

# **SOSSA CROSS COUNTRY**

## **PLAYING REGULATIONS – revised August 2020**

- 1. Date:**  
The SOSSA Cross Country Championship shall be held at least seven (7) days before the OFSAA Championship (first Saturday in November) in order to send entries to OFSAA on time.
- 2. Location:**  
The location of the Championship shall be decided before the June SOSSA Annual General Meeting by the designated SOSSA convener.
- 3. Eligibility:**  
As per Article VII and Article VIII of the SOSAA Constitution.
- 4. Classification:**  
Competition shall be conducted in the three (3) age classifications as per Article VII SOSSA Constitution. There shall be a girls' and boys' run in each classification.
- 5. Meet Structure:**
  - (i) Beginning in 2017, males and females will run the same distances.
  - (ii) Approximate distance to be covered in each classification is as follows:  
Para Event: 4km  
Midget Boys' & Midget Girls' – 4km  
Junior Boys' & Junior Girls' – 5km  
Senior Boys' & Senior Girls' – 6km
  - (iii) The Para Classification will consist of three (3) divisions, as follows:
    - a) Visually Impaired (VI, Boys' and Girls'),
    - b) Ambulatory (Amb Boys' and Girls'),
    - c) Intellectual Impairment (II Boys' and Girls')
- 6. Entry:**
  - (i) Entries shall be accepted from zone conveners or athletic coordinators only.
  - (ii) Each Zone is permitted to enter three (3) teams of six (6) runners in each age class. Note: only five (5) runners per team are permitted to run at OFSAA.
  - (iii) Each zone is permitted to enter the first ten (10) individuals not on a qualifying team at the Zone Championship.
  - (iv) If four (4) or five (5) of these individuals happen to be from the same school, they may not be considered a team for SOSSA purposes.
  - (v) A school that qualifies a team for SOSSA may place any eligible runner on that team provided this competitor competed at the Zone Championship meet.

**6. Entry ...continued:**

- (vi) Entries must be received by the SOSSA convener by the date designated by the SOSSA convener.
- (vii) The boys' overall and girls' overall team champions from each Zone be allowed to send all three (3) boys' or girls' teams to SOSSA.
- (viii) The overall (boys' and girls' combined) champions from each Zone will be allowed to send all six teams to SOSSA.
- (ix) The SOSSA convener shall be responsible to ensure that the OFSAA entries are paid and submitted. Reimbursement then occurs through the SOSSA administrative director.

**7. Expenses:**

Zone qualifying meets shall be the financial responsibility of the zone conveners. Expenses for SOSSA championships – see Article IV. A championship report of the meet shall be submitted to SOSSA administrative director.

**8. Scoring:**

- (i) The finishing positions of four (4) of the (5) runners shall count for the team score. These shall be added together to arrive at a team score. The team with the lowest score shall be the winning team. In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved in favor of the team whose fourth runner finishes nearest first place.
- (ii) The combined overall cross-country team champion shall be the school with competitors in both the boys' and girls' categories and with the most points. The overall boys' and overall girls' champion shall be the school with the most points in  
the boy's section and the girl's section respectively. The points shall be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place team gets 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team gets 8 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team gets 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place team gets 4 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place team gets 2 points and 6<sup>th</sup> place team gets 1 point.

**9. Rules and Officials:**

Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the course is clearly marked and marshalled. Marshals shall be recognizable. In order to qualify for OFSAA, athletes participating in any event must be able to complete the race in 45 minutes or less.

**10. Uniforms:**

Runners shall compete in identical tops and school shorts or plain shorts.

**11. Awards:**

Medallions shall be awarded to members of the winning team in each classification. The 1st place individuals in each classification shall also receive medallions (one per individual only) (42 medallions). Ribbons for other positions are optional.

- 12. Department:**  
Supervision of athletes, see Article X and XI.
- 13. Medical:**  
Qualified first aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the championship site.  
Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (ie. tape, bandages) for athletes.
- 14. Appeals and Protest:**  
See Article IX.