

SOSSA INC BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

PLAYING REGULATIONS – revised January 2017

1. Dates

Championships should be scheduled at least a week prior to the OFSAA championship unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location

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

3. Eligibility

As per Article VII and Article VIII of the SOSSA constitution.

4. Classification

Please see Articles VII, Section 7.03 and 7.05 of the SOSSA constitution.

5. Tournament Structure and Procedure

All SOSSA volleyball tournaments be organized and conducted in one day.

SOSSA Volleyball tournaments will be single elimination best 3 of 5.

The first match draw will be based on the SOSSA rotation for boys and girls activities.

If only two schools qualify, then the final will be a best 3 of 5 match.

The SOSSA championship match shall take place a minimum of three and one-half (3 ½) hours after the start of last semi-final match, unless both teams have agreed to play the championship earlier.

6. Entry

Each zone shall be allowed one team in the SOSSA tournament. The convener and the administrative director may round out the draw to four teams if necessary. The procedure to fill the SOSSA draw can be found in Article VII section 7.09.

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

- a) Game times and zone match ups for semi-final and 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 convener shall be responsible to ensure that the ofsaa entry is forwarded to the ofsaa convener.

7. Expenses

The convener should attempt to charge a gate entry in order to cover the cost of the tournament.

Since SOSSA is responsible for any loss incurred in the tournament, then the association should realize any profits. (After expenses - 60% to school, 40% to SOSSA)

A championship report shall be submitted to the SOSSA administrative director after the conclusion of the championship.

8. Rules and Officials

The rules for volleyball will be according to the C.V.A., the following exceptions are in place:

(1) Timeouts shall be one minute in duration;

(2) 12 Substitution Rule – For SOSSA competition teams are allowed in a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one set. There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or re-enter a set as long as the maximum number of substitutions is adhered to and they leave or re-enter for the same player. Once a player has a designated substitution partner in a set, that player will be 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.

(3) Net Heights:

Junior Girls -	2.15m
Junior Boys -	2.35m
Senior Girls -	2.24 m
Senior Boys -	2.43m

(4) SOSSA will follow the OFSAA constitution for scoring purposes.

(5) Awards - (Medallions – 15 Junior, 12 Senior)

(6) The meet convener shall be responsible for obtaining competent officials for the SOSSA championships. It is acceptable to have one official per court in the first round only. There must be two officials per court thereafter. The host shall provide two experienced lines people per court of competition. If competing teams can provide experienced lines people, they may do so with the agreement of the convener and coaches.

9. Equipment

The host school will be responsible for having available all necessary equipment.

The convener shall make the necessary arrangements for scorers and lines people.

Participating teams shall provide their own warm-up balls.

A game ball is selected for any SOSSA tournament game in the order of criteria below:

- a) A ball mutually accepted by the two teams playing the game.
- b) The official ofsa sponsored ball.
- c) A ball chosen by the official for that game.

In any situation, the ball shall be approved for high school play by the National Federation of High Schools and carry the (NFHS) crest.

10. Awards

Each member of the winning team shall receive a medallion. Recommendation: the SOSSA trophy should be made available from the previous winner, to be presented at the championship.

11. Uniforms

Recommendation – Team members shall be required to wear identical jerseys and athletic shorts in the school colors. Uniforms shall be numbered on both the front and back.

12. Deportment

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

13. Appeals and Protests

If a school(s) wishes to proceed with a protest, see Article 9 of the SOSSA constitution.

14. Recommendations

It is strongly recommended that the volleyball court on which the SOSSA INC volleyball championships be played:

- i) Have adequate space for a full service area

*after the first round adequate space for full service must be provided.

- ii) Have all basketball backboards and any other overhead impediments be raised to permit fair play for both teams.