

1. Boys' - WINTER Sport		BASKETBALL		2. Junior - ZONE/SOSSA; 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.dsbn.edu.on.ca and then click on "schools link". Or, use http://www.dsbn.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>					
<p>3. N.R.H.S.A.A. Zone members' phone/fax numbers - See Appendix A</p>					
<p>4. Executive and; Board of Reference - GENERAL (Responsibilities; Procedures);</p>					
<p>5. Athletic Convenors</p>					
6. Soliciting	7. Insurance	8. Personal Property	9. Team Selection	10. Safety	11. Supervision of Interschool Teams
12. Eligibility for...					
<p>a) a School: Senior: (A, AA, AAA, AAAA); Junior:(A, AA); Declaring Up a Division(s)</p>	<p>b) an Individual; Note: Junior eligibility; c) Special Considerations;</p>	<p>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;</p>		<p>14. Scheduling: -Sect.1, Declaration of play; -Sect.2, School Classification; -Sect. 3, League and Play-off format; -Sect.4, Stages of Scheduling.</p>	
<p>Sport Specific Policies that may or may not be in the NRHSAA Constitution and Policy Manual.</p>					
<p>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;</p>	<p>Home School Responsibilities con't..... 18. Pay the Officials; 19. Report the scores; 20. Accredited Officials; 21: Official Rule Book; Zone policies first, then the OBA Rule Book.</p>	<p>22. Suspensions; - Ejection; - Physical or verbal altercation.</p>		<p>23. Board of Reference - SANCTIONS And PROTESTS: Sanctions: Procedures, Penalties, Protests: Procedures.</p>	
<p>24. Zone 3 and Zone 4 - Levels of Competition by Divisions</p>					
25. League and Play-off Format:			26. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position.		
27. SOSSA Boys' Basketball;			28. Convening SOSSA Championships		
29. SENDING TWO TEAMS from SOSSA to OFSAA: 30. SOSSA "HOST" TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:					

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| 1. | Season of Play: | Boys = Winter Season | |
| 2. | Levels of Competition | | |
| | Junior Level | Boys | ZONE; S.O.S.S.A. |
| | 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 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 BOYS' 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 BOYS' BASKETBALL:

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| "A" | Schools with a population of 699 or under. |
| "AA" | Schools with a population of 700 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 TABLE BELOW 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 NOVEMBER 15TH. of each 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: As of June 2002: "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 he has **not reached his 16th. birthday by August 31st.** prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

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

NOTE: The individual's birth certificate indicates that he has **not reached his 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

As of April 2009, no games shall be scheduled during the week that schools go into exams.

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.

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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 Referee 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 Boys' 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.

ZONE 3 - DIVISION 5 SENIOR	ZONE 3 - DIVISION 6 SENIOR	ZONE 4 - DIVISION 1 SENIOR	ZONE 4 - DIVISION 2 SENIOR
Confederation Jean Vanier Niagara CC Ridgeway-CB Port Colborne Fort Erie - 632 Eastdale - 666 Centennial - 709	St. Michael E. L Crossley Westlane AN Myer St. Paul Stamford Lakeshore Catholic Notre Dame	Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Smithville DCHS Lakeport Niagara District. South Lincoln West Park Kernahan Park Thorold	Laura Secord Governor Simcoe Eden St. Francis Beamsville Sir Winston Churchill St. Catharines Collegiate Blessed Trinity Grimsby Holy Cross Denis Morris
Junior A	Junior AA	Junior A	Junior AA
699 or less	700 and more	699 or less	700 and more
Zone 3: Confederation Eastdale Fort Erie Jean Vanier Niagara CC Port Colborne Ridgeway-CB	Zone 3: AN Myer Centennial St. Michael's Stamford ELCrossley Lakeshore Catholic St. Paul's Westlane Notre Dame	Zone 4: Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Kernahan Park Lakeport Laura Secord Niagara Dist. Smithville DCHS South Lincoln Thorold West Park	Zone 4: Blessed Trinity Beamsville Eden Governor Simcoe Grimsby Holy Cross St. Catharines Collegiate S. W. C. Denis Morris St. Francis

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

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 XVIII

- (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. SOSSA INC. BOYS’ BASKETBALL:

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

BOYS’ BASKETBALL: pages 29 to 31 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. 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.

30. 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. (# 29 ABOVE).

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