

Historical Timeline

November 15, 1953: first organizational meeting of WNEPSSA

Attended by

Winslow Taylor of Avon Old Farms

Chick Jacobus of Kingswood Academy

Henry Benton and Bill Callahan of Monson Academy

Axel Forslund and Harold Wyman of Mount Hermon School

Pete Richardson of Pomfret School

Frank House and Ed Flaccus of Loomis School

Paul Sanderson, Jr. and Don Rawson of Suffield Academy

Phil Shaw and Roger Thurston of Wilbraham Academy

Wil Babcock of Williston Academy

Primary goal: promote and develop soccer in Western New England

Methods:

- 1) annual fall clinic in the early fall with co-operation of local colleges
- 2) standardization of soccer regulations
- 3) oversight of league play

1950's The first soccer coach of Pomfret School was John Dempsey, then mayor of Putnam, CT. who went on to become the Governor of the state.

1954 First season of WNEPSSA league play; Deerfield Academy coached by Art Williams joined with the initial ten schools. Annual dues are \$15. Games are played in four fifteen-minute periods with no overtime, unlimited substitutions. Teams must play at least five games in the league to get league standing.

1959 Kingswood Academy coach calls for a system of rating officials to promote more uniformity in enforcing rules.

Saylor System defeats Suffield Academy. Suffield ended with a 10-1 record but Deerfield with 6-1 took the title. Paul Sanderson, the Suffield coach, said, "I was sure we were in. But when the fellows got through with those adding machines, there we were in second place."

1960 First mention of the use of game report cards; coaches are asked to send a postcard after each game naming the outstanding players, and noting the score of the game, a rating of officials, and comments.

1961 "Chick" Jacobus of Kingswood Academy gets 100th coaching victory. "Chick" Jacobus of Kingswood Academy is elected President of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

- 1961 The President of the Congo sent 12 young men to the United States for their education and two of them ended up on Lloyd McDonald's Watkinson team: Phillipe "Rubber Legs" Nsoki who led the team in 1964 with 29 goals; and Dennis Kabuya, a midfielder whose defensive abilities contributed to the "Rams" 13 wins, most of them shutouts.
- 1962 Windsor Mountain is the first co-educational school to win the WNEPSSA League; smallest enrollment of any school to win; first Berkshire County team to win.
- 1963 Paul Sanderson of Suffield and William H. Brine, Jr. publish first issue of USA Scholastic Soccer Report which not only includes news of WNEPSSA but also soccer news from California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, all of New England, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, DC.
- 1964 Art Williams of Deerfield Academy is awarded the Larry E. Briggs Award for Contributions to Soccer in the Western Massachusetts Area from the Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association.
- "Chick" Jacobus of Kingswood Academy is again elected President of the National Soccer Coaches' Association.
- Paul Sanderson Jr. of Suffield Academy, is named Chairman of the Secondary School Committee and Secretary-Treasurer of the NSCAA.
- 1966 Jackman Stewart of Berkshire School organizes tour to World Cup in London for interested WNEPSSA coaches.
- 1968-69 Ray Brown of Williston Academy takes soccer players on People-to-People tour of Europe attending clinics and playing in matches in England, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. WNEPSSA seeks to expand knowledge of the sport as it is played in Europe.
- 1969 Both Berkshire School coached by Jackman Stewart and Suffield Academy coached by Paul Sanderson had undefeated seasons with equal records: 12-0. Berkshire won the League Championship "by a whisker" based on the Saylor System. Sanderson and Stewart convinced their school administrations that a final game should be played to determine the "Real Champion." The first ever prep school post-season game was played in November at Berkshire (Berkshire being the higher seed as determined by the Saylor System.) The game ended in a 1-1 tie.
- 1970 Jackman Stewart of Berkshire School and Ray Brown of Williston Academy organize a tour to World Cup in Mexico for interested WNEPSSA coaches.

- 1970 Coach Steve Balsler takes his Hoosac players to Ireland for two weeks during the summer to gain experience playing European soccer with Irish teams.

League games shall be played in two 35-minute halves with no overtime. This change made the WNEPSSA League a pacesetter in putting U.S. soccer in line with world soccer. College soccer adopted this change soon after.

Coach Richard Hunter lives in a motel in Wallingford throughout the season in order to lead the soccer squad one more time. Having left the Choate faculty the previous June, Hunter returns by special request of Headmaster Seymour St. John after eight lettermen respectfully asked that Hunter coach them. The 1970 Choate squad shares top League honors with Kent, the first time there are co-champions. Hunter is quoted as saying he would have preferred no "partridge in his pear tree." Kent coach is Robert Partridge.

- 1971 Earliest mention of the call-in system. Coaches are asked to report scores immediately after Wednesday games to one of five key men, who then report the scores to the WNEPSSA statistician so that weekly rankings of league standings can be published.

WNEPSSA makes its first attempt to write a history of the league; there is a 60% return of surveys needed to publish an accurate WNEPSSA history. Bob Partridge of Kent School and his wife Louise undertake the task of compiling the history.

WNEPSSA votes to name its own All-Star teams, later known as WNEPSSA Select.

WNEPSSA invites area public high schools to participate in the program of the fall Clinics.

WNEPSSA considers naming two league champions: one for a Large Schools Division and one for Small Schools Division; from the minutes: "It was also determined that a school could possibly be considered as a small school champion and the total WNEPSSA champion also."

José Violante is a place-kicker for the varsity football team at Worcester Academy and starting inside forward for the soccer team. He later plays the same dual role for Brown University.

- 1972 Small Schools Soccer Cup Championship is inaugurated for the school finishing highest in the Saylor ranking at the end of the season; for schools with fewer than 100 boys in grades 9-12; a school cannot win the Hay Cup *and* the Small Schools Cup.

1972 Jackman Stewart of Berkshire School leads a group of WNEPSSA soccer players to Europe under the auspices of the ASSIST program.

1973 The Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association is formed under the auspices of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Selection of All-State teams, and nominations for All New England and All American status are among its tasks. WNEPSSA players are eligible for nomination for these awards provided their coaches are members of CSCA.

League games shall be played in two 40-minute halves with no overtime.

(From the program for the Clinic in 1973 "Recently the WNEPSSA was directly responsible for the National Soccer Coaches Association rule change which resulted in the abolition of periods and the return to the international rule of two continuous halves.")

WNEPSSA lends a hand to WWNEPSSA (Women's Western New England Prep School Soccer Association) as the sister league organizes for girls' teams.

Coaches Jackman Stewart, Michael Van Buren and Morgan Schafer take 35 WNEPSSA players to Hungary to become exposed to the European style of soccer and training methods.

Regulation changes: Any 32 panel, two color ball be permitted in association games, not just black and white; no substitute is allowed for a player ejected from a game by a referee.

WNEPSSA adopts a pre-game team salute to address reports of "ungentlemanly behavior." From the minutes: "At the time of the coin toss, the starting eleven of each team should accompany their captain out to the center of the field and line up facing each other on opposite edges of the center circle while the officials are conducting the coin toss. [a diagram is shown in the minutes]. After the officials have finished their business, the captains will shake hands and, as they are, the two starting teams should meet in the center of the field to shake hands also, each player shaking the hand of that player opposite him. The teams can then either return to their benches for a final brief word or go directly to their positions."

From the minutes: "Mr. Sanderson reported on the progress, or lack of it, on the publishing of a WNEPSSA handbook. He made a motion, which was seconded and carried unanimously, that \$500 be appropriated from the treasury to cover the costs associated with the publication. He requested coaches to send in updated material from their schools."

Paul Sanderson, Jr. is honored. From the archives:

"A little over nineteen years ago, in a gloomy basement room in one of the main buildings at Suffield Academy, the soccer coaches of the charter schools of this

association met together for the first time. The meeting had been convened by the man who started it all, the newly appointed coach of the Suffield soccer team, the man whom we are here to honor tonight.

“Little did anyone then anticipate the way that this organization was to grow during the ensuing years. But to borrow a phrase from a martyred leader of national renown, Sandy had a dream; and only like those who have the dedication and the drive to make their dream come true, Sandy started in on one of the most vigorous campaigns in scholastic sports. Though others of us have taken our turns at the responsibilities involved in perpetuating and improving the association, there was always one spirit, whether on or behind the scene, which provided more inspiration than any other, and that was the spirit of Paul Sanderson.

“To Sandy, soccer has always been far more than just the thing that one did in the fall. As it is to sports enthusiasts of almost all other nations, soccer to Sandy is the sport of sports. And if we ever reach the day when soccer shall at last have found its proper place in the vanguard of organized athletics in this country, it will be partly due to the dynamic energies of the super-coach you see here at this table. You are not really leaving us, Sandy. No one that has done all that you have done could ever do that.”

Written by Frank House; read in his absence by Bob Partridge

1974 Current and former presidents of WNEPSSA Jackman Stewart and Ray Brown organize a trip to World Cup soccer competition in Germany to expand their knowledge of the game; Stewart, Brown, Paul Sanderson, Scully Scandrett and Geoff Wilbraham attend.

Initial participation of WWNEPSSA in WNEPSSA's annual fall clinic at Berkshire.

1974-1977 Paul Sanderson becomes the founder and president of the Hartford Bicentennials of NASL (North American Soccer League). He brings Giorgio Chagnalia to the Bicentennials and then later trades him to the New York Cosmos.

1975 \$500 earmarked for a publication of a history of WNEPPSA, data to be compiled by Mrs. Partridge. From the minutes: “Jack Stewart reported that the WNEPSSA history was in the hands of Paul Sanderson of Suffield Academy and would soon be sent to the printer. The membership recognized the great amount of effort by Mrs. Partridge in compiling and typing the book. When the book is finally completed, each school will receive one free copy with additional copies available at a nominal charge.” It appears that the book was never published.

- 1975 Jackman Stewart steps down as varsity coach at Berkshire School; is honored by WNEPSSA.

WNEPSSA and officials' organizations agree that league matches will have two 40-minute halves.

Paul Sanderson, Jr. brings the Polish national team to play an exhibition game in Hartford, Ct.

- 1976 March: Headmasters, Athletic Directors and varsity soccer coaches of WNEPSSA member schools are polled as to interest in a post-season tournament.
November: Post-season is tournament play inaugurated; The Stewart Cup inaugurated honoring Jackman Stewart of the Berkshire School for his many years of service to WNEPSSA

From the minutes: "...we will use the same call-in system that we have used for the past three years. Below is a list of 'key men' and the schools they are responsible for. The key men will get in touch with each coach before the season begins and make an arrangement for getting scores reported either Wednesday nights or early Thursday mornings so that they key men can get all scores to David Coughlin at Hotchkiss by 10:30 AM on Thursday mornings." Five key men reported to Dave Coughlin.

- 1977 NEPSAC Athletic Directors rule that no cleated shoes be worn in soccer or in any outdoor sport.

George Parker, President of the Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association indicates that the organization will add a private school category to their classifications so that WNEPSSA players may earn All State honors and be proposed for All New England and All American status.

WNEPSSA invites the top teams from the Southeastern New England (Rhode Island) league and the Gummere Cup (Boston area) to post-season tournament play along with the two WNEPSSA teams.

- 1977 League Championship Cup is to be called the Hay-Sanderson Cup in honor of Edward N. Hay of Philadelphia and Paul Sanderson of Suffield Academy.

Interest is revived in presenting a Small Schools Cup for schools with fewer than 100 boys for the small school team placing highest in the Saylor System at the end of the Season; Schools may not compete for both the Small Schools Cup and the Hay-Sanderson. Only two small schools expressed interest.

From minutes: "It was voted to continue to play 40-minute halves with no overtimes in varsity contests. Junior varsity teams will continue to play 35-

minute halves with no overtimes.”

1977 Outstanding Stewart Cup Championship game: Pomfret School vs. Williston Northampton School. Game is tied 1-1 after 80 minutes of play; after two ten-minute overtimes, score remains 1-1; by agreement of the coaches, the game is to be decided by penalty kicks for each team alternating in groups of five; the game is finally decided as darkness falls during the third round on the 30th penalty kick with Williston the victor.

1979 Small Schools Cup to be awarded the following season to the WNEPSSA school with 160 boys or fewer with the highest Saylor ranking. No tournament for small schools will take place.

Berkshire coach Jackman Stewart receives London Football Coaches' Association Scroll "In recognition of his services to soccer."

1981 Amendment to the card system: "Each coach is required to note on the card the best player on the field and the best player on the other team. ...any card not returned would result in the card which is returned counting twice." Coaches cautioned against naming as outstanding player of the contest, a player from a team which is soundly trounced.

Junior Varsity games will have 40-minute halves.

Plaques are given to Geoffrey Wilbraham and David Coughlin commemorating the 100th wins of their coaching careers.

Small Schools Cup is named in honor of Lloyd McDonald, retiring coach of Watkinson School.

1982 Red and yellow card infractions are to be noted on the "cards." Concerns are raised with respect to increasingly unsportsmanlike conduct on the field.

Select Team members from Connecticut schools plus the highest ranked honorable mention players will be given All State recognition by the Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association, provided their coaches are members of the CSCA.

1983 The Select Team membership is increased to 33.

Proposed: 45 minute halves for varsity games only. Approval to be sought from NEPSAC.

A post-season Small Schools tournament is approved for the next season.

1984 It is recommended that only a hand-sewn ball be used, not a molded ball.

Ray Brown attends Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association meeting to promote representation of WNEPSSA players at the State, Regional and All American levels.

1984 WNEPSSA continues to pressure AD's for 45-minute halves (no overtimes) for varsity games.

Motion to give a Sportsmanship Award passes.

1986 First WNEPSSA All-Star game is played at the conclusion of the regular season. All-Star participants are selected among those players most frequently receiving commendation on the game report cards. College coaches are invited to attend the All-Star game.

Bob Andrian is presented a plaque for outstanding service to WNEPSSA during his extended presidency.

The rules and by-laws of WNEPSSA are revised.

Brooks School coached by Dusty Richard becomes the first non-WNEPSSA team to win the Stewart Cup by defeating Bill Scott's Suffield squad 2-1.

1987 A rise in the issuing of red and yellow card violations is noted.

League requirements are reinforced:

1. There must be a faculty timer.
2. Two ball boys are to be used.
3. Restraining rope must be in place.
4. There should be a team salute at the start of a match.

Small Schools post-season tournament is cancelled because of scheduling difficulties

The WNEPSSA tournament is sanctioned as the New England Championship by NEPSAC.

John Coffin of Canterbury is honored for 20 years of "distinguished service as dedicated coach and executive committee member who epitomized the spirit of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct..."

1989 Increase in red and yellow card violations results in the following stipulations for a player to be considered for the Select Team:

"...a player who accumulated two red card violations (two ejections) or five points

in card violations on the basis of two points for an ejection (red card) and one for each yellow card violation with a maximum of two points per game could not earn a place on the Select Team.”

1990 Special recognitions:

Kevin Hundley for earning his 100th win

Dick Peller for 15th year of coaching in WNEPSSA

Scott McCarty and Gary Cook for completing 10 yrs. of coaching in WNEPSSA

Geoffrey Wilbraham for completing his 30th year as head coach at Westminster

Dave Coughlin receives a bowl marking his retirement as head coach after 29 yrs. as coach of Hotchkiss variety soccer.

1991 Shin guards now required.

Dues raised to \$50 per year.

Yellow cards issued to coaches are on the rise.

20 plus college coaches attend the All-Star game

Middle-Sized School Post Season Tournament proposed; sanctioned by NEPSAC.

Because of the difficulties involved in determining the winner, it was decided to abandon the idea of naming a Most Sportsmanlike Team

Coach Dick Peller is presented a bowl upon his retirement from coaching soccer for sixteen seasons at Northfield Mount Hermon School.

1992 The members are still trying to get a history of WNEPSSA done.

A competition is announced to design a logo for WNEPSSA.

A bowl presented to Roland Young of Deerfield Academy upon his retirement from coaching soccer after 18 years and for his unfailing support of WNEPSSA.

Bowls are presented to Raymond Brown of Williston Northampton School and Geoffrey Wilbraham upon their retirements from coaching varsity soccer, and for service in WNEPSSA extending back to the 1960's.

1993 Western Connecticut Officials Board reported as greatly disturbed by the sudden decline in the behavior of the WNEPSSA teams they serve. The past season officials from the Western Board doled out three times as many cards to WNEPSSA teams as they did to public school teams.

1993 All teams must play a minimum of 8 WNEPSSA games to qualify for one of our three league titles (Large School champions, Middle School Champions, Small School Champions). Coaches must declare whether team will compete for L title (Large School), M title (Middle School), or S (small title) at the start of the season in September.

A WNEPSSA logo is presented by Ray Brown: an outline of the Hay-Sanderson Cup.

A Distinguished Service Award is presented to Peter Gooding, former soccer coach and current Athletic Director at Amherst College, for gracious hospitality (Amherst had hosted several WNEPSSA tournament finals) and generous commitment to the league. (Gooding served twice as clinician for Fall Clinics).

1994 A player receiving a yellow card must come out of the game and sit the bench for a period of time decided at the coach's discretion.

The By-laws are revised to include the following: "When a visible clock is used, it shall be the official time for the entire contest; however, when a visible clock is present but not used, the referee's watch – and only the referee's watch – will be used for the entire game."

NEPSAC (New England Preparatory School Athletic Council) is interested in forming the New England Preparatory School Soccer Association (NEPSSA).

Trophy for the top Middle School in the league is awarded for the first time. The Brown Cup is named for Raymond L. Brown, long-time soccer coach at The Williston Northampton School, past president of WNEPSSA, and long-time statistician and member of the Executive Committee. As a post-graduate at Williston Academy, Ray played in the league's first year of competition in 1954.

In the post-season contest for the Stewart Cup, Mark Turco of Phillips Academy at Andover scored the lone goal against Loomis Chaffee in the 113th minute during the third overtime as darkness shrouded the players and the action. The respective coaches, Bill Scott and Bob Andrian had agreed to declare each other Co-Champions if the third overtime had also ended scoreless.

1995 Two All-Star games initiated: Small School All-Star Game; and the Middle and Large School All-Star Game.

The first Connecticut Prep School Senior Bowl, organized by Bob Andrian and Scott McCarty, is played during Thanksgiving vacation at UConn with some 35 college coaches in attendance

NEPSSA (New England Prep School Soccer Association) is formed and

represents NEPSAC's desire for all sports to form regional associations that will "take care of their own business except for tournaments." WNEPSSA lauds the formation saying that the organization will provide another opportunity to promote the game of soccer, to showcase WNEPSSA players in an East-West all-star match; and to foster good sportsmanship.

- 1996 Jack Stewart donates and endows the NEPSAC-Stewart Cup. According to Bill Scott, current soccer coach at Phillips Academy at Andover, "On an autumn afternoon in 1996, Jack and Ellie Stewart surprised me by arriving unannounced at a training session at Phillips Academy. In Jack's arms was the original Stewart Cup. It actually looks nothing like a cup at all. It is a large trophy with a soccer player perched on top of a pedestal kicking a ball. Jack handed it to me and said, 'I want you to have it.' He went on to say that he was replacing the original with a proper 'Cup' as the original trophy had no more room for putting school names on the bottom. Jack was pretty sentimental and I was pretty stunned that he wanted me to have the trophy. Andover had won the Stewart Cup in 1994 and 1995."

To improve Sportsmanship, the following resolution is passed: "If the player with the ball notices that a player from either team is down with an injury [for which the referees have not yet stopped the game], the player in possession should knock the ball out of bounds; the subsequent throw-in should be comfortably received by the team originally kicking the ball out of bounds."

If a player receives a red card for any offense, he must sit out the next scheduled game; if a player receives a second red card, he must sit out the next two scheduled games; if a player receives a red card for fighting, he must sit out the next two games; if a player receives a second red card for fighting, he must sit out the remainder of the season.

WNEPSSA undertakes a consideration of 45-minute halves.

- 1997 Gary Cook ends his eleventh year as president of WNEPSSA amidst the thanks and plaudits of the membership.

If there is an electronic scoreboard/clock used at a match, it is the official time throughout the entire match; ideally, the timekeeper is a faculty member from the host school.

NEPSAC encourages all leagues and districts to conduct 90-minute matches.

Rules of play to be enforced:

1. The new keeper rule prohibits a keeper from playing a throw-in with his hands.

2. On penalty kicks, keepers may now move laterally before the kicker strikes the ball.
3. The language rule permits a referee to dismiss a player (who uses foul language) without caution.
4. We abide by the NCAA rule re: fighting: that is, a player receiving a second red card for fighting will sit for the remainder of the season.
5. A coach who is red-carded must vacate the field and must sit out the next game.
6. Uniforms: if both teams in a given match wish to wear colored jerseys, they may do so, but there must be agreement beforehand; however, socks must be the same color as the jerseys.

A revised Saylor system is now in effect.

Change in Select Teams proposed: There will be two Select Teams in the future: a 33 member team for L/M (large/medium) schools and a 33 member team for the S (small) schools, recognizing the continuing expansion of the league.

Change proposed for All-Star Games: The league all-star teams (both L/M and S) will consist of seniors exclusively (coaches may lobby for exceptions). The rationale: The main purpose of the games is to showcase the talents of seniors, providing them with exposure that ideally leads to leverage in college admissions.

The mentoring system will be revived for next season: a seasoned WNEPSSA coach will be assigned to each neophyte coach.

1998 League dues are now \$50 per school.

League rules require a player to sit out the next game on the schedule after his third yellow card and again after his fifth and after each subsequent card. A player receiving a yellow card must come off the field for a time long enough for him to contemplate the inappropriateness of his conduct.

45-minute halves will be played for varsity teams; when Daylight Savings Time arrives, both coaches of a given match must agree to play 45-minute halves; if either one disagrees, then the two teams will play an 80-minute match.

All tournament matches will be played in compliance with NCAA rules. Changes in NEPSAC tournament rules: 1) If opponents are less than two hours apart, the game will take place at the home field of the higher seed; 2) College sites may be used for matches.

Ned Reade of Trinity Pawling is awarded a plaque upon his retirement from coaching after 21 yrs. of service to WNEPSSA.

1998 WNEPSSA debates the future of Captains' Games in the Fall.

1999 If there is an electronic scoreboard/clock used at the match, it is considered to be the official time throughout the entire match. Ideally, the timekeeper is a faculty member from the host school.

Each school must declare its class – L, M, S – before the first match of the season.

Peter Hindle is presented with a plaque upon his retirement as Coordinator of the Soccer Program at Deerfield Academy. From the minutes of December 5: "Peter has added a touch of class to the Deerfield program and to the league in general by cheerfully greeting and accommodating the needs of every interscholastic soccer team to have visited Deerfield the past 30 years."

2000 The traditional Fall Clinic is abandoned; the Fall Coaches' meeting continues with a brunch and "a lecture given by a leading college coach from the New England region."

A decline in the number of college coaches attending the All-Star Games is noted.

The annual Sportsmanship Award is named in honor of David Coughlin, head coach at Hotchkiss School from 1959-1990, recognizing his dignity, gentlemanly comportment, and sportsmanship in general.

The idea of an All-WNEPSSA Sportsmanship Team is proposed, the members of which would be players nominated frequently by the referees at the end of each match.

2001 WNEPSSA launches its web site: WNEPSSA.com. "...to articulate the philosophy of the League, express the advantages of recruiting players from our schools, list the juniors college coaches should especially watch, and chart the success of recent league players who have not only gone on to play for highly respected college programs, but who also have garnered various soccer honors."

Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association recognizes Lance Conrad of Cushing Academy as Coach of the Year.

The Hotchkiss School, coached by Chris Downs, ends an unprecedented win streak of 40-0-6. The wins began in 1998 after a loss to Loomis, and, fittingly, ended with a loss to Loomis in 2001.

2002 WNEPSSA By-laws revised; purpose of the organization is expanded to include: "to foster the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship."

Diadora becomes WNEPSSA sponsor for the All Star games.

2002 Plans get underway for the celebration of WNEPSSA's 50th anniversary next year.

George Boynton of Brunswick School is awarded a plaque recognizing his 24 years of coaching, long-standing service to the game and to the league, and for his ability to "get every ounce out of his players."

2003 Dues are \$100 to help defray the cost of the 50th anniversary celebration of WNEPSSA on December 6. In 2004, dues will be \$75.

Peter Gooding, current Athletic Director at Amherst College and past President of the National Soccer Coaches Association, is the keynote speaker at the December 6th banquet.

The clock will continue to run during the last five minutes of the game, and coaches are expected to practice good sportsmanship by not running players in and out of the game in order to "kill the clock." The visible clock is the official time.

The membership votes (29-1) not to carry a yellow card over to the next season; however, a red card will carry over to the next season.

A motion passes to acknowledge any team that plays the entire season without accruing a single card; however, only one team (the one with the most games without a card) will receive the David Coughlin Sportsmanship Award.

Records

Winningest Teams in WNEPSSA History

Season records

Large School/Overall: The Hay-Sanderson Cup

Choate Rosemary Hall	Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup: Runner-up for Hay-Sanderson:	10 Times 4 Times
Deerfield Academy	Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup: Runner-up for Hay-Sanderson:	10 Times 1 Time
Suffield Academy	Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup: Runner-up for the Hay Sanderson: Won the Brown Cup:	6 Times 3 Times 1 Time
Kent School	Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup: Runner-up for the Hay-Sanderson:	6 Times 2 Times
Westminster School	Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup Runner-up for the Hay-Sanderson	4 Times 3 Times
Loomis Chaffee School	Won the Hay-Sanderson Trophy: Runner-up for the Hay-Sanderson:	3 Times 7 Times
Pomfret School	Runner-Up for the Hay-Sanderson Won the Small Schools Cup Won the Brown Cup Runner-up for the Brown Cup	4 Times 2 Times 1 Time 2 Times

Middle Schools: The Brown Cup

Williston Northampton	Won the Brown Cup Runner-up for the Hay-Sanderson	2 Times 4 Times
Salisbury School:	Won the Brown Cup Runner-up for the Brown Cup	2 Times 1 Time
Kingswood-Oxford	Won the Brown Cup Runner-up for the Brown Cup Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup	1 Time 3 Times 1 Time
Wilbraham & Monson	Won the Brown Cup Runner-up for the Brown Cup Won the Hay-Sanderson Cup	1 Time 2 Times 1 Time

Small Schools: The McDonald Cup

Millbrook School	Won the McDonald Cup	9 Times
The Williams School	Won the McDonald Cup	2 Times
	Runner-up for the McDonald Cup	4 Times
Masters School, CT.	Won the McDonald Cup	2 Times
	Runner-up for McDonald Cup	1 Time
Greens Farms Academy	Won the McDonald Cup	2 Times
	Runner-up for the McDonald Cup	1 Time

Post-season Tournament Winners

Large Schools: Stewart Cup

Northfield Mount Hermon	Won the Stewart Cup: 4 Times
Suffield Academy	Won the Stewart Cup: 4 Times
Loomis Chaffee School	Won the Stewart Cup: 4 Times

Medium Schools: NEPSAC B Division

Holderness School	Won the B Division: 2 Times
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Small Schools: NEPSAC C Division

Hamden Hall Country Day School	Won the C Division: 4 Times
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Small Schools: NEPSAC D Division

The Williams School	Won the D Division: 4 Times
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Team Records

Undefeated Seasons

1954	Loomis School coached by Ed Flaccus and Frank House	10-0-0	
1955	Choate School coached by Donald McCabe	6-0-5	
1956	Deerfield Academy coached by Robert Merriam	10-0-0	
1957	Kent School coached by Coe de Villafranca and Robert Partridge	7-0-1	
1958	Kent School coached by Coe de Villafranca and Robert Partridge	10-0-0	
1961	Kent School coached by Robert Partridge	11-0-1	
1962	Windsor Mountain coached by Henry Bondy	8-0-1	
1962	Pomfret School coached by Per-Jan Ranhoff	11-0-0	
1966	Deerfield Academy coached by Robert Merriam	8-0-0	WNEPSSA
		9-1-0	Overall
1968	Deerfield Academy coached by Robert Merriam	8-0-1	WNEPSSA
		9-0-2	Overall
1969	Berkshire School coached by Jackman Stewart	9-0-1	WNEPSSA
		12-0-1	Overall
	Suffield Academy coached by Paul Sanderson	12-0-1	
1970	Choate School coached by Richard Hunter	10-0-2	WNEPSSA
		12-0-2	Overall
1971	Berkshire School coached by Jackman Stewart	9-0-2	WNEPSSA
		11-0-2	Overall
	Mount Hermon coached by Terry Irwin and Dennis Greene	11-0-1	
1972	Kent School coached by Robert Partridge	13-0-1	
	Pomfret School coached by Walter Hinchman	9-0-3	
1973	Kent School coached by Robert Partridge	13-0-1	

1973	Deerfield Academy coached by Roland Young	7-0-1	WNEPSSA
		9-2-1	Overall
1974	Choate School coached by Donald Beaton	9-0-2	
1976	Deerfield Academy coached by Roland Young	8-0-1	WNEPSSA
		13-0-1	Overall
	Pomfret School coached by Walter Hinchman	8-0-5	
1977	Deerfield Academy coached by Jay Morsman	9-0-1	WNEPSSA
		12-0-1	Overall
	Pomfret School coached by Walter Hinchman	10-0-3	
1979	Deerfield Academy coached by Roland Young	10-0-1	WNEPSSA
		12-0-1	Overall
		12-0-2	
1983	Suffield Academy coached by Brad Gooch	15-0-2	
1985	Forman School coached by Scott McCarty	8-0-1	
1989	The Williams School coached by Dennis Crowe	15-0-1	
1992	Westminster School coached by Geoffrey Wilbraham	13-0-1	WNEPSSA
		16-0-1	Overall
1994	Choate Rosemary Hall coached by W. "Chip" Lowery	13-0-2	
	Hamden Hall Country Day School coached by Noel Ashford	20-0-2	
1996	Choate Rosemary Hall coached by W. "Chip" Lowery	11-0-3	
	Loomis Chaffee School coached by Bob Andrian	15-0-2	
1999	The Hotchkiss School coached by Chris Downs	16-0-0	
2000	The Hotchkiss School coached by Chris Downs	13-0-3	
2001	Loomis Chaffee School coached by Bob Andrian	16-0-1	
2002	Loomis Chaffee School coached by Bob Andrian	15-0-2	

Most Goals in a Season

1971	Millbrook School coached by Bob Martin	69
1975	Canterbury School coached by John Coffin	50
1992	S: Forman School coached by Scott McCarty	85
	L: Westminster School coaching by Geoffrey Wilbraham	71
1993	Brunswick School coached by George Boynton	90
1994	Hamden Hall Country Day School coached by Noel Ashford	100
1995	Hamden Hall Country Day School coached by Noel Ashford	100
1997	Millbrook School coached by Rick McWilliams	72
1998	St. Margaret's-McTernan School coached by Karl Schwoerke	87
2000	Marvelwood School coached by Glenn Sanchez	61
2001	Masters School, CT., coached by Ed Lebo	124
2002	L: Taft School coached by Willy MacMullen	83
	S: Masters School, CT., coached by Ed Lebo	124
	S: The Williams School coached by Dennis Crowe	108

Player Records
(as nominated and reported by their schools)

League Leading Scorers

1954	Scott Willson of Wilbraham Academy	Season: 24 goals; Most Goals in one game: 8
1955	Sergio Cavani of Choate	Season: 14 goals
1958	Gero Schlieker of Deerfield Academy	Season: 12 goals, 8 assists
1959	Lloyd Hardy of Deerfield Academy Tom Buxton of Hopkins Grammar School	Season: 18 goals Season: 15 goals
1960		
1961	George Otieno of Windsor Mountain Joseph Upton III of the Berkshire School Joseph Upton III of the Berkshire School Petter Slipher of Wilbraham Academy	Season: 18 goals Four year record: 64 goals, 22 assists Single game scoring record: 6 vs. Cranwell Season: 25 goals
1962	George Otieno of Windsor Mountain School	Season: 18 goals, 7 assists
1963	Rick Andrews of Kent School	Season: 11 goals
1964	Rick Garces of Cranwell School Wilson Flohr of Cheshire Academy Philippe Nsoki of Watkinson School Richard Veit of Monson Academy	Season: 16 goals, 14 assists Season: 19 goals Season: 29 goals Season: 18 goals; Most goals in one game: 5 vs. Worcester Academy
1965	Ali Ladjevardi of Suffield	Season: 12 goals
1966	Peter Bogovich of Deerfield Academy	Season: 21 goals; Most goals in one game: 5
1967	Roland Augustine of Cranwell School Charles Thomas of Suffield Academy	Season: 22 goals Season: 26 goals and 12 assists

1968	Tom Childs of Kent School	Season: 15 goals
	Tom Geissler of Westminster School	Season: 15 goals, 9 assists, scored hat trick in last three games of the season
1969	Paul Gossling of Watkinson School	Season: 26 goals
	Robert Isaacson of the Berkshire School	Season: 27 goals, 16 assists
1970	Tom Childs of Kent School	Four Year total: 41 goals; Season: 17 goals
	Hans Farnstrom of Choate School	Season: 20 goals
	Bob Keill of Williston Academy	Season: 19 goals
1971	Glenn Partridge of Berkshire School	Four Year total: 60 goals, 26 assists Season: 23 goals, 9 assists
	Simon Condori of Westledge	Season: 28 goals
1972	Kurt Gauger of Williston Academy	Season: 16 goals
	Jamison of Westledge School	Season: 16 goals
	Zac Passaretti of Cranwell School	Four years: 40 goals 13 assists; Season: 12 goals, 7 assists
1973	Rob Smith of Kent School	Season: 20 goals
1974	Miguel Andrade of Cranwell School	Season: 17 goals, 3 assists
	Ousman Nying of Windsor Mountain	Season: 23 goals
1975	Antonio Antoniou of Canterbury School	Season: 24 goals, 5 assists
1977	Peter Buchanan of Trinity-Pawling School	Season: 23 goals, 7 assists
	Thomson C. Murray, Jr. of Westminster School	Season: 21 goals, 10 assists
	Paul Souza of Pomfret School	Season: 15 goals, 7 assists
	Tim Wheaton of Williston Northampton School	Season: 22 goals
1980	Shaun Cunningham of Trinity-Pawling School	Season: 10 goals, 9 assists
1982	Joe Grusser of Trinity-Pawling School	Season: 14 goals, 7 assists
1983	Scott Owsiany of Suffield Academy	Season: 15 goals
	Fernando Traversari of Suffield Academy	Season: 15 goals

1984	Charlie Daily of Trinity-Pawling School Tryan George, Northfield Mount Hermon School	Season: 15 goals, 4 assists Season: 20 goals
1988	Steve Yescott of Masters School, CT.	Season: 36 goals; 17 assists
1989	Rob Kenyon of The Williams School	Season: 52 goals; 5 assists
1991	Brian Eisenberg of Forman School Douglas B. Knight of Westminster School Will Orben of Taft School	Season: 30 goals, 16 assists Season: 18 goals, 8 assists Season: 16 goals, 8 assists
1992	Phil Porter of The Williams School Doug Rosenbloom of Forman School Pierre Venditti of Westminster School	Season: 37 goals, 12 assists Season: 32 goals; 9 assists Season: 19 goals, 14 assists
1993	Akwasi Antwi of Masters School, CT Michael Mazzola of Brunswick School	Season: 41 goals; 11 assists Season: 33 goals; 13 assists
1994	Gus Kellogg of Marvelwood School	Season: 34 goals; 9 assists
1996	Frank Vigliotti, Hamden Hall Country Day School Ryan Scharfenberger of Loomis Chaffee School	Season: 46 goals, 12 assists Career: 117 goals, 38 assists Season: 27 goals, 10 assists
1997	Daisuke Arai of Millbrook School	Career: 38 goals
1999	Peter Coffin of Brunswick School Justin Sweeny of Cushing Academy John Wells of Cushing Academy	Season: 25 goals; 7 assists Season: 18 goals, 8 assists Season: 21 goals, 8, assists
2000	Tim Fitzgerald, St. Margaret's-McTernan School Justin McDermott of Millbrook School Trevor McWilliams of Millbrook School Ben Polk of Kingswood-Oxford School	Season: 25 goals Season: 27 goals Career: 20 goals; 62 assists Season: 16 goals; 2 assists
2001	Mike Earnest of Cushing Academy Tim Fitzgerald of St. Margaret's-McTernan School Casey Ftorek of Taft School Jason Lambert of Kingswood-Oxford School Dan Shapiro of Hopkins School	Season: 18 goals, 10 assists Season: 24 goals Season: 15 goals, 8 assists Season: 19 goals, 4 assists Season: 24 goals
2002	Tim Fitzgerald, St. Margaret's-McTernan School Casey Ftorek of Taft School Peter Heptinstall of Oakwood Friends School Bryan Watts of The Williams School	Season: 26 goals; 21 assists Season: 29 goals, 11 assists Season: 25 goals, 4 assists Season: 59 goals, 10 assists

League Leading Goalkeepers

1959	John Rosenthalt of The Milford School	Five shutouts, allowed 1.2 goals [three own goals]
1960	David Felsen of Williston Academy	Seven shutouts
1961	David Felsen of Williston Academy	Eight shutouts
1962	Peter Roeper of Windsor Mountain School	Six shutouts for the season; allowed only five goals in season, three of which were penalty kicks.
1964	Ken Francis of Watkinson School Marc Leibovitz of Milford Academy	School's 13 wins were mostly shut-outs; Francis failed to stop only four shots in the entire season. 42 saves in game vs. Choate; 38 vs. Cheshire including 2 penalty shots; 200 saves in seven games.
1969	Ron Wolfson of the Berkshire School	189 saves, 11 against
1970	Bruce Mosbacher of Choate School	Eight shutouts
1974	Spencer Ainsley of Millbrook School	Nine shutouts
1976	David Coombs of Deerfield Academy	Four shutouts
1977	Stan Jaworowski of Williston Northampton School	Nine shutouts
1983	Bob Sondheim of Suffield Academy	Ten Shutouts; gave up 7 goals in 17 games
1984	Bryan Martin of Westminster School John Riewickl of Forman School	Six shutouts Eight shutouts, 77 saves
1985	Bryan Martin of Westminster School	Six shutouts
1986	John Leggett of Deerfield Academy	Eight shutouts
1988	John Salvatore of St. Margaret's-McTernan School	Six shutouts, 185 saves

1989	Joe Ferguson of Masters School, CT	15 shutouts; 132 saves
1992	Kingswood-Oxford School goalies: Michael Marsh and Steve LeTourneau	Combined for nine team shutouts
1994	Steven Randall of The Williams School	16 shutouts, 74 saves
1992-95	Tyler Purtill of Loomis Chaffee School	Career: 41 shutouts
1996	Graham Dudley of Masters School, CT Steven Randall of The Williams School	14 shutouts, 107 saves 13 shutouts, 72 saves
1997	Greg Williams of Millbrook School	13 shutouts
1998	Todd Cole of Wilbraham & Monson Academy	Nine shutouts
1999	Patrick Holden of St. Margaret's-McTernan School Greg Williams of Millbrook School	Six shutouts, 174 saves Career: 38 shutouts
2000	Andrew Sierman of Marvelwood School	Eight shutouts, 122 saves
2001	Christopher McCarty of Forman School	Five shutouts; 137 saves
2002	Chris Pettit of Taft School John Monagan of St. Margaret's-McTernan School The Williams School goalies: Dan Clark (93 saves) and Ben Crowe (109 saves)	Nine shutouts Seven shutouts, 134 saves Combined: Nine shutouts

Outstanding WNEPSSA Coaches

100 Wins:

1961	Wilmot Babcock of Williston Academy (1961: 100; Career: 125) "Chick" Jacobus of Kingswood Academy Phil Shaw of Wilbraham Academy (113)
1967	Robert Merriam of Deerfield Academy Paul Sanderson of Suffield Academy (Career: 170)
1971	Lloyd McDonald of Watkinson School Jackman Stewart of Berkshire School
1959-79	Bob Partridge of Kent School (Career 195)
1976	Ray Brown of Williston Northampton School
1977	George Boynton of Brunswick School
1981	David Coughlin of The Hotchkiss School Geoffrey Wilbraham of Westminster School
1983	John Coffin of Canterbury School (Career: 121)
1985	Roland Young of Deerfield Academy (Career: 129)
1987	Robert Andrian of Loomis Chaffee School Dick Peller of Northfield Mount Hermon School (Career: 145)
1988	Dennis Crowe of The Williams School
1989	Watson "Chip" Lowery of Choate Rosemary Hall
1990	Kevin Hundley of Kent School
1992	Rick McWilliams of Millbrook School
1993	Dave MacNutt of Wooster School (2000: Career: 173)
1994	Ed Lebo of The Masters School, CT.
1995	Eric Mueller of Hopkins School Ned Reade of Trinity-Pawling School (Career: 114)
1998	Gary Cook of Wilbraham & Monson Academy
1999	Willy MacMullen of Taft School Scott McCarty of Forman School
2000	Karl Schwoerke of St. Margaret's-McTernan School

200 Wins:

1981	Lloyd McDonald of Watkinson School (Career: 204-78-20)
1991	Geoffrey Wilbraham of Westminster School (Career: 218)
1992	Ray Brown of Williston Northampton School (Career: 201)
1994	Dennis Crowe of The Williams School
1995	George Boynton of Brunswick School
1996	Robert Andrian of Loomis Chaffee School
1999	Ed Lebo of The Masters School, CT. "Chip" Lowery of Choate Rosemary Hall (Career: 223)
2000	Rick McWilliams of Millbrook School

300 Wins:

2001 George Boynton of Brunswick School (Career: 305)

2002 Bob Andrian of Loomis Chaffee School

Dennis Crowe of The Williams School

Coaching Honors

- 1964 Art Williams of Deerfield Academy received the Larry Briggs Award for the “Man who has done the most for soccer in Western Massachusetts” from the Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association.
- 1968 Phil Shaw received the Larry Briggs Award for the “Man who has done the most for soccer in Western Massachusetts” from the Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association.
- 1978 Jackman Stewart of Berkshire School received an honorary scroll from the London Football Coaches Association “In recognition of his services to soccer,” presented to him by Phil Woosnam (Commissioner of the North American Soccer League) and Ron Greenwood (Manager of the England International Team and Director of the English Football Association).
- 1978 Ray Brown of Williston Northampton School; Plaque honoring the Coach of the “New England Soccer Champs;” Connecticut Valley Soccer Officials Association.
- 1980 Lloyd McDonald of Watkinson School, Special Coaches’ Award “...for outstanding contribution to soccer as a player, coach and administrator;” Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association.
- 1981 Geoffrey Wilbraham of Westminster School; Coach of the Year; Connecticut Soccer Coaches’ Association.
- 1986 Dennis Crowe of The Williams School was named “Coach of the Year” by the New London Day.
- 1988 Dennis Crowe of The Williams School received the Francis E. Geissler Sportsmanship Trophy from the Eastern Connecticut Board of Soccer Officials.
- 1990 Geoffrey Wilbraham of Westminster School; New England Coach of the Year for Private/ Parochial Schools; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- 1992 Geoffrey Wilbraham of Westminster School; New England Coach of the Year for Private/ Parochial Schools; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Jackman Stewart, formerly of the Berkshire School, received the Distinguished Service Award from NEPSAC.

Dennis Crowe of The Williams School was named “Coach of the year” by the New London Day.

- 1993 Ray Brown of Williston Northampton School; elected to Massachusetts High School Soccer Hall of Fame "For Your Outstanding Service and Dedication to High School Soccer."
- 1994 Ray Brown of Williston Northampton School; Recipient of the John A. Skarzynski Award "In Recognition of Your Contributions to the Betterment of the Sport of Soccer in the Connecticut Valley;" Connecticut Valley Soccer Officials Association.
- W. "Chip" Lowery of Choate Rosemary Hall; Coach of the Year: Region I; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- 1995 Robert Andrian of Loomis Chaffee School; Coach of the Year: Region I; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- 1996 Robert Andrian of Loomis Chaffee School; New England Coach of the Year for Private/Parochial Schools; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- Dennis Crowe of The Williams School was named "Coach of the Year" by the New London Day.
- 1997 Dennis Crowe of The Williams School; Connecticut State Coach of the Year; Connecticut Soccer Coaches' Association.
- 1997 Dennis Crowe of The Williams School; New England Private/Parochial Coach of the Year; National Soccer Coaches of America Association.
- 1998 Gary Cook of Wilbraham & Monson Academy; State Coach of the Year; Massachusetts Soccer Coaches' Association.
- Chris Downs of The Hotchkiss School; New England Private/Parochial Coach of the Year; National Soccer Coaches Association to America.
- 1999 George Boynton of Brunswick School; Coach of the Year: Region I; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- George Boynton of Brunswick School; Coach of the Year for Non-public Schools; Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association of America.
- Dennis Crow of the Williams School received the Francis E. Geissler Sportsmanship Trophy from the Eastern Connecticut Board of Soccer Officials and the Sportsmanship Award from CISAC.
- 2000 George Boynton of Brunswick School; Coach of the Year: Region I, National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

2001 Willy MacMullen of Taft School; New England Coach of the Year for Private/Parochial Schools; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Lance Conrad of Cushing Academy; Coach of the Year; Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association.

2002 Chris Blundell of Greens Farms Academy; Coach of the Year; Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association.

Dennis Crowe of The Williams School; Coach of the Year for Private/Parochial Schools; Region I; National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Dennis Crowe of The Williams School received the Francis E. Geissler Sportsmanship Trophy from the Eastern Connecticut Board of Soccers.

The Saylor System

Synonymous with WNEPSSA is the famous, sometimes infamous, Saylor System by which member teams are ranked. Founding father of WNEPSSA, Paul Sanderson, Jr., sought out the aid of a Professor Saylor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to come up with an equitable format for crowning the champion of the league. Ironically, perhaps the biggest upset resulting from the computations of the Saylor system resulted in 1959 when Suffield Academy ended with a 10-1 record but Deerfield, with 6-1, took the title. Sanderson, the Suffield coach at the time, was quoted as saying, "I was sure we were in. But when the fellows got through with those adding machines, there we were in second place."

Sanderson was maneuvered into second place once again in 1969 when both his team and that of Jackman Stewart's Berkshire School finished with identical 12-0 records. Suffield lost first place "by a whisker" due to the Saylor System.

The archives include two mentions of the Saylor System from outside sources. One newspaper in 1960, (source unknown as only the article was clipped), commented that WNEPSSA teams : "...operate under a revised Saylor system that is almost as complicated as the Federation Internationale de Ski method of scoring its championship events." The Kingswood News school newspaper made mention in December 16, 1960, that the Saylor System was also used by the National Collegiate Athletic Association for selecting teams to play in their tournaments.

Currently, WWNEPSSA (Women's Western New England Preparatory School Soccer Association) and the Western New England Preparatory School Field Hockey Association use variations on the original Saylor System to determine the rankings of the teams in their leagues and to determine post-season tournament seedings.

Outline of the Saylor System (Revised December 1970 by the Executive Committee)

- A. A team with a won/loss/tie percentage of 75% or more in its matches within the Association shall be classed as an "A" team.
- B. A team with a won/loss/tie percentage of 50% or more in its matches within the Association, but less than 75%, shall be classed as a "B" team.
- C. A team with a won/loss/tie percentage of 25% or more in its matches with the Association, but less than 50%, shall be classed as a "C" team.
- D. A team with a won/loss/tie percentage of less than 25% in its matches within the Association shall be classed as a "D" team.
- E. If a team does not complete the minimum required number of league games, the difference between their total games played within the league and the required minimum

will be computed as losses.

For defeating a Class A team you score	300 points
For tying a Class A team you score	200 points
For losing to a Class A team you score	100 points
For defeating a Class B team you score	250 points
For tying a Class B team you score	150 points
For losing to a class B team you score	50 point
For defeating a Class C team you score	200 points
For tying a Class C team you score	100 points
For losing to a Class C team you score	25 points
For defeating a Class D team you score	150 points
For tying a Class D team you score	50 points
For losing to a Class D team you score	0 points

The total points divided by the number of league games you played gives you your team score.

Revised: 1996

(No longer the Saylor System: simply the Ranking System)

While maintaining the core value of the Saylor System – ranking teams by their win/loss/tie record and the win/loss/tie records of their opponents – the current system has evolved vastly from the original due to the increased numbers of teams in the League and the separation of schools into Large School, Middle School and Small School divisions. Currently the computerized Ranking System takes into account 109 variables. It groups Large, Middle and Small schools into separate divisions. Each game result earns a certain points value depending upon: a) game result; b) size of school; c) size of opponent; and d) record of opponent.

Fall Clinics

WNEPSSA, in accordance with its charter purpose of promoting the sport of soccer in Western New England, sponsored yearly clinics in September before regular season play. Member schools took turns hosting the events.

From the 26th annual Captain's Day Soccer Clinic program:

"The WNEPSSA Soccer Clinic is organized each year to provide a full day intensive training for high school/prep school coaches and players. The Program includes lectures with question/answer session, learn-by-doing clinics for players, Captains' Games for the boys [and later for the girls] of the WNEPSSA schools, and an exhibition game... "Individual clinics will cover such subjects as proper technique for ball skills, offensive and defensive tactics, training methods, and game-related exercise disciplines. But unlike the conventional 'stand around and listen' clinic, the WNEPSSA program is designed so that all players are able to participate in every skill demonstration... actually 'learn-by-doing.'"

As youth soccer programs developed, there was less need for teaching clinics. It became increasingly difficult to host the college exhibition games and coaches expressed concern that injuries could incapacitate a player during the Captains' Game before the regular season was even underway. For these reasons, the annual clinic was discontinued in 2000.

From the minutes December 5, 1999:

"While recognizing that the game [the Captains' Game] was once a hallowed tradition, ... the game has become an anachronism, no longer achieving the purpose it did in earlier years. Of the many reasons supporting the [Executive] Committee's recommendation that the custom be jettisoned, perhaps most compelling is that in recent years the captains themselves, exhausted by pre-season training and the opening days of school, have shown little interest in the occasion."

- 1955 (Second Annual Clinic) Fundamental Skills and Drills by Irvin Schmid of Springfield College; Practice Scrimmage: Amherst College vs. Springfield College...with comments by coaches between periods.
- 1956 Offensive and Defensive Patterns by Irvin Schmid of Springfield College and Allison March of Amherst; Practice Scrimmage: Amherst College vs. Springfield College.
- 1957 Offensive and Defensive Patterns by Irvin Schmid of Springfield College and Allison March of Amherst; Practice Scrimmage: Amherst College vs. Springfield College.
- 1958 New Developments in Soccer Tactics by Donald Yonker of Drexel Tech; Conditioning by Irvin Schmid of Springfield College; Practice Scrimmage: Drexel Tech Squad and

former All-American Players.

- 1959 "New Versus Old" Soccer Tactics and Conditioning by Irvin Schmid of Springfield College; Practice Scrimmage: Drexel Tech (1958 Intercollegiate Soccer Champions) vs. Springfield College.
- 1960 "Multiple Offense" by John McKeon of Bridgeport University; Practice Scrimmage: Bridgeport University vs. Amherst College.
- 1961 "Game Situation Drills" by Glenn Warner of the U.S. Naval Academy; "Calisthenics and Shooting Drills" by Irv Schmid of Springfield College; "Rules Interpretation" by John Kallock of the New England Soccer Officials Association; Practice Scrimmage: U.S. Naval Academy vs. Springfield College.
- 1962 "Skills and Drills" by Mel Lorback of West Chester State College (1961 National Collegiate Champions), and Steve Rostas of Amherst College. Practice Scrimmage: West Chester State College vs. Amherst College.
- 1963 "Skills and Drills" by Glenn Warner of the US Naval Academy; Practice Scrimmage: United States Naval Academy vs. Amherst College.
- 1964 "Skills and Drills" by Irv Schmid of Springfield College; Practice Scrimmage: Springfield College vs. Yale University.
- 1965 "Skills and Drills" by Glenn Warner of the U.S. Naval Academy; Practice Scrimmage: Middlebury College vs. US Naval Academy.
- 1966 "Modern Soccer Training" by Hubert Vogelsinger of Yale University and Stan Plaganhoef of Wesleyan University; Practice Scrimmage: Wesleyan University vs. Yale University.
- 1967 First inclusion of the Captains' Game into the Clinic Day schedule; inclusion becomes an integral part of the Clinic Day programs in future years; "Skills and Drills," by Glenn Warner of the U.S. Navy; Practice Scrimmage: U.S. Naval Academy vs. Amherst College.
- 1968 "Tactics and Strategy" by Cliff Stevenson of Brown University and "Special Situations" by Joe Marrone of Middlebury College; Practice Scrimmage: Brown University vs. Middlebury College.
- 1969 "Tactics and Strategy" by Len Lucenko of Montclair State College and "Drills and Conditioning" by Glenn Warner of U.S. Naval Academy; Practice Scrimmage: Montclair State vs. the Naval Academy followed by the Captains' Game.
- 1970 "Tactics and Strategy" (Wesleyan University) and "Drills and Conditioning" (St.

- Lawrence University); Practice Scrimmage: Wesleyan University vs. St. Lawrence University.
- 1971 "Defensive Tactics and Strategy," by Peter Gooding of Amherst College and "Offensive Drills and Conditioning," by Cliff Stevenson of Brown University; High Schools Select match; Practice Scrimmage Amherst College vs. Brown University.
- 1972 "Tactics and Strategy," by Al Miller of Hartwick College and "Drills and Conditioning," by Glenn Warner of the U.S. Naval Academy; High School Championships and Consolation Matches also part of the program: Practice Scrimmage: Hartwick College vs. US Naval Academy.
- 1973 Cathedral High School vs. Windsor Locks High School; WNEPSSA Captains' Game, Soccer Skills and Drills and then an exhibition game with St. Louis University vs. University of Pennsylvania. Games played on the artificial turf of Springfield College Stadium.
- 1974 Six Team Girls' Round-robin; Demonstrations by the Boston Minutemen and coach Hubert Vogelsinger; Captains' Game; Practice Scrimmage: Columbia University vs. Union College.
- 1975 WWNEPSSA meets; WNEPSSA coaches meet; WNEPSSA Captains' game: Exhibition game: U.S. Naval Academy vs. Wesleyan University.
- 1976 WWNEPSSA Select team vs. Thame (England) Ladies Football Club; Clinics by Cliff Stevenson of Brown University and Bob Hartwell of Babson College; Captains' Game; Practice Scrimmage: Babson (1975 New England Division III Champions) vs. Brown (1975 NCAA Division I National Champions). Clinic held at Pomfret School.
- 1977 No clinic was held; college teams expected were unable to come.
- 1978 Captains' Game and Clinic.
- 1979 WWNEPSSA Captains' Game; Clinics by Peter Gooding of Amherst College and Joe Machnik of the University of New Haven; WNEPSSA Captains' Game; Exhibition game: Amherst College vs. University of New Haven.
- 1980 Indoor clinics presented by three Hartford Hellions, Rollie Young of Deerfield and Dave Coughlin of Hotchkiss; WNEPSSA Captains' Game at Berkshire School.
- 1981
- 1982 Coaches' meeting, Clinic, Captains' Game at Suffield Academy
- 1983 Coaches' meeting, Clinic, Captains' Game at Avon Old Farms School

- 1984
- 1985 Coaches' meeting; Clinician Dieter Ficken from Columbia University; Captains' game at Suffield Academy.
- 1986
- 1987 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' Game at Loomis Chaffee School.
- 1988
- 1989
- 1990 Coaches' meeting; Clinic, Captains' game at Forman School.
- 1991 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' game.
- 1992 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' game at Choate Rosemary Hall.
- 1993 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; and Captains' game at Salisbury School.
- 1994 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; and Captains' game at Westminster School.
- 1995 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' Game at Forman School
- 1996 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' Game at Taft School.
- 1997 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' Game at Worcester Academy, as part of NEPSSA.
- 1998 Coaches' meeting; Clinic; Captains' Game at Forman School.
- 1999
- 2000 Clinic and Captains' Game discontinued.

WNEPSSA Grows: Years in which member schools joined

- 1953 Charter Schools: Ten
Avon Old Farms, The Choate School, Kingswood Academy, Loomis School, Monson Academy, Mount Hermon School, Pomfret School, Suffield Academy, Wilbraham Academy, Williston Academy.
- 1954 Deerfield Academy
- 1955 Hopkins Grammar, Kent School
- 1956 Westminster School
- 1957 Cranwell School, Cushing Academy, Taft School
- 1958 Milford Academy, Millbrook School, Watkinson School, Worcester Academy
- 1959 Watkinson School, Windsor Mountain
- 1960 Berkshire School, Cornwall Academy, Hoosac School, Salisbury School
- 1961 Cheshire Academy, The Hotchkiss School, Lenox Academy, Marvelwood School
- 1962 Barlow School, Barrington Academy, Dublin School, Forman School, The Gunnery, Trinity-Pawling School
Withdrew: Cushing Academy
- 1963 Canterbury School
- 1965 Laurelcrest School, Lee Academy
- 1967 Winchester Academy
- 1968 Rockwood School
- 1969 Kingsley Hall School
Withdrew: Lee Academy and Winchester Academy
- 1970 The Darrow School; St. Thomas More School
Withdrew: Laurelcrest School
- 1971 The Westledge School of Simsbury, Winchendon School, Wooster School
Wilbraham Academy and Monson Academy become Wilbraham & Monson Academy

- 1972 Bordentown-Lenox
- 1973 South Kent School; The Robinson School; Storm King School
Kingswood is now Kingswood-Oxford School; Hopkins Grammar is now Hopkins-Day
Prospect; Williston Academy is now The Williston-Northampton School
Withdrew: Bordentown-Lenox
- 1975 Bellafontaine Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Lenox
- 1976 Withdrew: Cushing Academy; Storm King School
- 1980 Cushing Academy rejoins WNEPSSA
- 1981 St. Margaret's-McTernan School
- 1983 The Masters School, CT
- 1986 Hamden Hall School
Withdrew: Vermont Academy
- 1987 Brunswick School, Oakwood Friends School
- 1990 Storm King School rejoins
- 1991 The Williams School
- 1992 Harvey School
- 1993 Greens Farms Academy, New York Military Academy
- 1994 Darrow School, King and Low-Heywood Thomas School, Rye Country Day School,
St. Luke's School
- 1997 American School for the Deaf
- 1998 Hyde School, MacDuffie School, Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, Worcester Academy
- 2000 Christian Heritage School, St. Thomas More School
Withdrew: Kildonan School
- 2003 Poughkeepsie Day School

WNEPSSA and Soccer Officiating

In accordance with the WNEPSSA charter, "to further the promotion and development of soccer in Western New England," the organization took active steps to shape uniformity in officiating and to encourage dialog between coaches and officials.

Records are not available for the first fall clinic, but the program for the Second Annual Soccer Clinic in 1955, shows that the Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association, The Central Connecticut Valley Soccer Board, and the southern Connecticut Soccer Officials Association held meetings at Williston Academy, site of the clinic. Coaches were invited to sit in on those meetings. In the Third Annual Clinic, Officials and Coaches met together for Rules Interpretation, a practice that continued as an integral part of the Clinic program until the 15th Annual Clinic in 1967. In 1957 and 1958, the Rules Interpretation portion of the clinic was lead by William M. Hofstetter, Referees Committee, of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. In 1959 Hofstetter, now Chairman of the Referees Clinics Committee of the ISFAA (International Soccer Federation Association of the Americas) led Rules Interpretation. John Y. Aquires, Chairman of the NCAA Soccer Rules Committee chaired the Rules Interpretation of the Seventh Annual WNEPSSA Clinic while John Kallock of the New England Soccer Officials Association did the same in 1961, 1962 and 1963.

In addition, on the "game report cards" which each League school was required to send into WNEPSSA after every match, Coaches were asked to name the officials and rate each on a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being the lowest score. From the minutes of September 10, 1974 "Again this year, Jack Stewart will be sending you a set of postcards for the reporting of the following information: most valuable players, highlights, and ratings of officials. The rating of officials is particularly important; only with total cooperation in sending in these cards can we hope to establish a firm groundwork from which to negotiate with the various officials' organizations in the future."

For years, Jackman Stewart of the Berkshire School served as liaison between WNEPSSA and the six officials' associations used by the league. From the minutes: "Five accepted the proposed fee schedule for 1971-72. A motion was presented and passed (11-3) to write a letter of censure to the Western Connecticut Officials Soccer Board for their actions in this year's boycott. Jack Stewart was commended for his work in officials' negotiations."

The practice was discontinued in 1995 when the availability of officials made requesting top ranking officials unfeasible. Additionally, League Statistician Ray Brown urged discontinuing the practice of evaluating referees "...for the simple reason that the various officiating associations serving our league do not make use of the assessments" (from the minutes December 4, 1994).

Technology and WNEPSSA

Answering machines, Call Waiting, FAXes, modems, Email, and computers have vastly changed the reporting of scores and the computation of league rankings over the years. No longer do coaches have to deal with annoying busy signals, nor must "key men" be chained to the phone on call-in nights. Family harmony has been restored. The Brown/Robinson household remembers an entire decade when no one was allowed to use the phone on Wednesday nights, (tough on two teenage daughters!), and when Ray was out for the evening, the family "secretaries" had to accurately record all incoming scores. Coaches eager to give play by play descriptions had to be hurried off the phone so other calls could be received.

Computing Saylor System results by hand calculations and adding machines was the time consuming task taken on by Paul Sanderson of Suffield. It was a tense job as coaches vying for the top spots peered over his shoulder waiting out the calculations. The advent of the computer promised to simplify matters and give quicker results. Dave Coughlin of Hotchkiss took on the Saylor system, enlisting the aid of senior Craig Disston in 1971 who rewrote the program for the computer. Jack Cody, Chairman of the Math Department at the Williston Northampton School, assisted Ray Brown with transferring and again rewriting the Saylor System computing program in 1979. Abandoning the "main frame" computer in favor of the PC necessitated a new program and Ray hired Williston senior Grigori Kapoustin in 1995 to adapt the program. Changing to a three division format in 1995 (Large School, Middle School, Small School) required a new computing program which would take into consideration play within divisions as well as play overall. An outside programmer, Matt Moebius, designed the program still in use today.

In 2001, WNEPSSA established a web site on the internet promoting the League's work and providing the potential for even quicker reporting of scores and rankings.

And it is anticipated that in 2004, the weekly mailings of league standings will cease and all information will be available on the web site.

By-laws of the Western New England Preparatory School Soccer Association

Article I: Name and purpose

- A. Name: This organization is known as the Western New England Preparatory School Soccer Association; more commonly, it is known by its acronym: WNEPSSA.
- B. Purpose: The purpose of the organization is twofold.
 - 1. to develop and to promote the game of soccer in Western New England.
 - 2. to foster the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

Article II. Membership in the organization

In 1954 the following schools became charter members of the association: Avon Old Farms, Choate School, Kingswood School, Loomis School, Monson Academy, Mount Hermon School, Pomfret School, Suffield Academy, Wilbraham Academy and Williston Academy.

To become a member of WNEPSSA, a school must be a member (in good standing) of NEPSAC.

Ideally, a member school will play a minimum of eight league games.

Article III. Officers in the organization

The officers are the president, the treasurer and the secretary.

The president's duties are to preside at all meetings and to oversee the general management of the organization.

The treasurer's duties are to collect dues, to pay bills, and to keep an accurate record of finances.

The secretary's duty is to write up and disseminate the minutes of all meetings to all coaches and athletic directors.

The Executive Committee consists of the following members: president, treasurer, secretary, NEPSAC coordinator, league statistician, all-star game coordinator, Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association representative, Large Schools representative, Middle-size Schools' representative and Small Schools representative.

The Executive Committee will have the power to act on any association business when a full meeting of the association is not feasible.

Article IV: Policies governing the association

- A. Dues: There will be annual dues of \$50.00 payable by each member school on or before October 1st.
- B. Fall Meeting: There will be a mandatory meeting of coaches in September. This meeting will feature a discussion of current association issues, a lecture given by a leading coach, and a brunch.
- C. All-Star Games: On the second Sunday of November, the association will hold two all-star games, one for large and middle-size school players and another for middle-size and small school players. The games will begin at the same hour and will be followed by a reception. Each player will receive a certificate. The purpose of these games is two-fold:
 - 1. to provide the best seniors and juniors in the league with exposure to college coaches;
 - 2. to promote camaraderie amongst players and coaches.
- D. Winter Meeting: There will be a second mandatory meeting of coaches in December. This meeting will feature a discussion of current association issues, the presentation of awards, and a brunch.
- E. Communications: Coaches are expected to respond on schedule to requests for dues, schedules, roster, game cards, results of final matches, nominations for the Connecticut Senior Bowl, and information for the WNEPSSA website.
- F. Code of Conduct: The association embraces the "Statement of Ethics" printed below, expecting all coaches to comply with its spirit.

Keeping in mind that interscholastic athletics is an important phase of secondary education, coaches are obligated to manage the conduct of their players responsibly. If a player's conduct is not sportsmanlike, a coach should remove the player for the field and censure him. Coaches are similarly obligated to manage their own conduct, remembering at all times that their comportment not only serves as an example for their players but also reflects upon the schools they represent. Accordingly, coaches are expected to treat referees and opponents (players and coaches) with respect. In a word, gentlemanliness should define the behavior of players and coaches alike.

- G. Mentoring System: Every coach who is new to the league will be assigned a mentor. Above all the mentor will review (with his mentee) the by-laws, drawing special attention to the organization's "Statement of Ethics" (Article IV.F)

- H. Disciplinary Action. Schools failing to comply with association regulations – for instance, neglecting to call in scores, to pay dues, to attend required meetings, to comport themselves properly on the field, and to submit game cards, rosters, and schedules—may be suspended by the Executive Committee. Prior to any suspension, a team will first receive a warning in a letter addressed to the coach and the athletic director, explaining that their program is on probation for one year. Suspension would preclude a team’s players from receiving WNEPSSA honors and from participation in the league’s all-star games; as well, suspension would preclude a coach from receiving a champion’s cup and from voting in league meetings. Notice of a school’s suspension will be sent to the school’s coach, athletic director and headmaster or headmistress. After demonstrating ability to comply with league regulations, a suspended team will be reinstated the season following its suspension. Any suspension is subject to appeal. Please Note: The opponents of a suspended team will not be affected by a suspension: their matches with the suspended team will count in the league standings.
- I. Amendments and revisions: Amendments and revisions of by-laws will become effective when ratified by three-quarters majority of the member schools.

Article V: League Regulations

- A. Standings: All games played with association members will count in the league standings. If two games are played between the same member schools, only the first will count in the standings.

The WNEPSSA Ranking System will be used to determine rankings in the association.

- B. Titles: There are three league titles:

Large School	(Class L): 251 or more male students, grades 9-12
Middle-size School	(Class M): 151-250 male students, grades 9-12
Small School	(Class S): 150 or fewer male students, grades 9-12

Each team must declare its class (L, M, or S) either before the first match or the day of the fall meeting, whichever comes first. Class M and class S schools may play up a level or two, but class L and class M schools may not play down a level.

Teams must play a minimum of 8 WNEPSSA matches to qualify for a league title.

- C. Awards: The team with the lowest per-game card average is presented with the Dave Coughlin Sportsmanship Award. The organization also presents a certificate to any team that goes through the season without receiving a single card.

The large school champion receives the Hay-Sanderson Cup.

The middle-size school champion receives the Raymond Brown Cup.

The small school champion receives the Lloyd McDonald Cup.

- D. Referees: Two referees or one referee and two linesmen will be used in league matches. All game officials must be accredited.

- E. NCAA Rules: NCAA rules will be observed with the following exceptions:

1. Teams will not be limited to 18 players.
2. Matches will be played without overtime.
3. Teams will play 45-minute halves; however, when Daylight Savings Time ends, both coaches of a given match must agree to play 45-minute halves; if either one disagrees, then the two teams must play an 80-minute match.
4. Per NCAA regulations, a 90-minute game will not be considered complete unless it has progressed to 70 minutes; however, an 80-minute game will not be considered complete unless it has progressed to 60 minutes.
5. We will not stop the clock on every substitution.
6. Home teams will wear colored jerseys and stockings, and away teams will wear white jerseys and stockings. If the colors worn by two teams are similar, the home team has the responsibility of making an adjustment.

- F. Red cards: Any player receiving a red card in an association match will be ineligible for his team's next scheduled* match. If a player receives a second red card, he will be ineligible for the next two scheduled* games. If a player receives a second red card for fighting, he will be ineligible for all subsequent games in the season.

- G. Yellow Cards: Any player receiving three yellow cards will be ineligible for the next scheduled* game. Any player receiving five yellow cards will be ineligible for the next scheduled* game. As a result of each subsequent yellow card, a player will not be eligible for the next scheduled* game.

A player receiving a yellow card must come off the field. Before sending a carded player back on the field, a coach should speak with the player re: proper comportment. One of the most important missions is teaching our players good sportsmanship.

*Under headings F and G, neither an alumni game nor a scrimmage qualifies as a "scheduled game."

- H. Ineligibility for league honors: If a player averages one point (or more) for every three association matches he plays, he will not be eligible for WNEPSSA Select Team kudos, a yellow card being worth one point and a red card counting two; moreover, he will not be eligible to compete in either of the all-star games. Two yellow cards in a match = two points; but one yellow card in a game followed by a red card = three points.

Article VI: Game Day Rituals

- A. Benches: The home-team coach should make sure all benches are situated on the same side of the field with a scorer's table between them. The team managers and the timekeeper will sit at the table.
- B. Timekeeper: The home-team coach should arrange for a faculty member to time the game.
- C. Ball Persons: The home-team coach must arrange for two ball persons to run the lines. Each ball person will have a game ball in hand. Preferably not players from the home team, ball persons should be capable of keeping with the ebb and flow of the game.
- D. Hospitality: The home team should greet the away team when they arrive, showing them to the locker room, directing them to the field, and in general offering them gracious hospitality.
- E. Rosters: Coaches shall exchange rosters before a game.
- F. Team Salute: A team salute will precede the beginning of all association games.
- G. Post-Game Handshake: At the conclusion of a game, each team should acknowledge the opponent with a team cheer; both teams, coaches included, will then lineup, shake hands, pay each other respect, and perhaps wish each other good luck. During the ritual, the spirit of good will should unflinchingly prevail.
- H. Post-Game Collegiality: After the post-game handshake, coaches should meet briefly to comment respectfully about the performance of each other's teams (and perhaps to decide who deserves the game-card vote as most effective player for each team).

Call In: (Starting the first Wednesday in October) Before 9:00 PM. On Wednesday evening, coaches must report their game scores (for the week) to their "key person." This ritual enables the league statistician to send accurate league standings to coaches, athletic directors and newspapers the following morning.

*This booklet was prepared by Cathleen C. Robinson during 2002-2003.
Material for this booklet was compiled from minutes, memos,
records, and surveys kept in the archives of WNEPSSA.
Since records and surveys were not always complete,
and sometimes contradictory,
inaccuracies will surely abound.
Corrections should be forwarded to the president of WNEPSSA,
Peter Jones of the Kingswood-Oxford School.*

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but without it, records of those early founding years would have been lost forever.*