

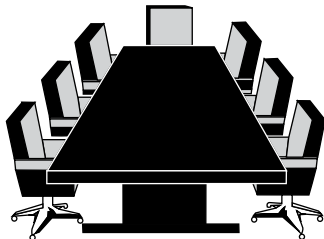


SECTION VI *newsletter*

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N.Y.S. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.



Next Athletic Council Meeting

Sept. 19, 2007
11:30 am

Lunch @ 11

Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus
355 Harlem Road, West Seneca

Minutes from the May 16 meeting are posted on the Section VI website...
click on Athletic Council Minutes



Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express its gratitude to our Baseball Co-chairs Chuck Senn, Jr and his dad Chuck Senn Sr. and our Girls Lacrosse Co-chairs Doug Kohler and Pam Maryjanowski who are stepping down from their positions this June.

Doug and Pam have given their time and energy in service to the Section as the Co-Chairmen for Girls Lacrosse since 2004. The Senns have been running Section VI Baseball since 2002. Chuck Sr. also served as the Chairman for the three years prior. We thank this great father and son team as well as Pam and Doug for their tireless efforts, and endless dedication to their sport and Section VI athletes!

Congratulations Winter State Champs!

(see pages 3-5)

Girls Basketball	East Aurora - Class B
Diving	Nathan Geary, Lancaster
Indoor Track	Shot Put: Melissa Kurzdorfer, Lancaster
Girls Gymnastics	Balance Beam: Christine DelPrince, Lancaster and Kristina Arcury (tied)
Air Rifle	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden
.22 Cal	Kneeling: Bob Belko, Clarence
.22 Cal	Prone: Rebecca Gerevics, Alden
.22 Cal	Section VI Team
Wrestling	Division 1 -130#: Matt Mariacher, Iroquois
	Division 2 - 135#: Kenny Betts, Fredonia

Bob Barrows, 2007 NYSPHSAA Hall-of-Fame Inductee

NYSPHSAA has announced that Bob Barrows is one of ten selected for induction into the 2007 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. Bob's significant contributions to high school athletics in New York State have separated him from his coaching colleagues. The ceremony at which Bob will be inducted will take place at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting banquet at the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid Aug. 8, 2007. Mr. Barrows, nominated by Jim Trampert, Orchard Park, will be featured in an article in the September Newsletter. The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame has been made possible by the generous support from Pupil Benefits, Inc.

Chuck Amo ('68) and Dave Thomas ('62) Enter the Halls of Kenmore West High School

Two of Section VI's athletic directors have been selected to enter the Kenmore West Athletic Hall of Fame, Ken-Ton director Brett Banker announced last week.

Amo, the Director of Athletics at Hamburg High School and current Section VI president, was one of the first sophomores to play three varsity sports for the Blue Devils. During the 60's the Kenmore Schools were flirting with huge graduation classes and competition to get on one of their varsity teams was fierce. Chuck competed in football, basketball and track at Kenmore West High School and finished his career at Cortland. Chuck has gone on to have a distinguished career as a coach and administrator at several Section VI schools.

Dave Thomas, Director for the City of Buffalo competed in tennis at West. Dave is also being recognized for his service to the youth of Buffalo, all while holding down a most difficult post, AD of 14 schools. Dave has many highlights serving as the Director in Buffalo. Some include, the Harvard Cup Hall of Fame, Martin Luther King basketball tripleheader at Buffalo State College, a partnership with the Buffalo Bills, working through several budget issues, increasing the number of minority coaches, gender inequities, city vs. catholic football and bringing back junior varsity sports to the kids of the city.

Both men will be inducted at a dinner scheduled for Friday, October 20 at Warren's Restaurant in the city of Tonawanda. The Hall of Fame inductees will also be recognized the following day at the annual Kenmore East versus Kenmore West football game at Crosby Field. Congratulations Chuck and Dave!

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

Structure & Policy Review Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee has completed its review and presented the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee with a final report. The findings and recommendations of the committee will be prioritized.

2007 Coaches Clinics

(Brochures will be forth coming)

Volleyball June 15 SUNY Oneonta

Concussion Management

Any school interested in purchasing the IMPACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

Point of Emphasis

All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all "practice sessions". Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

Spring 2007 Championship Dates and Sites

Boys Tennis	5/31-6/2	US Tennis Center (NYC)
Boys Golf	June 2-4	Cornell University (4)
Boys Lacrosse	June 7	Semi Finals East(8) & West (5)
Outdoor Track	June 8-9	Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9)
Girls Lacrosse	June 8-9	SUNY Cortland (3)
Boys Lacrosse	June 9	Cicero North Syracuse HS (3)
Baseball	June 9	Binghamton & Endicott (4)
Softball	June 9	BAGSI, Binghamton (4)
Girls Golf	June 9-10	Foxfire Golf Club (3)
FED Golf	June 10	Carvel Country Club (9)

Permission for Special Accommodations

School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

Discus Cages

Schools are encouraged to plan for the extensions to the cage sides for the future. Most cages can be adapted and do not have to be replaced.

Executive Committee Action Items - APPROVED!

- **Important** - A mandate requiring all schools to have their athletic director attend the NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. Failure to comply with the mandate will result in the school being ineligible for post season competition.
- Don Sauer - Boys Track and Field Coordinator, Selena DeCicco - Interim Boys Tennis Coordinator and Jim Rose - Modified Committee Co-Coordinator.
- JV Boys Lacrosse games to be 12 minute quarters in 2009.
- With Section approval, lines people in girls volleyball may be waived in league play.
- **Clarification of:**
 - Transfer Rule** - Students who transfer from any school to the public school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) or a private school within that district's boundaries shall be exempt from the Transfer Rule.
 - College Rule** - A student is no longer eligible to represent the school in that sport in that season if the student participates in practice or competition with or against any individual or team(s) representing a college in that season.
- A price increase of \$2 for all NFHS scorebooks and .25 cents for NFHS football, baseball and basketball Simplified and Illustrated Rules by Topic Books.

- **Wrestling** - Continuation of the waiver for the 1.5% weight loss rule. The 50% rule and the current minimum weight class will remain in effect.

- **Field Hockey** - Protective eye wear to be recommended for the 2007 season and required for the 2008 season.

- **Concussion Management Checklist** is recommended for use.

- **Ejection Policy: Any player or coach:**

Ejected from one contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;

Ejected from two contests in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,

Ejected from a third contest in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

- Soccer Yellow Card Accumulation policy will include coaches.

Scholar Athlete Team Award

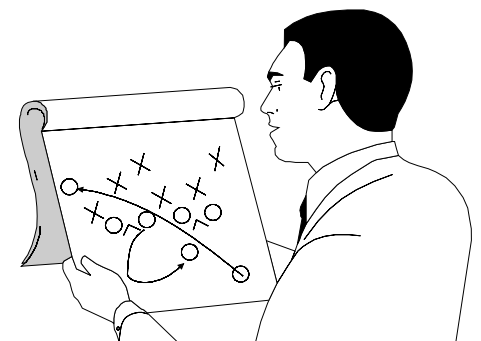
Friday May 18, 2007 was the deadline to file for the Spring 2006-2007 Scholar Athlete Team Award.

Future Consideration

Football Committee - The committee is requesting a change to the classification numbers for the 2008 season. If approved the change in cut off numbers would be: Class AA (1051 and up), Class A (626-1050), Class B (441-625), Class C (281-440) and Class D (280 and below).

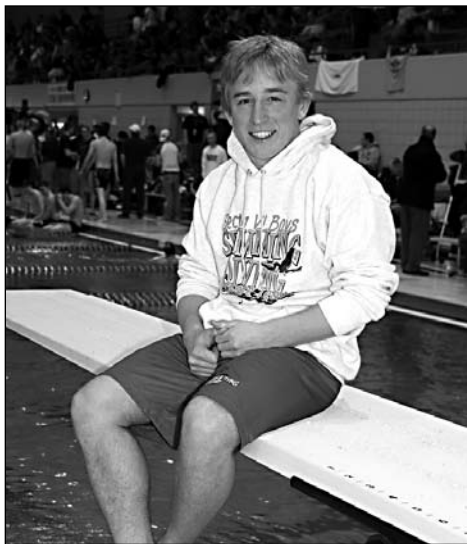
On Line Coaching Courses

The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line – an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/physed for registration information.



Nate Geary – State Champion Diver

By Coach Dan Szymanski



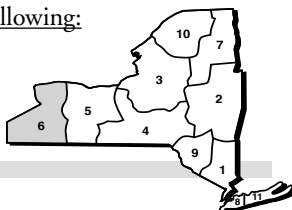
At the 2007 State Diving Meet, Nate Geary of Lancaster was one of the 3 Section VI divers to qualify for the competition. The other divers were Ian O'Rourke from Grand Island, who was the previous state champion for the past 2 years, and Shawn Hoffman from N. Tonawanda who placed 4th last year. Nate was 3rd. Interesting to note, is that they were the 3 top divers in the state at this year's competition. Nate took the State Championship, O'Rourke came in 2nd, and Hoffman placed 4th. Nate was also named the Good Sport Award for Section VI, an award created by State Farm Insurance for a member of the state team for each of the sections.

Some Geary statistics::

- 3 time ECIC champion for 2006 and 2007
- Section VI runner-up in 2005, 2006 and Section VI Champion for 2007 (score was 4 pts. shy of section record)
- State Champ 2007
- HS All-American 2006 & 2007
- Nate was undefeated in the ECIC "AA" dual meet competition for 3 years. He had 42 consecutive wins and Overall 58 wins and 9 losses for six years of dual meet competition. He set and reset 22 school (Lancaster) and area pool records, including a 27 year old record at Lancaster High School as a junior.

Nate Geary has also been accomplished in academics achieving the following:

- State Team Scholar/Athlete 2006 & 2007
- Section VI Scholar/Athlete 2007
- HS Academic All-American 2007



Kenny Betts – State Champion Wrestler



135 # Kenny Betts is a Sophomore at Fredonia and finished his season with a 48-6 season record with 39 pins. 39 pins is a new Section 6 single season pin record. The old pin record was set in 1975 by Keith Stearns of Pioneer (35). Ken currently has a career record of 162 wins and 30 losses. His 162 wins is the most ever recorded by a Section 6 sophomore. He also ended his season with 109 pins. Along the way Kenny placed at the Webster tournament, the STWOA tournament and was a champion at the Lewiston-Porter Tournament. Kenny went 7-1 at the Corry,

Pa Duals and went 4-0 at the Cheektowaga Duals. For the third consecutive time Kenny became the AA Sectional and Inter-sectional Champion. He returned to the State meet for the third consecutive time and this year came home with a New York State Championship. Kenny is coached by Alex Conti.

DelPrince and Arcury Tie for First Place on the Beam

Two Section VI athletes, Christine DelPrince and Kristina Arcury, tied with a score of 9.375 to share first place in the Balance Beam competition at the Girls Gymnastics State Competition this past March.



Christine DelPrince, a senior at Lancaster High School, came away as the balance beam state champion after tearing her achilles tendon at the same meet the year before. This

courageous gymnast came back after surgery and months of therapy to help lead the Section 6 team with the 2nd place team finish.

A five-time state team competitor, Christine has led her Lancaster Redskins team to 3 Division 1 titles and 2 Section 6 Team titles in her tenure at LHS. Christine currently holds Lancaster's school record for balance beam (9.60), floor exercise (9.65) and the all-around (37.05) which hadn't been broken since 1989!

Christine, who is coached by Donna Aquino, received the Section 6 "Outstanding Gymnast" award from James Burton - President of Section 6 Girls Gymnastics Officials for the 2006-07 season. She hopes to continue her athletic career at Rutgers University while she pursues her academic studies in the field of medicine.

Kristina Arcury, a junior at Williamsville South High School, has been competing on the Varsity Gymnastics team since 7th grade. She has qualified for State competition every year since then and won the Section VI Champion 2 years ago. At Sectionals in 2006, she placed 4th All Around and at the 2007 State Championships she was 3rd All Around (36.825), 3rd on Floor Exercise (9.525) and 5th on Vault (9.025). Kristina, a Level 10 gymnast for 4 years, also recently competed at Regionals at Stony Brook University and placed 9th All Around. She is coached by Kathy Nardini.

Congratulations to our Section VI Champion Gymnasts!

East Aurora Girls Basketball Claims Class B State Championship



By Coach Chris Koselny

The 2006-2007 state championship semi-final and championship games could not have been more exciting for us. In the semi-final game we faced Wyandanch from Long Island (Section 11). The game was tight throughout although we did manage to gain a 9 point lead at halftime. Eventually the game would go into overtime. With one second left in overtime, and the game tied at 56-55, Jessie Tarantino made the second of two free throws to put us up one point and win the game. Sarah Soroka scored 31 points and grabbed 19 rebounds to lead East Aurora.

In the state championship game we found ourselves up against unthinkable odds. Our leading scorer and rebounder, Sarah Soroka, played a total of 7 minutes due to foul trouble and eventually fouling out. Also plagued with foul trouble was Ashley Gallagher, our other 6'1" forward. She would also foul out with about 4 minutes to play. As we went to overtime, my assistant coach, Matt Brown, suggested that we try a 4 guard line-up. This was something we had not done all season. The plan worked and we won the game by defeating South Jefferson (Section 3) in overtime 44-41. Jessie Tarantino, a 5'6" point guard was outstanding. She scored 14 points and grabbed a career high 16 rebounds. She truly led us to victory.

Jessie Tarantino was named the MVP of the NYSPHSAA class B state championships. Sarah Soroka was named to the all-tournament team and Samantha Stanley earned the sportsmanship award.

Sarah Soroka was named NYS class B Player of the Year. Jessie Tarantino was 4th team all-state. Ashley Gallagher was named to 5th team all-state. Coach Chris Koselny was named the NYS class B coach of the Year in Girls Basketball.

East Aurora finished their season with a record of 24-4!

Shot Put Championship Claimed by Melissa Kurzdorfer

Melissa Kurzdorfer, a Freshman at Lancaster High School capped an undefeated season with a Section VI record and her first state indoor Track & Field Championship in the shot-put. Her Section VI records of 45'5 1/2" broke the previous mark by Jackie Sedgewick, Sweet Home in 1991. Melissa won the state meet with a throw of 44' 5 1/2", almost three feet further than her closest competitor. Though only a Freshman, Melissa is a veteran of State competitions with three indoor and outdoor championship under her belt. Her Throws Coach at Lancaster is George Rak.

Section VI Rifle Team Wins Sectional Title 4th Year in a Row



The Section 6 Rifle Team won the Sectional Title at the Rifle Intersectionals which were held on March 03, 2007 at the US military Academy, West Point, NY. This makes the 4th consecutive year that the Sectional team has won the

title. The team fired a score of 1649 to Section 8's 1630. The team was made up of Bob Belko (Clarence) - 283.15, Rebecca Gerevics (Alden) - 281.13, Alison Lankes (CI) - 280.12, Aaron Koss (CI) - 270.05, Lauren Pundt (CI) - 269.07 and Krista Pundt (CI) - 266.05. The Clarence High School Team finished second to Valley Stream (Section 8). In the individual competition, Belko won 2nd prone, 5th offhand, 1st kneeling and 2nd aggregate; Gerevics won 1st prone (tying a state record), 9th offhand, 2nd kneeling and 4th aggregate; Lankes won 3rd offhand, 3rd kneeling and 5th aggregate; Koss won 6th prone and 10th offhand; L.Pundt won 10th prone and 8th offhand while K.Pundt won 9th kneeling.

In the Air Rifle Competition, the sectional team finished in 2nd place with a 1617. The winner was Section 8 with a 1621. Firing on the Sectional Team were: Gerevics - 284 (1st and a state record), L.Pundt - 274 (6th), Belko - 273 (8th), Lankes - 267, K.Pundt - 263 and Robert Rimbeck (Alden) - 256. Clarence H.S. finished in 2nd place.

Rebecca Gerevics, Rifle State Champion



Rebecca is a senior at Alden High School and a 5 year member of the Alden Rifle Team. This year at the State Meet, Rebecca was 1st in prone with a score of 100.08. The .08 indicates 8 center shots. This score tied a state record. Rebecca was also 1st in Air Rifle with a score of 284. This was a state record with the new electronic scoring system. In 2005, Rebecca was 2nd overall and set an Air Rifle Record with a score of 284.13. In 2005, she was 4th overall and was the state kneeling champion with a score of 97.03. Rebecca, an honor student at Alden, has fired in the State finals the past 4 years.



Dates to Remember 2007

- 6/1 Good Sports Assessments: State & Section award winners selected
- 6/13 Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning sites TBA
- 6/14-22 Regents Examinations
- 6/15 Volleyball Coaching Clinic at SUNY Oneonta
- 8/7-9 State Central Committee Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid

Matt Mariacher Captures State Wrestling Crown



Matt Mariacher, a senior at Iroquois High School completed a perfect season by going 48-0 this year and then winning the state wrestling championships in Albany in March. Mariacher, wrestling in a 130 lb. weight class had dominated every opponent he wrestled this year. He then took that confidence to Albany where he defeated 4 straight opponents. Mariacher had 2 rematches from earlier in the season. The first being Kevin Smith from Mexico High School, Syracuse. Smith proved to be a formidable foe as the match went to overtime with the Mariacher driving Smith to his back for 4 points and moving to the semi-finals. There he wrestled Ryan Fallot, a senior from Kellenberg High School, Long Island. The Iroquois grappler won by a major decision 12-4. Mariacher then earned his berth into the state finals at 130 lbs. It was the second rematch for the Iroquois chief as he took on senior Leigh Tobias from Johnson City High School, Binghamton. Mariacher had previously defeated Tobias in the finals of the Spencerport tournament back during Christmas time. This match proved to be much closer as Tobias scored with a 2 point takedown, then Mariacher quickly reversed him to tie the match. Tobias then scored a one point escape as the period ended in his favor 3-2. Mariacher started the second period in the bottom position and quickly earned an escape to tie the match. He then hit a leg attack and scored for a two point takedown, taking the lead 5-3 with Tobias again scoring a quick escape to close the gap 5-4. As the period ended the Iroquois wrestler went on another attack driving the Johnson City wrestler to the ground for the apparent takedown, but as the ref raised the two points, the second period ran out, and the takedown was waived off. Third period started with Tobias in the bottom position. After a short scramble, Tobias scored an escape and tied the match 5-5. The two wrestlers

worked intensely to try to gain position on each other, as the third period ran down. Then with 30 seconds left in the match, Mariacher was able to gain position on leg attack and score with the a two point takedown at the very edge of the mat. Mariacher now had a two point lead with just under 20 seconds left. Tobias escaped to cut the lead to 1 and mounted an aggressive attack. The Iroquois chief was able to hold up a strong defense and lock up the first state championship for an Iroquois wrestler, since Ethan Bosch won in 1988. The Iroquois senior completed the season with 9 tournament championships, three outstanding wrestler awards, the 130 lb state title and the distinction as the only undefeated wrestler in Iroquois history.

Matt Mariacher – Accomplishments

7th – 12th grade Scholar Athlete, National Honor Society – 11th , 12th grade.

Wrestling Stats

Team Co-Captain – Wrestling Team

192 Career Wins – School Record

48-0 Senior Record – 2007 – Only Iroquois wrestler to finish season undefeated, and go on to win state championships.

2007 1st place New York State Championships 130 lbs.

2004 2nd place New York State Championships 103 lbs.

3 time ECIC Champion – '05, '06, '07

5 time AAA class Champion – '03, '04, '05, '06, '07

4 time Section VI Champion – '04, '05, '06, '07

5 time Sweet Home Champion – '03, '04, '05, '06, '07

2 time Canandaigua Tournament Winner – '06, '07

3 time Most Outstanding Wrestler at the AAA Class Tournament – '05, '06, '07

Most Outstanding Wrestler at the State Qualifier, Fredonia College - 2007



COACHING COURSES 2007-2008

(also posted on Section VI website)

Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Sept. 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11, 2007

Registration Deadline: Sept. 7, 2007

Health Science Applied to Coaching

Mondays & Wednesdays

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Oct. 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

Nov. 5, 7, 12, 14, 2007

Registration Deadline: Oct. 12, 2007

Theory & Techniques of Coaching

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 2007

Registration Deadline: Dec. 3, 2007

Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Jan. 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

Feb. 5, 7 2008

Registration Deadline: Dec. 28, 2007

Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 – 10:30 PM

Feb. 26, 28, March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20,

25, 27, April 1, 3, 2008

Registration Deadline: Feb. 22, 2008

Theory & Techniques of Coaching

Mondays & Wednesdays

6:30 – 10:00 PM

March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 2007

Registration Deadline: Feb. 29, 2008

Health Science Applied to Coaching

Mondays & Wednesdays

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

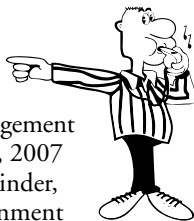
April 21, 23, 28, 30

May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 2008

Registration Deadline: April 18, 2008

Phillip J. Coyle	821-7530 (W)
	913-7120 (C)
Denise Polanski, Sect.	821-7091
	821-7409 (Fax)

The Arbiter - Central Management and Assigning of Officials



As a result of an investigation by the Section 6 office and the Ad Hoc Committee on Central Management of Officials, the Athletic Council at the January 17, 2007 meeting, endorsed TheArbiter, to replace LeagueMinder, as the program for Central Management and Assignment of Officials effective with school year 2007-2008. The rationale for this endorsement is that two major functions for the Section will be served:

- Management of all sports officials who provide service to Section VI member schools, with respect to SAVE legislation.
- Meet the assigning needs of all leagues

The Section 6 office is coordinating the centralization effort of all sports officials and will be responsible for the initial assignments only, for sports where officials are shared by multiple leagues*

Requirements for officials: All Section 6 sports officials must have an email address and sign-in to the Section 6 account on TheArbiter. NOTE: There is NO COST to sports officials. All assignments for fall sports in Section 6 will be made using ONLY the officials that are signed-in to the Arbiter. All fall officials must complete the following in order to receive assignments!!!

- Sign-in to the Section 6 account on TheArbiter
- Update all personal information including address and phone numbers
- Update your calendar for fall by entering all blocked dates
- If you do not commute to contests from your home address every day, enter the zip code(s) from which you travel to contests daily by clicking on travel limits.
- Click the READY box when all the above is completed

Requirements for assigners: All Section 6 league assigners and individual sports assigners must do the following in TheArbiter:

- Verify the sites for their schools and enter subsites when more than one contest for a sport will be scheduled at that site.
- Enter all the teams (all sports and all levels) for each school as well as the default site where each team plays.
- Complete the list of contacts within each school that will need access to TheArbiter and establish the relationships for all contacts.

Requirements for Athletic Directors: Comply with the following timeline for fall sport schedules:

Timeline for Northern leagues (Buffalo, ECIC, NO, NFL & MMHSAA):

May 18 Final schedule, including non-league games complete. Import of all schedules to TheArbiter to begin

June 1 Assignments of fall sports Var, JV and modified to begin

June 15 Round Table meeting to review assignments

Timeline for Southern Tier leagues (Chautauqua and Cattaraugus): All Southern Tier sport schedules must be finalized and imported to TheArbiter by June 1. Assignments will begin June 15.

Thank you to all parties involved for your assistance, cooperation and patience as we move forward with a mutually beneficial method of Central Management of officials, and resolution of the problems created when multiple leagues share officials.

*Officials are shared by the Buffalo, ECIC, NO, NFL and MMHSAA leagues for these fall sports: boys and girls soccer, boys and girls volleyball, field hockey, cross country, girls swimming.

Cindy Szczesny is Honored by the NFL

Our own Cindy Szczesny was honored at the 70th Annual Niagara Frontier League (NFL) banquet on March 30 at the Como Restaurant in Niagara Falls. Section VI's Assistant Executive Secretary received the prestigious Key Person Award.



The honor is in recognition for outstanding service to the NFL and its administrators, coaches and ultimately, the student-athletes and parents. Previous winners are some of the legends of Western New York athletics and the NFL is pleased to add Cindy to that list. Ms. Szczesny is pictured with Brett Banker, NFL President. Congratulations Cindy!

Section VI Positions Appointed

The Section VI Athletic Council approved the following appointments at the May 16 meeting: **Don Scholla, Olean**, was re-appointed for another four year term as the Section VI **Boys Sports Representative** to the Central Committee. The following **Spring Sport Chairperson** positions, were appointed for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2010.

Baseball	Bob Kowal
Golf (B)	David Gilson
Golf (G)	Jim Rusin
Lacrosse (B)	John Faller
Softball	Larry Lash & Mark Kruzynski as Co-Chairs
Tennis (B)	Terry McMahan
Track & Field	Paul Ksionzyk (B) / Walt McLaughlin (G)

The Girls Lacrosse Chair position remains open. Please forward nominations to the Section VI office. Congratulations to all and thank you for your past and future service to the athletes of Section VI!

Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests

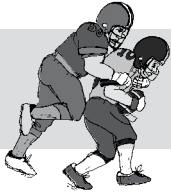
Athletic Directors and coaches: Please note that as of May 16, 2007, the only Senior All Star Contests that have been sanctioned by Section VI and are awaiting state approval:

- Baseball: 6/7/07, NO & Genesee Region Senior All -Star at Dwyer Stadium, approved by Section 5
- Baseball: 6/9/07, Chaut. Co. Senior All -Star at Diethrick Park, Cosponsor Jamestown High School
- Baseball: 6/11/07, Catt Co. Senior All-Star at St. Bonaventure, cosponsor Olean City Schools
- Boys Lacrosse: 6/12/07 at Amherst High School, Cosponsor Amherst Central
- Girls Lacrosse: 6/13/07 at Canisius College, Cosponsor Frontier Central pending receipt of signatures

Please call the Section office for additions to the above list throughout the season.

As per NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK 2006-2008 p.71 item 26, "A student who participates in any unapproved all-star contest shall be ineligible to compete in interschool athletics in all sports for a period of one year from the date of such participation."

NOTE: A Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open-tryouts are held, the contest is NOT a NYSPHSAA All-Star contest and the regulation does not apply.



Always a winner...



by Doug Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
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Practicing Sportsmanship

If sportsmanship is a virtue, it can be practiced. Coaches have a responsibility to make their daily workouts as well as the games, occasions for the practice of sportsmanship. Every good coach knows that even though an occasional light practice is a good idea, generally speaking, halfhearted efforts in practices will become a habit that translates into halfhearted efforts in competition. Even though occasionally allowing players to let off steam in practice may be a good idea, if you allow this daily, you'll find that they have developed the habit of disrespect. If it's ok for them to throw their rackets when they're playing a teammate in a practice match, then how could it not be ok to do it during a match? It's a tough habit to break. Not many high school student athletes know that when Bjorn Borg started playing tennis as a teenager in Sweden, he had a very bad temper. After one outburst on the court, his coach sent him home for a couple of weeks and told him that when he came back, one more episode would result in a permanent expulsion from the tennis club. As most people know, no tennis player in the history of the game conducted himself with greater dignity than Bjorn Borg did during his tennis career.

Guidelines for teaching sportsmanship:

1. Talk about the relationship between sportsmanship and success.
2. Regularly use the language of sportsmanship.
3. Expect sportsmanship in practice as well as in games.
4. Establish team rules, customs, rituals, and traditions that reinforce the principles of sportsmanship.
5. Encourage players to take the perspective of other participants in sports.
6. Develop clear guidelines for dealing with unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. Reinforce good sportsmanship.
8. Communicate the importance of sportsmanship to parents.
9. Talk about news stories concerning sportsmanship with your players.
10. Talk about specific incidents with your players.
11. Promote reflectiveness by asking questions.
12. Talk about the history of your sport with players.
13. Expect players to know the rules of the game.
14. Show by your actions and your words that you CARE, that what you're trying to teach is important.
15. Don't forget to have fun.

All WNY Good Sports Selections

*** Nominations for Winter Good Sports are incomplete at this printing ***

Winter sportchairs as well as Spring sports chairpersons MUST submit the All WNY Good Sport selections for their respective sport and corresponding leagues or divisions to the Sportsmanship Coordinator, Douglas Ames at dames@newfane.wnyric.org. Each recipient named will

receive a certificate and a sportsmanship patch for their varsity school jacket. Each school named will be recognized with a letter, copied to the district superintendent, noting their accomplishment. 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 spring season. New York State Public High School Athletic Association member schools across the state make "sportsmanship" a premier concern. We can make it happen in Section 6 with a little extra effort!

The established criteria for an All-WNY Good Sport is a team or student athlete who:

- Has learned to value and practice sportsmanship behavior.
- Has displayed excellent characteristics of good citizenship, honesty, generosity, and self-discipline.
- Has a sincere concern for his or her own commitment to fair play.
- Celebrates victory or loss with respect.
- Gives the very best effort regardless of the outcome.
- Keeps it all in proper perspective.

Section VI Coaches Sportsmanship Award Reminder

The Section VI Sportsmanship Committees is encouraging nominations for the Section VI Coaches Sportsmanship Award. Administrators, coaches, or league chairmen are encouraged to nominate a coach who illustrates or captures the spirit of "sportsmanship" and deserves recognition. Complete the nomination form on the Section VI website (click on Forms...) and fax it to Douglas Ames at Newfane Central Schools fax (716) 778-6559. Supporting information can also be emailed to coachncs@adelphia.net. Awards will be presented to the coaches at the Section VI Annual Recognition Dinner in the summer of 2007.

Time out for a sport thought...

1. Is the teaching of sportsmanship a part of your coaching? What are the specific ways in which you reinforce the value of sportsmanship?
2. Do you discuss issues of sportsmanship with your players? At the beginning of the season? When the occasion calls for it? When stories hit the news about famous athletes acting in a particularly sportsmanship or unsportsmanshiplike fashion? Do you discuss these events with your players?
3. In what ways do you set a good example for sportsmanship behavior? In what ways do you set a bad example?
4. Do you allow unsportsmanlike behavior in practice that you wouldn't allow in a game? What do you do as a coach to help your players develop good habits of respect for others and for the game?

...Good Sports Finish First



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Centralized Management and Assignment of Sports Officials

This project has dominated the workload of every member of the Section office staff for several months. Webster says to centralize is to “organize under one control”. This has proven to be a monumental task!.....one that requires cooperation at all levels within that organizational plan. We are confident that the outcome will be well received by working officials, coaches and athletic administrators but we are still very dependent on all parties involved. One athletic director, one school, one assigner can miss a deadline and the needs of all others in the project are impacted. We ask everyone’s cooperation in doing their respective part in a timely fashion to make this concept a success. For further details on the project, see page 6.

Medical Devices

There is a procedure in place for special accommodations for the use of medical and prosthetic devices. Please note that following must be submitted to the state association for review:

1. Written approval from the school physician.
2. Documentation of the member school request accompanied by photos of the device.

A formal review will be conducted by NYSPHSAA to determine if the device fits the sport specific rules and if teammates and opponents are not placed at risk by the use of the device. NYPHSAA will approve or deny the request based upon the various elements.



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