

## OFSAA BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.*

### PLAYING REGULATIONS

**1. Date:**

The OFSAA "A", "AA", "AAA" and "AAAA" Boys' Basketball Championships shall be held on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of the week immediately prior to the Ministry March break unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change. Play should be completed no later than the Wednesday immediately prior to the Ministry March break.

**2. Location:**

The locations of the above Basketball Championships shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in June of the school year prior to the Championships.

**3. Classifications:**

There shall be four classifications of Championships - "A", "AA", "AAA" and "AAAA". Associations shall classify their school teams based on the criteria found in By-Law 5, Section 2(b).

**4. Tournament Structure and Procedures:**

- (a) The OFSAA "A", "AA", "AAA" and "AAAA" Championships shall be **modified elimination** tournaments with winners and losers moving to both sides of the draw. Winners of each side of the draw shall meet to determine the OFSAA Champion. Runners-up on each side of the draw shall play in the bronze medal game.
- (b) On Days One and Two of the Championship Schedule, no game shall start before 9:30 a.m. The final games shall be scheduled to start no later than 8:45 p.m. On Day Three of the Championship Schedule, no game shall start before 10:00 a.m. The final game shall be scheduled to start no later than 8:30 p.m. Convenors requesting exceptions to the Playing Schedules must receive approval from the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Boys' Basketball in consultation with the OFSAA office.
- (c) Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- (d) Teams eliminated from Championship play after the second game may continue play in the "Friendship Games" which shall be a single elimination format. Teams must declare their intention to participate in the Friendship Games before arriving at the Championship.
- (e) Each team is guaranteed two (2) games in all Championships. No team shall play more than two (2) games in one day.

- (f) There shall be a **minimum** of five and a half (5 1/2) hours between the start of games.
- (g) The following procedures shall take place at each game in the tournaments:
  - (i) at the beginning of the game all players and coaches shall be introduced and shall line up along their respective sides of mid-court. At the conclusion of introductions players and coaches shall advance and shake hands with their opponents;
  - (ii) at the completion of the game players and coaches shall again shake hands with all opponents.

## 5. Facility and Accommodation Specifications

- (a) For the "AAAA", "AAA" and "AA" Championships, all gyms used must meet minimum court regulations of 84' in length and 50' in width. For "A" competition, application to use a smaller court may be made to the Sport Advisory Committee Chairperson if (a) such a court is to be used only up to and including the quarter-finals and in the event that (b) only one "regulation court" exists within the community or close (10 miles/16.2 km) surroundings.
- (b) For all levels of competition, there must be a minimum of four feet (apron) between the end or side walls (bleachers) and the out-of-bounds line. All OFSAA safety guidelines (such as those dealing with protective wall coverings in the key area) must be followed. Any protrusions into this "apron" must be noted in the "Application to Host an OFSAA Event".
- (c) It is preferable that the floors be of wood and the backboards of glass.
- (d) Where the courts are of approximately equal "playing quality" but have significantly different seating capacity, the semi-finals and finals should be played in the gym with the larger capacity.
- (e) Centres wishing to host an OFSAA Championship must guarantee that all participants will be accommodated within a ten-mile (16.2 km) radius of the centre.
- (f) Requests for an exemption to any of the aforementioned criteria should be made to the Sport Advisory Committee Chairperson through the Executive Director at least four weeks prior to the Board Meeting at which the bid(s) will be considered. Written confirmation of such an exemption should accompany the bid.

## 6. Seeding:

For all Championships, the entire draw shall be seeded by the Tournament Committee. Seeding will be based on that season's tournament results, league records, and previous performances in OFSAA competition. Seeding shall be done by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the OFSAA office and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Boys' Basketball.

The seeded draw for a 16 team championship shall be as follows:

(1).....Winner

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Winner..... (11)  
(6)  
(16)

Winner..... (3)  
(9)

(8)..... Winner  
(14)

Winner..... (2)  
(12)

(5)..... Winner  
(15)

(4)..... Winner  
(10)

Winner..... (7)  
(13)

The seeded draw for an 18 team championship shall be as follows:

(1)..... Winner  
(12)

Winner..... (6)  
(16)

Winner..... (3)  
(18)

(14)..... Winner  
(8)

(10) Winner  
(9)

Winner..... (7)  
(13)

(4)..... Winner  
(15)

(5)..... Winner  
(17)

Winner..... (2)  
(11)

## 7. Entry:

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association Convenors or designates only.
- (b) The following chart shall be used to determine the entries per Association:

Association	“A”	“AA”	“AAA”	“AAAA”
COSSA	(1)* (playoff with NCSSAA)	1	1	(1)* (playoff with EOSSAA/NCSSAA)
CISAA	1	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	(1)* (playoff with GBSSA)
CWOSSA	1	1	1	2
EOSSAA	2	2	1	(1)* (playoff with COSSA/NCSSAA)
GBSSA	(1)* (playoff with LOSSA)	1	1	(1)* (playoff with CISAA)
GHAC	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	1
LOSSA	(1)* (playoff with GBSSA)	(1)* (playoff with YRAA)	1	1
NCSSAA	(1)* (playoff with COSSA)	1	1	(1)* (playoff with COSSA/EOSSAA)
NEOAA	1	1	0	0
NOSSA	1	1	1	0
NWOSSAA	1	1	0	0
ROPSSAA	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	2
SOSSA	1	2	1	1
SWOSSAA	1	1	1	1
TDCAA	(1)* (playoff with YRAA)	(1)* (playoff with CISAA)	(1)* (playoff with CISAA)	1
TDSSAA	1	1	2	2
WOSSAA	1	1	1	1
YRAA	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	(1)* (playoff with LOSSA)	1	1
HOST ASSOCIATION ENTRY	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL TEAMS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

- (c) The host Association may have an additional entry as determined by the Association.

- (d) **NO APPLICATION OF ENTRY RULES SHALL PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) ENTRIES FROM ANY ONE ASSOCIATION.** However, additional entries may be awarded to the host Association provided that the additional entries to the previous Association medallists have been exhausted.
- (e) To facilitate the draws, additional entries in the Championships shall be selected from:
  - (i) the gold medal Association of the previous year;
  - (ii) the silver medal Association of the previous year;
  - (iii) the bronze medal Association of the previous year.
- (f) Entries must be received by the respective OFSAA Convenors no later than the Saturday prior to the start of the Championship. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty of an additional entry fee.
- (g) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.

## 8. **Expenses:**

An entry fee shall be charged to assist in covering the operating costs of the tournament. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

Billets for competitors may be arranged at the discretion of the Convenor; when such billeting is requested players must accept billets as assigned as a condition of participation.

## 9. **Eligibility:**

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student **must**:

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following age requirement: 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;
- (iv) be in Grades 9 - 12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy. (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

**10. Rules and Officials:**

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

The current National Federation Rule Book shall govern play at the OFSAA Championships.

OFSAA Championships shall be officiated by two-person teams of officials.

A technical foul will be assessed against a team that crosses the half court line for the purpose of intimidating its opponent.

Tournament Convenors shall be responsible for obtaining the best officials possible either through local Boards of Referees **or** through the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials as the Convenor's local circumstances dictate. Convenors of the OFSAA Basketball Championships have the right to submit a list of officials from which the required number may be selected by the OABO. Convenors are also responsible for supplying minor officials (scorers, timers, etc.).

**11. Uniforms and equipment:**

Uniforms shall be in accordance with the National Federation rules. Team players must wear identical shorts. Teams must provide a second set of uniforms or a set of legally-numbered markers of a different colour in case opponents have uniforms of a similar colour. A coin toss shall decide which team will change.

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h).

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

Game balls and practice balls shall be provided by the Tournament Committee.

**12. Awards:**

Members of the OFSAA Championship teams shall receive gold OFSAA medallions (15). The

schools represented by these Championship teams shall receive banners to be retained by the schools.

Members of the runner-up teams shall receive silver OFSAA medallions (15).

Members of the winning teams in the bronze medal match shall receive bronze OFSAA medallions (15).

Members of the losing teams in the bronze medal match shall receive antique bronze OFSAA medallions (15).

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

Members of the winning teams in the "Friendship" matches shall receive OFSAA ribbons (15).

OFSAA Participation Certificates may be provided for all teams by the Tournament Committee.

**13. Supervision:** (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

*A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.*

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- (c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

**14. Registration:**

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form.

**15. Deportment:** (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to

- OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
  - (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
  - (f)
    - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
    - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
    - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
    - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
    - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
  - (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
  - (h) Attendance at the coaches meeting is mandatory.

**16. Social:**

If a special event is provided all team members and coaches must attend. At this event each coach and captain shall be introduced.

**Dress Code for Banquets:**

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

**17. Medical:**

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the by-Laws.) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes.

**18. Jury of Appeal:**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Boys' Basketball Sport advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

**19. Competition Committee:**

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Boys' Basketball Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
  - (i) Eligibility;
  - (ii) Department;
  - (iii) Supervision and registration;
  - (iv) Social;
  - (v) Medical personnel
  - (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

*All Federation Championships are non-smoking events  
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.*

*Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct*