

**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT  
ICE HOCKEY 2007-08  
Chairperson: Brett Banker**

Section VI and the Ice Hockey Federation will be entering their **18<sup>th</sup> season** of competition. This past winter **one state champion** came from the Hockey Federation; St. Joseph's Collegiate captured the NYS Private School Championship.

At the urging of the state office, the state hockey committee has officially moved to National Federation playing rules. Up until this year, New York state had played by NCAA rules.

For 2007-08 the Hockey Federation has plans on sending two Division I and one Division II public school teams into regional play. However, that will not be formalized until the Friday, September 21 state meeting. **We welcome new members Clarence and Niagara Falls** into our league bringing our total to 16 teams, the most in Federation history. Teams will play an 18-game schedule within the Federation. State policies allow teams to play a maximum of 24 games.

**2007-08 Divisional Alignment**

**Division I**

Canisius  
Clarence  
Frontier  
Kenmore West  
Lancaster  
Orchard Park  
St. Joseph's Collegiate  
Wms North

**Division II**

Amherst  
Kenmore East  
Niagara Falls  
St. Francis  
Sweet Home  
Timon St. Jude  
Wms East  
Wms South

**Executive Committee**

President	Mark DiFilippo- Niagara Wheatfield Central Schools
Vice President	Dr. James Rusin-Williamsville Schools central office
Secretary	Brett Banker-Ken-Ton Schools central office
Treasurer	Nancy Riccio-Amherst HS
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Official's Liaison	Mark DiFilippo- Niagara Wheatfield Central Schools Steve Ferenczy-Williamsville North HS
Coaches Rep	Kyle Pray-Kenmore East HS
Monsignor Martin Rep	Frank Panek-retired Timon St. Jude

As stated, our Federation will participate in regional and possibly state play. We would request that Section VI reimburse our Chairperson for expenses traveling to the state meetings, regional play (if necessary) and to the Frozen Four in Utica. The first such meeting is Friday, September 21 at 10 AM. Our game schedule and handbook will be forwarded to the Section VI Office when it becomes available.