

**NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**PLAYING REGULATIONS**  
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**1. Team Entry Eligibility and SSSAA “A” Declaration**

One designated team from each association is eligible to compete at NWOSSAA, in each of the divisions providing they meet OFSAA regulations for participation in ‘A’ or ‘AA’.

“A” schools from SSSAA must declare by the start of the regular season whether or not they intend to be fielding teams for championships.

**2. Competitions, Locations and OFSAA Qualification**

Competitions

NWOSSAA championships shall be held for the following divisions:

- Senior Boys’ ‘A’
- Senior Boys’ ‘AA’
- Senior Girls’ ‘A’
- Senior Girls’ ‘AA’

Locations and OFSAA Qualification

These will be held at assigned locations based upon the rotational system set up by NWOSSAA. If a traveling team wishes not to challenge the host team, the host association’s top team may represent NWOSSAA at the OFSAA championships.

The NWOSSAA championship team in each division shall be eligible to represent NWOSSAA at the OFSAA championships. Should they elect not to travel to OFSAA then the second-placed team from the NWOSSAA championships shall be eligible.

In the event that NWOSSAA has two (2) entries into OFSAA in basketball, the winner of the association that won the second entry as a result of previous years' success(es) shall go to OFSAA as NWOSSAA’s second entry. The second-place team in that association shall play the opposite association winner for NWOSSAA’s first (championship) entry.

**3. Championship Formats**

Two Team Format

The format shall be the best two out of three games, with each game consisting of four 8 minute quarters, with a minimum ten minute half-time. The first team to win two games shall be declared the NWOSSAA representative at the OFSSA tournament.

These games will be spread out as much as possible across the days assigned to the competition, with one game being held on the first day and two games (if necessary) on the second day. This format may be altered by mutual agreement of the two participating schools and the league convener.

Three Team Format

First (day), a round robin is used to determine 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> places before the semi final the following day.

**Day 1: Round Robin Schedule**

Game 1: Home team vs SSSAA (10 am)

Game 2: SSSAA vs Visiting Team (2 pm)

Game 3: Visiting Team vs Home team (6 pm)

After Day 1 - Round Robin Classifications/Schedule for Day 2:

(a)No Tie Exists: The teams are designated as first, second and third places (2-0, 1-1, 0-2 respectively). Only the first and second place teams will advance to the final day; the third place team will already have two losses and thus be eliminated from the competition. The first place team does not have a loss and the second place team will have one loss.

The second place team will have to defeat the first place team twice on day 2 of the competition in order to claim the championship. If the first place team wins the first game they will be crowned champions.

(b)Three-way-tie: The team with the best point differential receives a bye to the finals. The other two teams must play a one game (basketball) semi-final (9am). The winner of the semi-final will move on to the final at an appropriate time. In the three-way tie scenario, every team will already have one loss; the second loss in the semi-final will be a team's second loss and will thus eliminate them from competition. (2019 AGM).

**Day 2: Championship Day (a)no tie exists**

Game 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Game 2: (played if 2<sup>nd</sup> Place wins)

**Day 2: Semi-Final/Championship (b)Three-way-tie**

Game 1 (semi-final): 3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Game 2 (Championship): Semi-Final Winner vs 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **4. Rules of Play**

The playing rules as outlined by OFSAA shall apply.

A standardized OFSAA official basketball score book shall be used.

For boys the official ball of OFSAA shall be used.

For girls the official ball of OFSAA shall be used.

A player receiving a flagrant intentional foul and ejected from a basketball game will also receive an additional one game suspension. This would be the next NWOSSAA playoff game or the next league or playoff game.

#### **5. Administration of Officials**

The convenor, in association with the host school, is responsible for obtaining the best rated officials available. The host school is financially responsible for all officials.

Should qualified officials fail to fulfill their prior commitment to officiate basketball championships and the convenor exhaust all avenues to obtain other qualified officials, the convenor will be able to substitute with an experienced official using the professional judgement of the convenor.