apr. 12, 2005 • 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration Deadline: Apr. 6, 2005 • \$32.00

Mon., May 16, 2005 • 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration Deadline: May 9, 2005 • \$32.00

Mon., June 27, 2005 • 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration Deadline: June 20, 2005 • \$32.00

Registration: Call Erie I BOCES Coaching Coordinator Phil Coyle: 630-4230 or Robin Kozlowski 630-4265



2005 SPRING SPORTS SECTIONAL/REGIONAL/STATE DATES

BASEBALL	CLASS	DATE	RAINDATE	LOCATION
Seeding Meeting:		May 18		Eden High School 7:00
Qualifier:	AA-A-B	May 20	May 21	Higher Seed 4:30
Pre-Quarters:	AA-A-B	May 21	May 22, 23	Higher Seed 4:30
	C-D	May 20	May 21, 22	Higher Seed 4:30
Quarters:	AA-A-B	May 24	May 25	Higher Seed 4:30
	C-D	May 23	May 24	Higher Seed 4:30
Semifinals:	AA-A-B	May 26	May 27	Higher Seed 4:30
	C-D	May 25	May 26	Higher Seed 4:30
Finals:	AA-A-B	May 28	May 29	Sal Maglie Stadium, Niagara Falls
	C-D	May 27	May 28, 29	Diethrick Park, Jamestown
Regionals:	AA, B, C	May 30	May 31, June 1	Section 6: Sal Maglie Stadium, Diethrick Park
	A, D	May 30	May 31, June 1	Section 5: TBA
States:		June 4	June 5	Section 4: Binghamton, Endicott
BOYS GOLF				
State Qualifier:		May 16		Lancaster Country Club
States:		June 4-6		Section 4: Cornell University, Ithaca
Federation:		June 12		TBA
LACROSSE (Boys)				
Seeding Meeting:		May 18		Sweet Home HS
Quarter-finals		May 20		Higher Seed
Semifinals:		May 24		Higher Seed
Finals:		May 26		Canisius College– A-3:30, C-5:30, B-8:00
Outbracket:		May 28		Section 10: Potsdam State - C-1:00, B-3:30
Regionals:		May 31		Section 5: Aquinas HS – A-3:30, B-5:30, C-8:00
State Semifinals:		June 2		Section 5: Aquinas HS– A-3:30, B-5:30, C-8:00
States:		June 4		Section 4: Cornell Univ. A-11:00, B-1:30, C-4:00
LACROSSE (Girls)				
Seeding Meeting:		May 14		Via e-mail
Quarters:		May 16	May 17	Higher Seed 4:30
Semifinals:		May 18	May 19	Higher Seed 4:30
Finals:		May 21		Buffalo State College (tentative)
Regionals:		May 31		Section 5: East Rochester HS
States:		June 3-4		Section 3: SUNY Cortland
Senior All-Star Contest		June 5		Canisius College
SOFTBALL				
Seeding Meeting:		May 19		Depew HS 7:00
Qualifiers:	AA,A,B	May 21		Higher Seed 1:00
Pre-Quarters:	C,D	May 21		Higher Seed 1:00
	AA,A,B	May 23		Higher Seed 4:30
Quarters:	C,D	May 23		Higher Seed 4:30
	AA,A,B	May 24		Higher Seed 4:30
Semifinals:	C,D	May 25		Higher Seed 4:30
	AA,A,B	May 26		Higher Seed 4:30
Finals:	C,D	May 27		Jamestown 5:00
	AA,A,B	May 28		UB- B-1:00, A-3:00, AA-5:00
Regionals:	AA,A	May 31		Section 5: Brockport State - A-3:00, AA-5:00
	B	May 31		Section 5: Brockport HS - 4:00
	C,D	May 31		Section 6: Jamestown - 5:00
States:		June 4		Section 3: Cicero-N. Syracuse HS 9:00am
TRACK (Boys & Girls)				
State Qualifier:		May 27 & 28		J.F.K. HS
States:		June 3 & 4		Section 3: Cicero-North Syracuse HS
TENNIS (Boys)				
Seeding Meeting:		May 22		South Towns Tennis Club 9:00 am
Sectionals:		May 24,26	May 25,27	Lancaster High School
States:		June 2-4		National Tennis Ctr, Flushing Meadows-NYC



Scholarship Announcement

Sports PT of NY, PC, managed by HEALTHSOUTH, has created Scholar-Athlete Awards to honor an outstanding male and female senior student-athlete in Section VI. The athletes must be nominated by their coach and athletic director and satisfy the following criteria: be graduating seniors, exhibit outstanding performance on and off the playing field, demonstrate a commitment to academics by maintaining an average of 90% or higher, demonstrate leadership skills and set an example for their peers, and be accepted into a college or university program in a health-related field. Each award winner receives a personalized plaque and a \$500 scholarship which is funded by proceeds generated from Sports PT of NY, PC educational programs for coaches and schools. A multi-year plaque is on display in the Sports PT of NY, PC Tonawanda facility indicating the recipient's name, high school and year the award was received. Applications will be mailed in March to all Section VI athletic directors.

2004 Scholarship Winners:

Allison Whitermore
Jamestown High School

Daniel Tierney
Medina High School

Spring Sports Handbooks 2005

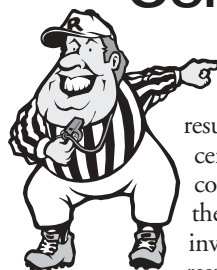
Spring Sports Handbooks have been printed and distributed to coaches and Athletic Directors. Also note that all the sport handbooks are now posted on the Section website www.section6.wnyric.org Click on *Handbooks, Forms and Information* and scan down to handbooks.



2004-2005 Dates to Remember

March 1	Deadline for All-WNY Winter Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
March 1	Good Sports Assessments to League
March 4	Deadline for State Winter Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications
March 16	Athletic Council Meeting, 10:30 AM
March 16-19	NYSAAA Annual Conference at the Saratoga Prime Hotel
March 18	Field Hockey Coaching Clinic at Radisson Hotel, Utica
March 18/19	XC/Track Coaching Clinic at Radisson Hotel, Utica
April 1	Good Sports Assessments to Section Sportsmanship Chair
TBA	Post Season Meeting - Winter Sports
April 13	Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning
April 27	Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting
May 6-7	State Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Liverpool
May 6	Deadline for Spring Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications
May 15	Deadline for All-WNY Spring Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
May 18	Athletic Council Meeting, 10:30 AM
May 20	Soccer Coaching Clinic at Hall of Fame, Oneonta
May 30	Good Sports Assessments to State
June 15	Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning
June 16-24	Regents Examinations (Rating day 6/24/04)
June 17	Volleyball Coaching Clinic at SUNY Oneonta
Aug. 3-5	State Central Committee Meeting, Windham Wind Watch, Long Island

Central Assigning of Officials



A special meeting of the Section VI Athletic Council was held in February to address the issue of computer assigning of sports officials. After much discussion it was decided that additional investigation is necessary. As a result, the Athletic Council formally approved continuing the investigation of centralized management of assigning and payment of officials. An Ad Hoc committee with representation from each league was established to determine the software system best suited to the needs of our member schools and to investigate the best way to serve the needs of the leagues. Additional responsibilities of the committee will be to establish guidelines and principles, determine the responsibilities of the personnel assigned to the Section VI Central Management office and determine the overall impact on the assigning section of the Officials Contract.

Don Raw, Steve Vanstrom and Dave Thomas volunteered to serve on the committee. The Athletic Council directed President Nicotra to appoint additional members from each league to the committee. League representatives interested in serving on this committee should contact the Section VI office.



Section VI Website Update

www.wnyric.org/section6

Athletic Directors: Check for pertinent information such as Sectional Classifications 2005-06, Section approved season dates, NYSPHSAA championship dates, current season sectional calendar, safety policies, all the sports handbooks AND every form you could possibly need. Check it out...click on *Forms and Information*.

Check out the Section VI *Bulletin Board* ... Look for positions open, posting of contests needed by schools, and current sports and fingerprinting information. Click on *officials* to find sports officials who have been fingerprinted and are therefore eligible to work Section VI contests

When was the last time YOU tuned in to your web site???

Classification Numbers for 2005-2006

(9-11 plus prorated ungraded from 10/04 BEDS)
 Classification numbers can be printed down from www.section6.wnyric.org

Cut-off numbers for Team Sports:

5 classes: Baseball, Softball, B&G Basketball, B&G Soccer
 AA: 950&up, A: 550-949, B: 325-549, C:193-324, D:0-192

3 classes: F.Hockey, B.Volleyball
 A: 800 &up, B: 400-799, C: 0-399

Cut-off numbers for Individual Sports:

Division I: 600 & up, Division II: 0-599

Sport Specific Classification cut-off numbers:

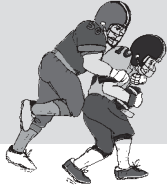
C.Country: AA: 1060 &up, A: 680-1059, B: 460-679,
 C: 290-459, D: 0-289 (for 04-05 & 05-06)

Football: AA: 1001 &up, A: 625-1000, B: 401-624,
 C: 276-400, D: 0-275

B&G Lacrosse: A: 1000 &up, B: 650-999, C: 0-649

G.Volleyball: AA: 1020 &up, A: 690-1019, B: 436-689,
 C: 270-435, D: 0-269 (for 05-06 &06-07)

Niagara Falls HS	NFL	1903	Alden Central	ECIC	500
Lancaster Central	ECIC	1503	Newfane Senior HS	NO	494
Lockport Senior HS	NFL	1395	Fredonia Central	Chaut	471
Frontier Central	ECIC	1308	Medina Central	NO	470
Kenmore West HS	NFL	1286	Eden Central	ECIC	468
Clarence Central	ECIC	1254	Akron Central	NO	429
Orchard Park Central	ECIC	1241	Buffalo Arts Academy	Buffalo	429
North Tonawanda HS	NFL	1198	Royalton-Hartland	NO	423
Jamestown HS	ECIC	1137	Southwestern Central	Chaut	410
Williamsville North H.S.	ECIC	1101	City Honors	Buffalo	403
Riverside HS	Buffalo	1095	Wilson Central	NO	398
W.Seneca West HS	ECIC	1090	John F. Kennedy HS	ECIC	390
Niagara Wheatfield	NFL	1042	Cleveland Hill HS	ECIC	388
Hamburg Central	ECIC	934	Gowanda Central	Chaut	388
Sweet Home HS	ECIC	928	Falconer Central	Chaut	379
Bennett HS	Buffalo	917	Burgard Vocational H.S.	Buffalo	355
Grover Cleveland H.S.	Buffalo	913	Allegany-Limestone	Chaut	347
McKinley HS	Buffalo	903	Holland Central	ECIC	341
Hutchinson Tech. H.S.	Buffalo	894	Salamanca Central	Chaut	321
Lafayette HS	Buffalo	889	Silver Creek Central	Chaut	308
Kenmore East HS	NFL	877	Cassadaga Valley	Chaut	302
W.Seneca East HS	ECIC	859	Emerson Vocational	Buffalo	279
Lake Shore Central	ECIC	856	Portville Central	Catt	268
Grand Island HS	NFL	785	Cattaraugus-Little Valley	Chaut	262
Williamsville East H.S.	ECIC	784	Frewsburg Central	Chaut	258
Iroquois Central	ECIC	765	Leonardo da Vinci HS	Buffalo	257
Amherst Central	ECIC	753	Barker Central	NO	253
South Park HS	Buffalo	750	Chautauqua Lake	Chaut	250
Starpoint Central	ECIC	739	Maple Grove HS	Chaut	246
Williamsville South H.S.	ECIC	724	Franklinville Central	Catt	239
Pioneer Central	ECIC	713	Randolph Central	Chaut	225
Lewiston Porter C.S.	NFL	693	Westfield Acad. & C.S.	Chaut	220
Albion Central	NO	663	Pine Valley Central	Chaut	216
Depew HS	ECIC	621	Panama Central	Chaut	199
Cheektowaga Central	ECIC	619	North Collins Central	Catt	184
Seneca Vocational H.S.	Buffalo	619	Brocton Central	Chaut	168
Tonawanda Sr HS	ECIC	610	Ellicottville Central	Catt	164
Maryvale HS	ECIC	601	Forestville Central	Chaut	153
Springville-Griffith Instit.	ECIC	592	Hinsdale Central	Catt	118
Olean HS	Chaut	576	Clymer Central	Chaut	117
Dunkirk Public Schools	Chaut	545	Sherman Central	Chaut	108
East Aurora HS	ECIC	531	Ripley Central	Chaut	107
Lackawanna HS	ECIC	530	West Valley Central	Catt	98
Buffalo Traditional	Buffalo	503	Randolph Acad.& UFSD	Catt	86
			Charter / Applied Tech.		74



Always a winner...



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Good Sport Selections

Winter sports chairpersons should submit their ALL-WNY Good Sport selections for their respective sport and corresponding leagues or divisions to the Sportsmanship Coordinator, Douglas Ames (addresses above). Each recipient named will receive a certificate and a sportsmanship patch for their varsity school jacket. Schools named are recognized with a letter noting their accomplishment to their district superintendent as well.

The end result of this endeavor will be recognition across WNY of our outstanding teams and individuals in each of our interscholastic sports for the winter season.° New York State Public High School Athletic Association member schools across the state make "sportsmanship" a premier concern. We can make it happen with a little extra effort!

Last minute entries from the fall include the following:

CCIAC #2	Boy's Soccer	Salamanca	Oscar Massagli
ECIC #1	Field Hockey	Lancaster	No name
ECIC #2	Field Hockey	Iroquois	No name
ECIC #1	Boy's Volleyball	Clarence	Austin Ihle
ECIC #2	Boy's Volleyball	Hamburg	Joe Warren
ECIC #3	Boy's Volleyball	Eden	Justin Klein

NYSPHSAA Assessment for New York Good Sports Program

Each year Section VI and the NYSPHSAA recognize those districts, which have made an exemplary effort in their promotion of good sportsmanship at the local level. NYS has named Panama Central, Southwestern, Allegany-Limestone, Olean, Lancaster, Lockport, and Salamanca from our section as those who have received this prestigious award for their district.

Administrators should not be intimidated by the assessment tool or the prospect of having someone evaluate your program. It truly is a vehicle by which we all reflect and measure the progress we're making in this area of sportsmanship with our current programs. The Section VI Athletic Council is looking for 100% participation from our member schools so please take the time on behalf of your student athletes and coaches to complete and mail to Douglas Ames, Sportsmanship Coordinator.

Time for a sport thought??

- Suppose you have a rule that any player who misses a practice without clearing it with you in advance will be suspended for one game. If your star player violated this rule just before the most important game of the season, would you be willing to enforce the penalty even if it meant that you would lose the game?
- Should you consult with your players before establishing team rules? That is, should you ask players to contribute suggestions concerning team rules and penalties?

Hot Topics at the State Level

As most of us are aware, bullying and specifically "Hazing" as it relates to athletic teams have drawn national attention. NYS and local districts have responded with committees and in turn anti-bullying policies and related programs to address what our society has deemed unacceptable practices and behavior.

Expect as Athletic Directors a concerned point of emphasis to be placed squarely on your shoulders and in turn your coaches in dealing with this matter in a proactive manner. What we have termed a harmless right of passage from our own experiences, is viewed much differently today. It is essential that you recognize the seriousness of this problem and take initiative to stop this practice in your programs.

We are currently in the process of setting up a morning workshop with Assistant Director Lloyd Mott of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. office sometime in May. Details will be sent to all schools by the Section office when they are finalized. Stay tuned for further updates regarding the "Hazing Workshop."

For recommended resources on hazing, go to the following websites for more material www.stophazing.org, www.sportparenting.org, and www.hazing.hanknuwer.com

Section VI Chemical Health Awareness Seminar

Wicks Hall at Daemen College of Amherst was the site for the January 24th, 2005 "Life of an Athlete" seminar. 172 coaches, athletic directors, principals, and a few superintendents from across WNY participated in the day's workshop. John Underwood, founder and director of the American Athletic Institute, in cooperation with the NYSPHSAA and the NYS Chemical Health Committee along with Section Action on Target trainers facilitated the new product of Phase One of a five year program. The first year lays the groundwork for establishing clear and consistent boundaries for our athletic programs. Many thanks are extended to the members of the Action on Target committee for their time and effort for making this a big success for our section. Sincere thanks for all their assistance go to Cindy, Diane, and Bob from the section office. Committee members: Robert Ames, Mary Ellen Jerge, Douglas Ames and presenter John Underwood.



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IT'S OFFICIAL...

by Tom Cowan, Section VI Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

Become a Sports Official!

Have you considered joining the ranks of one of the many officials organizations in Western New York? Aside from the fact that sports are an excellent medium through which education can be delivered to the youth of our community, you personally could reap many benefits.

We believe:

- Officiating will help to keep one in fairly good physical condition.
- The avocation definitely contributes to one's mental health. Most officials claim that the "concentration" involved at game time is quite therapeutic in nature.
- It's nice to be in control of something and if only for a brief period of time, officiating puts you in control.
- Finally, it's always great to have a little extra spending money as long as it's not the major motive.

If these remarks have sparked your interest, contact a representative from the sports organization that you might like to join, to get details on becoming a high school level interscholastic official. A list of officials organizations that provide services to Section VI member schools, and contact information is available on the section website* click on *Officials* and scan down to the sport of interest.

* Section 6 website: www.section6.wnyric.org

Fingerprinting Reminder



All sports officials must be fingerprinted and in the process of a background check before officiating any contests for Section 6 member schools. Completed fingerprint packets must be mailed to the **Section VI office**. When the Section office receives an official's full clearance from OSPRA, that official will be issued a Photo ID card which must be presented to school representatives at each contest. Pictures for ID cards are taken every Wednesday from 9:30-3:30 pm at the Section 6 office, 355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca. Directions to the office and additional details on the fingerprint process are posted on the section website* Click on the *Bulletin Board*.



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