

# Section II

# Handbook

2009  
NYSPHSAA  
BOYS TENNIS

This tennis handbook has been prepared to provide information and guidelines for Section II Boys' Tennis competition. All coaches and athletic directors are urged to read this handbook. Although dates will change from year to year, most of the information will remain constant. Coaches should pay special attention to the sections regarding eligibility rules, number of practices prior to scrimmages, sites/location, etc. Coaches are also reminded that boys must wear school uniforms to all Section II matches including individual matches through the State Championships.

Special Notes:

- 1) The start date for team sectionals is dependent on the number of teams.
- 2) The letter of intent is due Friday May 1, 2009. These letters may be mailed to Stanley France PO Box 773 Middleburgh, NY or faxed to his attention at (518) 295-8449.
- 3) The Section II seeding meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 7 at 6 p.m. This meeting will be held at Shen East.
- 4) The league chairman will be responsible to collect all team and individual entries on white 3"x 5" cards and have them available at the seeding meeting. The team's starting lineup should be submitted to the league chairman along with the team entry.

## INTRODUCTION

Section 2 provides two (2) post-season tournaments for Boys' Tennis, team and individual.

### Team Sectionals

This tournament is an open sectional for the school's complete tennis team (regardless of the season record). A champion will be determined for Class AA, Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D schools. Schools are expected to play in their class. If a school wishes to play at a higher level, they should so notify the section coordinator prior to the beginning of the tennis season. Schools participating in this tournament should expect to play Saturday matches. The league chairperson is responsible for checking the tennis record.

### Individual Sectionals

This tournament determines a singles and a doubles champion for Section II. Three singles players and three doubles team winners go to the state tournament (nine boys). Each league is allowed to send up to four single players and four doubles teams to the section tournament.

*No one is allowed to play if the white 3"x5" card is not entered with the league chairperson on or before the seeding meeting.*

### Inclement Weather Policy

If the Individual Sectional Tennis Tournament is canceled for inclement weather (or any other reason), please contact your league chairperson.

## SECTION II BOYS' TENNIS COMMITTEE

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SECTIONAL CONTACT PEOPLE

All entries, scores and questions regarding team and individual sectionals should be directed to your league chairperson listed above. Independent teams and individuals (not belonging to a league) should forward their entries to the Section II Coordinator.

## SECTION II BOYS TENNIS LEAGUES

### Big Ten

Albany  
Amsterdam  
Bishop Maginn  
Catholic Central  
Schenectady  
Troy

### Colonial

Academy of Holy Names  
Albany Academy  
Cobleskill Richmondville  
Cohoes  
Schalmont  
Schoharie  
Voorheesville  
Waterford  
Watervliet

### Foothills

Glens Falls  
Gloversville  
Hudson Falls  
Johnstown  
Queensbury  
Scotia-Glenville  
South Glens Falls

### Patroon

Cairo-Durham  
Catskill  
Chatham  
Coxsackie-Athens  
Hudson  
Ichabod Crane  
Maple Hill  
Rensselaer

### Suburban

Averill Park  
Bethlehem  
Burnt Hills  
Colonie  
Columbia  
Guilderland  
Mohonasen  
Niskayuna  
Saratoga  
Shaker  
Shenendehowa  
Ballston Spa

### Adirondack

Argyle  
Corinth  
Granville  
Greenwich  
Hadley-Luzerne  
Johnsburg  
Lake George  
North Warren  
Schuylerville  
Warrensburg  
Whitehall

Section II Coaches Phone List *Note: this list is very old. Please email corrections to stanleyfrance@gmail.com*

School	Coach		School	Coach
Academy for Boys 463-2201	Peter Green 229-0323		Catholic Central 474-4486	Tony Schilling 283-4348
Albany High 454-3987	Marianne Leung 591-1007		Catskill High 943-2300	Bob Riordon 943-2370
Amsterdam High 843-4932	Tony Orapello 842-7802		Chatham 943-2300	Mark Irish 758-7766
Averill Park 674-7000	Dick Abbatello 674-2471		Cobleskill- Richmondville 234-3565	Steve Kuzman
Ballston Spa 884-7172	Mike Spensieri 885-4753		Colonie High 459-1220	Tim Nimmer 478-9788
Bethlehem Central 439-4921			Columbia High 477-8711	Rick Randall 732-7194
Bishop Maginn 463-2247			Coxsackie-Athens 731-1800	J Maxwell 731-6887
Burnt Hills 399-9141	Karen Layton 399-2361			
Cairo-Durham 622-8543	Jon Spear 734-6162		Glens Falls 792-6564	Claudia Higgins 743-9434
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			Saratoga 583-4780	Rich Johns 587-5965
Hudson High 828-4132	Kirsten Fonda 7320211		Schalmont 355-6110	356-0597
Hudson Falls 747-2121	Joe Casey 747-8708		Schenectady 370-8216	Suzanne Bush 225-7773
Ichabod Crane 758-7577	Frank Durkin 732-4788		Schoharie 295-6600	Stanley France 231-7045
Johnstown 762-4661	Michael Brown 725-4853		Scotia-Glenville 382-1231	Geoff Olsen 377-8742
Maple Hill 732-7701	Gail Kirsch 766-4543		Shaker High 785-5511	Jerry Cuva 463-0707
Mohonasen 356-8270	Dick Uhis 861-6399		Shenendehowa 881-0390	Bill MacArthur 877-5802
Niskayuna High 382-2531	Jim Neal 370-4467		Troy 271-5336	Mark Osganean 274-2168
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**Section II Boys Tennis Events  
2009**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2 Sectional Coordinators Meeting Shen East					
April - League Play					
				May 1 Letter of Intent Due Fax 518-295-8449	
			May 7 Seeding Meeting Shen East 6:00		
May 11 Team Sectionals 9 teams & Up	May 12 Team Sectionals 8 teams & Under	May 13 Team Sectionals	May 14 Team Sectionals	May 15 Team Sectionals Finals	
	May 19 Individual Sectionals	May 20 Individual Sectionals	May 21 Individual Sectionals	Rain Date	
			May 28 States National Tennis Center	May 29 States National Tennis Center	May 30 States National Tennis Center

## Section II Tournament Entries

All entries must be submitted to your league chairperson on **white 3"x 5" index cards only** before the seeding meeting. This information will not be accepted by phone, e-mail or facsimile. Each card/entry must contain the following information as shown below:

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### Singles or Doubles Entry *(3"x5" card sample)*

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Singles Player \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: Separate cards are required for 2<sup>nd</sup> singles player, 3<sup>rd</sup> singles player, as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doubles players.)*



### Team Entry *(Sample 3"x5" index card)*

School \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

League Record \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEAM SECTIONALS

Eligibility: A team must have played six matches by the date of the beginning of the Tournament. Although the tournament is open, a coach should use his/his discretion when entering a team. (All individuals participating must have played in six matches.)

Classification: All schools are invited to participate, but there will be five classifications, or four separate draws: AA, A, B, C, and D.

Match Play: AA's will play six singles and three doubles, with no repeats. A-D will play five singles and two doubles, with no repeats.

Individual matches will be the best-of-three AD sets with a 12-point tiebreaker at a 6-6 game score. All individual matches are to be played out to their conclusion, regardless of the team score.

Sites: Only finals will be played at neutral sites. All other matches will be at the home site of the higher seeded team. In the event of a large amount of travel, (i.e., Johnstown at Queensbury) a neutral site will be arranged by the Section Chairperson or league chairperson. No sectional matches will be played on split courts.

Tennis Balls: The home team will furnish one new can of tennis balls per individual match. At a neutral site, the higher seeded team will provide one less can of tennis balls than the opponent. Schools provide all balls, Section II will not provide any tennis balls.

Coaching: Same rules apply as stated in Lineup Guidelines For Sectional Team Match Play.

Report of Matches: The winner of a team match should call the contact person of their representative class the night of completion of the match. This is necessary to organize the next day's matches.

Please report scores promptly. Also, please report your team scores to the Schenectady Gazette (395-3070) Albany Times Union (454-5414) and Troy Record (272-2985). Matches are not official until scores are reported in these newspapers.

Awards: Team plaques will be awarded to both Finalists in each draw. Individual Section II patches will be awarded to members of semifinal and final teams.

## INDIVIDUAL SECTIONALS

Eligibility: A player is eligible only if he has represented his school in six scheduled matches by the date of the tournament.

Participants: League tournaments will determine representation. The top four singles players and top four doubles teams are eligible to participate.

Site: All play of the Section II Individual Tournament will take place at Central Park, Schenectady, NY. In the event of rain matches will be played indoors at Sportime in Schenectady

- **Note: At all match sites cleaning up of your area is imperative! Please be courteous and leave your site in good condition. Look around and discard all unwanted materials and take your personal belongings with you.**

Format: First and second round play (and possibly the 3rd round, depending on the number in the draw) will consist of 10 game pro sets with add scoring to earn their way into the next round. (12-point tiebreaker at 10-10) Should the first round be played indoors no-Add scoring will be used for that round only. Remaining rounds will be best of three ad sets, 12-point tiebreaker at 6-6. Semifinals and finals will be regular scoring. Each singles player and each doubles team is to bring a **new can of tennis balls** to the individual tournament. The winner of the match for the next round can will use the unopened can.

Seeding: USTA rules will serve as guidelines in making the draws. Once a draw is made, no substitution will be allowed except in the case of illness. In this case, a person not originally scheduled to play may be substituted into the draw.

<u>Coaching:</u>	No coaching during the pro sets.
<u>Awards:</u>	Section II patches will be awarded to all winners, runners-up and semifinalists.
<u>State Tournament</u>	Three singles players and three doubles teams will comprise the Section II Team that competes in the State Tournament.

\* **Remember** – boys **must** wear **school uniforms** for all Section II team and individual matches. You will not play without a school uniform and it will be enforced. **No exceptions!** In case of cold weather, uniforms must be worn under warm-ups (which should be as close to school colors as possible). For example, if your school colors are orange and black, team members should not wear green warm-ups.

**The jewelry rule will be enforced. No jewelry in sectional play!**

### **LINEUP GUIDELINES FOR SECTIONAL TEAM MATCH PLAY**

1. A team's lineup is to be played in the order of their ability.
2. A team's lineup is to be determined by challenge matches.
3. Using the example of a team which plays five singles and two doubles:  
  
A coach should first determine who his/his best five singles players are by challenges, then allow his doubles combinations to play off to determine their order. For each match they are to be played in the order of their ability. Any changes are to be made on results of challenge matches.

4. In the case of an injury or illness an adjustment would have to be made:

Singles Example: (Five singles and two doubles)

If any player in your singles lineup, except No. 5, is out, then your lineup must all shift upward one notch. A substitute can then be placed in the No. 5 spot. Your doubles teams can remain the same.

Doubles Example:

If a doubles player is injured or ill, a substitution for that player, for that match, is allowed. The order of your doubles teams should remain the same. If the player is going to remain out of the lineup, then the coach should have the new doubles team play-off with the established one to make sure they are playing in the order of their ability during any future matches.

5. Play shall be continuous from the first serve until the match is concluded, unless the match goes three sets. (There may be a 10-minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets.)
6. Coaching will be allowed on all changeovers for 90 seconds set (with players remaining on court), coaches off court) and 10 minutes between the second and third set. Coaching is also permitted for two minutes between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sets. No coaching is allowed after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> games; nor, are players allowed to sit. The head coach is considered to be the person who does the coaching.
7. While the players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults, or other players. (except where noted in #6)
8. Any "situation" questions should be directed to the Section II Coordinator.

## Seeding Procedures

If you have an individual you would like considered for seeding, please submit the name to your league chairperson. If you attend the meeting, you will be given three minutes to state your position. Then a vote will be taken by the committee.

Class AA and A teams will be seeded according to league records (and strength of league/schedule) and then placed on the draw sheet so that 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, etc.

Class B teams are encouraged to play as many inter-league games as possible so that seedings may be determined. Team coaches will be given three minutes to state their case for a certain position. Then the committee will vote.

Class C& D teams will be arranged to play teams they have not played before since the draw is so small.

## PROTEST PROCEDURE FOR TEAM SECTIONAL MATCHES

1. **Prior to the seeding meeting, each coach shall submit their line-up to their league chairperson.** Any change from earlier matches must be explained to their league chairperson.
2. If, during a match, a coach feels that a line-up change or other situation is protestable, he must inform the opposing coach immediately at the match that it is being protested. Both coaches and officials, if present, should note the issue of disagreement.
3. However, if the protest involves a line-up change, the protest may be lodged up to 24 hours after the results of the sectional team match appear in the *Schenectady Gazette*, *Times Union* or the *Troy Record*.
4. The protest should be lodged with the sectional coordinator who will consult with all persons involved to determine whether or not the situation is protestable and attempt to resolve the conflict to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.
5. In the even the coordinator cannot resolve the protest, the Section II tennis committee will be informed of the details of the protest. The Section II Tennis Committee will come to a decision and within 24 hours render the judgment in writing to all parties involved.
6. If a Section II Tennis Committee member is from one of the schools involved in the protest, the committee member will not be involved in the resolution of the protest. (The Section II Tennis Committee is composed of the Section II Boys' Tennis Coordinator and the Boys' Tennis Leagues Chairpersons.)

### Warm-Ups For All Sectional Matches Contested Indoors

In the interest of fairness: participating individuals may not warm-up or practice on the courts of the indoor facility being used on the day of their match prior to their scheduled court time.

### Sportsmanship for Players

The point penalty system has been a part of the USTA Guidelines that govern Section II tennis activities. In matches without officials, coaches shall enforce the point penalty system. In all cases if a coach witnesses a violation, he/he must stop that match and warn the offending players as well as inform the opposing coach. In matches with officials, the officials will be responsible for enforcing the point penalty system. (See Point Penalty System)

### Sportsmanship for Spectators

**The following are guidelines that appear in the USTA publication entitled "Guide to Teaching Sportsmanship"**

- 1. Never cheer or clap when either player makes an error.  
Cheering  
and clapping is appropriate for all positive plays.**
- 2. Applause is considered acceptable, but such things as football style cheers or cheers that are disguised coaching are considered poor sportsmanship.**
- 3. Learn to applaud good shots from each player.**
- 4. Spectators will never get involved in a match! They will never suggest, by word or action, that a call is correct or incorrect. They will not offer suggestions when players are unsure of the score.**
- 6. Spectators will not attempt to coach a player during a match.**
- 7. Spectators will stay a comfortable distance from the fences around the tennis courts.**
- 8. Friends, children, teammates, or parents are not permitted on the court at any time.**

## THE POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

1. The purposes of the system are: (1) to deter unsportsmanship-like conduct and (2) to ensure compliance with the continuous play rule. The objective of the Point Penalty System is not to punish but to secure compliance with the rules.
2. A penalty on a member of a doubles team is considered to have been imposed on the team.
3. All penalties under the point penalty system are treated as though the points or games actually had been played so far as serving order and court occupancy are concerned.
4. If both players (teams) are equally responsible for delay during a match, any penalty will be imposed upon the server.
5. A game penalty during a game means the loss of the game in progress, regardless of the point score at the time; there is no carry-over of points to the next game. A penalty imposed between games or prior to the start of a match will apply to the next point or game scheduled to be played.
6. A point penalty is scored as though the player had played and lost what would have been the next point.
7. A player who is the beneficiary of a penalty imposed upon his opponent may not, in the best interests of the game, decline to accept is any more than he could decline to accept a point for a double fault by his opponent. A player who disobeys the instructions of an official in such a case is himself liable to be defaulted.
8. No abuse of players and officials:
  - (a) No person shall abuse an official or player. The official shall make certain that no parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player abuses an official or player.
  - (b) A player consents to being penalized under the point penalty system for abusive conduct by a person who appears to be associated with the player. If the official observes such conduct, he/he shall suspend play and request that the person desist. If the abuse continues, he/he may direct the person to leave the playing area. In flagrant case the official may immediately direct the person to leave without requesting him/his to desist.

- (c) If the person refuses to follow the instructions to leave, then the official may penalize the player associated with the person under the Point Penalty System.

## POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

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### Intentional Violations

Intentional delay after warm-up or between points.

Intentional violation of the 90-second rule.

Not resuming play after natural loss of condition.

Prolonging an argument longer than 30 seconds after having been directed to resume play. If any time violation has been penalized, the passage of an additional 30 seconds is the basis for an additional penalty.

Audible or visible obscenity or profanity.

Abuse of racket, balls or equipment.

Verbal or physical abuse of a player or official.

Unsportsmanlike conduct.

### **Penalties - Violations will be penalized as follows:**

***First Offense.....warning***

***Second Offense.....Point***

***Third Offense.....Default***

Except after an injury or after natural loss of condition, and in lieu of utilizing the schedule of penalties shown above, the officials shall penalize unintentional time violations in accordance with the table shown below.

- Abusive conduct by a player or a person associated with a player (Refer to No Abuse of Players and Officials) explained on previous page.
  - Retaliatory calls (Obviously bad calls made in retaliation for the opponent's calls)
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## Unintentional Time Violations

Unintentional delay after warm-up or between points.

Unintentional violation of the 90-second rule.

First Offense.....Warning

Each additional Violation....One Point Penalty

### Guidelines For Player Responsibility In Matches Without Umpires

The following items answer the most common questions that come up in non-umpired matches:

#### 1) Calls

(a) Opponent gets benefit of the doubt. When in doubt about whether a ball is in or out, the player shall make the call in favor of his opponent. If the player has any doubt about whether his opponent's ball is out, he shall call it good. A let shall not be played.

(b) Disagreement over call between partners. If a player and his partner disagree about whether their opponent's ball was out, they shall call it good.

(c) Player makes calls on his side of the net. A player shall make the calls on his side of the net.

(d) Visible or audible out calls. No matter how obvious it is to a player that his opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to an audible or visible out call.

(e) Instantaneous calls. A player shall make all calls instantly but not until the ball has hit the court. This means making the call either before the opponent has had the opportunity to play the ball or before the player's shot has gone out of play.

(f) Instantaneous calls and the two chance rule. The requirement of making an instantaneous call is designed to eliminate the "two chance" option. For example, the server is advancing to the net for an easy put away when he sees a ball from an adjoining court rolling towards him/his. If the server wants to claim a let he must do so immediately. She may not wait until after he has hit the ball. Once he hits the ball he loses the right to claim a let even if the distraction caused by the ball causes him/his to miss the shot.

(g) Player calls against himself any ball that is clearly out. If requested, a player shall help his opponent on a call. A player shall call against himself any ball that is clearly out.

(h) Correcting out call to good. If a player mistakenly calls a ball out and then realizes that it was good, the point shall be replayed if he returned the ball to his opponent's court. If the player failed to make the return, his opponent wins the point. If the mistake was made on a second serve, the server is entitled to two serves.

(i) How to question an opponent about his call. A player may ask his opponent about his call by the query: "Are you sure of your call?" No further delay or discussion is permitted. If the opponent reaffirms that the ball was out, his call shall be accepted. If the opponent is uncertain, he loses the point.

(j) Requesting help of opponent. A player may ask his opponent about a call that is the player's responsibility. If the opponent gives his opinion, it shall be accepted. If neither player has an opinion, then the ball is considered good.

(k) Spectators should not be asked to make a call. A player shall never ask a spectator to make a call.

(l) Touches, hitting ball before it crosses net, invasion of opponent's court, double-hits, and double bounces. A player shall call against himself:

- a ball touching him/his;
- his touching of the net;
- his touching of his opponent's court;
- his hitting a ball before it crosses the net;
- deliberate carries and double hits; and
- double bounces.

(m) Through and balls hit into the ground before traveling over the net. A player shall make the ruling on a ball that his opponent hits through the net and on a ball that his opponent hits into the ground before it goes over the net.

## 2) Serves, Foot Faults, Service Lets, and Service Returns

(a) Practice serves. Service practice by all players shall be completed before the first service of the match. A player shall not practice return of serves on his opponent's serves. If a player has completed his practice serves, he should return his opponent's practice serves directly to his opponent.

- (b) Server's request for third ball. The receiver shall comply with the server's request to have three balls in his hand before the start of a point unless the third ball is some distance away and retrieving it then would result in prolonged delay.
- (c) Foot faults. A player may warn his opponent that the opponent has committed a flagrant foot fault. If the foot-faulting continues, the player may attempt to locate an umpire. If no umpire is available, the player may call flagrant foot faults.
- (d) Calling serves in doubles. In doubles the receiver's partner should call the service line and the receiver should call the sideline and the center service line. Nonetheless, his partner may call a ball that he clearly sees.
- (d) Server and his partner should not call first serve out. Neither the server nor his partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt. But the server and his partner shall call out any second serve that either of them clearly sees out.
- (f) Calling service lets. Any player may call a service let. The call shall be made before the return of serve goes out of play or is hit by an opponent. If the serve is an apparent or near ace, any let shall be called promptly.
- (g) Returning out balls. A player shall not put into play or hit over the net a served ball that is obviously out. Nonetheless, if a player honestly believes that he cannot call a serve out (giving his opponent the benefit of a close call), the server is not entitled to replay the point.
- (h) Returning serve when receiver is not ready. The receiver shall not attempt to return a serve unless he, or he and his partner, are ready. If a player returns a serve, he or his partner, are presumed ready.
- (i) Delays between the first and second serve. When there is a delay between the first and second serve:
  - the server gets one serve if he was the cause of the delay;
  - the server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the receiver or if there was outside interference.

3) Score

- (a) Server announces score. The server shall announce the game score before the game and the point score before each point.
- (b) Disputes. Disputes over the score shall be resolved by using one of the following methods. (The methods are listed in order of preferences.):
  - Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only the disputed points or games.
  - Spin a racket or toss a coin.

4) Miscellaneous

- (a) Points played in good faith count. All points played in good faith stand. For example, if after playing a point the players discover that the net was too high, the point stands.
- (b) Requesting an umpire. If an opponent repeatedly violates the rules, a player may ask for an umpire. The player may leave the court to seek the assistance of the referee or to request an umpire.
- (c) Talking during a point. A player shall not talk while the ball is moving toward his opponent's side of the court. If the player's talking interferes with this opponent's ability to play the ball, the player loses the point.
- (d) Feinting with the body. A player may feint with his body while the ball is in play. She may change position at any time including while the server is tossing the ball. Movements or sound that are made solely to distract an opponent, such as waving the arms or racket or stamping the feet, are not allowed.
- (e) Retrieving stray ball. A player shall not go behind an adjacent court to retrieve a ball when play is in progress. A player shall not ask for one of his balls from players on an adjacent court until their point is over. When a player returns a ball that came from an adjacent court, he shall wait until their point is over and then return it directly to one of the players and preferably to the server.
- (f) The Code. "The Code" is a USTA publication originally written by Col. N.E. Powel that discusses in great detail the code that governs unofficiated matches. The principals set forth in "The Code" shall apply in cases not specifically covered by these regulations.

## 2008 Winners

Team AA  
A  
B  
C/D

### Singles

First - Matt Kandath Albany Academy

Second - Derrick Angle-2nd LaSalle

Third - Bryan Chow 3rd Niskayuna.

Matt Kandath was state singles champion for 2nd yr in a row

### Doubles

First - Mike Amico-Jesse Hoffman Bethlehem

Second - Joey Milstein-Alex Bush 2nd Guilderland

Third - Julian Wrede-Stefan Kuhar Albany Academy