

# SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING

April 14, 2003

Meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m.

1.
  - (a) Approval of Agenda - approved
  - (b) Minutes of February 10, 2003 – approved no amendments
  - (c) Business Arising from Minutes
    - (i) Website: The webpage is being used mainly to retrieve minutes, constitutional information and mostly to keep informed of update information on the new strand News.  
Note: Members of SOSSA wishing to use the Website as a tool to transmit SOSSA related information may do so by emailing Bob Krouse at [sec-treas@sossa.on.ca](mailto:sec-treas@sossa.on.ca) (material shall be subject to approval).
    - (ii) Championships – Oops! Badminton was not aligned. Next year all ‘alternate dates’ will be in brackets.

## 2. Zone Business

(a) Correspondence – Letters were sent to the concerned individuals re sanctions as per the executives decision of February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. A letter was also sent in response to a concern about the Senior Boy’s AA Volleyball Championship and fan behaviour.

### (b) Zone Concerns

#### Zone I

- (i) SOSSA convenors are doing a very good job, but are requested to CONTACT zone Sports Co-ordinators or Zone reps AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR to the competition with pertinent information such as location, starting times, championship times, fan seating, costs, etc.
- (ii) Hamilton-Wentworth Schools will be closed October 4-10, 2003 for the World Biking Championships. You will not be able to contact any Zone I school in HWDSB that week.
- (iii) Congratulations to Marg McGill on receiving the OFSAA leadership Award for Girl’s Hockey 2003.

#### Zone II

- (i) The contact persons for spring activities and activities Zone II will not participating in, were passed on to SOSSA convenors.

Zone III  
No concerns

Zone IV

- (i) What are the official rules of baseball?  
The SOSSA Executive approved the motion that SOSSA Shall use Ontario Baseball Association Rules as the “official rules” as stated in the constitution for the 2003 season.

## 2. **Reclassification**

Update – A.N.Meyer Boy’s and Girl’s Soccer teams will be playing at the AAA level. This reclassification was inadvertently overlooked.

## 3. **Convenorships**

(a) Spring Updates

- (i) Co-Ed Golf will be Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at Niagara Park Golf Course - \$35 per person.
- (ii) Track & Field  
Proposal Assigning Officials
- Official’s duties assigned by zone
  - Rotation among Zone 1,3 and 4 each year
  - Host zone will always have Group 1 responsibilities (meet convenor, results, finish line)
  - Group 2 responsibilities (5 start line marshals/starter’ assistants) will remain with Zone 2.
  - Additional special skills/interest official (photo timer, starters, track referee, field referee) from all zones will be used when available.
  - **Each competing school must have one adult official assigned-** make use of “Additional Volunteers” section after numbered positions have been filled on the Zone Responsibility Sheet.
  - Each zone’s completed responsibility sheet along with “Meet Manager” disk containing zone entries must be returned to SOSSA meet convenor before that zone’s entries will be processed.

Dan Clark proposed that “official’s duties” be assigned by Zone. The executive approved this year’s format Bob Waite has Zone III/IV duties and Dana Djukic Zone II’s . Dan will be submitting the format as a Notice of Motion.

The format does not negate people who have special talents from volunteering earlier to request special duties.

The assigned duties must be filled at the end of each Zone Meet and submitted with entries to SOSSA.

**Reminder:** NO adult volunteer, NO entry to SOSSA

**Note:** Volunteers are still needed for the South Regional and OFSAA track Meets. Go the OFSAA Track 2003 Website To volunteer for South Regional double-click on Jodie Miller. To volunteer for OFSAA double-click on Andrew Yap.

(b) Medallions/Ribbons

Zone reps/Sport Co-ordinators have all Track & Field Ribbons and Medallions and they will distribute.

**Note:** extra medallions may be ordered. For order forms go to the SOSSA website or phone/email secretary treasurer.

(c) Convenorships

See attached convenors list for 2003/2004.

Please contact your Zone representative if you wish to convene an activity designated to your Zone.

Swimming will have to be a meet this year to qualify for OFSAA. Convenors may come from any Zone – contact Secretary Treasurer.

4. **Financial Update**

(a) School are reminded

- (i) Submit SOSSA Convenors Reports for reimbursements.
- (ii) SOSSA pays for OFSAA entries and participation fees in the Majority of activities. A cancelled cheque or receipt must accompany request for reimbursements.

(b) A request for additional monies

- (i) for the Secretary Treasurer position and administration costs was made.
- (ii) OFSAA reps.

## 5. OFSAA Updates

- (a) The NEW OFSAA Classification, effective September, 2003, are outlined in the attached material – OFSAA Highlights, April 11–12, 2003.

SOSSA has set-up an Appeal Committee. The SOSSA Executive shall use the following motion(s) as criteria for Appeals until AGM, June 2003. At that time these motion(s) will be present as a Notice of Motion at the AGM.

Moved that:

- (i) SOSSA shall place schools in classifications according to numbers as dictated by OFSAA and the Association shall hear appeals only on the basis of school composition. Any school wishing to appeal on any other basis (location of School, team composition, competition and OFSAA success) must be appealed through the Association to OFSAA
- (ii) Appeals to move down a classification, shall be as a school. There shall be no sports specific downward movement.

The Appeals Committee will be comprised of:

Bob Krouse-Secretary Treasurer/Chair  
Brian Fuller-Zone I rep  
Dana Djukic-Zone II rep  
Dino Germano-Zone III rep – or designate  
Rina Mooradian-Zone IV Rep

Appeals must be into Secretary Treasurer by Friday, May 23 at 4:00 pm

**NOTE:** The SOSSA Junior Team Champions are still classified

A is 699 and under

AA is 700 and over

These numbers almost split SOSSA 32/34

(b) Email received from Steve Sevor from OFSAA regarding OFSAA Participation Forms:

*I hope that you all arrived home safely from the Board meeting this weekend. As promised, . attached are the forms for the OFSAA participation statistics. They can also be found on the OFSAA website under Communiqués, then under Forms.*

*One file is for the individual schools to fill in and the other is for association compilation. As I mentioned, if you have the adobe writer file, you will be able to click on the "SUBMIT TO OFSAA" button. If you only have the adobe reader you will have to complete the form online, print it, and fax it.*

*It is hoped that all information can be collected by the June Legislative Council Meeting.*

*As always, thank you for your assistance.*

*Steve Sevor*

**6. Notice of Motions:**

Notice of Motions must be submitted by Friday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. Forms may be found on the SOSSA Website – Communications – Forms

**7. AGM Format**

The AGM will be a morning meeting on Monday, June 23.  
A continental breakfast format was approved by the executive.

**8. Pete Beach Nominees**

Some names were submitted, the selection committee will take names until May 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Secretary Treasurer with your nomination.

**9. A.O.B.**

None submitted

**10. Next Meeting**

Monday, May26th at 5:00 pm

Meeting adjournment 9:35p.m.

**SOSSA CONVENORSHIP**  
**By Zone**

<b>Girl's Activities</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>JR A</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>JR AA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR A</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>SR AA</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>SR AAA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR AAAA</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Field Hockey</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>A/AA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>AAA</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Rugby</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>SR A/AA</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>SSR AAA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>JR A</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>JR AA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SRA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR AA</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>SR AAA</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>SRAAAA</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Boy's Activities</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>
<b>Baseball</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>JR A</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>JR AA</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>SR A</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>SR AA</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>SR AAA</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>SR AAAA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Football</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>SR A/AA</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>SR AAA</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rugby</b>	<b>SR A/AA</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>SR AAA</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>AR A/AA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR A AA</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>JR A</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>JR AA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR A</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR AA</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>SR AAA</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SR AAAA</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Co-Ed Activities</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>
<b>Alpine Skiing</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Badminton</b>	<b>M/JR</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>SR</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Curling</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Golf</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Swimming</b>		<b>Convenor needed</b>
<b>Tennis</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Wrestling</b>		<b>2</b>

# OFSSA Highlights April 11-12 , 2003

## SPORT SPECIFIC

### Track & Field Championship This June

DO NOT CALL WESTPARK SCHOOL ABOUT OFSSA TRACK

#### Accommodation

- Athletes Village @ Brock
- \$50 per day includes own room, meals, shuttle to venue
- no hotels on website to promote Athletes Village
- events at Brock for athletes
- Access to recreation facilities at Brock

#### Parking

- Parking is a problem. Committee recommends traveling by bus and dropping off at site then park in another allocated parking place.
- No parking at adjacent school (especially on Friday as school is in session)

Convenor Packages went out this past week.

### Track & Field Motions

**Effective for this year's OFSSA championship due to liability issues (adoption of IAAF standards) :**

- Discus and Shot sector changes to 34.92 degrees
- High Jump and Pole Vault pole pegs will not exceed 55 mm
- Time between jumps and throws for field events is reduced from 1.5 minutes to 1 minute.
- **False Start rule has NOT been adopted.**

**For 2003-2004** Girls Pole Vault will be changed to a Junior and Senior competition.

**Golf** – YRAA is running an invitational THIS IS NOT AN OFSSA EVENT. May 29 at Cardinal Golf Course in Newmarket. 6 entries per association – 2 courses – 3 entries - >long course open to those with handicap less than 20 \$45. – 3 entries->short course open to players with higher than 20 handicap or not a registered player \$35 . Fees include dinner. Entries must be confirmed by May 2. Who will coordinate this?????

#### Field Hockey changes – motions

- Once a game has a five (5) goal score differential, the scoring of the game is finished. The game continues but the game is over as far as scoring.
- School teams must participate in a minimum of six (6) regulation games and/or two separate tournaments during a minimum four-week period under the supervision of the teacher-coach.
- Teams intending to lodge a protest must within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of the game notify the head official and the opposing coach of the intention to appeal (the coach will then stay close to deal with the situation)

## **NON-SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**Convenors** If championship dates change make sure they are changed on your web-site.

**Eligibility** The 6 year eligibility committee will NOT consider OAC students who have graduated and who have returned to school to upgrade when they were not accepted into university or college this year.

**Maple Leaf Scholarship** increased to 2 male and 2 female scholarships and this is NOT limited to hockey players. These scholarships are renewable for four years to a max of \$8000. The application deadline is May 1, 2003 with applications available on the OFSAA website.

**NBA Sportsmanship Award** nomination forms available on the OFSAA website under communiqués. The boys deadline is the end of April. The girls deadline is past.

**Equity Committee** to be reestablished and the relationships with colleges and universities reviewed

**Girls Sports School** – next year?? Session ideas or speakers names forwarded to Diana Ranken

**2003-2004 OFSAA Championships** still available If interested contact Brian or Flora. Girls AAA Basketball, Girls Gymnastics, Girls A/AA Soccer, Tennis Festival

---

### **JUNE MOTIONS – Brian and Flora need your input about these motions**

#### **Swimming**

Suggestions for changes to OFSAA competition

- Every Association must have a qualifying meet for High schools and for Open divisions
- Open swimmers must make the standard for OFSAA qualification at the Association Meet.
- Max 8 swimmers per division per school

**Hockey** – mandatory mouth guards and ear flaps

#### **Age Change For Individual Competitions**

**Senior** – the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not yet reached his/her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

**Junior** -- the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not yet reached his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

**Midget** -- the individual's birth certificate indicates that 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, and that he/she be in their first year of high school.

The intent is that students will only have ONE year eligibility as a midget.

**OFSAA dates** – recommend changing the starting date of championships played the week before March break to Tuesday. This would push the entry deadline to early the week before and therefore would affect the SOSSA championship dates.

Are you in favour of these? Yes or No

---

### **Transfer Dates for 2003-2004**

**Independent Transfer Appeal Dates** (directly to OFSAA) (applications must be received at least 4 business days prior to the meeting date.

Monday, September 22, 2003  
Monday, October 20, 2003  
Monday, November 24, 2003  
Wednesday, February, 11, 2004  
Monday, April 12, 2004

### **Board of Reference – Transfer Meetings and Deadlines**

Meeting Date	Applications*	Deadline Date for Receipt of
	Wednesday, October 15, 2003	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Friday, November 7, 2003	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
	Wednesday, December 10, 2003	November 26 <sup>th</sup>
	Friday, February 27, 2004	February 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Thursday, April 29, 2004	April 15 <sup>th</sup>

\*An “application” to appeal as Association decision is a phone call to the OFSAA office, giving the name of the student and his/her school name as well as the name of the principal of the school. The phone call can be made by the student, coach, parent or other individual. A letter will be sent to the student, c/o the principal, telling him/her the date, time and place of the appeal hearing. The letter outlines what information the student must provide prior to the meeting date.

### **Classifications**

Effective September 2003 the following classification system will be used. Schools are placed by school number but

Associations may place schools up or down a classification according to “Additional Criteria” that include Location of School, School Composition, Team Composition, Competition, OFSAA success. Appeals may be made through the Association to OFSAA on these criteria as well.

“A” 1-500 “AA” 501 – 900 “AAA” 901 – 1250 “AAAA” 1251+

Find below SOSSA school listed by the numbers only in the A-AAAA classifications.

**"A" 1-500 ( 17 schools )**

Glencairn Academy	42	Mountain	328
Beacon Christian	86	Parkview	358
Robert Land (Boys)	119	Lakeport	363
Great Lakes Christian	130	Guido de Bres Christian	417
ES Confederation	219	Hillfield-Strathallan	434
ES Jean Vanier	228	South Lincoln	448
ES Georges Vanier	266	Niagara District	479
Niagara Christian	269	Ridgeway Crystal Beach	492
Smithville District Christian	274		

**"AA" 501-900 ( 23 schools )**

West Park	505	Hagersville	688
Ridley College	512	Dunnville	692
Kernohan Park	550	Welland Centennial	723
Fort Erie	571	Blessed Trinity	737
Eden Christian	591	St. Michael	757
Hamilton Distict Christian	595	St. Catharines Collegiate	797
Port Colborne	628	Governor Simcoe	809
Eastdale	631	Sir Winston Churchill (St. Cath)	832
McKinnon Park	632	Beamsville	842
Thorold	634	Parkside	856
St. Francis	649	A. N. Myer	872
Laura Secord	663		

**AAA' 901-1250 ( 19 schools )**

Highland	912	Orchard Park	1084
St. Paul	930	Holy Cross	1137
Cayuga	942	Lakeshore	1141
Sir Winston Churchill (Ham)	947	Saltfleet	1151
Stamford	949	Sherwood	1165
Westmount	977	Hill Park	1177
E.L. Crossley	982	Glendale	1194
Sir Allan MacNab	1012	Waterdown	1212
Westlane	1029	Barton	1218
Grimsby	1083		

**"AAAA" 1251+ ( 6 schools )**

Denis Morris	1254	Ancaster	1411
Delta	1255	Sir John A Macdonald	1481
Westdale	1313	Notre Dame Welland	1546

“Additional Guidelines” for Placement of Schools are as follows:

Associations should take the following criteria into consideration for the placement of a school in a classification other than that designated by their student population numbers for all sports or for a specific sport.

**1. Location of School**

- The location of a school could allow an Association to shift the classification of that school in either direction e.g. Large school in an isolated area may be moved to a lower student population classification
- Consideration of urban vs. rural advantages

**2. School Composition**

- Program focus may require a shift of a school from one classification to another e.g. composite vs. collegiate
- Schools with a residential component have definite benefits and may warrant a shift to a higher student population classification
- High Performance sports schools should be considered for a shift to a higher student population classification

**3. Team Composition**

- Any of the following may create a shift of a school in a specific sport to a higher student population classification: majority of school team playing in outside league, Provincial team players, National team players

**4. Competition**

- Consideration should be given to shifting teams to a higher student population classification if the team plays out-of-season, or plays an exceptional number of games
- School teams playing in two leagues at the same time should be shifted to a higher student population classification

**5. OFSAA Success**

- Regular medallists at any level of OFSAA competition should be shifted to a higher student population classification

**General**

- Associations may only shift a school one level below what their student population numbers designate
- Schools may be shifted up any number of classifications if several of the above guidelines apply to a specific school or to a specific sport within a school