

NCAA GIRLS'

BASKETBALL 2022

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 enrollment 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.

No competitor is eligible for an OFSAA basketball championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet or who has played in a game for a team in the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) or the National Preparatory Association (NPA) after September 30 of the current school year.

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 playoff 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 playoff 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 playoff 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 current FIBA Rule Book shall be the official governing rulebook governing NCAA Basketball with the following exceptions:

- 1) **A 30 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 30 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.

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 PLAYOFF FORMAT FOR NCAA GIRL'S BASKETBALL

The NCAA will have junior and senior league and playoff structures. The following playoff structure will be implemented for all NCAA playoffs. The highest seeded regular season team will be home.

- Four team playoff will consist of 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. The winner of both games will compete for the NCAA Championship.
 - Three team playoff consists of 1st place receiving a bye and 2nd place playing 3rd place. The winner of 2nd vs 3rd will play 1st place for the NCAA Championship.
 - Two team playoff will consist of 1st vs 2nd for the NCAA Championship.
1. **8 Team Leagues**- Every team plays each other once, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 2. **7 Team Leagues**- Every team plays each other once, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 3. **6 Team Leagues**- Every team plays each other once, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 4. **5 Team Leagues**- Every team plays a home and home, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 5. **4 Team Leagues**- Every team plays a home and home, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 6. **3 Team Leagues**- Every team plays a home and home, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 7. **2 Team Leagues**- League home and home will be played, before AAA teams separate into playoff bracket and AA teams separate into playoff bracket.
 8. **1 Team League**- Exhibition games will be played. The team moves on to SOSSA.

Leagues with unique circumstances may have the structure changed in order to accommodate due to weather, travel, safety (ex. Slow Pitch, Baseball, Football).

13. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

These procedures shall be used when determining a playoff position when a league schedule leads to playoffs:

- (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 playoff position only. The convenor will perform the coin flip. The school that is alphabetically highest will have heads in the coin flip. The convenor will notify schools of the results.
 - (b) Playoff 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 convenor in consultation with the NCAA Executive and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

The NCAA constitution will govern all NCAA sports.