

Section V Boys' Basketball has been honored to have had so many people, basketball officials and fans, offer their time and talents to the enrichment of the Section V Boys' Basketball website.

Several years ago, we started posting the Section V Playoff Brackets online for coaches, players and fans to enjoy throughout the tournament. At that time a young man from Section IV contacted Phil Abel and asked if we would be interested in having every sectional playoff bracket in the State updated and posted daily throughout the sectional playoffs. His name was Bret Bystricky. This website was his idea initially.

Bret did the work for 3 years, and when he accepted a teaching position in North Carolina, we began to seek out additional help in the different sections. Over the past couple of years, volunteers in other sections offered their help in doing a bracket and this website was born.

Rich Aylward stepped up in 2011 and indicated a willingness to pursue the Federation Brackets and any of the NY State Regional Brackets that we still needed help with. His work and his devotion to this project gave rise to the website that he now writes and maintains. Rich is solely responsible for archiving all the state playoff brackets from 1921 to the present. This has been a Herculean undertaking and is an on-going project for which we are deeply grateful.

The following gentlemen are our current "Bracketeers" for the New York State Public High School Boys' Basketball Tournament Brackets. Special thanks go out to all of them for their help on this project in years past and, hopefully, in years to come.

Rich Aylward - Sections: I / VIII / PSAL / CHSAA / NYSAIS / State / Federation
/www.nysbasketballbrackets.com / www.nybasketball.net

Philip K. Abel - Section V / www.sectionvbasketball.com

Bill Merna – Section X

Mike Baden – Section IX

Scott Sugar - Section III

Steve Kern – Section IV / www.section4hoops.com/

Chad Andrews – Section VI / www.theviewfromcentercourt.com/

Anthony Salvaggio – Section XI

Steve Grandin – Sections II & VII

Other Contributors:

Doug McClaine – Assistant General Manager for the Times Union Center in Albany who provided the All-Tournament teams for the Federation Tournament from 2012 to the present.

Louis Epstein – Has supplied many of the real time score updates since 2016.

Bret Bystricky – Founder and key contributor for many years. Provided brackets for Section IV.

Bill Wetherbee – Provided the All-Tournament teams for the State and Federation Tournaments from their inception in 1978 & 1979 respectively through 2011.

J. Adam Cole II – Maintained Section II for many years.

Jerry Nutt – One of the pioneer contributors; provided brackets for Section VI.

Kevin Pawlak – Provided Section V brackets from 1989-91.

John Swinton - Previously provided a playoff bracket to the site.

Bill Van Horn – Previously provided a playoff bracket to the site.