

ZONE N.R.H.S.A.A.

BOYS' FOOTBALL -

Overview - 2011-2012

1. Boys' - FALL Sport		FOOTBALL		2. Junior: ZONE; 2. Senior: ZONE/SOSSA/OFSAA	
<p>Many of the Policies in this sport specific section make a direct reference to a specific ARTICLE or SECTION in the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. Where relevant, you will find direct reference(s) to the ARTICLE and/or SECTION of the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. If you want to refer to the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION log on to http://www.dsbnc.edu.on.ca and then click on "schools link". Or, use http://www.dsbnc.edu.on.ca/schools.htm . The policies that follow are specific to this sport and should be adhered to, by every member of the NRHSAA.</p>					
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:	b) JR team jr age and constraints; SR. Not reached 19 th . Birthday by Jan 1 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: -prepare the field; - provide and prepare minor officials (chain gang, scorekeeper and timer); -use "DSBN" score sheets or facsimilie; -have a game ball ready.		Home School Responsibilities con't..... 18. Accredited Officials; 19: Official Rule Book; Zone policies first, then the CIAU Rule Book. 20:Timing of Games. 21. Pay the Officials 22. Report the scores		1. Suspensions; - Ejection- - Physical or verbal altercation. 2. Board of Reference - SANCTIONS And PROTESTS: Sanctions: Procedures; Penalties. Protests: Procedures.	
25. League and Play-off Format		26. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position.			
27. SOSSA Boys' Football;		28. CONVENING SOSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS			

N.R.H.S.A.A. SPORT SPECIFIC POLICIES - Boys' Football

IMPORTANT: The policies that follow are specific to this sport and must be adhered to by every member of the NRHSAA. Each sport policy is numbered. Sometimes within a sport policy CAPITALS ARE USED TO IDENTIFY THE ARTICLE and THE SECTION THAT ARE IN THE N.R.H.S.A.A. CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. If you want to refer to the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION log on to <http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca> and then click on "schools link". Or, use <http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/schools.htm> . Make sure that you are familiar with each one.

1. Season of Play: Boys = Fall Season

2. Levels of Competition

Junior Level	Boys	ZONE
Senior Level	Boys	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 XVII

7. INSURANCE ARTICLE XIX

8. PERSONAL PROPERTY ARTICLE XX

9. TEAM SELECTION ARTICLE XXII

10. SAFETY ARTICLE XXIII

As of November 2010, all protective equipment must be covered by the pants or jersey. All eye shields (visors) must be clear. Colored or tinted eye shields (visors) are illegal unless medical certification from a registered Ophthalmologist is presented.

11. SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS ARTICLE XXIV

12. ELIGIBILITY ARTICLE XI

Section 1 - School

As of November 2009, football will now follow the same criteria for classifications of schools as the zone constitution states in Section 1 - School of the NRHSAA. If a school chooses to declare up or down, there is a specific process which must be followed to be considered.

As of April 2011, there will be four separate divisions of play in NRHSAA football. Each division will have it's own champion. The Golden Horseshoe Bowl rep will come from the AAAA division. Any school wishing to compete for the right to play in the Golden Horseshoe Bowl game must declare up to the AAAA division.

Senior Level - The following classifications shall apply for SENIOR BOYS' FOOTBALL :

- "A" under - 500 students
- "AA" 501-900 students
- "AAA" 901-1250 students
- "AAAA" over 1251 students

Junior Level - The following classifications shall apply for JUNIOR BOYS' FOOTBALL :

- "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 31** of the previous school year.

Section 2 - Individual

Junior: not reached his/her 16th birthday by Aug. 31st. of the current school year. - ZONE

"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".

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)

Senior: not reached his/her 19th birthday by Jan. 1 prior to the start of the school year. of the current school year. - ZONE/SOSSA/OFSAA

FOR THE 20010/11 SCHOOL YEAR, A SENIOR WILL BE BORN IN 1991 or LATER.

Section 3 - Special Consideration

- 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:

- 1. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS ARTICLE XII

1. GAME TIME: ARTICLE XV; Section 4

Up to the end of October , a game will start at 3:30 (no earlier without Convenor's knowledge and both Principals' permission). After the end of October (Time Change), start times for games will be determined by both schools playing and the Convenor.

ALL ST. PAUL HOME GAMES START AT 7 PM. This start time must be approved by the visiting team.

2. GAME DAY AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES: **Home Schools:**

1. prepare the field;
2. provide and prepare minor officials (chain gang, scorekeeper and timer);
3. use "DSBN" score sheets or facsimilie;
4. provide a suitable game ball.

18. OFFICIALS: All officials must be accredited.

19. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: Zone policies first, then the CIAU - Official Rule Book FOR FOOTBALL.

All NRHSAA football leagues will be governed by the CIAU - Official Rule Book FOR FOOTBALL with the following exceptions:

- field dimensions may vary from school to school;
- some fields will be marked in yards, while others will be marked in meters.

For the Senior league: NO TIE GAMES: FOLLOW CIS/CFL RULE:

START AT THE 35 YARD LINE WHERE EACH TEAM GETS A SERIES OF PLAYS UNTIL ONE TEAM BREAKS THE TIE.

2005 - Rule Clarification: re: BLOCKING BELOW THE WAIST: (addition to Rule 4: Section 5: Article 1)

"ON ANY PLAY, BLOCKING BELOW THE WAIST IS ILLEGAL EXCEPT, IN THE CLOSE LINE PLAY AREA BY A PLAYER WHO IS OCCUPYING A POSITION IN THIS AREA AT THE SNAP OF THE BALL."

20. TIMING OF GAMES:

1st. and 3rd. quarters are 15 minutes of straight time;

2nd and 4th. quarters are 12 minutes with the last 3 minutes STOP TIME.

21. PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS ARTICLE XXVI

Each school participating in any level of Zone Football must pay a designated amount by the first Friday of October of the current school year.

The designated amount will be a calculation determined by the convenor and sent to the Principal of each participating school by the first Friday of Sept. of the current school year.

22. REPORTING SCORES ARTICLE XXVII

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

23. SUSPENSIONS ARTICLE XXV

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

24. STANDING COMMITTEE(S) ARTICLE IX

Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS

Procedures
Penalties
Protests
Procedures

25. LEAGUE AND PLAY-OFF FORMAT:

The format for league competition and play-offs will be determined at the Convenors Individual Sport Body Meeting. 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.

Any game / match not played, will be recorded by the convenor as a win for the school who did not forfeit. 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.

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.

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

- (1) Record between tied teams (HEAD to HEAD); NOTE: Division 1 schools “NO TIES” refer to Section 19
- (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. SOSSA INC. BOYS’ FOOTBALL:

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

BOYS' FOOTBALL: page 41, PLUS K-1 to K-6 of the SOSSA handbook.

1 champion from each Zone will go to SOSSA. The championship will held in the fall at least one week prior to the OFSAA. Check ofsa.com for that date.

28. CONVENING S.O.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS ARTICLE XXIX

29. An athletic therapist (first response) shall be present at each NRHSAA football game. The football convenor will make arrangements for this service and will bill schools their share upon completion of the season. The home school shall cover the cost of this service.

HOME TEAM MUST DO THE REPORTING

SCHOOL: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING THE SCORE: _____

You may **PHONE** in the results of a game to **905-641-2929 ext 42354**. When the home team phones in the scores, please provide the following information in your phone message: the sport/the day/teams that played/the winning school/and the final score of the game.

or, **BETTER THAN PHONING**, EMAIL ME the results AT: Rick.Willis@dsbn.edu.on.ca OR

FAX in the results of a game to **905-646-0079**

Rick Willis—Football Convenor

within 24 hours of the game.

An immediate paper trail is helpful. When you do FAX, USE THIS PAGE. (Also, IT IS SET UP FOR YOU to fax RESULTS TO THE **LOCAL NEWSPAPERS** as well).

FAX TO:	BERNIE PUCHALSKI	RECEIVING FAX#:	905-684-6032 (ST. CATH. STANDARD)
FAX TO:	Sports editor	RECEIVING FAX#:	905-374-0461 (NIAG. FALLS REVIEW)
FAX TO:	Sports editor	RECEIVING FAX#:	905- 732-3660 (WELLAND TRIBUNE)

RE: REPORTING **ZONE 3 / 4 Highschool Football** SCORES – 2011-2012

CHECK: **SENIOR BOYS** _____

JUNIOR BOYS' _____

DATE: _____ # OF PAGES = _____

(Below) NAME THE: VISITING SCHOOL	(Below) NAME THE: HOME SCHOOL
FINAL SCORE:	FINAL SCORE:

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