

## **SOSSA BOYS' HOCKEY**

### **PLAYING REGULATIONS – revised January 2017.**

#### **1. Date:**

The SOSSA boys' hockey championship shall be held at least two (2) weeks prior to the OFSAA championship.

#### **2. Location:**

The convenor is responsible for the decision(s) as to location(s) of the championship. The convenor will be decided by the SOSSA AGM held in June the year prior.

#### **3. Eligibility:**

As per Article VII and Article VIII of SOSSA constitution

Sport specific - players must meet OFSAA eligibility rules. See below.

No competitor is eligible for the OFSAA Hockey Championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet, and has dressed, after his association/board first regular season game or December 1, whichever comes first, for a team in "A", "B", "C", "D", Major Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior or GMHL divisions in any National and/or International Association, or any league deemed equivalent to "A", "B", "C", or "D".

One exception to this rule: a Junior "C" or "D" 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.

To be considered a zone representative, a team must play a regular schedule of games with other school teams, consisting of a minimum of six (6) games and taking place over at least a one month period.

#### **4. Classifications:**

Please see Article VII and Article VIII of the SOSSA constitution.

#### **5. Tournament Structure and Procedure:**

The SOSSA hockey championship will be played in one day if both semi-final games are played at the same time. If both semi-final games are not played at the same time then the final game must be on a different day.

SOSSA hockey shall adopt the minimum time between games in accordance with OFSAA playing regulations for hockey.

#### **6. Entry:**

One representative from each zone.

The convenor and administrative director may round out the draw to four teams. Procedure to fill the SOSSA draw - Article VII section 7.09.

In order to be eligible for the SOSSA championship, each zone must declare its intention by December 1st of that hockey season.

The SOSSA convener should provide tournament information at least two weeks before the event to the address below "championships@sossa.on.ca" Information should include:

- a) Game times and zone match ups for semi-finals and the championship game time.
- b) The site location of the tournament and directions if necessary
- c) Any other pertinent information (gate cost, parking information, etc.)

The SOSSA convenor shall be responsible to ensure that the OFSAA entries are submitted.

#### **7. Expenses: See Article IV.**

Each team is responsible for the costs of travel, meals, and accommodations for the event(s).

A financial convenor report shall be submitted to the SOSSA administrative director following the championship.

#### **8. Rules and Officials:**

a) The rules of OFSAA boy's hockey shall govern play at the SOSSA championship with the following exceptions:

(i) Each period shall be 15 minutes with 5 minute minimum rest between each period. There shall be a flood between the second and third periods.

ii) All players must wear mouth guards, earflaps and nose guards. Mouth guards are strongly recommended, but are optional for goalkeepers. Goalkeepers must wear a neck guard.

(iii) A three penalty rule is in effect, so that any player receiving three penalties in one game shall be ejected from that game and that game only.

iv) When there is a spread of six goals or more in a SOSSA Championship game the score clock will run non-stop for the duration of the game or until the spread in goals is less than six.

b) Tie breaking procedure

(i) a) one five (5) minute overtime - 5 on 5 - stop time

b) one five (5) minute overtime – 4 on 4 – stop time

c) series of five (5) minutes overtime periods – 3 on 3 – until a winner is determined.

(ii) All overtime periods are stop time.

(iii) Overtime is sudden victory

(iv) A penalty shot system may be used if an emergency situation develops after a (5) minute overtime period has taken place. It will involve a penalty shot system using total goals of a five player pool from each team. If still tied, the remaining players will take alternating shots until a winner is determined.

(iii) SOSSA hockey - the minimum time between games is in accordance with OFSAA playing regulations for hockey.

**9. Uniforms:**

In case of colour conflict in uniforms, the home team is responsible for arranging a solution of the conflict.

**10. Awards:**

Championship team will be awarded the championship trophy and SOSSA medallions (20).

**11. Department:**

Any school team entering SOSSA sponsored or approved competitions must be under the control of a staff member of the school which it represents.

**12. Medical:**

Qualified first aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the championship site. Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (ie. tape, band aids) for athletes.

**13. Appeals and Protests:**

See Article 9 of the SOSSA constitution.