

NCAA GIRLS'
BASKETBALL 2018

1. SEASON OF PLAY

Girls = Fall Season

2. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Junior Level

Senior Level

3. ELIGIBILITY

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 classification 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.

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR BASKETBALL

- 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.
- 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.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR BASKETBALL

- 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.

A school/team must conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of thirteen (13) practices and eight (8) games during an eight (8) week period in the current school year under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.

4. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS

Eligibility sheets are due to the NCAA Convener 24 hours prior to the first league game.

5. GAME TIME

The first game of a double-header will start at 3:00-3:30pm (no earlier without Convener's knowledge and both Principals' permission). The second part of the double-header will start at 4:30-5:00pm unless a mutually agreeable start time before then is agreed upon by both teams.

6. HOME SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide 1 competent scorekeeper and 1 competent timer
- Game balls
- All schools should be using NCAA score sheets or facsimile

7. 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 NCAA 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.

8. REPORTING SCORES

The home team will report the scores to the NCAA Convener within 24 hours.

9. OFFICIALS

All officials must be accredited by the Niagara District Basketball Referees Association.

10. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

The official rule book will be the IAABO - Official Rule Book.

Beginning in September 2016, OFSAA will adopt the FIBA playing regulations for both 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.
- 7)

11. GAME FORFEITURES

The following policies are in place for game forfeitures:

- (1) Should a team forfeit a game with less than 48 hours' notice, all costs associated with the game shall be charged to the forfeiting school.
- (2) Should a team forfeit a game, the forfeiting team will be given a loss as a result of the forfeit.
- (3) Should a team forfeit two (2) games during regular season play, the team shall be removed from the league and all points earned in games played against that team shall be removed from league standings.
- (4) A team that forfeits a game during the regular season loses all rights with regards to tie breaking procedures. (ie if the team is tied for 3rd, the team will be relegated to 4th place).
- (5) A team that forfeits a playoff game shall also forfeit the right to play any further playoff games at the current or subsequent level of playoffs (ie when two teams qualify for SOSSA). (April 2016)

12. LEAGUE AND PLAY-OFF FORMAT FOR ZONE NCAA GIRL'S BASKETBALL

All participating schools are expected to send a representative to the NCAA Individual Sport Body Meeting to provide input into the league and play-off format. The final format for league competition and play-offs will be approved by the Executive Committee, in consultation with school Principals.

League and Play off structure for NCAA

The NCAA will have Junior and senior league and play off structures.

8 team leagues-everybody plays each other once, top two for NCAA title. All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA). Higher league position is the home team.

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6 team leagues- everybody plays each other once, top two for NCAA title. All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA). Higher league position is the home team.

5 team leagues- everybody plays a home and home, top two NCAA title. All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA). Higher league position is the home team.

4 team leagues- everybody plays a home and home, top two NCAA title. All teams break out for appropriate Zone representative game (example Zone 4 AA). Higher league position is the home team.

3 teams leagues every team plays each other twice, 1st gets a bye and plays the winner of 2nd vs 3rd

2 team leagues – league and exhibition games are played followed by a one game NCAA final

1 team leagues – exhibition games are played. The team moves on to their Zone Final.

*Leagues with fewer than 6 teams and unique circumstances may have the structure changed in order to accommodate due to weather, travel, safety (ex Slo Pitch, Baseball Football)

*A Zone representative game is needed to determine who will represent the NCAA for the Zone championship against the NRHSAA and SOSSA qualification

The Zone representative game is played if there is a second place team in that Zone and level and they accept the game being played: the team higher in the standings will be home (tiebreaker rule may be needed-see constitution). If the NCAA final is also the Zone representative game, that game will act as the Zone representative game also.

13. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

These procedures shall be used 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.);
 - (4) Other sport specific rules agreed to by Program Chairs
- 5 (a) Coin flip to determine play-off position only. The conveners will perform the coin flip. The school that is alphabetically highest will have heads in the coin flip. The convener will notify schools 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 playoff position.
- (c) In the event of a four way tie, the conveners in consultation with the NCAA Executive and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

6 ZONE QUALIFICATION TO SOSSA

1 champion from each Zone will go to SOSSA.

The NCAA constitution will govern all NCAA sports.