

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS
VOLLEYBALL
PLAYING REGULATIONS
May 2019

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 will be fielding teams for “A” 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 the 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 volleyball, the winner of the association that won the second entry as a results of their previous years’ success(es), or the hosting school, shall go to OFSAA as NWOSSAA’s second entry. The second place team in that association shall play the opposite association winner for the NWOSSAA championship and become NWOSSAA’s first entry.

3. Championship Formats

Regardless of it being two-team or three team format, each match will be best 3 of 5 sets.

Two Team Format

Teams will play best 2 of 3 matches. Each match will be best 3 of 5 sets.

The playoffs will be completed within two days with two matches being played the first day and, if necessary, one match the second day, unless a team has to travel the first day of the competition. In the case of a team travelling the first day, one match will be played the first day and the second and third (if necessary) matches will take place the second day. This format may be altered by mutual agreement of the two participating schools and the convener.

Championship game times will be mutually agreed upon the athletic directors’ of the schools involved.

Three Team Format

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

Day 1: Round Robin Schedule

Match 1: Home team vs SSSAA (10 am)

Match 2: SSSAA vs Visiting Team (2 pm)

Match 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 that has lost the fewest sets receives a bye to the finals. The other two teams must play a best of 5 match 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. *(AGM 2019)*

Day 2: Championship Day (a)no tie exists

Match 1: 2nd Place vs 1st Place

Match 2: *(played if 2nd Place wins)*

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

Match 1 *(semi-final)*: 3rd Place vs 2nd Place

Match 2 *(Championship)*: Semi-Final Winner vs 1st Place

4. Rules of Play

The OFSAA playing regulations with the following exceptions:

- i. Teams are allowed to dress an unlimited number of players.
- ii. Minimum warm-up time prior to match will be 20 minutes.

5. Administration of Officials

The convener in the association with the host school is responsible for obtaining the best rated officials available. The host school will also be financially responsible for all officials.

Should qualified officials fail to fulfill their prior commitment to officiate volleyball and the convener exhausts all possibilities to obtain other qualified officials, the convener may substitute with an experienced official or the game shall be played with one official. Students may be used as scorers and linesmen.