

BASKETBALL – BOYS'

1. SEASON OF PLAY

Boys = Winter

2. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Junior Level Senior Level

3. CLASSIFICATION

The following classifications shall apply for Seniors Boys' Basketball	
A	500 students and under
AA	501 – 950 students
AAA	951 students and over
The following classifications shall apply for Junior Boys' Basketball	
A	700 students and under
AA	800 students and over
School classification is based on enrollment on October 31 st of the previous school as determined by OFSAA.	

Note: According to the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association Constitution a team may opt to play at a higher classification if they declare their intention by the Declaration of Play deadlines.

4. ELIGIBILITY

a) Team/School Eligibility: To represent a school in any SOSSA/OFSAA bound sport coordinate by the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association, a school must:

- I. Conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of thirteen (13) practices during a minimum eight (8) week period and must be involved in eight (8) competitions in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.
- II. Participate in the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association approved league if one is held.
- III. Participate in the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association championship or qualifying event.
- IV. Use only eligible athletes in any competition during the school year or the school forfeits the right to participate in SOSSA and/or OFSAA Championships.
- V. In accordance with Rowan's Law, have all coaches and coaching personnel confirm, that they have reviewed the concussion awareness resource within the school year.

b) Individual 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 Playing Regulations of the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association.
- II. Be certified as eligible by the principal of the school.
- III. Meet the following age requirements:
Eligibility for Senior Basketball: 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.

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR BASKETBALL: The individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 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.

- IV. Be in Grades 9-12.
- V. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (OFSAA By-Law 5, Section 4(f)).
- VI. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (OFSAA By-Law 5, Section 4(g)).
- VII. Participated as a member of a 'bona fide' high school program as outlined in (a) above and attended the majority of practices and competitions.
- VIII. No competitor is eligible to play in the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association /SOSSA/OFSAA 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 30th of the current school year.
- IX. Any team using ineligible players in any competition during the school year forfeits the right to move beyond Niagara Catholic Athletic Association league and/or playoff play.

5. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS

Eligibility lists are to be entered in the OFSAA HUB at least 24 hours prior to the team's first game.

6. 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' coaches and principals.

7. PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS

The home team is responsible for payment of officials for all league and playoff games. The amount will be announced prior to the first game of the season.

Should a game be moved by the home team to either a neutral location or the visiting team's gym, the location only will change on the schedule. The home and visiting team designate will remain unchanged, and the responsibilities (see below) of the home team will also remain unchanged.

If a gate is charged at an Niagara Catholic Athletic Association 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.

8. REPORTING SCORES

The home team will input scores and score sheet on to the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association website, by noon the day after the game.

9. HOME SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES ON GAME DAY

Responsible for paying officials.

Responsible for supplying minor officials (scorers, times, etc.).

Responsible for having all necessary equipment including shot clocks, score sheets, etc.

Responsible for inputting the score and scoresheet on to the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association website by noon the day after the game.

10. UNIFORMS

Teams should provide a second set of uniforms or a set of legally numbered markers of a different colour in case two opposing teams have the same colour uniforms.

11. OFFICIALS

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

12. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

a) The current FIBA Rule Book shall be the official governing rulebook governing Niagara Catholic Athletic Association basketball with the following exceptions:

- I. A 30 second shot clock will be used. Full reset on foul shot attempts and shots off the rim.
- II. Fouls and Offensive rebounds would result in 30 second reset.
- III. National Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available.
- IV. National Federation game length will be used (including overtime).
- V. No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul(s) assessed to player(s)).
- VI. National Federation time out procedure will be used.

b) A technical foul shall be assessed against a team that crosses the half court line for the purpose of intimidating an opponent.

13. LEAGUE FORMAT

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.

13.GAME FORFEITURES

The following policies are in place for league game forfeitures:

- I. 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.
- II. Should a team forfeit a game, the forfeiting team will be given a loss because of the forfeit.
- III. 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.
- IV. A team that forfeits a game during the regular season loses all rights with regards to tie breaking procedures. (ex. if the team is tied for 3rd, the team will be relegated to 4th place).
- V. 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 (ex. when two teams qualify for SOSSA). (April 2016)

14.LEAGUE STANDINGS- 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.
 - 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.

15.PLAYOFF FORMAT FOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

The NCAA will have junior and senior league and playoff structures. The highest seeded regular season team will be home.

- Four team playoffs will consist of 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd. The winner of both games will compete for the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association Championship.
- Three team playoffs will consist of 1st place receiving a bye, 2nd vs. 3rd. The winner of 2nd vs 3rd will play 1st place for the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association Championship.
- Two team playoffs will consist of 1st vs 2nd for the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association Championship.

16.APPEALS AND PROTESTS

If a school(s) wishes to proceed with a protest, see the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association Constitution for further direction.

17.ADVANCING TO SOSSA

The Niagara Catholic Athletic Association championship team will advance to SOSSA.