

## HOCKEY – 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 one (1) practice each week (on ice or dry land training) or four (4) practices a month from December until the OFSAA Championship, 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:  
The individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 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.
- 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 for the OFSAA Hockey Championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet, after his local high school first regular season game, for a team in "A", "B", "C", Major Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior or GMHL divisions in any National and/or International Association, or any league deemed equivalent to "A", "B", "C". This includes any on-ice All-Star or Showcase game organized by leagues/associations named in this clause. One exception to this rule: A Junior "B" or "C" team is allowed to AP a high school goalie to be called up in an emergency situation and appear on a game sheet and/or play up to a maximum of two exhibition/league and/or playoff games in total during the season after the Association's first regular season game. An emergency situation would not include an on-ice All-Star or Showcase game organized by leagues/associations name in 5c(i) of the OFSAA regulations.
- 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. 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. HOME SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES ON GAME DAY

Responsible for paying officials.

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

Responsible for providing the Niagara Catholic Athletic Association scoresheet.

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

## 9.UNIFORMS

The home team is to wear a white or light-coloured jersey. The away team is to wear a dark coloured jersey.

## 10.OFFICIALS

All officials must be accredited.

## 11.OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

Niagara Catholic Athletic Association policies first, then SOSSA, OFSAA. OMHA – Official Rule book for Hockey will govern Zone hockey.

## 12.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.TIMING OF LEAGUE GAMES

All games shall consist of three (3) 15-minute periods (stop time) OR until curfew, whichever comes first. There will be a flood between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

Each team is allowed one (1) thirty (30) second timeout per game.

In the last ten (10) minutes of the game with a five (5) or more goal spread, the clock shall run. With three (3) minutes remaining in the game with a three (3) or more goal spread, the clock shall run.

The referee has the option to stop a game at any time.

#### 14. TIMING OF PLAYOFF GAMES

- I. All playoff games shall consist of three (3) 15-minute periods (stop time).
- II. Each team is allowed one (1) thirty (30) second timeout per game.
- III. There will be a flood between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

#### 15. OVERTIME PROCEDURES FOR PLAYOFF GAMES

In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in playoffs, **the SOSSA overtime rules are to be followed.**

#### 14. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, the team will be relegated to 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

#### 15. LEAGUE STANDINGS- TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

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

- I. Record between tied teams.
- II. Record against teams higher in the standings (1 above, then 2 above, etc.).
- III. Record against teams lower in the standings (1 below, then 2 below, etc.).
- IV. Other sport specific rules agreed to by Program Chairs.
  - d) 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.
  - e) 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.
  - f) 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.

#### 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.