



SECTION VI
WESTERN NEW YORK
VARSITY HOCKEY
FEDERATION



SPORT HANDBOOK

*A GUIDE TO
PROMOTING THE SPORT
IN WESTERN NEW YORK
HIGH SCHOOLS*

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Varsity Hockey Federation
2008-2009
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When a student skates onto the ice to play an interscholastic hockey game, his actions—style of play—and behavior are representative not only of his own personal character, but also must reflect that which is deemed desirable by his parents, the coaches, community, teachers and students of his school. Ice hockey is an exciting game, which should be enjoyed by participants and fans. It should be remembered by players, fans, coaches, officials, parents and everyone associated with the sport, that high school hockey is as different from professional hockey—as high school wrestling is different from professional wrestling. The objective of youth hockey is to compete and improve skating skills . . . but high school players not only compete, they are more importantly students who represent the best qualities of school spirit, performance, and pride.

In an effort to promote the quality of high school hockey in WNY, the Section VI Western New York Varsity High School Federation issues this Handbook for distribution to individuals interested in, and responsible for, promoting the sport of WNY high school ice hockey.

We urge schools to sponsor a pre-season ice hockey sportsmanship seminar for members of the team, boosters' club, cheerleaders and parents. At this seminar we urge the high school principal, athletic director and coach to give specific goals and objectives related to desired sportsmanship game behavior. The coach and school should reinforce and define specific rules of behavior and eligibility requirements that are team, school and/or WNY Varsity standards.

This handbook is published to assist school administrators, athletic directors, and coaches whose primary responsibility is to provide and conduct the high school hockey program. It is not the official rule book, but is intended as a guide for season long awareness, and/or as a hand-out resource for the suggested pre-season ice hockey meeting.

Section VI WNY Varsity Hockey Federation Method of Determining a Champion

For the 2008-09 season, the league will be broken up into 3 divisions. Divisions one (1) and two (2) will be made up of large schools and Division three (3) will be small schools.

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>
Frontier	Canisius	Amherst
Kenmore West	Clarence	Hamburg
Lancaster	Niagara Wheatfield	Kenmore East
Lockport	St. Joe's	Nichols
Niagara Falls	West Seneca West	St. Francis
Orchard Park	Williamsville North	Sweet Home
		Timon
		West Seneca East
		Williamsville East
		Williamsville South

Division one (1) and Division two (2) will play a double round-robin format within their own division and one (1) cross-over game, with each team in the other division for a total of 16 games. Division three (3) will play a double round-robin format within their own division for a total of 18 games.

The standings for each division shall be determined on the basis of two (2) points for a win, and one (1) point for a tie. All 16 games in Divisions one (1) and two (2), and all 18 games in Division three (3) will count toward Sectional seeding and Divisional Champion. If teams are tied for first place after regular-season play, the teams will be declared Co-Champions.

Sectional and State Representation

Upon completion of the regular season, there will be 3 separate Sectional tournaments, (Large Schools, Small Schools, Private Schools).

The Private schools will be seeded one (1) through five (5) based only on the games played between those Private schools.

The Large Schools will be seeded one (1) through ten (10) based on their 16 game schedule and the Small Schools will be seeded one (1) through seven (7) based on their 18 game schedule. Teams will be reseeded throughout each round of the Sectionals as reflected in the schedule in this booklet.

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 divisional games
- 4.) Goals For/Goals Against Differential in complete schedule

PLAYING SITES

AMHERST PEPSI CENTER Phone: 631-7555
1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

BUFFALO STATE ICE RINK Phone: 878-4198
1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222

DANN MEMORIAL RINK (Nichols School) Phone: 875-8212
1250 Amherst Street, Buffalo, NY 14216

HAMBURG ICE RINK Phone: 649-8771
2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg, NY 14075

HOLIDAY TWIN RINKS Phone: 685-3660
3465 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

LEISURE RINKS Phone: 675-8992
75 Weiss Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127

RIVERSIDE ICE ARENA Phone: 875-4820
2607 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207

PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE
1990/91	Bishop Timon-St. Jude	St. Joe's
1991/92	St. Francis	St. Joe's
1992/93	St. Joe's	St. Francis
1993/94	St. Joe's	St. Francis
1994/95	St. Francis	Bishop Timon-St. Jude
1995/96	St. Joe's	St. Francis
1996/97	St. Joe's	St. Francis
1997/98	St. Francis	Williamsville North
1998/99	St. Francis	Bishop Timon-St. Jude
1999/00	Williamsville North	St. Joe's
2000/01	Williamsville North	St. Joe's
2001/2002	Bishop Timon-St. Jude	St. Joe's
2002/2003	Williamsville North	Williamsville East
2003/2004	St. Joe's	Bishop Timon-St. Jude
2004/2005	Williamsville North	Frontier
2005/2006	Kenmore West	Canisius
2006/2007	St. Joe's	Williamsville North
2007/2008 (Large)	St. Joe's	Williamsville North
(Small)	Sweet Home	Bishop Timon-St. Jude

2008 - 2009 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Arena	Rink	Home	Away
Dec. 2, 2008	5:00	Nichols		Nichols	Williamsville E.
Dec. 3, 2008	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Amherst	Sweet Home
Dec. 4, 2008	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Canisius	St. Joe's
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore East	W. Seneca East
	7:30	Riverside		Frontier	Orchard Park
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Lancaster	Lockport
Dec. 6, 2008	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Niag. Wheatfield	Williamsville N.
	1:00	Pepsi	FR	St. Francis	Williamsville So.
Dec. 7, 2008	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Amherst	Timon
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Hamburg	Williamsville E.
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Clarence	W. Seneca West
Dec. 10, 2008	7:00	State		Frontier	Niagara Falls
	12:30	State		Orchard Park	Lockport
Dec. 11, 2008	5:30	Nichols		Nichols	St. Francis
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore West	Lancaster
Dec. 13, 2008	7:00	Pepsi	FR	St. Joe's	Williamsville N.
	7:30	Riverside		Canisius	W. Seneca West
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Clarence	Niag. Wheatfield
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore East	Williamsville So.
Dec. 14, 2008	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Sweet Home	W Seneca East
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Frontier	Lockport
Dec. 17, 2008	1:00	State		Williamsville So	St. Francis
	3:00	State		Timon	Williamsville E
	5:00	State		Kenmore East	Nichols
Dec. 18, 2008	8:30	Pepsi	#1	Amherst	West Seneca E
Dec. 18, 2008	5:00	Nichols		Nichols	Hamburg
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Niagara Falls	Lancaster
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Sweet Home	Williamsville So
	7:30	Riverside		W Seneca West	Niag Wheatfield
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	St. Joe's	Clarence
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Amherst	Williamsville E

Date	Time	Arena	Rink	Home	Away
Dec. 19, 2008	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Canisius	Williamsville No
Dec. 20, 2008	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Lancaster	Niag Wheatfield
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Niagara Falls	Orchard Park
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	W Seneca East	Williamsville So
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Williamsville N	Clarence
	10:15	Nichols		Hamburg	Kenmore East
	12:15	Nichols		Sweet Home	Nichols
Dec. 21, 2008	1:00	State		Williamsville N	W Seneca West
	3:00	State		W Seneca East	Kenmore East
	5:00	State		St. Francis	Timon
	6:00	Riverside		Kenmore West	Niagara Falls
Dec. 22, 2008	1:00	Nichols		Amherst	St. Francis
	3:00	Nichols		Canisius	Clarence
	11:00	Nichols		Lockport	St. Joe's
Dec. 23, 2008	1:00	Nichols		Niag Wheatfield	St. Joe's
	3:00	Nichols		Lockport	Niagara Falls
	11:00	Nichols		Amherst	Nichols
Dec. 26, 2008	1:00	Nichols		W Seneca East	Nichols
	3:00	Nichols		Williamsville E	St. Francis
	5:00	Nichols		Sweet Home	Hamburg
	11:00	Nichols		Lancaster	Orchard Park
Dec. 27, 2008	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Hamburg	St. Francis
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore West	Clarence
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	W Seneca West	St. Joe's
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Timon	Sweet Home
Dec. 28, 2008	1:00	State		Orchard Park	Kenmore West
	3:00	State		Niagara Falls	W Seneca West
	5:00	State		Timon	Kenmore East
Dec. 29, 2008	1:00	Hamburg		Frontier	W Seneca West
	1:00	Pepsi	#1	Williamsville So	Nichols
	11:00	Hamburg		Hamburg	W Seneca East
Dec. 31, 2008	11:00	Pepsi	OR	Orchard Park	Williamsville No
	12:00	Pepsi	#2	Kenmore East	Williamsville E

Date	Time	Arena	Rink	Home	Away
Dec. 31, 2008	1:00	Pepsi	OR	Lockport	Kenmore West
	2:00	Pepsi	#2	Lancaster	Clarence
Jan. 1, 2009	1:30	Holiday		Niagara Falls	Canisius
	2:00	Holiday		Frontier	Niag Wheatfield
	3:30	Holiday		Lancaster	W Seneca West
	4:00	Holiday		Williamsville So	Timon
Jan. 2, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	OR	Lockport	Williamsville No
	1:00	Nichols		Williamsville E	W Seneca East
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore West	St. Joe's
	3:00	Nichols		Kenmore East	St. Francis
	5:00	Nichols		Frontier	Canisius
	12:00	Pepsi	FR	Orchard Park	Clarence
Jan. 3, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Amherst	Williamsville So
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Lockport	W Seneca West
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Niagara Falls	Williamsville No
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Williamsville E	Sweet Home
	10:15	Nichols		Nichols	Timon
	12:15	Nichols		Kenmore West	Niag Wheatfield
Jan. 4, 2009	1:00	State		Lancaster	St. Joe's
	3:00	State		W Seneca East	Timon
	5:00	State		St. Francis	Nichols
	6:00	Riverside		Williamsville So	Hamburg
Jan. 5, 2009	5:00	Hamburg		Orchard Park	Frontier
Jan. 8, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Lockport	Canisius
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Williamsville So	Williamsville E
	7:30	Riverside		Kenmore West	W Seneca West
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Niagara Falls	Clarence
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Lancaster	Williamsville No
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Lancaster	Williamsville No
Jan. 10, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	W Seneca East	Hamburg
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore West	Williamsville No
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	St. Francis	Sweet Home
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Canisius	Niag Wheatfield
	10:45	Nichols		Williamsville E	Nichols

Date	Time	Arena	Rink	Home	Away	Date	Time	Arena	Rink	Home	Away	
Jan. 11, 2009	1:00	State		Timon	Hamburg	Jan. 24, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Williamsville So	W Seneca East	
	3:00	State		Orchard Park	St. Joe's		3:00	Pepsi	FR	Williamsville E	Amherst	
	5:00	State		Niagara Falls	Niag Wheatfield		3:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore East	Hamburg	
	6:00	Riverside		Canisius	Lancaster		5:00	Pepsi	OR	W Seneca West	Canisius	
Jan. 12, 2009	5:00	Hamburg		Frontier	Kenmore West	Jan. 25, 2009	6:00	Riverside		Niagara Falls	Frontier	
Jan. 14, 2009	5:30	Nichols		Nichols	Kenmore East	7:30	State		Lockport	Orchard Park		
Jan. 15, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Orchard Park	Niag Wheatfield	Jan. 26, 2009	12:30	State		Timon	St. Francis	
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Amherst	Hamburg		5:00	Hamburg		Frontier	St. Joe's	
	7:30	Riverside		St. Francis	W Seneca East		Jan. 29, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Williamsville No	St. Joe's
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Kenmore West	Canisius		7:00	Pepsi	OR	Sweet Home	Nichols	
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore East	Sweet Home		7:30	Riverside		Lancaster	Kenmore West	
Jan. 17, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Lockport	Niag Wheatfield	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Niag Wheatfield	Clarence		
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Timon	Amherst	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Williamsville So	Amherst		
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Williamsville E	Hamburg	Jan. 30, 2009	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Frontier	Lockport	
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Williamsville So	Kenmore East	Jan. 31, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Clarence	St. Joe's	
Jan. 18, 2009	4:30	State		Niagara Falls	St. Joe's	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Orchard Park	Niagara Falls		
	6:00	Riverside		W Seneca East	Amherst	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Sweet Home	Hamburg		
Jan. 19, 2009	5:00	Pepsi	OR	St. Francis	Amherst	5:00	Pepsi	OR	St. Francis	Amherst		
	1:00	Hamburg		Hamburg	Timon	Feb. 1, 2009	1:00	Nichols		Lancaster	Niagara Falls	
	1:00	Pepsi	#1	St. Francis	Williamsville E	1:00	State		Kenmore West	Orchard Park		
	1:15	Holiday		Lockport	Lancaster	3:00	State		Williamsville No	Canisius		
	2:15	Holiday		Orchard Park	W Seneca West	3:00	Nichols		Nichols	W Seneca East		
	3:15	Holiday		W Seneca East	Sweet Home	5:00	State		Niag Wheatfield	W Seneca West		
	11:00	Hamburg		Frontier	Clarence	6:00	Riverside		Kenmore East	Timon		
	11:00	Pepsi	#1	Williamsville No	Niag Wheatfield	Feb. 4, 2009	3:45	Nichols		Timon	Nichols	
	12:00	Pepsi	OR	Niagara Falls	Kenmore West	5:45	Nichols		Kenmore East	St. Francis		
12:15	Holiday		St. Joe's	Canisius	Feb. 5, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore East	Williamsville E		
Jan. 21, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Amherst	Kenmore East	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Clarence	Williamsville No		
Jan. 22, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	OR	W Seneca West	Clarence	7:30	Riverside		Kenmore West	Lockport		
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Williamsville E	Timon	9:00	Pepsi	OR	St. Joe's	W Seneca West		
	7:30	Riverside		St. Francis	Hamburg	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Sweet Home	Timon		
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Frontier	Williamsville No							
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Williamsville So	Sweet Home							

Date	Time	Arena	Rink	Home	Away
Feb. 7, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Nichols	Williamsville So
	2:00	Hamburg		Lancaster	Frontier
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Niagara Falls	Lockport
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Niag Wheatfield	Canisius
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Sweet Home	Amherst
Feb. 8, 2009	6:00	Riverside		Timon	West Seneca E
Feb. 11, 2009	5:00	Nichols		Nichols	Amherst
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Hamburg	Williamsville So
Feb. 12, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Orchard Park	Lancaster
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Sweet Home	Williamsville E
	7:30	Riverside		Hamburg	Nichols
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	Kenmore West	Frontier
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	Clarence	Canisius
Feb. 14, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	FR	Timon	Williamsville So
	3:00	Pepsi	OR	Sweet Home	St. Francis
	3:00	Pepsi	FR	W Seneca East	Williamsville E
	5:00	Pepsi	OR	Kenmore East	Amherst
Feb. 15, 2009	1:00	State		Hamburg	Amherst
	3:00	State		Sweet Home	Kenmore East
	5:00	State		W Seneca East	St. Francis
	6:00	Riverside		Williamsville E	Williamsville So
Feb. 16, 2009	1:00	Pepsi	#1	W Seneca West	Williamsville No
	1:15	Holiday		Lockport	Clarence
	2:00	Holiday		Orchard Park	Canisius
	3:00	Pepsi	#1	St. Joe's	Niag Wheatfield
	12:00	Holiday		Frontier	Lancaster

PLAYOFFS

Date	Time	Arena	Rink	
Feb. 19, 2009	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Large Pre-Quarters
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Catholic Pre-Semi
	9:00	Pepsi	FR	
	9:00	Pepsi	OR	
Feb. 21, 2009	3:00	Pepsi	FR	Small Quarters
	5:00	Pepsi	FR	
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	
Feb. 22, 2009	9:00	Pepsi	FR	
	1:00	State		Large Quarters
	3:00	State		
	5:00	State		
Feb. 25, 2009	7:00	State		
	7:00	Pepsi	OR	Catholic Semis
Feb. 26, 2009	9:00	Pepsi	OR	
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Small Semis
Feb. 27, 2009	9:00	Pepsi	FR	
	7:00	Pepsi	FR	Large Semis
March 1, 2009	9:00	Pepsi	FR	
	1:00	State		Small
	3:30	State		Large
March 7, 2009	6:00	State		Catholic
	8:00	Pepsi	FR	Regional games
	8:00	Pepsi	OR	Regional games
March 8, 2009	3:00	State		NYSCHSAA Championship

ICE HOCKEY PLAYERS

All student athletes—who participate for the Section VI WNY Varsity Ice Hockey Federation are:

- Officially enrolled at the school for the purpose of gaining an education, and meet the age, enrollment, attendance, and all other high school eligibility requirements.
- Amateurs who display loyalty to their school team first, and do not practice or play on another team at the same times as a scheduled high school team practice or game.
- Expected to display higher values than their non-athletic peers in response to the privilege of participation and the responsibility inherent as representatives of their school and community.

Local rules may outline more specific desired behaviors, but a minimum requirement is that during the season, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, a student athlete must not consume, possess, buy/sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol, or any controlled substance. The use of smokeless tobacco is also prohibited.

Because a player puts on an ice hockey uniform, a pair of skates, a protective helmet for safety, and plays the game with a stick, it does not grant him special privileges to forget about his responsibility and to disregard the larger purpose of participation, namely good sportsmanship and clean competition.

Protective gear, from mouthpieces to protective pads, exist to prevent injury from accidents that may arise in the highly exciting, contact sport of ice hockey and not to initiate or defend against intentional “cheap shots” or fights.

Hockey sticks are intended for movement of a puck away from your goal and into your opponent’s net. High sticks can’t touch the puck, sticks are not for cheering or jeering, and no stick is tended to be used as a weapon against an opponent.

*KEEP YOUR KID OUT OF HOT
WATER . . . PUT HIM ON ICE*

Players who haven’t something positive to say, shouldn’t say anything. Inappropriate gestures or taunting do not show respect. Learning respect and responsibility for one’s actions are major objectives of all high school competitions.

There are no reasons why good high school ice hockey players cannot abide by the rules. The purpose of the rules is to provide good clean competition — thus if players break the code of good sportsmanship, the result is punishment and disgrace, not only to themselves but also for teammates, their parents, their school and the community they represent.

COMMITMENT RULE

A player who participates in a practice or game for a team other than his high school team, at the same time as a scheduled high school practice or game, is in violation of the commitment rule, and shall be suspended from the next 2 games of his team; however, all rostered players shall be required to practice and attend games during the suspension period. A second occurrence of the commitment rule shall result in suspension from the federation. Rule goes into effect the Monday after Thanksgiving.

ROSTERS

Team rosters shall be unlimited in size, but all players listed shall be required to honor the commitment rule. All players must be rostered with the Federation at the start of the season in order to be eligible to participate. Any additions or deletions must be registered with the League President prior to any participation.

8th GRADERS

Eighth graders are not permitted to play Ice Hockey. All players must be in at least the ninth grade to be eligible.

EMERGENCY GOALKEEPER

Each team will designate an emergency goalkeeper at the start of the season, to be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation. This player must appear on the original roster, and be properly designated. The emergency goalkeeper must abide by NYSPHSAA rules, but shall be exempt from the commitment rule.

8 GOAL RULE

In the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play there will be an eight goal rule with a running clock. If a team goes ahead by eight goals, from that point the clock will be a running clock for the rest of the game or until the score goes below an eight goal difference. The running clock will be started at the beginning of play after the eighth goal is scored.

REFEREES

Referees are assigned by the league. Only NIHOA enrolled referees shall be hired for high school games. Referees are paid in accordance with fees established by WNYVHF. 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 NYSPHAA Ice Hockey Rules.

A Two-Man Referee System will be used for all regular season, sectional, and state games.

Remember that:

- A bench penalty can be called for inappropriate fan behavior after one warning.
- The mouth piece and neck guard rules should be enforced.
- The “above the shoulder” stick violation is a major penalty, except where a minor penalty applies for incidental contact.
- Any penalty after a whistle shall include a misconduct on the penalized player(s).
- Disqualified players must be reported on the appropriate WNYVHF Ice Hockey form. Failure of a referee to “write-up” a disqualification may result in a suspension from officiating WYNVHF school sponsored hockey games for a period not to exceed one year.

Game disqualification penalties should be reported immediately on the WNYVHF forms, which should be available from the designated host school “Site Manager”. (Referees are encouraged to have extra copies of this form in their possession.)

It is recommended that prior to the season referees conduct an “off ice” session with players and coaches to explain new rule changes, to promote good sportsmanship, and to explain

Section VI/All-Western New York Scholar Athlete Team Nomination Form

CRITERIA:

- Overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters (fall/winter sports), seven semesters (spring sports)
- Starter or important reserve
- Seniors only

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR NOMINATIONS:

- Cover letter including the nominee's qualifications i.e.: academic and athletic accomplishments, community service, school activities
- Transcript (copy)
- Parental release for transcript
- Completed nomination form (below)

DEADLINES: All-WNY Scholar Athlete forms must be

RECEIVED at Section VI NO LATER THAN:

- Fall Sports----- **November 15**
- Winter Sports----- **March 1**
- Spring Sports----- **May 15**

PLEASE MAIL TO: Section VI Athletics
c/o All-WNY Scholar Athlete
355 Harlem Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Teams

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Baseball/Softball | Indoor Track (B/G) |
| Basketball (B/G) | Lacrosse (B/G) |
| Bowling (B/G) | Rifle |
| Cross Country (B/G) | Soccer (B/G) |
| Field Hockey | Swimming (B/G) |
| Football | Tennis (B/G) |
| Golf (B/G) | Track & Field (B/G) |
| Gymnastics (B/G) | Volleyball (B/G) |
| Ice Hockey | Wrestling |

Note: Repeat winners will be listed but not pictured in the Buffalo News. Only one sweatshirt will be awarded per athlete.

All-WNY Scholar Athlete Nomination Form

Type or Print Clearly

SPORT: _____ Circle one: Boys Girls **DATE:** _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

High School: _____

Nominator (name) _____ Phone _____

GPA (Fr-Soph-Jr) _____ Class Rank: _____ SAT: _____ ACT: _____
CR / M / W / TOTAL
(HIGHEST SCORES)

NOTE- PLEASE ATTACH:

1. Cover letter with nominee's qualifications
2. Copy of transcript
3. Parental release for transcript

the role of a high school ice hockey referee. It is also strongly recommended that school officials (principal, athletic director, site manager, off-ice game officials) attend this session, in order that a positive dialogue be developed.

Referees should 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 leagues 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.

- It is recommended that referees 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.
- It is recommended that referees 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).
- It is recommended that referees not allow players to bang sticks on the ice or on the boards after a goal, for opponent penalty, etc.
- Referees (and coaches) should discourage the throwing of sticks, piling on, etc. after a victory or goal.
- Inappropriate language, taunting gestures and provocative behavior by players or coaches should not be tolerated.

OFF ICE GAME OFFICIALS

Qualified persons should be assigned to keep the official time, WNYVHF score sheet, and to supervise the penalty boxes. At least one adult, preferably either a game official or school official, should be designated as responsible for these functions. It is recommended that this designated adult, sitting as a scorekeeper/timekeeper/penalty box supervisor, be 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.

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

The scorekeeper shall prepare the WNYVHF recommended game report, and appropriately transit the copies to the “Site Manager”. Said game sheet then will be filed with the statistician, and will include the number of minor penalties and major penalties. Names of players who receive game disqualifications or too many penalties in one game resulting in that game disqualification, will be maintained by the rules and discipline chairman. In order to promote improved sportsmanship it is recommended that periodically the rules and discipline chairman share this summary information with the league officials. It may be requested that a summary of penalties be filed with the WNYVHF on a weekly basis by the following Tuesday of each week.

PROMOTING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BY SPECTATORS

It is recommended that rinks 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.

Fans should not be permitted to leave a facility and return.

Except for an official school banner (permanently affixed), no banners or signs are allowed. Whistles, megaphones, horns, and other noise makers are forbidden.

Whenever possible, it is recommended that student cheering sections NOT be in back of the team bench, especially the opposing team bench. 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 be seated and not leaning over the glass or rink boards. AT NO TIME should police or 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 maybe insulting to others must be prohibited. 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.

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 A.D. TO A.D. of Schools involved.
2. Home A.D. to contact President. President to contact: 1) Referees 2) Minor Officials 3) Security 4.) Facility
3. Home A.D. to contact: A.) Media B.) Treasurer C.) Scheduler
4. Two A.D.'s of Schools involved to re-schedule with President and Scheduler
 - A. President to contact:
 - 1.) Referees 2.) Minor Officials 3.) Security
 - B. A.D.'s are responsible for Facility and Treasurer

It's Different

To the parent and student skater, ice hockey has been and is an expensive sport. For many high school hockey players over \$10,000 already has been "invested" in mileage costs, new skates, summer camps, rink rentals, league fees and continually out-grown equipment. Before high school, the ice hockey player probably has played several years on a regular 9 month youth hockey schedule. He perhaps has played in more than one youth league, probably has played over 50 league or scrimmage games and usually hasn't "sat on the bench," but has been given equal playing time. He has most likely been a fan at many college and professional ice hockey games. Given this background, it is imperative that high school coaches, athletic directors and administrators devote time to explain and communicate with ice hockey players, fans, and parents regarding the high school interscholastic sports philosophy. The rationale for WNYVHF and local rules regarding season limits, transfer restrictions, and practice-game limitations also should be explained.

RESPONSIBILITY 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.
- 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, game suspension forms and the recommended WNYVHF Game Sheet. (Remember, the site manager is responsible for initiating the reporting of game suspensions).
- Be in charge and responsible for all "off ice" 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.
- Forward to appropriate home and away school personnel and statistician, the game score sheet and misconduct reports. (The WNYVHF Game Sheet facilitates this process)
- The Site Mgr. at the game should meet with the referees, proctors, security personnel and ticket takers, sellers. In case of an emergency everyone is known to the Site Mgr.

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 Federation regular season and playoff games, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. Each participating school will provide certified trainers during the regular season and playoffs. Northtowns Orthopedics will provide them as per contract with Section VI, at regional contests held at NEUTRAL SITES.

Note: If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for post-season contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Host schools are encouraged to keep one copy of the game sheet and to present one copy to the “opponents”. The third copy is to be filed with the WNY league statistician and the president.

SCORESHEETS OR COPIES FROM ALL GAMES PLAYED (INCLUDING TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION GAMES, ETC.) WILL BE TURNED IN TO STATISTICIAN OF LEAGUE.

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 such conditions as unruly behavior of spectators and/or players.

To ensure proper behavior of players, coaches and spectators -

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

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.

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).

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.

It is recommended that rink management provide excellent lighting and monitoring of its parking area. 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.

The home team may provide music for games, as long as it is played at a reasonable level. The visiting team to provide 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).

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.

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If you get an answering machine, leave score on machine

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! Inappropriate language or behavior should not be permitted on the bench or around the rink area.

Remember, any member of the coaching staff who receives two game misconducts and/or disqualification penalties during the season games between schools shall not participate in the WNYVHF tournament.

Coaches should be familiar with the 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 representative of 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.

Every player must have eight varsity practices to be eligible. Club practices do not count. Players must play nine league games to be eligible for playoffs. Exception will be injured players and players off for medical reasons. Those games missed due to above reasons will count towards the nine games. No player should appear on any game sheet unless the player is dressed to play.

The coach must be certain that all players are properly equipped, by the rules of high school ice hockey.

COACHES SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WHEN SPEAKING WITH OFFICIALS. CRITICISM OF A REFEREE SHOULD BE WRITTEN AFTER A GAME AND FORWARDED TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND LEAGUE PRESIDENT.

SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

1. All major penalties result in an automatic Disqualification.
2. During the WNYVHF Regular season and Playoffs, a player receiving a game Disqualification for fighting or abuse of officials will be suspended for his next 2 games. A player receiving his first major penalty is suspended to play in the next game, according to the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules.
3. Every subsequent Disqualification or game misconduct, results in a cumulative suspension of 1 game for each game the player has been suspended. Example: Player A receives his second game Disqualification of the season; therefore, he is suspended for 2 games.
4. During the WNYVHF Regular Season and Playoffs, a player receiving his third game disqualification, third game misconduct, third major penalty in the WNYVHF Regular season or playoffs is suspended for the remainder of the season and playoffs upon the review of the discipline committee.
5. During the WNYVHF Regular Season and Playoffs, a player receiving his fourth misconduct is awarded a game Disqualification. Said player is then suspended to play in the next game or games, dependent on whether he had incurred any previous game Disqualification. A violation of rule #1 and rule #3 in the same game will constitute two violations.

If the disqualified player is a senior, and it is his last game of the season, the incident will be referred back to the offending player's school for disciplinary action.

6. During the regular season and playoffs, a member of the coaching staff who receives a game disqualification/game misconduct penalty is ineligible to coach in the next two (2) games of his team, upon review of the executive committee. A member of the coaching staff receiving a second game disqualification/game misconduct penalty is ineligible for the remainder of the season, upon review of the executive committee, and the member school.
7. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final game of the season, upon review of the discipline committee. Additionally, a player receiving a game disqualification penalty in a WNYVHF Playoff Game may not be eligible for post-season awards.
8. The WNYVHF Sport Handbook monitors league games only, but penalties carry over to non-league games. Non-league games shall follow NYSPHSAA and NFHS rules regarding penalties & suspensions.
9. Coaches must submit all non-league and tournament score sheets and report any suspensions to the league statistician 24 hours prior to their next league game.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES

1. It is imperative that all coaches be knowledgeable of and adhere to 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 coach's office or Physical Education office, or 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 trainer if present.
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, parent is to be notified by the coach at earliest convenience (i.e., immediately following 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 remainder of the team but must follow-up on student's condition as soon as possible.
7. Accident report must be completed as soon as possible for all injuries, regardless of extent.

SECTION VI WESTERN NEW YORK VARSITY ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section I - Name - Section VI Western New York Varsity Hockey Federation

Section II - Office

Section III - Emblem

ARTICLE II

Section I - Purpose - To provide an interscholastic varsity ice hockey program that benefits both the student athlete and educational community.

ARTICLE III

Section I - The Executive Board shall conduct the league affairs.

Section II - The executive Board shall consist of Sectional Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary, Financial Coordinator, Discipline and Rules Coordinator, Officials Liaison, Past President.

Section III - Individuals on the Executive Board shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be elected at the April meeting of the current school year. Nominations and election to office will be made by the schools representative in the Federation.

Section IV - A member of the Executive Board may resign by notifying the Sectional Chairman in writing. All vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled by election of the Federation membership.

Section V - Executive Board meetings are called by the Sectional Chairman five (5) times a year (September, November, January, April, June) or when requested for urgent reasons by a Quorum (2/3=4) of the Executive membership.

ARTICLE IV

Section I - Membership is open to all high schools located in Section VI of New York State. Members are permitted one (1) representative team from each school. By the 2010-2011 season, it is required that each school will enter their best team. Charter members of the Federation are Bishop Timon-St. Jude, St. Josephs, St. Francis, Canisius, Williamsville East, Williamsville South, Williamsville North and Amherst. Charter schools cannot be removed from the Federation unless the resignation is voluntary.

Section II - Three (3) meetings of the Federation membership will be held each year, one each during the months of October, January, and June. The Sectional Chairman when deemed necessary may call additional meetings. In order to conduct business a quorum of the Federation membership must be present.

Section III - Quorum - A Quorum will be 3/4 of the Federation membership. Any decision or act of the majority of the members present at any meeting, at which a Quorum is present, shall be considered an act of the full membership. In the case of a vote being affected by an absent member, the vote will be tabled until that member can be contacted.

Section IV - By-Laws cannot be changed without approval of 3/4 of the members.

Section V - Voting - Each team entered into the Federation shall be represented at Federation meetings by its Athletic Director, or his/her designee, who shall be entitled to cast one vote.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section I - The officers of the Federation shall be its seven (7) Executive Board members. The Sectional Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Financial Coordinator, Secretary, Officials Liaison, and Discipline and Rules Coordinator, must be a Section VI Federation Member/Athletic Director nominated and elected by the Federation membership. The Past President which is a non-voting position, can be non-Federation member.

A. The Discipline/Rules Committee shall also have a minimum of three (3) Athletic Directors elected by membership to assist chairman.

B. The Discipline/Rules Committee will conduct all Discipline hearings.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section I - Sectional Chairman - Will preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and general membership, and appoint all committees. Will represent the league at Sectional state meetings. Is responsible for the overall operation of the league.

Section II - Assistant Chairman - In the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President and other duties as assigned by the Executive Board. Will oversee League scheduling and post-season play.

Section III - Secretary - Will attend and keep minutes of all meetings. Shall further have charge of all documents and papers of the Federation except those relating to funds. Will chair expansion committee and will present all reports from league coaches.

Section IV - Financial Coordinator - Shall collaborate with Section Treasurer to keep the funds and securities of the Federation. Will be in charge of collecting all funds due the Federation and make all deposits to the credit of the Federation at such bank or banks as the Executive Board may direct. They will make a financial report at each of the five (5) Executive meetings and three (3) Federation meetings per year. The Treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate account of monies taken in by the Federation and all disbursements made. Will oversee all game staging aspects of league and sectional games.

Section VI - Discipline and Rules Coordinator - Shall be responsible for conducting discipline hearings and rules interpretation hearings for Federation members as needed. Will make recommendations for new rule and discipline changes. Will interpret and make sure league, sectional, state, and NFHS Hockey Rules are adhered to. Will work closely with Statistician to make sure suspensions are adhered to.

Section VII - Officials Liaison - Will be responsible for liaison with referees and minor officials. This person will ensure that the referees and minor officials association understand league, sectional, state, and NFHS Hockey rules. Will work closely with Discipline and Rules Coordinator to ensure that this is consistent. Will work with assignors and coaches to make sure that all officials are fairly assigned and evaluated.

Section VIII - Past President – This is a non-voting position that will act as a resource to the Sectional Chairman and League

membership.

Section IX - Power to Act - The Federation officers, during periods between meetings, shall have the power to manage affairs of the Federation and to hand down decisions on matters concerning Federation Activities.

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Section XI - An annual internal audit of the books must be performed and approved by the Board of Directors by the April meeting.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Shall be appointed by the Sectional Chairman from the membership.

ARTICLE VIII - RULES

Current rules governing New York State Public High School Athletic Association and The National Federation of High Schools shall be followed.

ARTICLE IX - ADMISSION

There will be an admission charge for all Federation games. The amount shall be determined by the Federation membership. All gate receipts for Federation play will be turned in to Financial Coordinator.

Section I - Each team will be assessed league costs for officials, off-ice officials, adequate security, common proctors, game ice time, and other costs related to league game activities. This assessment will be called a season fee and will be payable 1/2 by Nov. 30, 1/2 by January 30.

ARTICLE X - NEW MEMBERS

New members will make application to the Federation by the January Executive meeting. Applying schools must be interviewed by the Federation Executive Committee, and approved for Federation membership.

LITTLE THINGS HELP PROMOTE A BETTER HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY GAME

(Affirmative answers to the following would improve the conduct of players and the image of High School Ice Hockey)

1. Do players enter the rink as a team . . . dressed appropriately as representatives of their school?
2. Is the rink and locker room area fully lighted and clean?
3. Are student spectators representative of the total student population?
4. Does the coach have a professional appearance and relationship with players, parents, school officials, and the public?
5. If the coach isn't a full time school employee . . . has the principal invited him to discuss his role. Is the coach ever seen in the high school corridors?
6. Do players show respect - - towards officials, when the National Anthem is being played (including the last line), towards opponents at the beginning and end of the game?
7. Are school personnel present and visible in the crowd - as either paid supervisors or as spectators?
8. Are parents "separate" or "part of" school booster club activities . . . i.e. fund raising, recognition programs?
9. When advertising an ice hockey game, is it stated that Smith High School will host Jones High School at Doe Ice Rink? Too often it appears that a school isn't in charge - - isn't hosting an ice hockey game.
10. Is the NFHS rule book at the scorekeeper's table during the game?

Large Schools

Frontier	Canisius
Kenmore West	Clarence
Lancaster	Niagara Wheatfield
Lockport	St. Joe's
Niagara Falls	West Seneca West
Orchard Park	Williamsville North

SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE

“The NYSPHSAA requires Officials to enforce all Rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and players. There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players. Especially trash-talking, taunting, or baiting of opponents. If such comments are heard, a penalty will be assessed immediately. We have been instructed not to issue warnings during the contest. It is strongly suggested that you remind your participants of this policy.”

Small Schools

St. Francis	Bishop Timon-St. Jude
Kenmore East	Williamsville South
Hamburg	Nichols
West Seneca East	Williamsville East
Sweet Home	Amherst
Niagara Falls	