

SOSSA WRESTLING

PLAYING REGULATIONS – Revised October 2019

1. Date

The SOSSA Wrestling championships shall be held on the Thursday, same week as Family Day, unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change. Weigh-ins shall take place on Wednesday, the day before the championships, from 4:30 to 6:30 only.

2. Location

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

3. Eligibility

As per SOSSA constitution, Article VII and Article VIII.

We have eliminated all zone wrestling championships as a means to qualify for SOSSA. All eligible wrestlers will compete at SOSSA providing they meet the criteria* and their eligibility is submitted and approved by the convener.

* Means compete in two meets and have completed a minimum of twenty practices before SOSSA.

To represent a school in any activity a School/Team must: (a) conduct a 'bona fide' high school wrestling program consisting of a minimum of twenty (20) practices during the current wrestling season, November to SOSSA entry deadline, under the supervision of a teacher coach as certified by the school principal. (b) To compete in the Association championships, athletes must have participated in a minimum of two (2) meets.

4. Events

Sixteen (16) weight classes will be contested for the boys. All weights in Kilograms:

38	41	44	47.5	51	54	57.5	61	64	67.5	72	77	83
89	95	130										

Note: An athlete must weigh in a maximum of one weight class below competition weight with the exception of the 130 class, a wrestler must weigh in at a minimum of 95 Kilograms.

Thirteen (13) weight classes will be contested for the Girls. All weights in Kilograms:

41	44	47.5	51	54	57.5	61	64	67.5	72	77	83	115
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Note: An athlete must weigh in a maximum of one weight class below competition weight with the exception of the 115 class, a wrestler must weigh in at a minimum of 83 Kilograms.

5. Tournament Structure and Procedure

The SOSSA Championships will be an OFSAA style double elimination draw to identify the top three competitors in each weight class. Byes in the first round will be determined randomly. A “good point” round robin draw will then be used to determine the final placement.

Rules governing the double elimination will be in accordance with the current OFSAA Wrestling Rulebook with the modification in this constitution. Rules governing the round robin will be in accordance with this SOSSA Constitution.

Seeding will be carried out in accordance with this SOSSA Constitution.

6. Entry

All teams competing at the SOSSA championship are required to submit a list of all possible team members to the SOSSA convener post marked no later than the third day of the second semester or February 5, whichever is later. Any names not submitted by this date will be designated as independents.

The top two (2) wrestlers in each weight division (with the third as a substitute) qualify for OFSAA or as per OFSAA regulations.

7. Expenses

See Article IV. An attempt should be made to charge a gate to cover tournament expenses therefore an entry fee may be applied.

The SOSSA convener shall forward a financial statement to the SOSSA Administrative Director at the conclusion of the tournament.

8. Rules and Officials

The current OFSAA Wrestling Rule Book shall govern competition at the championships unless otherwise stated in the SOSSA Wrestling Championships Playing Regulations.

Officials for the tournament must be qualified Provincial “B” or higher and must be secured by the convener. The Head Official must be nationally ranked.

9. Weigh In

The weigh in for the SOSSA championships will take place the night before the championship from 4:30 - 6:30pm only, at a location central to all zones. A skin check will be carried out at the weigh in by a knowledgeable individual. The draw for the championship will be done the evening of official weigh-ins.

10. Scoring

Team points are scored as follows (only for the highest scoring 16 boys and 13 girls).

- i) In the Championship round, a wrestler shall receive two (2) points for each match won. In the Consolation round the wrestler shall receive one point for each match won.
- ii) No points shall be given for a bye in the first round of the Championship or Consolation rounds. The wrestler who receives a bye in the first round of the championship or consolation rounds will score 2 win points on the championship or 1 win point on the consolation side only if the wrestler wins their next match.
- iii) In the Championship round each match won by default, disqualification, fall or by superiority (wins by a 10 point differential within the two rounds) – one (1) additional point for that match.
- iv) Place points are 24, 18, 13, 9, 6, 4.

Team scoring for the round robin will be scored the same as the Championship side of the double elimination draw, however, “win” points will not be scored for byes in the round robin.

The match to determine 5th and 6th place will NOT be wrestled. Both wrestlers will be awarded five (5) team points.

11. Uniform and Equipment

All wrestlers at the SOSSA championship shall compete and weigh in in a wrestling singlet.

12. Awards

Individual - individual champion in each weight class may receive a SOSSA medallion.

Team - the SOSSA Wrestling championship Trophy will be awarded to the winning boys, girls and overall team.

NOTE: To be eligible for the overall title points must be scored in both the boys’ and girls’ categories.

13. Deportment

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

14. Medical

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

15. Appeals and Protests

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

16. Classification Points Scoring System

Wrestlers are awarded classification points based on the results of the bout. This places an emphasis on how the wrestler wins their matches to resolve potential win/loss ties in the round robin championship round.

TERMS:

Technical Points: Points scored by the wrestler during the bout.

Technical Superiority: wrestler wins by a 10 point differential over two rounds.

Classification Points: Points earned by the wrestler according to the result of the bout. These are also known as “good points”.

The following “classification point scoring system” is applied to determine the placing of the wrestlers within the round robin of each weight class.

Result of Bout Winner’s Points

Loser’s Points

Fall 5 0

Technical Superiority (loser scores no technical points) 4 0

Technical Superiority (loser scores technical points) 4 1

Decision (loser scores no technical points) 3 0

Decision (loser scores technical points) 3 1

Injury (wrestler cannot continue bout) 5 0

Forfeit 5 0

Disqualification (misconduct) 5 0

Cautions (3) 5 0

A wrestler who does not score any technical points in a bout will not receive any classification points, except if his/her opponent is injured.

A wrestler who pulls out of a match due to injury will forfeit all their remaining matches.

When a wrestler is disqualified for misconduct, the mat officials must record on the score sheet whether he/she is disqualified for the bout or for the entire competition, in which case he/she would be eliminated and would not place.

17. Seeding Criteria

(In all cases if there is a tie - the heavier weight class result receives the higher seed)

i) Returning OFSSA Champion Returning OFSSA Second-Sixth respectively

ii) Returning SOSSA Champion Returning SOSSA Second and Third respectively

- iii) Ontario Junior Champion from the current year
- iv) Ontario Juvenile Champion from the current year.
- v) Zone Champion from the current year.
- vi) Zone runner up from the current year.
- vii) If there are 3 or less wrestlers in a weight class, a round robin draw will be used to determine placing in the weight class. Weight classes with 4 or more wrestlers will do a double elimination draw. Once the top three wrestlers have been identified from the double elimination they must wrestle round robin bouts known as finals, to determine the placing in each weight class.

The finals will be as follows: i) The final two wrestlers on the championship (winning) side of the draw and the final wrestler on the consolation (losing) side of the draw will face each other in a round-robin pool to determine medal placing. If any of the wrestlers have already met in an earlier round, that match will count in the pool standings and they will not wrestle again. ii) The final match in the round robin be between the two undefeated wrestlers, unless they are on the same team. If two wrestlers in the round robin are from the same team, they must wrestle first. If all three wrestlers are from the same team, no exception will be made.

NOTE: Convener must retain a copy of the SOSSA results/OFSAA entry and the OFSAA results for next year's seeding meeting.

18. Finals

Once the top three wrestlers have been identified from the double elimination they must wrestle round-robin bouts known as finals, to determine the placing in each weight class. Results from previous bouts wrestled during the preliminaries between the finalists will be used.

The pairings will be designated as follows: first championship finalist position #1; second championship finalist position #2; consolation winner position #3. Pairings for the three rounds in the round robin are as follows:

RR1 1-2 3 bye

RR2 1-3 2 bye

RR3 2-3 1 bye

NOTE: If two wrestlers from the same school are in the finals, and have not met, they will become the RRI match with the remaining wrestler receiving a bye.

DETERMINATION OF FINAL PLACINGS

1. The first criteria for determining the final results of a weight class are the number of wins within the round robin. If two or three wrestlers each have one win, the placing will be determined by the number of classification points earned within the finals of each weight class. See item 16: CLASSIFICATION POINT SCORING SYSTEM (good points)

2. In the event two wrestlers are tied with equal amounts of classification points then the result between the two tied wrestlers will determine first and second.

3. In the event that three wrestlers earn the same number of classification points in the finals, the placing for first place ONLY will be determined by applying the following criteria in order.

a) The most victories by fall will be awarded first. Second and third place will be determined by the result of the match against each other. If the three finalists each win one bout by fall, first place will be determined by the fastest fall (second and third will be determined by the winner of their match).

b) Most victories by technical superiority will be awarded first. The result of the match between the other two will determine second and third.

If two wrestlers win by technical superiority then the result between the two wrestlers with technical superiority victories will determine first and second place.

If all three wrestlers win by technical superiority or decision then first place will be determined by the best win/loss ratio of rounds against the wrestlers in the round robin.

Second place will be determined by the match result between the remaining two wrestlers.

i) If, by this stage, there is still a tie, it will be necessary to determine the best technical point for and against point differential between the tied wrestlers in the round robin matches. The best point differential will be awarded first and second and third will be determined by the result of the match between the other two wrestlers.

ii) If, by this stage there is still a tie between the three wrestlers then the wrestler with the most three point moves and if still tied then two point moves will be awarded first. The result between the other two wrestlers will determine second and third.

iii.) In the event that it is impossible to determine a winner at this point, the wrestlers will be weighed and the one who weighs the least will be classified as first. The result between the other two wrestlers will determine second and third.

iv) Any dispute not covered by either SOSSA or OFSAA playing regulations will be decided by the convener.