

SOSSA INC. BOYS BASEBALL

PLAYING REGULATIONS – revised December 2008

1. Date

The SOSSA Boy's Baseball Championship will be held in the spring each year on a date set by the tournament convenor. In determining the date, the convenor shall take into consideration Prentice Sup playoff dates.

2. Location

The location of the championship shall be decided no later than the SOSSA Inc. Annual General Meeting held in June of the previous school year.

3. Eligibility

As per Article VII and VIII.

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure

The Championship tournament shall be a single elimination tournament and that the minimum time between games be in accordance with OFSSA playing regulations for baseball. The semi-final winners meeting to determine the SOSSA Inc. champion and representative to the Prentice Cup.

Pairings for the semi-final games shall be in accordance with Appendix 3 of SOSSA Inc. Constitution.

5. Entry

Each Zone shall be allowed one (1) team in the SOSSA Inc. championship. The SOSSA Inc. convenor should provide written information to each zone convenor prior to the declaration of each zone championship. This information should include:

- a) SOSSA Inc. convenor's name, school address and school phone number
- b) The draw including times and diamond allocation
- c) The site location of the tournament and directions.
- d) Any other pertinent information (ie change facilities, etc)

Each zone convenor should inform the SOSSA Inc convenor of the identity of the Zone representative as soon as the Zone Champions is declared. The SOSSA Inc convenor will only accept the name of the Zone representative from the Zone convenor.

The SOSSA Inc convenor and the SOSSQ INC Administrative Secretary-Treasurer may round out the draw to four teams. Procedure to the SOSSA Inc draw – Article VII.

6. Expenses

As per Article IV of the SOSSA Inc Constitution

The SOSSA Inc. convenor shall forward a financial statement to the SOSSA Inc. Administrative Secretary –Treasurer at the conclusion of the tournament.

The SOSSA Inc convenor shall be responsible to ensure that the name of the SOSSA Inc Champion is forwarded to the OFSAA convenor.

7 Rules and Officials

a) The Official Rules of Baseball shall govern play at the SOSSA Inc championship with the following exceptions:

(i) All games will be seven (7) innings, with semi final games having no new inning starting 1 hour and 45 minutes from first pitch.

(ii) In semi-final games, when a team is leading by 10 or more runs after five (5) innings or four and a half (4 ½) innings, if the home team is ahead, a mercy rule shall apply and the game ended.

(iii) Each team is to provide 2 new game balls for each game.

b) Tie games will be broken as follows:

The teams will place a runner at second base (last batter who made an out) and play extra innings until a winner is declared

8 (a) A designated hitter may be used for the pitcher as per the Official Rules of Baseball.

(b) Pitchers are limited to 12 outs per game. Were the 12th out occurs during an inning, the pitcher shall be permitted to finish the inning.

(c) With two outs, and the catcher on base, the last batter making an out shall be substituted for the catcher-runner.

(d) Runners are prohibited from sliding head first into a base unless returning to a base

(overrun or steal attempt). A player contravening this rule will be called out on the

play. Runners are to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously

runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected from the game.

(e) Any individual ejected from a game shall be automatically ineligible to participate

in his

team's next game.

(f) All bats approved by Baseball Canada may be used – wooden bats only as per OFSAA

rules. These bats shall meet the dimensional requirements specified in the Official

Rules of Baseball subject to any revisions as specified by Baseball Canada.

(g) Only baseballs approved by Baseball Canada for use by midget age and up (16 and over) shall be used in high school competition.

(h) Shoes with metal cleats or rubber moulded cleats are permitted.

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(i) Catchers must wear a helmet and mask with adequate throat protection at all times. Note: This includes practice and warm-ups. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations.

(j) The use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco by all on-field participants (players, coaches, managers/trainers, umpires, etc.) is prohibited at all times and is subject to automatic ejection from the game.

(k) No visible jewellery is allowed.

9. Uniforms

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association name, colours and logos. All uniforms must have numbers on the back of the uniform shirt. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. 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 OFSAA placement guidelines outlined in OFSAA By-law 6, Section 2(h). Coaches must be uniformly dressed in team colours – no shorts.

All players and coaches must wear their official team cap.

10. Awards

- a) Boy's baseball shall receive eighteen (18) championship medallions.
- b) The winning team shall receive the SOSSA Inc Championship trophy (where one exists.)

11. Supervision:

Teams must be supervised in accordance with Article X of the SOSSA Inc Constitution.

12. Department:

As per Article X and XI of the SOSSA Inc Constitution.

13. Medical

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have medical assistance in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids (injuries with visible blood must be treated and covered) and communicable diseases. Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes.

14. Appeals and Protests:

As per Article IX of the SOSSA Inc Constitution.