

**EOSSAA VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**A JUNIOR, AA JUNIOR, AAA JUNIOR**

**A SENIOR, AA SENIOR, AAA SENIOR**

**JUNE, 2012**

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general education experience of those students who participate.

**Playing Regulations**

**1     DATE:**

The date of the EOSSAA Volleyball Championships shall be held:

- a) Not later than 24 hours prior to the OFSAA championship entry deadline.
- b) Typically the Junior Boys championships will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in November while the Senior Boys championships will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in November.
- c) Typically the Junior Girls championship will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in February while the Senior Girls championship will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in February.

**2     LOCATION:**

The location of the Championship shall be decided by the online bid process prior to the spring executive meeting. Final championship location will be approved at the June EOSSAA AGM.

**3     CLASSIFICATIONS:**

There shall be three classifications of Championships - A, AA, AAA, both Junior and Senior.

Associations shall place their schools in classifications by sport based on:

- a. Student population numbers

“A” = 1-500 “AA” = 501-900 “AAA” = 901-1250 \* “AAAA” = 1251+.

\* NOTE: As of June 2005 EOSSAA does not send a AAAA Representative in any sports. Consequently schools in other classifications may not declare up to AAAA.

Any team, with League approval may elect to complete in a higher classification. Leagues must notify the EOSSAA executive by October 15 (FALL) and January 15 (Winter) if any teams request this change of classification. Such a team shall be ineligible for EOSSAA competition in that sport in the lower classification for that school year.

**4. ENTRY:**

- a. Entries shall be accepted from the league convenor or designate only.

- b. A league may enter one (1) team in each of the six (6) EOSSAA volleyball championships.
- c. Entries must be received by the EOSSAA convenor no later than 3 calendar days prior to the EOSSAA championships.
- d. Each league's volleyball convenor must advise the EOSSAA convenor if a league will or will not have an entry in an EOSSAA championship, no later than 2 weeks before the championship.
- e. The tournament entry fee is due to the convenor prior to the beginning of the tournament.
- f. NO LATE ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- g. If an association declares intent to participate in an EOSSAA championship, they are responsible and shall continue to be responsible for their share of that championship whether or not they participate in the championship.
- h. Letter of Intent - All teams submitting an entry for a Senior EOSSAA team championship must indicate on submission of the entry whether or not they are prepared - in every sense of the word - to represent EOSSAA at the OFSAA championship. Furthermore, all teams participating at an EOSSAA team championship must bring to the championship a letter attesting to this commitment over the signatures of the coach, the AD/PHE Head, and the Principal. Furthermore this letter is to be received by the convenor prior to play beginning. The letter must be received to qualify for the OFSAA Championship. A coaches meeting will be scheduled before the EOSSAA Championship. Letters of Intent to Compete are submitted at the Coaches Meeting.

##### **5. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURE:**

- A) If six (6) leagues declare an entry, there shall be 2 pools of 3 teams. Each team shall play a round robin series of 2/3 game. Semi-finals of 2/3 game matches shall be played as follows:

A1 Vs B2 (x)

B1 Vs A2 (y)

The championship x vs y shall be a 2/3 game match.

- B) If there are only five (5) associations in the championship, the draw should be filled to 6 teams; with the sixth team being chosen in the following manner:
  - a) the Association winner of last years championship
  - b) the Association runner up of last years championship

- c) the Association third place of last years championship
  - d) the Runner-up of the host Association
- C) If four (4) leagues declare an entry, there shall be 1 pool of 4 teams. Each team shall play a round robin series of 2/3 game matches against each team in the pool. The top two teams shall play in the championship match of 2/3 games.
- D) I. If three (3) leagues declare an entry, a 2/3 game match round tournament shall be played to determine the EOSSAA champion, The top two teams shall play in the championship match of 2/3 games.
- II. In AAA only Boys and Girls and Convenor may request a second representative from the Association with the most AAA teams and run a four team EOSSAA Championship with the consent of the EOSSAA Executive.(2008 precedent) This request must be made by November 1<sup>st</sup> of that season.
- E) (If two (2) leagues declare an entry, a 3/5 game sudden death match shall be played to determine the EOSSAA champion.
- F) If only one (1) league declares an entry, that team shall be the EOSSAA champion.
- G) at the beginning of each match, all players and coaches shall line up along their backline. After the teams have been introduced they shall advance to the net and shake hands.
- H) At the conclusion of each match, all players and coaches shall again SHAKE HANDS with the opponents.
- I) Captains and Coaches should shake hands with both referees after signing the official scoresheet.

#### 6. **SEEDING:**

- a) Teams shall be seeded by the tournament convenor based on performance in tournaments, league records, exhibition play, and previous performances in EOSSAA Championships.
- b) EACH LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE AND CONVENOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONVENOR.

**Six Team Draw**

- c) The six (6) team tournament shall be seeded as follows for Junior and Senior; no two (2) teams from the same league shall be in the same pool.

| Pool A   | Pool B                                       |
|--|--|
| 10 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 6 <sup>th</sup> Seed | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 5 <sup>th</sup> Seed |
| 11 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |
| 12 p.m. 6 <sup>th</sup> Seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed | 5 <sup>th</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |

1:30p.m. SEMI-FINALS: 1<sup>st</sup> A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> B (x) 1<sup>st</sup> B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> A (y)

3:00p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP: X vs. Y

Due to travel time and inclement weather considerations, the seeding level may be affected. However, seeding should remain within the same pool (i.e., if your 5<sup>th</sup> seed has a much further distance to travel than your 4<sup>th</sup> seed switch them so that the team traveling the greater distance plays in the 11:00am match).

**Five Team Draw**

d) Pool play will consist of a full round robin with the two teams with the best record playing in the championship match. If a tie exists please refer to tie breaking procedure in section 10(c). Also see appendix A for an example of tie break. In pool play games will be 2 straight to 25 win by two with no cap. The championship match will best 2 of 3 with the first two sets to 25 win by two with no cap and the final set if needed to 15 win by 2 no cap.

The schedule for a five team draw will be as follows:

| Time                | Court 1   | Court 2 |
|---------------------|---|---------|
| 9:30                | 1 vs. 3   | 2 vs. 4 |
| 10:30               | 1 vs. 4   | 2 vs. 5 |
| 11:30               | 2 vs. 3   | 4 vs. 5 |
| 12:30               | 1 vs. 5   | 3 vs. 4 |
| 1:30                | 1 vs. 2   | 3 vs. 5 |
| Half Hour Break     |   |         |
| 3:00 - Championship | 1 <sup>st</sup> vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> –Center Court |         |

**Four Team Draw**

- e) The four (4) team tournament shall be seeded as follows for Junior and Senior:

ON ONE COURT: 10:00 A.M. -

|  |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |

CHAMPIONSHIP – 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> at the end of round robin play.

A half hour rest is permitted between the last pool match and the championship if the 3rd and/or 4<sup>th</sup> seed is involved. The rest interval may be shortened or waived by mutual agreement of the two coaches involved in the championship.

| ON TWO COURTS: | COURT 1                                      | COURT 2                                      |
|----------------|--|--|
| 10:00 AM -     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed |
|                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |
|                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed |

1 Hour Break

CHAMPIONSHIP – 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> at the end of round robin play on center court.

### Three Team Draw

f) The three (3) team tournament shall be seeded as follows:

10:00 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Seed vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Seed  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Seed vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Seed  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Seed vs 1<sup>st</sup> Seed

1 hour break

Championship – 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> on center court

### Two Team Draw

g) One best 3/5 match will be played to determine EOSSAA Champion. Start time should be communicated between two coaches and the host school to find the best match time. Typically anytime between 10:00am and 1:00pm would be a reasonable match time.

## 7. OFSAA REPRESENTATIVE:

- i. The EOSSAA Senior A Champion shall be the EOSSAA representative to the OFSAA A Championship Tournament.
- ii. The EOSSA Senior AA Champion shall be the EOSSA representative to the OFSAA AA Championship Tournament.
- iii. The EOSSAA Senior AAA Champion shall be the EOSSAA representative to the OFSAA AA Championship Tournament.
- iv. The second EOSSAA entry to an OFSAA championship shall be the EOSSAA finalist or the next qualifying team.
- v. A school hosting an OFSAA Championship may apply to the EOSSAA executive to be the EOSSAA host school.

## 8. **EXPENSES:**

- a) An entry fee shall be charged for each championship which shall be sufficient to cover these costs:
  - 1) Referees (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on each match)
  - 2) 16 Gold Medals, Championship Keeper plaque, finalist plaque and/or 16 silver medals
  - 3) Minor Officials Lunches (Cap \$150)
  - 4) Equipment (Game Ball's can be purchased for an EOSSAA Championship only if your school does not have the official OFSAA game ball, however, **no other equipment shall be purchased using an EOSSAA Budget**).
  - 5) Supply coverage shall NOT be used in an EOSSAA budget

## 9. **ELIGIBILITY:** To represent a school in any activity co-ordinated by EOSSAA a student must:

- a) be eligible for competition under the constitution by-laws, and playing regulations of the league to which their school belongs.
- b) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school.
- c) meet the following age requirements:

**JUNIOR** - the individual's birth certificate indicates the he/she has not yet reached his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

**SENIOR** - the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not yet reached his/her 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.

Note: See the EOSSAA website for an age specific eligibility chart.

- d) be in grade 9 to grade 12
- e) be eligible for a maximum of five (5) years competition form the date of entry into grade 9.
- f) Academic eligibility: a student should be taking no less than 50% of a full timetable load at either a non-semestered school or a semestered school.

Academic responsibilities should be maintained in a sports season which bridges both semesters. Note: Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches signing eligibility sheets should know what they are signing.

## 10. **RULES AND OFFICIALS:**

### a) REFEREES:

-The convenors are responsible for providing currently accredited OVA officials.

-All effort should be made to secure officials who are comfortable with officiating the calibre of play.

-Two referees, 1<sup>st</sup> referee and 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, shall officiate each match at the senior level. For Junior play, two officials shall be used for playoff play only.

-A referee must not officiate a match in which his/her school is competing.

### b) SCORERS:

The convenor shall provide properly trained scorers. Official scoresheets shall be used and official line-up sheets must be provided to coaches.

Revisions to rule books governing play at the EOSSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

### c) TIE BREAKING:

I If two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round for positions in the championship playoffs, the team winning the match between the two tied teams shall receive the higher ranking.

II If three (3) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria shall be applied to determine their rankings:

a. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played among the tied teams only in pool play, will be ranked higher (*note: do not use II(a) in the five team draw as 2 straight sets is not considered a match. Proceed to II(b). See Appendix A for an example;*

b. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets (games), considering matches played among the tied teams only in pool play, will be ranked higher;

c. the team having the best ratio of won/lost sets(games), considering all matches in pool play will be ranked higher;

- d. the team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played among the tied teams in pool play will be ranked higher
- e. the team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played in pool play, will be ranked higher

**NO TEAM SHALL BE ELIMINATED FROM CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY BY POINTS.**

- III If three (3) or more teams are tied for positions to determine who advances to Championship playoffs, following criteria shall be applied:
  - a) criteria (ii)(a) to (c) above shall be used;
  - b) if two (2) teams are still tied, an additional set shall be played to 15 points (2 point margin of victory);
  - c) if more than two teams are tied, then points shall be used to determine who gets the Bye, using criteria (ii)(d) and (e) above. The remaining two teams shall play a 15 point set (2 point margin of victory no cap) and the winner shall play the Bye team in a 15 point set (2 point margin of victory no cap) to determine who advances to Championship play or is eliminated from play.

**When you apply the tie breaking rules you should follow this sequence:**

- 1) when the teams are tied, the tie breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie is broken;
- 2) when three or more teams are tied, the tie breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all teams are ranked.
- 3) Major officials shall be certified and registered officials.
  - d) Official score sheets shall be used at EOSSA Championships
  - e) Warm-up will consist of a 5-5-5 format. Five (5) minutes will be a common time for on court warm-up; five (5) minutes for team serving first at net; five (5) minutes for team receiving first at net.(service to be included in the five (5) minutes)
  - f) Should a team members' uniform become soiled due to contact with blood or other bodily fluid, a "substitute uniform" may consist of another team member's uniform or appropriate alternative.



- g) EOSSAA Roster is unlimited. All persons on the bench are considered a part of the team and are liable for any sanctions applicable.
- h) Technical timeouts are not in place for EOSSAA competitions.
- i) Timeouts shall be one minute in duration.
- j) **12 Substitution Rule** - For EOSSAA competition teams are allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one set. There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or reenter a set as long as the maximum number of substitutions is adhered to and they leave or reenter for the same player. Once a player has a designated substitution partner in a set, that is the only player that they may leave or re-enter that set for. For example, player A for player B - player C may not enter into this rotation

## **11. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

- k) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms or equipment shall be permitted in the competitive area. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). (OFSAA regulations)
- l) Uniforms must be in accordance with VC rules. **Team members shall be required to wear identical jerseys and shorts.** Uniform violations will be noted on the scoresheet and reported to the League Convenor.
- m) Uniforms shall have **any** one or two digit, legal-size, number on the **front and back** of the uniform. The numbers on the back must appear in the centre; the numbers on the front must appear in the centre or on the right or left side of the uniform.
- n) The Libero must wear a contrasting coloured shirt and may wear different coloured shorts.
- o) **Linesmen:**

I Properly Trained linesmen must be provided by the convenor

OR

II The convenor must request in advance, that each entry bring a linesman. This linesman will officiate the opponent in each match his/her school plays.

p) Facilities and Equipment:

I Two regulation courts are required for each EOSSAA championship of five (5) or more entries.

Two regulation courts are recommended for each EOSSAA championship of four (4) entries.

One regulation court may be used for each EOSSAA championship of four (4) entries.

II Net Height

EOSSAA Junior Girls 2:15 metres

EOSSAA Senior Girls 2:24 metres

EOSSAA Junior Boys 2:35 metres

EOSSAA Senior Boys 2:43 metres

III For both Junior and Senior levels a libero may be used and this player may be the team captain or game captain.

IV Antennae - shall be provided on each court

V Game Balls - shall be provided by the convenor and shall be the official OFSAA game ball for both Junior and Senior competitions.

VI Serve Receive Rule – Receiving a serve overhand with the fingers (like a set or a volley) is legal for both Junior and Senior competitions. The quality of the pass is still up to the discretion of the first official and will be called accordingly.

Participants must bring their own practice balls.

q) **Awards:** Each EOSSAA Championship team shall receive:

16 EOSSAA medals

1 EOSSAA Championship Plaque to be retained by the school. Each finalist will receive

16 EOSSAA medals or a finalist plaque.

r) **Convenors Duties:**

EOSSAA Convenor

Each EOSSAA volleyball convenor shall forward to each league volleyball convenor no later than 1 month before the date of the EOSSAA championship, an information packet about the general features of the championship; shall submit a proposed budget to the appropriate Championship Coordinator 1 month prior to the championship. Unless a proposed budget is received budget overruns shall not be considered.

(See Checklist for EOSSAA Convenors)

#### LEAGUE CONVENORS

Each league volleyball convenor must advise the EOSSAA convenor if the league WILL or WILL NOT have an entry in an EOSSAA championship, no later than 2 weeks prior to the championship.

JURY OF APPEAL: - The jury of appeal will consist of three individuals:

- 1) Head official
- 2) Convenor or a designate if the convenor is directly involved in the protest
- 3) An EOSSAA Executive member (see [www.eosaa.ca](http://www.eosaa.ca) for contact info)

**A protest must be submitted in writing together with \$25.00 (refundable if upheld) within 30 minutes of completion of the game in which the incident occurred.**

#### REPORTS:

Each convenor shall submit a written report to the Championship Coordinator within one month of the Championship. Copies of this report should be made available at the EOSSAA AGM in the spring. The report shall include a financial statement, the league representatives in each championship, the school and coaches names of the Champion, finalists, 3<sup>rd</sup> place team and 4<sup>th</sup> place team. Gate receipts (admission) are part of the financial statement.

#### REVISIONS / AMENDMENTS:

These playing regulations may be amended/revised at the EOSSAA general meeting.

Proposed amendments/revisions shall be posted on the website for all member schools and the executive 14 calendar days before the annual meeting.

Copies of the proposed amendments/revisions shall be available to the meeting delegates, on the meeting day. (responsibility of movers)

Approved amendments/revisions are effective immediately.

#### **VOLLEYBALL SAC CHAIRPERSON Pat Farrell – Regiopolis ND**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>VOLLEYBALL SAC</b> | <b>Jean Pye – Carleton Place</b>     | <b>Linda Aleinik – Holy Trinity</b> |
|                       | <b>Mark McKenna – Regiopolis ND</b>  | <b>Bryan English – Sydenham HS</b>  |
|                       | <b>Tony Quick – Notre Dame</b>       | <b>Dennis Hutt – St. Mary’s</b>     |
|                       | <b>Scott Baird – South Grenville</b> |                                     |

### Appendix A

Example of how to apply tie breaking procedure in a 5 team draw:

|        | 1 Seed         | 2 Seed         | 3 Seed         | 4 Seed         | 5 Seed          | Set Record |
|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 Seed | X              | 25-20<br>25-18 | 25-19<br>25-23 | 25-20<br>25-16 | 25-20<br>25-16  | 8-0        |
| 2 Seed | 20-25<br>18-25 | X              | 25-21<br>20-25 | 25-18<br>25-19 | 25 -23<br>25-17 | 5-3        |
| 3 Seed | 19-25<br>23-25 | 21-25<br>25-20 | X              | 25-18<br>25-14 | 25-18<br>25-19  | 5-3        |
| 4 Seed | 20-25<br>16-25 | 19-25<br>18-25 | 18-25<br>14-25 | X              | 25-16<br>20-25  | 1-7        |
| 5 Seed | 20-25<br>16-25 | 23-25<br>17-25 | 18-25<br>19-25 | 16-25<br>25-20 | X               | 1-7        |

- a) For the above scenario in the 5 team draw the 1 seed would automatically advance to the finals with their overall set record
- b) The 2 seed and 3 seed have the same overall set record. You would then go through the tie breaking procedure starting with II(b). As both teams have the same ratio of sets won/lost both against all teams and among tied teams you would move to II(d). Typically the 3 seed would advance looking at points as they had more points in their loss, however, no team can be eliminated from Championship play on points. Therefore, the 2 and 3 seed would play one set to 15 (win by 2 with no cap) to determine who plays the 1 seed in the final.