SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT Ice Hockey 2011-12 Chairperson: Mark DiFilippo May 2011

Committee members (voting*)

Section VI Chairman/President: Mark DiFilippo* Niagara Wheatfield High School

Large School Representative: Rich Gray* Frontier

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Committee meeting date(s)

Executive Committee Meeting Dates June 16, September 29, October 20, January 19, April 12 General Membership Meeting Dates October 20, January 19, April 12

Post Season Information

- 1. Not sure yet if the Sabres will be able to hold our Sectional Championships which will be slated for February 26th.
- 2012 State Championships will be held Saturday and Sunday March 10 and 11 at the Utica War Memorial.
- 3. Still working on the other Sectional dates and playing sites.
- 4. Division 1 Will travel to Section 3 and Division 2 will travel to Section 5 for Regionals on March 3

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments

- 1. No new teams for 2011-12. Too early to tell if we will loose any teams due to budget cuts
- 2. If we do not loose any teams we will have the same divisional breakdown as the 2010-11 season which consists of 4 divisions of 5 teams each –2 large and 2 small. Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield will play up as Large schools even though their numbers would reflect being a small school. Below are the divisions.

Ice Hockey Federation Divisions 2011-12

<u>Large Schools</u>		Small Schools		
Division 1	<u>Division 2</u>	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
Clarence	Canisius	Hamburg	Grand Island	Amherst
Frontier	Niagara Wheatfield	Kenmore West	Kenmore East	Lewiston Porter
Lancaster	Orchard Park	North Tonawanda	Sweet Home	St. Mary's Lanc
Lockport	St. Joe's	St. Francis	Williamsville South	Timon
Niagara Falls	Williamsville North	West Seneca West	Williamsville East	West Seneca East

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

We continue to review and discuss our league playing rules especially our commitment rule.

Rule Changes for 2011-12

NY State has added to their addendum the ability of a referee to give out 2 Game Disqualifications to a player in a game. The NFHS rulebook only allows 1 to be given out.

Other Pertinent Data

Budget 2011-12:

Budget data to be supplied by Treasurer Loren Ratajczak

Respectfully submitted 4/26/2011, Mark DiFilippo, Section VI Ice Hockey Sportchair