

**Note:** Please refer to the entire NCAA constitution found online at [www.ncaa.ca](http://www.ncaa.ca) for all playing regulations.

1. Season of Play: Girls' = Fall Season
2. Levels of Competition
 

Junior Level	Girls'	NCAA,ZONE; SOSSA
Senior Level	Girls'	NCAA,ZONE; SOSSA; OFSAA
3. Members: 8 NCDSB high schools
4. Executive:
  - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - ROLES OF THE EXECUTIVE
  - STANDING COMMITTEES
  - Section 1 - Board of Reference - GENERAL
5. CONVENERSHIPS
  - Section 1 - Athletic Conveners
  - Section 2 - Athletic Convener Packages
6. SOLICITING STUDENTS Will noit be toldrated
7. INSURANCE As per NCDSB regs
8. PERSONAL PROPERTY Not responsible for
9. TEAM SELECTION As per school and regs
10. SAFETY See OPHEA guidelines
11. SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS Responsibility of school
12. ELIGIBILITY
  - Section 1 - School

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

- "A" under - 500 students;
- "AA" 501 - 950 students;
- "AAA" 951 and over

***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,) is based on enrolment on **October 31st** of the PREVIOUS school year.

**NOTE:** According to constitution, 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 NCAA Coordinator, the Athletic Convener 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 30<sup>th</sup> enrolment changes their classification then they must honor 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 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 the Constitution for more information.

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

Section 3 - Special Consideration: Refer to to constitution

#### 13. TRANSFERS

##### STANDING COMMITTEE(S)

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 - SOSSA Appeal Process

#### 14. SCHEDULING

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

### 16. GAME TIME:

The first game of a double-header will start at 3-3:30pm (no earlier without Convener's knowledge and both Principals' permission). The second part of the double-header will start at 4:30pm unless a mutually agreeable start time before then is agreed upon by both teams.

### 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

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 an NRHSAA league or 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.

### 19. REPORTING SCORES

The home team will report the scores to the Athletic Convener 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.

Beginning in September 2016, OFSAA adopt the FIBA playing regulations for both the boys and girls basketball with the following modifications:

For the Girls Basketball Playing Regulations, Section 8 – Rules and Officials (a) be replaced with “The current FIBA Rule Book shall be the official governing rulebook governing play at the OFSAA Basketball Championships with the following exceptions:

- 1) A 35 second shot clock will be used. There will be a full reset on foul shot attempts and shots off the rim.
- 2) Fouls and Offensive rebounds would result in 35 second reset.
- 3) Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available
- 4) Federation game length will be used (including overtime)
- 5) No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul (s) assessed to player (s))
- 6) Federation time out procedure will be used.

### 22. SUSPENSIONS

### ARTICLE XXV

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

23. STANDING COMMITTEE(S)

Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS

Procedures/Penalties/Protests/Procedures

24. League Format for NCAA Girls' Basketball:

All sport schedules shall have NO more than 12 league games in a season. Seven or 10 games is preferred.

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.

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

**Proposed-** top team from each NCAA and NRHSAA cross over and play 1st vs second, if there is only one team, then top team of two gets a bye and 1 team plays 2nd place

Play-offs will be determined at the Conveners Individual Sport Body Meeting. It is suggested that for A/AA/AAA Divisions that have 8 or more schools, top 2 make the play-offs;

All schools participating are to send a representative to the Conveners 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:

- (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.);
- Proposal-least amount of suspensions, game misconducts, ejections and forfeits.**
- (4) (a) Coin flip to determine play-off position only.

The conveners 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 convener will notify schools involved of the results.

(b) Play-off on a neutral field/court or a coin toss 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 conveners in consultation with the NRHSAA Executive and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

27. CONVENING SOSSA 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.

Constitution and By-Laws: pages 1 to 25 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:

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**Proposal-Draft**

Each sport must be considered separately for each Zone qualification to SOSSA as the number of teams per sport, division (junior and senior) and classification is not consistent from sport to sport. If more than one team exists within both NCAA and NRHSAA, a minimum of the top two teams (may be more depending on number of teams) in both NRHSAA and NCAA will compete in a cross-over to determine who will compete for the Zone entry into SOSSA. Example: Where the determination is the top two teams in both NCAA and NRHSAA, the NCAA champion will play the second place finisher in NRHSAA and the NRHSAA champion will play the second place finisher in NCAA. The champions within NCAA and NRHSAA will have home court/field advantage in the first round. The champion within NCAA or NRHSAA will retain home court/field advantage if a second place team defeats the champion in either NCAA or NRHSAA. Further discussion is needed regarding game location if the NCAA and NRHSAA champions are the two teams playing for entry to SOSSA. This example would be altered if it is more than the top two teams moving on for Zone qualification to SOSSA.

