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2024-2025 Boys Ice Hockey Handbook

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Most Up-to-Date Post Season Calendar for Sites/Dates/Times

HOCKEY WEBSITE LINK

<http://sectionviboyshockey.com/>

and <http://www.section6.e1b.org/PostSeasonWinter>

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2024-25 Boys Ice Hockey Calendar

Event	Site/Location	Date/Time
Coaches Meeting	Riverworks	Tues. 11/6/24 6:00pm
First Practice		Mon, 11/18/24
Practices required to represent school	6 Individual Practices	
Rosters Due on Website	http://sectionviboyshockey.com/	Before the first game.
End of Regular Season		Sun., 2/16/2025
Seeding Meeting	Amherst Northtown Center	Tues, 2/18/2025 6:00 pm
Post Season Coaches Meeting	Amherst Northtown Center	Tues., 2/18/2025 6:00 pm
Post Season Schedule	see below	
Senior All Star Contest	insurance certificate from each school required Harbor Center & Section VI, NYSPHSAA as Additional Insured	March 10 or March 11, 2025 Time TBA Start application paperwork & have school obtain insurance once the date is set
All-WNY Scholar Athlete	https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA	Mon., 3/17/2025 4 PM

Post Season Schedule

Most Up-to-Date Post Season Calendar for Sites/Dates/Times

<http://sectionviboyshockey.com/> and <http://www.section6.e1b.org/PostSeasonWinter>

2024-25 Season Divisional Alignments

There will be 25 teams in the league.

The division alignment is based on the existing leagues in the Section and on the BEDS numbers with respect to placement in the ECIC division. ([State Classifications](#) Division 1 1000+ & Division 2 0-999)

Division 1=4 teams, Division 2=16 teams & Private=5 teams

Private	NFL		ECIC I		ECIC II	
Canisius	Lockport/NF*	1083	Sweet Home/Dp/NT*	1360	Starpont	737
St. Joes	Niagara-Wheatfield	798	Lancaster	1187	Hamburg	725
St. Francis	Ken-West	791	Orchard Park	1052	Will. East	696
Timon	Ken-East	651	Frontier	992	Amherst	654
St. Mary's	Grand Island	626	Will. North	930	Will. South	618
	Lew-Port	458	Clarence	897	W. Seneca E.	614
			W. Seneca W.	815	Iroquois/Ald*	491

Method of Determining a Division Champion

Division Champions will be determined by the total points earned in the games played between divisional members in head to head play. In the case that multiple teams in a division are tied in points, Co-Champions will be declared.

Ice Hockey Federation Executive Board/ Sport Committee

Committee voting privileges: As per the Section VI Constitution item 7.6, "The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the Sport Chairperson. Federated sport representative members that are appointed by their division, league or school will have only one vote. The Sport Chairs of Federated Sports that have divisions will verify that among division representatives each participating league is represented. The Sport Chair may only vote when the vote is tied. A Sport Chair who also represents a league can serve in both capacities but will have only one vote." For Ice Hockey, there will be one vote per officer on the Executive Board.

Section VI Chairman:	Rick Brooks	407-9020	rbrooks@clarenceschools.org
Assistant to Chair:	Kyle Pray		kpray@ktufsd.org
Public Schools AD Rep:	Matt McKenna		
Officials Liaison:	Kristin Tonge		
Monsignor Martin AD Rep:	Pete Schneider		
ECIC I Coach Rep.	John Burns		
ECIC II Coach Rep.	John McFall		
NFL Coach Rep.	Rob Roszak		
MMAA Coach Rep.	Sam Belsito		

Combining of Schools

Host	Teams	Level	BEDS	Division	Approval date
<u>Lockport</u>	Niagara Falls	V	2691	D1	5/15/24 AC
<u>Sweet Home</u>	North Tonawanda & Depew	V	1360	D1	5/15/24 AC
<u>Iroquois</u>	Alden	V	669	D2	5/15/24 AC

Petition to Change Classification

Clarence Denied to complete at Division 1 will remain in Division 2

Section VI WNY Varsity Hockey Federation

Playing Sites

Name	Phone	Address	City	Zip	Abbreviation
Buffalo State Ice Rink	878-4198	1300 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	14222	
Cazenovia Ice Rink	875-4820	25 Cazenovia St.	Buffalo	14220	
Cheektowaga Town Rink	897-7218	2600 Harlem Rd.	Cheektowaga	14225	
Cornerstone Ice Rink	438-7698	1 Grigg Lewis Way	Lockport	14094	
Depew Ice Pavilion	685-4910	90 Gould Ave.	Depew	14043	
Hamburg Ice Rink	649-8771	2982 Lakeview Rd.	Hamburg	14075	
Healthy Zone Rink	805-7582	41 Riley St.	East Aurora	14052	
Hockey Outlet	695-1055	3385 Niagara Falls Blvd.	North Tonawanda	14120	
Playing Sites continued					
Holiday Twin Rinks	685-3660	3465 Broadway	Cheektowaga	14227	

Hyde Park Ice Pavilion	285-0715	Pine Ave & 911 Robbins Dr.	Niagara Falls	14301	
LECOM Harbor Center	855-4767	100 Washington Street	Buffalo	14203	HC
Leisure Rinks	675-8992	75 Weiss Rd.	Orchard Park	14127	
Lincoln Ice Arena	833-7757	1200 Parker Blvd.	Kenmore	14223	
Niagara University	286-8782	5795 Lewiston Rd.	Niagara University	14109	
Amherst Northtown Center	631-7555	1615 Amherst Manor Dr.	Williamsville	14221	NTC
Riverside Arena	877-5972	2607 Niagara St	Buffalo	14207	
Tacoma Ice Rink	873-8481	156 Tacoma Ave.	Buffalo	14216	
West Seneca Ice Rink	558-2292	1250 Union Rd.,	West Seneca	14224	
Key Bank Center		1 Seymour H Knox III Plaza	Buffalo	14203	KBC

Admission

Regular Season **(Preschool children 5 & under are admitted free)**

Adults \$5

Students \$1

Season Pass \$55 Must be purchased online [Purchase Season Pass](#)

Sectionals \$7 online \$10 cash adults and students

Regionals \$8 online \$10 cash adults and students

States \$11.50 on-line ONLY

All league games and Sectionals can be bought online <https://gofan.co/app/school/NYSHSAAV/>

State \$11.50 on-line ONLY Ticket link <https://gofan.co/app/school/NYSPHSAA>

Watch HOW TO Video guide <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>

NYSPHSAA ICE HOCKEY SPORTS STANDARD

From Page 79 of 2024 NYSPHSAA Handbook <http://www.nysphsaa.org>

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf#page=79

2024-2025 NFHS Ice Hockey Rule Changes

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/ice-hockey-rules-changes-2024-25/>

Rosters

Team rosters shall be unlimited in size. All players must be rostered on the Section VI Hockey website **Before the team's first game** of the season to be eligible to participate. Any additions or deletions must be entered on the site prior to any participation.

Overtime

If during league play there is a tie at the conclusion of the game, there will be a 5-minute overtime period. If teams are still tied at the end of the overtime period, the score will remain tied. Each team will be awarded a point for a tie at the end of regulation. An additional point will be awarded to a team that is victorious after overtime.

WNYVHF Game Protocol

Game Protocol is required for all WNYVHF League Games.

Pre-Game:

- Visiting Team gives Home Team a completed Score sheet at least 20 minutes prior to warm-ups.
- Home Team then gives the completed game sheet to off-ice officials or the referee prior to Warm-up Starting lineups must be indicated on the scoresheet.

- Both teams should be ready to take the ice for warm-ups and period one 10 minutes before the game time.
- Warm-up begins – (8 minutes) on Clean Ice
- **Coaches must send the captains to introduce themselves to the officials at the 1:00 minute mark of the warm-ups.**
- At the horn both teams should line up on their respective goal line and Introductions should start immediately followed by the Anthem (provided by the home team).
- At the conclusion of the 1st and 2nd Period, Ice will be resurfaced (teams to locker rooms)
- Teams and referees will receive a verbal warning when the Zamboni is on its last lap.
- Referees will hit the ice with 2:00 on the clock, Home Team at 1:55, and Visitors at 1:50.
- At the conclusion of time, teams go to benches and puck is dropped (No Team Huddle) –Teams not ready to play are subject to minor penalty
- If tied after at the conclusion of the 3rd Period, 3 minutes will be placed on the clock, teams stay on the ice.
- 5 minute sudden death OT will be played. If still tied after OT – the game ends in a tie
- At the conclusion of the game, it is the Winning team's responsibility to report the score to the papers and record stats on the website. In the case of a tie, the home team will assume these responsibilities.
- If, during the 3rd period, the score reaches an 8 goal differential, the clock shall be run continuously with no stoppage for whistles. In the case that a goal is scored, reducing the differential stop will be resumed.

Referees

Referees are assigned by Section VI. Only NIHOA enrolled referees shall be hired for high school games. Referees are paid in accordance with fees established by Section VI. Referees shall report their arrival to the school official who is present as "Site Manager" and in charge of the contest. Referees must be certified in NFHS Official Rules. NIHOA shall be responsible for certifying officials in New York. Referees will receive a copy of the WNY Ice Hockey Federation Handbook and NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Rules. A Two-Man Referee System will be used for all regular season games.

Remember that:

- A bench penalty can be called for inappropriate fan behavior after one warning.
- The mouthpiece and neck guard rules must be enforced.
- The "above the shoulder" stick violation is a major penalty, except where a minor penalty applies for incidental contact.
- **Disqualified players must be reported online to the Section VI office at the conclusion of the game.**
- **Report DQ Use ON-LINE DQ Form <https://www.section6.e1b.org/DQONLINE>**
- **Failure of a referee to "write-up" a disqualification may result in a suspension from officiating WNYVHF school sponsored hockey games for a period not to exceed one year.**
- Call a tight, appropriately played, game of ice hockey as is desired by member schools of the WNYVHF. Officiating should be in accordance not only with NFHS/WNYVHF rules, but with the educational philosophy desired in high school, as opposed to youth, college, or professional ice hockey. It is recommended that the federation develop an evaluation procedure for officials which incorporates evaluations by AD's and coaches. Referees are "in charge" and should demand an appropriate HIGH SCHOOL game of ice hockey. Interscholastic sport is justified only because it is a school activity where education occurs. Exceptionally good sportsmanship should be demanded of players, coaches, and fans.
- Be the first on the ice to "greet" players, check equipment, urge a good game, and meet coaches. It is required that referees remain on the ice until all players have left the ice either between periods or at the end of the game.
- Have the team captains meet at center ice before the game to discuss desired sportsmanship and shake hands. (It is suggested that introductions be conducted with helmets removed).
- Not allow players to bang sticks on the ice or on the boards after a goal, for opponent penalty, etc
- Discourage the throwing of sticks, piling on, etc. after a victory or goal.
- Not tolerate inappropriate language, taunting gestures and provocative behavior by players or coaches.

Off-Ice Game Officials

Official Time, Score, Penalty Box

Qualified persons should be assigned to keep the official time, WNYVHF electronic score sheet, and to supervise the penalty boxes. **Only officials that have completed the training for scoring are allowed to work as a scorer. The adults, sitting as a scorekeeper/ timekeeper/ penalty box supervisor, are considered a secondary game official.**

He/she will work closely with the on-ice officials, assisting in the identification of fan misbehavior and alerting officials of inappropriate behavior, language or gestures by players serving time in the penalty box.

Public Address Operator

The public address operator should come under the jurisdiction of an adult and should display the same positive goal desired in all interscholastic competitions.

Score Keeper

The scorekeeper shall prepare the WNYVHF recommended game report, and appropriately transit the copies to the "League Office." Accurate collection of game statistics is required by these individuals. Coaches must be afforded the opportunity to review the electronic scoresheet at the end of the game.

Promoting Good Sportsmanship by Spectators

It is recognized that the promotion of proper response and cheerleading will be most difficult given the sometimes improper examples evident at professional and other levels of ice hockey contests. Positive school spirit is, however, an objective that all WNYVHF schools share. Because the ice rink is most often "off campus," it is urged that WNYVHF posters and easily identified school sponsored signs be posted which clearly outline the expected behavior and desired sportsmanship.

The following is recommended:

- Rinks should provide designated – separate areas for fans of opposing teams. School personnel and security should actively monitor these areas and the parking lots— before, during, and after the game.
- Whistles, megaphones, horns, and other noise makers are forbidden.
- Student cheering sections should NOT be in back of the team bench, especially the opposing team bench (whenever possible).
- Mascots, and cheerleaders are not allowed on the ice, on the bench, or in player areas.
- Spectators may not bring cans or bottles to the game arena. Alcohol and other controlled substances are not allowed in the arena. Violators must immediately be removed from the facility and appropriately disciplined.
- Hats, paper wads, confetti, and other objects are not to be thrown on the ice. This undesired action is dangerous to players. Persons guilty of this misbehavior should be immediately removed from the rink and appropriately disciplined. (Schools are encouraged to restrict admission of spectators whose behavior is inappropriate.)
- Fans should not be permitted to leave a facility and return.
- Fans should be seated and not leaning over the glass or rink boards. AT NO TIME should supervisors allow a fan to pound on the glass boards or to grab and lean over said boards. Failure to abide by this rule should result in immediate removal of the individual from the rink.
- It is recommended that the first row behind the boards be vacant and serve a "buffer zone".
- The use of profanity, objectionable cheers or gestures is strictly forbidden. Taunting (i.e. "you, you, you") —slang which resembles profanity or any actions that may be insulting to others must be prohibited.

Emergency Cancellation Policy

Only actual emergencies will cause game cancellations. It is incumbent on the respective AD's to make sure that all dates assigned to your school can meet your schedule. There will not be any cancellations or rescheduling except for emergencies (i.e. weather emergencies, school closings, etc.). The following policy will be adhered to for cancellations:

1. Cancellations will be made ONLY AD to AD of the schools involved.
2. Home AD will contact the sectional chair. Chairman will contact:
 - a) referees
 - b) minor officials
 - c) security
 - d) facilitySection VI Executive Director (for postseason play)
3. Home AD will contact:
 - a) Media
 - b) Treasurer
4. The AD of both schools involved will reschedule with the sectional chair.
 - a) The section chair will contact:
 - referees
 - minor officials
 - security
 - b) AD's are responsible for
 - facility
 - treasurer

Responsibilities of the Athletic Director / "Site Manager"

By WNYVHF constitution, the **Athletic Director or his/her designee**, shall be present at all interscholastic home contests. These school officials are supervisors who are seeking desired objectives, be they spectator behavior, team sportsmanship or facility conditions and environment. The home team's AD or designee (not a member of the hockey staff) should be the "Site Manager". The site manager, working with rink personnel - other school personnel - police and the coaching staff, will:

- Oversee enforcement of rules for spectators.
- **As the site supervisor the athletic director or his/her designee must introduce themselves to the on and off ice officials and gate supervisors before the game. It is the expectation that the site supervisor will be visible and available for all Section VI staff working the game.**
- Assure that game officials, proper medical personnel and other conditions are in order before authorizing the start of the game.
- Be in possession of game rules, and WNYVHF Game protocol.
- Be in charge and responsible for all "office" functions and activities associated with the game (e.g. players sent to the locker room should be accompanied by a member of the school staff).
- Represent the interests of the host school and seek those goals and objectives shared by WNYVHF member schools.
- Meet with the referees, proctors, security personnel and ticket takers, sellers. In case of an emergency everyone is known to the Site Manager.

In accordance with NFHS rules and the WNYVHF rule book, the Site Manager and coaches may be involved with game officials to make a judgment regarding the termination of a game – given conditions such as unruly behavior of spectators and/or players.

Players, coaches and spectators: To ensure proper behavior of all parties, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPALS should:

- Insist that referees demand exceptional behavior of participants.
- Plan to have more than one school/official monitoring spectators at all home hockey games.
- Conduct a preseason meeting with local security, and demand that assigned security work those games, both inside and outside the rink.
- Remind coaches that it is imperative to keep players under control, especially in the last minutes of a one-sided contest.

- Insist that coaches remove players from games whose behavior or language is unacceptable (even if not observed or penalized by the referee).
- Demand that referees officiate consistently and not according to the score . . . and that all violations are penalized.

Facility / Rink Issues

- School Rules: Most high school teams lease time at rinks away from the school campus for their ice hockey games and practices. High school hockey is one of the few school activities whose contests and practices take place off campus. Wrongfully, some players and fans consider this facility outside the jurisdiction of the school and the school's rules, regulations and codes of behavior. School rules (and WNYVHF rules) apply and should be enforced as if the event were being held on the school campus. The fact that the game and practices are school functions should be known by news releases, public address announcements, and the visible presence of school personnel.
- Lease: In the lease agreement with the facility, the school should demand a safe and healthy environment for its players and fans. The agreement should clearly state the financial arrangements as they pertain to rental fees and gate receipts. A contract should include more than just the financial considerations. It should also include specific references to necessary and expected services, and facility conditions. If the agreement includes the hiring of personnel by the rink management (such as security, ticket takers, etc.) and the right of the rink to sell refreshments, the school should emphatically demand that local and WNYVHF codes of spectator behavior be enforced (see section on [spectators](#) on page 13).
- Advertisements: *It is strongly recommended that advertisements for alcohol be removed or covered at the rink and must not be included in a printed hockey program.*
- Parking: Excellent lighting and monitoring of the parking area should be provided by the rink.
- Loitering before and after games should not be permitted. Players should not exit from locker rooms until fans have departed from the rink. Whenever feasible, exits should be used that are away from locker room areas. Separate exits should be utilized for spectators from each school.
- The scoreboard should be functional, preferably with not only game time and score, but also noting penalty minutes.
- A public address system should be available for game and emergency announcements.
- Music: The home team may provide music for games, as long as it is played at a reasonable level. The visiting team provides music at games only by mutual consent of the coaches.
- Emergency medical procedures should be planned in advance and supplies readily available (See [Emergency Medical Procedures](#) on page 16).

A close working relationship between rink management and school administration (athletic director or high school principal) is a must. The communication link between the rink and school should not be solely dependent on the coaching staff. Periodically, there should be reports as to the conditions of the locker room (before and after practices) and facilities. With the assistance of rink management, the school administration should develop a procedure for handling student-fan misbehavior, monitoring adult spectators, and visiting team fans. Also the two parties should define what problems are to be handled by school officials and what problems are to be handled by the rink personnel or security. A good "model" is that practiced at home basketball games.

Responsibilities of Coaches

Coaches are employees of the school and community and should subscribe to the rules, philosophy and procedures desired by the school, its administration, the athletic department and the WNYVHF. The behavior and attitude of the coach sets the tone!

- Winning coaches or the home team, in the case of a tie, are required to call the media and report scores to WNY Athletics and our website. <http://sectionviboyshockey.com/>
- Behavior: Inappropriate language or behavior is not permitted on the bench or around the rink area. Any member of the coaching staff who receives two game misconducts and/or disqualification penalties during the season shall not participate in Sectionals.
- Rules: Coaches should be familiar with the NYSPHSAA, WNYVHF, and NFHS rules.
- Bench: There is no maximum number of players dressed on the bench. If the coach is removed from the bench, the assistant coach will be in charge. Only employees or official representatives of the school district may serve as a coach. In addition to the players, only a coach, asst. coach, school trainer, and student manager are permitted on the bench. Coaches should accompany their players from the locker room to the bench before each game and between periods.
- Player Eligibility: Every player must have six (6) varsity practices to be eligible. Club JV practices DO NOT Count. No player should appear on any game sheet unless he is dressed to play. Players must be on six (6) game sheets as a dressed player to be eligible for playoffs. No player should appear on any game sheet unless the player is dressed to play.
- Equipment: The coach must be certain that all players are properly equipped, by the rules of high school ice hockey.
- Rosters: Coaches are required to submit their rosters on the Boys Ice Hockey Website before **their first scheduled game**. <http://sectionviboyshockey.com/>
- **Team photos must be uploaded to their respective site page by January 1st.**
- Interaction with Officials: COACHES SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WHEN SPEAKING WITH OFFICIALS. If a coach wishes to make a formal complaint based on a referee's performance or actions, the coach may do so by submitting the complaint to the school Athletic Director in writing within 24 hours of the event. If the athletic director finds merit in the complaint, then the athletic director will submit the description of the event to the Section Chair and the Officials Liaison.

Emergency Medical Procedures

1. The league expectation is that a trainer will be with the team during games. It is imperative that all coaches also be knowledgeable of, and adhere to, the American Red Cross recommended procedures for administering first aid.
2. Where situations warrant (example: head, neck, back injuries, suspected broken bones, etc.) or when in doubt, the First Aid Squad should be summoned.
3. Doctor, Trainer, or Coach will administer first aid. If further immediate aid is indicated, this person will direct the head proctor to summon the First Aid Squad. If injury occurs during practice, the coach will summon the First Aid Squad. In either case, a person shall be assigned to direct the squad to the location of the emergency. This call may be made at telephones located in the hockey arena.
4. The head proctor or proctor assigned the responsibility must identify himself/herself to both head coaches, as well as doctors or the trainer.
5. Parent(s) must be notified by proctor or coach prior to transportation to the emergency room. In cases of non-serious injuries where no additional immediate medical aid is indicated, parents are to be notified by the coach at earliest convenience (i.e.: immediately following the contest).
6. Regardless of the seriousness of the injury, transportation home or to the hospital is to be provided ONLY by ambulance, parent, or when absolutely necessary, by a coach or proctor. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE INJURED ATHLETES TO BE TRANSPORTED BY ANOTHER STUDENT! An adult, preferably a parent, coach or proctor, should accompany the student. In the case where only one coach is present and no other adult can be found, the coach must remain with the remainder of the team but must follow-up on the student's condition as soon as possible.
7. Accident reports must be completed as soon as possible for all injuries, regardless of extent.
8. **Section VI AED Policy** (effective Feb. 2003) The game site-chairperson will be responsible for securing an AED for the certified trainer's use at all sectional contests, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. The certified trainer will be provided by an orthopedic group contracted by Section VI, at all postseason contests held at NEUTRAL SITES. Note: If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for postseason contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

POST SEASON SEEDING

Monsignor Martin:

Sectional seeding for Monsignor Martin will be based on the total points from their schedule of league games played within their division.

Division I Large School:

Seeding slots 1 and 2 will be based on the final ECIC Divisional standings of the Division I teams only. Seeding slots 3 and 4 will be determined by the MyHockeyRankings of the two remaining Division I teams.

Division II Small Schools:

- 1.) The teams will be seeded for playoffs based upon their final placement in comparison to other Division II teams within their respective divisions.
- 2.) The highest placing teams in each league division will receive the #1 - #3 seeds in the playoffs
- 3.) The second highest placing teams in each league division will receive the #4 - #6 seeds in the playoffs
- 4.) The third highest placing teams in each league division will receive the #7 - #9 seeds
- 5.) The fourth highest teams in each league division will receive the #10 - #12 seeds
- 6.) The fifth highest teams in the NFL and ECIC II divisions will receive the #13 - #14 seeds
- 7.) The sixth place team in ECIC II will receive the #15 seed
- 8.) The seventh place team in ECIC II will receive the #16 seed
- 9.) The FINAL seeding for each of the above groups (#2 through #8) will be determined by the current process using the final MyHockey.com rankings. This process establishes a power ranking by averaging the sum of the strength of each team's opponent and the goal differential in each league game played. The team with the highest MyHockey.com point value will receive the highest seed in each category (#1 - #3; #4 - #6; etc.)

The website www.myhockeyrankings.com will compute these rankings and will maintain a separate ranking for all Section VI teams using only the fifteen (15) games scheduled through the Section.

Non-League games will NOT be counted toward this ranking even if they involve two (2) Section VI teams.

Rankings will be available after each team completes five (5) games and will be updated weekly every Tuesday morning and as often as needed in the final two weeks of the season.

Seedings Tie Breaker procedure:

The following tie-breaker procedure shall be used to determine Sectional seeding.

- 1.) The results of the games played between the teams tied; total points acquired in these games.
- 2.) Most Wins.
- 3.) Goals For/Goals Against Differential in complete schedule.
- 4.) Coin Flip

Selection of Officials

The selection of officials for sectional and regional play will be based on coaches' evaluations during the regular season. Coaches will also be asked to provide their preferred list of officials prior to the post season meeting to **Officials Liaison Brett Banker**. Selections will be based on those evaluations.

Sectional/Regional Game Protocol

Regular season game protocol will carry over to Sectional play.

Only differences are the below overtime procedures. Instant replay will be available beginning in the semi-final round. See NYSPHSAA adopted procedures for use of Instant Replay. (The Town of Amherst has informed Section they cannot provide this service - which is site of quarter-finals)

Rule 6-54, 56 Overtime

- In Sectional, Regional and NYSPHSAA Championship Play: After the third period the ice will be resurfaced, and teams will switch ends. Play shall be continued until the first goal is scored in Overtime for no more than two overtime periods of 17 minutes. (July 2022)
- If the game shall be tied at the end of the first overtime period, teams will play another overtime period of 17 minutes, after the ice is resurfaced and teams switch ends. If the score is still tied, the "shoot out" procedure will be used. (13.08.12) (July 2022)

- If the teams are still tied after the two overtimes of the NYSPHSAA finals, Co-Champions will be crowned.

ADDENDUM #1 Procedures for a "Shoot Down"

- 1) 1ST Attempt- Each team shall select three shooters who will meet at center ice with the officials. (All players, other than those involved in the shoot down, are to go to their bench and be seated. The shooters will remain behind the center face-off spot at the discretion of the officials.)
- 2) The official(s) will flip a coin to see which team starts. Players from opposing teams will alternate taking penalty shots (Rule 4-6) until all six players have competed. The team with the most goals will advance in tournament or state play.
- 3) If there is a tie after the first group of six, each team will select three new shooters. Players from opposing teams will alternate taking penalty shots (Rule 4-6) until all three players have competed. The team with the most goals will advance in tournament or state play.
- 4) If there is still a tie, each team will select another three shooters (not to include any player that has already competed) and continue the process. Players from opposing teams will alternate taking penalty shots (Rule 4-6) until all three players have competed. The team with the most goals will advance in tournament or state play.
- 5) If a tie still exists, each team will select any three shooters for the remaining shoot downs. Players from opposing teams will alternate taking penalty shots (Rule 4-6) until all three have competed. The team with the most goals will advance in tournament or state play.
- 6) Goaltenders may be substituted in between each group of three shooters, not during. Goaltenders injured may be substituted according to NYSPHSAA rules.

No Shows at Sectionals

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting spoils the integrity of the tournament. The following Section VI policy was adopted by the Athletic Council 11/98:

- a. Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding, as per the sport specific sectional handbook. Schools failing to fulfill their pre-tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction:

One year ineligibility for sectional play in that sport with the ability to appeal to the Athletic Council.

Appeal must occur within 60 days of the completion of sectional play.

- b. The Section Chairperson must notify the Executive Secretary of the occurrence and the Section office will notify the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of the sanction.

Contingency Plan for Post Season Competition (weather or illness)

1. Contests will be postponed only if a participating school is officially closed due to weather or illness.
2. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director (or designee) to notify the Sport Chairperson that the school has been closed due to weather conditions (or illness) as soon as he/she becomes aware of such action. Officials and the media will be notified by the Chairperson (or designee).
3. In the event that a school is closed on the day its playoff contest is scheduled, the decision to play shall rest with the District Superintendent.
4. In the event that weather conditions reverse themselves prior to game time, the game may be played with the mutual consent of the participating Athletic Directors and the approval of the Sport Chairperson.
5. When a contest is at a non-school site: If the competition facility and the roads to that destination are open, then the competition will go on as scheduled. If either the roads or the facility are closed, then the competition will be canceled. ***Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is canceled.***
6. The Sport Chairperson will notify the Executive Director of any postponements.
7. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is up to the individual leagues to recognize the potential for snow days, power outages, etc. that may cause cancellations and problems. The individual leagues should schedule their last league contest at least 1 or 2 days prior to the seeding mtg., allowing for a make-up league contest(s) prior to the seeding meeting if necessary. The storm in Feb. 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding mtg. bears this point out.
- 8) Any health or safety threat confirmed or unconfirmed will supersede any existing policy and will be up to the discretion of the involved member school. (Approved AC 11/13/19)

Media – Reporting Results

At the conclusion of the game, the winning coach must give results to radio and television and notify the Sports' Department Collect. Please make certain of this. Each year, sportswriters and sportscasters criticize Section VI for

lack of cooperation in reporting game results. Additional media are listed on page 10 of the [Section VI Directory](#) or on the Section VI website [Media Link](#)

For Media requirements for post season play see Sectional Competition below.

If you get an answering machine, leave score on machine

SUPER SEVEN (Athlete of the Week) 840-7798 Answering Machine

Schedule:

(see page 3)

Team Rosters

Coaches are required to upload their team rosters to the section website by **Before the first game. See page 3** and email a copy to the Section VI Chairman Rick Brooks rbrooks@clarenceschools.org. Coaches must keep rosters up to date on the website. <http://sectionviboys hockey.com/>

Media

Media request for approval -all radio/TV stations must submit [ON-LINE MEDIA CONTRACT](#)
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/Media>

New on-line form sends email to the Section VI Media Chairman, Mark DiFilippo, you will receive an email approval.

Section VI Policies

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Policy on Travel to State Competition for Team Sports

For the complete policy click on #310 in the [Policy Manual](#) **Summary for Team Sports**

Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation. Section VI responsibility for member school participation in state championships is outlined below.

SUPERVISION:

One or more certified coaches are required to travel with the student athletes from their school and must be present on any Section VI contracted bus, as well as the location where the athletes are housed, state competition where the athlete(s) will compete and all related events.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Schools will make their own transportation arrangements for their athletes involved in state competition in team sports. Schools will be responsible for all transportation costs.
- Section VI will apply to NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of **\$1.35*** per mile on the state grid (for one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

LODGING: The Sportchair will advise participating schools if accommodations are to be arranged by the state or by the schools. School will be responsible for all lodging costs.

MEALS: Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition. * State approved 5/09

All-WNY Scholar Athlete

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection as an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. Applications must be completed on-line. Click here for [The criteria for selection and the Nomination Form](#). **completed online application before March 17, 2025** Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests

(updated October 2013 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee)

- All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests **MUST** be approved by Section VI. In addition, Senior All-Star contests must be approved by NYSPHSAA. The forms required are posted on the section website*
- All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests must be conducted within the season dates approved by the Section VI Athletic Council for that sport. The calendar of approved season dates for all sports is posted on the section website*
- Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.

4. A contestant **may participate in any approved senior all star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.** (approved October 24, 2013, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting).

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.

*www.section6.e1b.org Click on *Forms* Scroll down to *Senior All Star*, or call the Section office 821-7581.

SECTION VI - NYSPHSAA

Sportsmanship Philosophy & Code of Conduct Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning at all cost attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

***** Sportsmanship Statement Reminder *****

The following statement will be read over the public address system just prior to the pledge to the flag. If there is no public address system, the statement will be read to both teams by the site chairperson or his representative:

"Welcome to Section VI (name of sport). Athletic competition can provide everyone with a sense of accomplishment and pride, if all of us - players, coaches and spectators - abide by the rules of good conduct. We ask that you enjoy the performance of our outstanding athletes in a spirit of sportsmanship and appreciation of competition."

UPDATED Sportsmanship Standard & Pledge

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2022/8/2/2022_23_Sport_Coordinator_Manual_FINAL.pdf#page=55

Link to History of Boys Ice Hockey Champions

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KUqM9aymIGj56FSlvfFMjrqFa0JWl7fV/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109555149419838497371&rtpof=true&sd=true>