

1. Girls' - FALL Sport		BASKETBALL		2. Junior - ZONE/SOSSA; Senior - ZONE/SOSSA/OFSAA	
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3. N.R.H.S.A.A. Zone members' phone/fax numbers - See Appendix A					
4. Executive; Board of Reference - GENERAL (Responsibilities; Procedures);					
5. Athletic Convenors					
6. Soliciting	7. Insurance	8. Personal Property	9. Team Selection	10. Safety	11. Supervision of Interschool Teams
12. Eligibility for...					
a) a School: Senior: (A, AA, AAA, AAAA); Junior:(A, AA); Declaring Up a Division(s)	b) an Individual; Note: Junior eligibility; c) Special Considerations;	13. Transfers: -Sect.2, Board of Reference -TRANSFER (Procedures): -Sect. 1, Transfer Policy,; -Transfer Form; (Appendix); -Transfer Meeting Dates; -Sect.2, Ineligible Ruling; -Sect.3, SOSSA Appeal Process;		14. Scheduling: -Sect.1, Declaration of play; -Sect.2, School Classification; -Sect. 3, League and Play-off format; -Sect.4, Stages of Scheduling.	
Sport Specific Policies that may or may not be in the NRHSAA Constitution and Policy Manual.					
15. Eligibility sheets; 16. Game Time; 17. Home School Responsibilities: - provide 2 Minor Officials; -provide warm-up balls; -have a game ball ready; -use "DSBN" score sheets or facsimile;	Home School Responsibilities con't..... 18. Paying the Officials; 19. Report the scores; 20. Accredited Officials; 21: Official Rule Book; Zone policies first, then the OBA Rule Book.	22. Suspensions; - Ejection; - Physical or verbal altercation.		23. Board of Reference - SANCTIONS And PROTESTS: Sanctions: Procedures, Penalties, Protests: Procedures.	
24. Zone 3 and Zone 4 - League Format					
25. Play-off Format:		26. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position.			
27. Convening SOSSA Girls Basketball;		28. SENDING 2 TEAMS FROM SOSSA TO OFSAA 29. DECLARING A SOSSA "HOST" TEAM FOR OFSAA			

IMPORTANT:

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| 1. | Season of Play: | Girls' = Fall Season | |
| 2. | Levels of Competition | | |
| | Junior Level | Girls' | ZONE; S.O.S.S.A. |
| | Senior Level | Girls' | ZONE; S.O.S.S.A.; O.F.S.A.A. |
| 3. | Members: | Appendix A | |
| 4. | Executive: | | |
| | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | | ARTICLE VI |
| | ROLES OF THE EXECUTIVE | | ARTICLE VII |
| | STANDING COMMITTEES | | ARTICLE IX |
| | Section 1 - Board of Reference - GENERAL | | |
| 5. | CONVENORSHIPS | | ARTICLE XIV |
| | Section 1 - Athletic Convenors | | |
| | Section 2 - Athletic Convenor Packages | | |
| 6. | SOLICITING STUDENTS | | ARTICLE XVIII |
| 7. | INSURANCE | | ARTICLE XIX |
| 8. | PERSONAL PROPERTY | | ARTICLE XX |
| 9. | TEAM SELECTION | | ARTICLE XXII |
| 10. | SAFETY | | ARTICLE XXIII |
| 11. | SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS | | ARTICLE XXIV |
| 12. | ELIGIBILITY | | ARTICLE XI |
| | Section 1 - School | | |

Senior Level - The following classifications shall apply for Senior GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

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| "A" | under - 500 students; |
| "AA" | 501 - 900 students; |
| "AAA" | 901 - 1,250 students; |
| "AAAA" | over 1,251. |

Junior Level - The following classifications shall apply for Junior GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

“A” Schools with a population of 799 or under.

“AA” Schools with a population of 800 or more.

Note: School SENIOR classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) is based on enrolment on **October 31st** of the PREVIOUS school year.

NOTE: According to ARTICLE XV; Section 1 , a team may opt to play at a higher classification if they declare their intention by the Declaration of Play deadlines. SEE THE FOLLOWING TABLE ON HOW TO “DECLARE UP

DECLARING UP: A school cannot just decide that a team is changing divisions!
If your school would like to declare up for this sport, this must be done in writing, on letterhead, signed by a Principal or Vice Principal of that school.
The declaration must go the NRHSAA Zone Secretary, the Athletic Convenor running this sport, and also be forwarded to the SOSSA Secretary by the SOSSAA, AGM in June of the previous school year.
The school must submit the written declaration first.

If a school's September 30th enrolment changes their classification then they must honour their current schedule for the remainder of that sport season.

Section 2 - Individual

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR BASKETBALL: Only students in their first two years of high school, based on the date they entered grade nine, will be eligible for Junior team competition.

Also: **NOTE:** The individual's birth certificate indicates that she has **not reached her 16th birthday by August 31st**, prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

EXCEPTION : a student who has been accelerated one year in elementary school shall be allowed to play at the junior level for a maximum of two (2) consecutive years in the first three (3) years of his/her high school career. The student shall meet the above age requirement and documentation of the acceleration shall be provided with the eligibility sheet. (As of September 2009)

ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR BASKETBALL: Refer to Section 2, ART. XI of the Constitution for more information.

NOTE: The individual's birth certificate indicates that she has **not reached her 19th birthday by January 1st**, prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

Section 3 - Special Consideration: Refer to Section 3, ART. XI of the Constitution for this information.

13. TRANSFERS ARTICLE XII
STANDING COMMITTEE(S) ARTICLE IX
Section 2 - Board of Reference - TRANSFER
Transfer meeting dates will be published the first week in Sept. of the current school year.
Section 1 - Transfer Policy
Section 2 - Ineligible Ruling
Section 3 - S.O.S.S.A. Appeal Process

14. SCHEDULING ARTICLE XV

Section 1 - Declaration of Play
Section 2 - School Classification
Section 3 - League and Play-off Format
Section 4 - Stages of Scheduling

SPORT SPECIFIC POLICIES:

GAME DAY AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

15. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS ARTICLE XII

16. GAME TIME: ARTICLE XV; Section 4

The first game of a double-header will start at 3:30 (no earlier without Convenor's knowledge and both Principals' permission). The second part of the double-header will start immediately after the first double-header game is over.

17. HOME SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide 1 competent scorekeeper and 1 competent timer;
- Warm-up Balls: Home Schools will provide warm-up balls.;
- Game balls:
- All schools should be using "DSBN" score sheets or facsimile;

18. PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS ARTICLE XXVI

The home team is responsible for payment of officials for all league and play-off games. **The amount will be announced at the first meeting.** The visiting team is responsible for transportation costs to and from the competition.

If a gate is charged at a play-off game then all expenses will be paid from the gate (referees, minor officials, linesmen, security, score keepers, etc.) and the remainder of the gate will be divided equally between the home and visiting team.

In the event a play-off game is played at a neutral site then the cost of officials will be shared equally between participating teams.

The amount will be announced at the first meeting.

The visiting team is responsible for transportation costs to and from the competition.

If a gate is charged at a play-off game then all expenses will be paid from the gate (referees, minor officials, linesmen, security, score keepers, etc.) and the remainder of the gate will be divided equally between the home and visiting team.

If a gate is charged at an NRHSAA league game then all expenses will be paid from the gate and the remainder shall be split 60% for the home team and 40% for the visiting team.

In the event a play-off game is played at a neutral site then the cost of officials will be shared equally between participating teams.

19. REPORTING SCORES ARTICLE XXVII

The home team will report the scores to the Athletic Convenor in charge.

20. OFFICIALS: All officials must be accredited by the Niagara District Basketball Referees Association.

21. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: The official rule book will be the IAABO - Official Rule Book.

22. SUSPENSIONS

ARTICLE XXV

Section 1 - Ejection from competition
 Section 2 - Physical or Verbal Altercation

23. STANDING COMMITTEE(S)

ARTICLE IX

Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS

Procedures/Penalties/Protests/Procedures

24. League Format for NRHSAA ZONE 3 AND 4 Girls' Basketball:

Both Zones 3 and 4 have been divided into 2 senior divisions based on the previous October 31 population; no division can be unbalanced greater than 1; school(s) can declare over to another division; another school(s) may go the other way; if one or more schools declares over, and no other school(s) goes the other way, the school(s) with the lowest population in Division 2 or 6 must go the other way. If there becomes a situation where there is only one school within a division (A/AA/AAA/AAAA), then school movement will occur where there may be an unbalanced situation greater than 1. Any game / match not played, will be recorded by the convenor as a win for the school who did not forfeit.

ZONE 3 - DIVISION 5	ZONE 3 - DIVISION 6		ZONE 4 - DIVISION 1	ZONE 4 - DIVISION 2
Confederation Niagara CC Jean Vanier Port Colborne Eastdale Fort Erie Ridgeway Crystal Beach Westlane	E L Crossley Centennial A N Myer St. Michael Stamford St. Paul Lakeshore Catholic Notre Dame		Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Smithville Christian Kernahan Park South Lincoln Thorold West Park	Laura Secord Beamsville Eden St. Catharines Collegiate St. Francis Holy Cross Governor Simcoe Blessed Trinity Sir Winston Churchill Grimsby Denis Morris
Junior A	Junior AA		Junior A	Junior AA
799 or less	800 and more		799 or less	800 and more
Zone 3: Confederation Niagara CC Jean Vanier Port Colborne Eastdale Fort Erie Ridgeway Crystal B Westlane	Zone 3: E L Crossley Centennial A N Myer St. Michael Stamford St. Paul Lakeshore Catholic Notre Dame		Zone 4: Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Smithville Christian Kernakan Park South Lincoln Thorold West Park Laura Secord Beamsville Eden	Zone 4: St. Catharines Collegiate St. Francis Holy Cross Governor Simcoe Blessed Trinity Sir Winston Churchill Grimsby Denis Morris

25. League PLAY-OFF format for NRHSAA ZONE 3 AND 4 Girls' Basketball:

In team sports where standings are used to determine play-offs, the win/loss achieved against teams that drop out will be taken away (not added) to teams that are still yet to play them.

Play-offs will be determined at the Convenors Individual Sport Body Meeting. It is suggested that for A/AA/AAA/AAAA Divisions that have 8 or more schools, top 8 make the play-offs; 6 or 7 school, top 6 make the play-offs; 4 or 5 schools, top 4 make the play-offs; 2 or , all 2 or 3 make the play-offs; 1 school, that school would be the zone representative at SOSSA.

All schools participating are to send a representative to the Convenors Individual Sport Body Meeting otherwise forfeit all **rights for input in** the league and play-off format.

26. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position when a league schedule leads to play-offs: ARTICLE XXVIII

- (1) Record between tied teams;
- (2) Record against teams higher in the standings (1 above, then 2 above, etc.);
- (3) Record against teams lower in the standings (1 below, then 2 below, etc.);

(4) (a) coin flip to determine play-off position only.

The convenors will determine a time and location for the coin flip. Schools involved may send the coach or a representative to verify the results. If a school is unable to send a representative the school that is present for the flip will choose “heads” or “tails”. If no school is present then the school that is alphabetically ranked highest will have “heads” in the coin flip (see appendix A1 and A2 for alphabetical listing for each zone).

The convenor will notify schools involved of the results.

(b) Play-off on a neutral field/court or a coin flip for home field if both coaches agree, if it is to determine the final play-off position.

(c) In the event of a four way tie, the convenors in consultation with the N.R.H.S.A.A. Executive and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

27. CONVENING S.O.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS ARTICLE XXIX SOSSA INC. GIRLS BASKETBALL:

If a school hosts an OFSAA Championship, the school has the first right of acceptance or refusal of the SOSSA Championship for that activity, in the same school year, as the OFSAA Championship.

Constitution and By-Laws: pages 1 to 25 of the SOSSA handbook;

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: pages 29 to 31 of the SOSSA handbook.

1 champion from each Zone will go to SOSSA.

28. SENDING TWO TEAMS from SOSSA to OFSAA:

Sometimes, SOSSA INC is allowed to send 2 teams (including the host entry) to OFSAA. FROM SOSSA INC. ARTICLE 7 - SECTION 3 -

11. “For all SOSSA INC. Sports, when SOSSA INC. qualifies to enter two (2) teams to the OFSAA tournament:

- i) the SOSSA INC. champion is an automatic entry;
- ii) the SOSSA INC. runner-up may be challenged for the second entry by the team losing to the SOSSA INC. champion in the SOSSA INC. semi-finals.

UNLESS:

- a) the challenging team is from the same zone as the runner-up and finished lower in their zone championship;
- b) the runner-up defeated a team from the same zone as the challenging team, and the defeated team finished higher than the challenging team in their zone championship.”
(This motion does not cover a host entry)

The SOSSA championship will held in the fall at least one week prior to the OFSAA. Check ofsa.com for that date.

29. SOSSA “HOST” TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

If a school hosts an OFSAA Championship, the school has the first right of acceptance or refusal of the SOSSA

Championship for that activity, in the same school year, as the OFSAA Championship

BUT:

JUST BECAUSE A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE IN ZONE 3/4 CHAIRS OFSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEIR SCHOOL IS AN AUTOMATIC ENTRANT INTO OFSAA:

FROM SOSSA INC. - ARTICLE 7 - SECTION 3 - # 14

“If the OFSAA representative is not from the “host” community, the “host” team will be the representative from the community where the OFSAA championship is being played. The strongest team from that community shall be selected as the “host” team. If the SOSSA, INC champion and therefore the OFSAA representative is from the “host” community, the selection of another SOSSA INC representative will be through the use of the “second” entry formula. (# 28 ABOVE).

A “host” community shall be defined as the SOSSA Zone in which the OFSAA Championship is being played.”