

# Niagara Frontier JV Hockey Association



*Joseph Spano, President*

## NFJV Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

The 3rd meeting of the 2017-2018 season was held at the ADP offices, 305 Spindrift Drive, Williamsville, at 11am, Saturday, February 10, 2018.

### The following Officers/support staff/coaches attended the meeting:

Joe Spano, President, Statistician/Webmaster, Williamsville North  
Nate Streicher, Treasurer, St. Joe's  
Pat Annese, VP/Recording Secretary, Williamsville East  
Bob Giroux, Lancaster  
Kevin Oettinger, Lancaster  
Frank Jurgens, Clarence  
Bryan Metdalf, Canisius  
Brett Conte, Niagara Wheatfield  
Mark Fattey-St. Francis

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President Joe Spano, called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

### President's Update

- **Playoff dates:** Dates posted below, an update will be provided once the Team seedings are finalized. The times and dates are posted on NFJV.org
  - The (4) QF games are Mon 2/19 - Wed 2/21.
  - Semi-Finals are both on Fri 2/23
  - Championship on Sun 2/25. All games are at Northtown Center, Feature Rink with the exception of one QF game on Mon 2/19, which is at HarborCenter.
  - Post-Championship game: Each player will receive a champion or runner up medal, with each team receiving a team trophy. The champion also receives the NFJV Cup trophy
  - See page 3 of this document for the Playoff game procedures. A copy of this was provided at the meeting.
- **All-Star game:** Sunday, March 11th at 5:00pm at Northtown Center for our annual All-Star Game
  - Team Alignment for All Star game:
    - Canisius, St. Joes, Will East, Will North
    - Clarence, Lancaster, Niagara Wheatfield, St. Francis
  - Each team can submit up to 5 players, with the highest regular season team in each 4-team grouping getting one additional player, for a total of 6
  - Each team may designate one coach for the game
  - Post-game, each player will receive a commemorative medal. There will be an MVP trophy awarded to each team (as voted by the coaches)
- **Coaching Requirements**
  - Requirements are not optional or negotiable
  - It is the head Coach's responsibility to ensure his coaching staff meets all USA Hockey, Safe Sport, and background check requirements
  - Any coach "red lined" by USA Hockey will not be allowed on the bench until all requirements are met

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- **NFJV.org**
  - Joe asked for and received positive feedback regarding the switch from eTeamz to Sports Engine web site
- **On and off-ice officials**
  - Feedback regarding the officials was solicited:
    - Referees: General discussion was that there were many newer officials this year, causing some inconsistency
    - Trainers: Outstanding
    - Red Coats: Mostly positive

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Nate Streicher provided a detailed financial update. NFJV is on solid financial footing with a current balance of approximately \$20K.

## **New Business**

- Nate Streicher provided a draft of by-laws that the League would adopt. Each Team was provided the opportunity to review and comment on the draft. Once finalized, the by-laws will be distributed and posted to the website. The by-laws will try to cover most issues/opportunities, but should be viewed as a document that can be amended as needed.

## **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting date to be determined

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## 2017-18 Playoff Procedures

1. **USA Hockey Rules** apply to all playoff games
  - a. Two non USA Hockey Rules will be in effect:
    - i. Each Team is allowed 1-30 second time out for the entire game (including all OT periods are played)
    - ii. Running Time Clock would be in effect with a differential of 8 goals. If differential drop below 8 goals, running time clock would not be in effect.

2. The teams finishing 1 through 8 in the standings are playoff eligible.

### **Quarter-Finals (Based on Regular Season Standings, home team higher seed):**

- 1 vs 8
- 2 vs 7
- 3 vs 6
- 4 vs 5

3. **Subsequent rounds:** The remaining highest seeded team (based on regular season standings) plays the remaining lowest seeded team (based on regular season standings)
4. **Home team:** Higher seeded Team is Home and will wear dark jerseys
5. **Warm Up:** 7 minute warmup on "old ice", then resurface before the start of the game
6. **Game Format:** 3 (15) minute periods with resurface between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - There is a 90 second break between each period, 60 second break between OT periods
7. **Tie Game:** If the score is tied after 3 periods, sudden death OT periods to follow in these formats:
  - First OT period will be 4v4 for 10 minutes
    - i. In the event a team is assessed a penalty, the format moves to 4v3
  - All subsequent OT periods will be 5 minutes and will be 3v3 until there is a winner
    - i. In the event a team is assessed a penalty, the format moves to 4v3
    - ii. Upon completion of the minor penalty, play continues 4v4. However, with next stoppage in play, the 3v3 format will resume again
  - Teams will switch ends at the end of each period, including OT

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