

1. Girls' - WINTER Sport		VOLLEYBALL		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 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.	
From this point on, the Sport Specific Policies are relevant only to Girls' Volleyball.					
15. Eligibility Sheets; 16. Game time; 17. Official Rule Book; 18. Officials; 19. "no show" of an official. 20. Forfeiting matches;	21. Home school Responsibilities: - nets set up at correct net height; - referee stands provided - 2 - line persons - scorekeeper - use "DSBN" score sheets or facsimile 22. Scoring/sets 23. Service 24. Substitutions 25. "Libero" player 26. The movement of a coach.	27. Payment of Officials; 28. Reporting Scores; 29. Suspensions; - Ejection- - Physical or verbal altercation -	30. Board of Reference - SANCTIONS And PROTESTS: Sanctions: Procedures, Penalties, Protests: Procedures.		
31. Zone 3 and Zone 4 - Girls' Volleyball League Format					
32. Play - off Format:		33. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position.			
34. SOSSA Girls' Volleyball;		35. CONVENING SOSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS			

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| 1. | Season of Play: | Girls = Winter 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 - NO TAPED JEWELLERY |
| 11. | SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS | | ARTICLE XXIV |
| 12. | ELIGIBILITY | | ARTICLE XI |
| | Section 1 - School | | |

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

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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' VOLLEYBALL:

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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 VOLLEYBALL: 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.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: 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

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 match is over.

17. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: The official rule book will be the OVA - Official Rule Book.
 18. OFFICIALS: All officials must be accredited by the Niagara District of Volleyball Officials.
 19. The NO SHOW of an OFFICIAL:
 If a referee does not show, there will be an agreement between the 2 coaches to find the best qualified person

present to referee and continue the match(es).

20. FORFEITING GAMES/MATCHES:

The officials will now be giving a team(s) a grace period of 15 minutes before the 1st. game is forfeited. After that, and at 5 minute intervals each game will be forfeited.

21. HOME SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Set the net up in advance and at the correct height: Junior AND Senior Girls - 224 cm.
- Referee “stands” must be secure and safe. Proper official stands should be used.
Note: This does not mean a box horse/chair/desk/table!!
- Provide 2 competent line persons; Do not expect the visiting team to provide a line person.
- Provide 1 competent scorekeeper;
- Warm-up Equipment: Schools are responsible for providing their own warm-up balls.;
- Use a game ball that is acceptable to both teams.
- All schools should be using “DSBN” score sheets or facsimile;

22. SCORING/SETS:

- All JUNIOR matches will be best 2 out of 3 If the 3rd. Game is not needed a 3rd game to 25 will be played;
- All SENIOR matches will be best 3 out of 5;
- If a JUNIOR or SENIOR match is tied 1-1 or 2-2, the 3rd. or 5th and deciding game is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.
- All matches will use the rally point scoring system.
- Each rally wins a point;
- If the receiving team wins a rally, it gains the right to serve and a point, while the players rotate one position clockwise before their team serves.
- A set is won by the team which scores 25 points first with a minimum lead of 2 points. If the game is tied 24-24, the game is continued until a 2 point lead is achieved (e.g, 27-25 or 34-32 etc.).

23. SERVICE:

- On a serve the server is allowed only one toss; if he/she tosses the ball and lets it fall to the floor, this is counted as a missed serve. That is, there is no longer a second attempt to serve.
- On service..... a ball TOUCHING THE NET ON SERVICE and dropping into the playing area is in play. (Re: OFSAA Bulletin, #3 June 2000 –page 21)

24. SUBSTITUTIONS:

EACH TEAM is allowed 12 substitutions in any one set.

- There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave on re-enter the set as long as the maximum number of 12 substitutions is adhered to and as long as they leave or re-enter for the same player.
- Once you have a designated partner, that is the only player that you may leave or re-enter the set for (this may change between sets).
- These substitutions may occur at any point in the set.
- All other substitution rules must be followed.

25. OFSAA recognizes the use of the LIBERO player. Zone recognizes the Libero player. NOTE: The use of the Libero is a coaching option. If you choose never to designate a Libero player - that is your choice!!!

From Rule 20 of the Volleyball Canada 2001/2002 Indoor Rulebook:

20.1: DESIGNATION OF THE LIBERO:

- 20.1.1: Each team has the right to designate among the list of 12 players one (1) specialized defensive player “Libero”.

20.1.2: The number of the Libero is to be recorded on the line-up sheet for each set.

20.1.3: The Libero can be neither team captain nor game captain.

20.2: EQUIPMENT:

The Libero must wear a uniform whose jersey must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.

20.3: ACTIONS INVOLVING THE LIBERO:

20.3.1: THE PLAYING ACTIONS:

20.3.1.1: The Libero is allowed to replace any player in a back row position.

20.3.1.2: He/she is restricted to perform as a back row player and is not allowed to complete an attack hit from anywhere (including playing court and free zone) if at the moment of the contact, the ball is entirely higher than the top of the net.

20.3.1.3: He/she may not serve, block, or attempt to block.

20.3.1.4: A player may not complete an attack hit from higher than the top of the net. If the ball is coming from an overhand finger pass (one or two hands) by a Libero in his/her front zone. The ball may be freely attacked if the Libero makes the same action from behind the front zone.

20.3.2: REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS:

20.3.2.1: Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as regular substitutions. They are unlimited, but there must be a rally between two Libero replacements. The Libero can only be replaced by the player whom he/she replaced.

20.3.2.2: Replacements must only take place while the ball is out of play and before the whistle for service. At the start of each set, the Libero cannot enter the court until the referee has checked the starting line-up.

20.3.2.3: A replacement made after the whistle for service but before the service hit should not be rejected but must be the object of a verbal warning after the end of the rally. Subsequent late replacements must be subject to delay sanction.

20.3.2.4: The Libero and the replacing player may only enter or leave the court by the sideline in front of their team bench between the attack line and end line.

20.3.3: RE-DESIGNATION OF NEW LIBERO:

For OFSAA, and therefore for ZONE competition, a team may re-designate the Libero player at the beginning of each set. (As per OVA youth competition rules).

20.3.3.1: In case to an injury to the designated Libero and with the previous approval of the first referee, the coach can re-designate as a new Libero, one of the players not on the court at the moment of the re-designation. The injured Libero may not enter to play for the remainder of the match. NOTE: In OFSAA and ZONE competition, where you can re-designate at the beginning of each set, the injured Libero could recover and be re-designated for the beginning of the next set.

26. The coach no longer has to remain seated in the seat next to the scorer's table.

27. 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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28. REPORTING SCORES ARTICLE XXVII

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

29. SUSPENSIONS ARTICLE XXV
Section 1 - Ejection from competition
Section 2 - Physical or Verbal Altercation

30. STANDING COMMITTEE(S) ARTICLE IX
Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS
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31. League Format for NRHSAA ZONE 3 AND 4 Boys' Volleyball:

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 Crystal Beach Port Colborne Fort Erie Eastdale Centennial	St. Michael Westlane E. L Crossley AN Myer St. Paul Stamford Lakeshore Catholic Notre Dame	Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Smithville DCHS Lakeport Niagara District South Lincoln West Park Thorold Kernahan Park	Laura Secord Gov. Simcoe St. Francis Beamsville Sir Winston Churchill St. Catharines Collegiate Eden 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 E L Crossley 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 St. Francis Thorold West Park	Zone 4: Blessed Trinity Beamsville Eden Governor Simcoe Grimsby Holy Cross St. Catharines Collegiate S. W. C. Denis Morris

32. League PLAY-OFF format for NRHSAA ZONE 3 AND 4 Boys' Volleyball:

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 pla-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.

33. 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.

34. SOSSA INC. GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL:

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

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: pages 79 to 81 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.

35. 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.on.ca for that date.

36. 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' VOLLEYBALL, 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. (#35 ABOVE).

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