

ROPSSAA GIRLS' BASKETBALL

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. **DATE**

(a) Season - As per the co-curricular schedule.

(b) Starting times - 3:30 pm

Start times may be adjusted to reflect the requirements of the schools involved in a specific game.

(c) Order of Play - 1st half of season Senior-Junior
2nd half of season Junior-Senior

2. **LOCATION**

(a) League games - The location of the league games will be arranged by the Convenor with an attempt to make the number of home and away games equal.

(b) Playoff games - During the playoffs, the home game is to be awarded to the team which placed higher in the standings at the end of regular season play. In the event of a tie; wherein a tie refers to final position within the teams' respective divisions, the home game will be determined by:

(i) Win/Loss record in head to head games between the two teams.

(ii) The higher winning percentage of a team based upon final regular season records (when losses are not equal).

(iii) Home game to be determined by a coin toss.

(c) Finals - The finals will be held on two evenings. The first evening to be the senior tier one and two finals. The second evening to be the junior tier one and two finals. The games will be played on a court designated by the sport convenor at the pre-season meeting.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

(a) All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per Article X of the ROPSSAA Constitution. The eligibility list must be submitted by the deadline announced at the preseason meeting.

(b) Ages: Junior: Any girl who has not attained her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held (January 1, 2009, born in 1994 or later). In addition a participant must be in their first or second year of high school.

Senior: Any girl who has not attained her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held (January 1, 2009, born in 1990 or later).

(c) Team Eligibility

- (i) Individuals are eligible for 1 level of competition only.
- (ii) For team sports, individuals must have participated in at least 50% of their team's league games to be eligible for playoffs. Players missing games due to injury (INJ), or awaiting transfer approval (ATA), must appear so designated on a game sheet to maintain their eligibility. Games missed due to injury are subject to review of a doctors note.

note: Players under game or school suspension may not have their name included on a game sheet for participation percentages.

- (iii) All game sheets/rosters are to include the name of all those in the bench area (players, coaches, managers). In order to be in the bench area an individuals name must appear on the eligibility sheet. Players under game or school suspension may not sit in the bench area.
- (iv) Individuals are deemed to have played if their name appears on a game sheet. Individuals must be present at a game to be included on a game sheet.
- (iv) A staff member must be present in the bench area from the start of the warm-up until the last competitor has left the area.

4. OPERATING STRUCTURE

(a) The following schools are eligible for competition.

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| Applewood | Gordon Graydon | Mentor College | St. Joseph |
| Ascension | Harold Brathwaite | Mississauga | St. Marcellinus |
| Bramalea | Heart Lake | Mount Carmel | St. Marguerite d'Youville |
| Brampton Centennial | Holy Name | North Park | St. Martin |
| Brampton Christian | Holy Name of Mary College | North Peel | St. Paul |
| Cardinal Ambrocic | Humberview | Notre Dame | St. Roch |
| Cardinal Leger | Iona | Philip Pocock | St. Thomas Aquinas |
| Cawthra | Jeunes sans Frontieres | Port Credit | Ste. Famille |
| Central Christian | John Cabot | Rick Hansen | Sandalwood |
| Central Peel | John Fraser | Robert Hall | Stephen Lewis |
| Chinguacousy | Lincoln Alexander | St. Aloysius Gonzaga | Streetsville |
| Clarkson | Lorne Park | St. Augustine | T.L. Kennedy |
| Erindale | Loyola | St. Edmund Campion | Turner Fenton |
| Father Goetz | Mayfield | St. Francis Xavier | West Credit |
| Fletcher's Meadow | Meadowvale | St. Joan of Arc | Woodlands |
| Glenforest | | | |

Schools will be placed into divisions upon confirmation of intent to participate.

(b) Ties in League Standings

- (i) Ties in league standings will be broken in the following manner:
 - a) Win - Loss record in the games involving the tied teams
 - b) Point differential to a maximum of 20 points in the games involving the tied teams
 - c) Point differential to a maximum of 20 points in the games involving all common opponents
 - d) Coin toss
- (ii) Where a tie exists between two teams for the last playoff position the result of the league game(s) between the two teams will determine the position.
- (iii) Where a tie exists between more than two teams for the last playoff position all positions will be determined using the criteria outlined in 4bi.
- (iv) Where a tie exists between more than two teams for the last two playoff positions, all positions will be determined using the criteria outlined in 4bi.

(c) Playoff Structure for the 2009 – 2010 Season will be:

- (i) The playoff structure for the 2009-2010 season will be determined at the preseason meeting and based upon the number of participating teams and divisions. Where possible at least 50% of the teams will advance to tier one and/or tier two playoffs. Playoff teams are to be seeded (semi final matchups potentially Seed 4 @ Seed 1 and Seed 3 @ Seed 2).

(d) Scheduled Games

- (i) Coaches are responsible for reviewing final league game schedules and playoff schedules as to locations, dates, and times to ensure their attendance.
- (ii) Failure to attend at the scheduled time will result in forfeiture of the game and/or loss of opportunity to compete. A default fee of \$100.00 will be assessed each time a school fails to attend at the scheduled time.

Appeals may be made for the forfeiture occurring and must be submitted to ROPSSAA Council with a fee of \$25.00.

- (iii) Failure to fulfill game requirements leading to the abandonment of a game will result in a loss for that team. An abandonment fee of \$100.00 will be assessed each time (does not apply to coach ejection). Appeals may be made for the forfeiture or abandonment of a game and must be submitted to ROPSSAA Council with a fee of \$25.00.

- (iv)a) Schools must bring their own warm-up equipment and first aid kit
- b)i) Schools must endeavor to arrive no earlier than 60 minutes before game time. Teams arriving earlier than this must be supervised by the head coach in an area where students from the home school do not congregate. Schools with team members who do not travel with the head coach (in taxis, cars, on foot, etc.) must inform players that they must wait for their head coach and should ensure that the head coach is the first to arrive at the host school.
- ii) Schools arriving for an away game between 30 and 60 minutes before game time must accompany the head coach to the competition area and liase with the host school. The visiting team will be provided a safe waiting area and change room during this time and the visiting head coach must provide supervision of his/her players. Visiting athletes must bring all belongings with them to the competition area.
- iii) Visiting schools are entitled access to the competition area at the same time as the host school, and no later than 30 minutes before the game time (pertains to the first game).
- iv) Visiting schools are entitled access to a safe waiting area and change room at the completion of the competition.

5. ENTRIES

- (a) Each school may enter one junior and one senior team. Schools must indicate participation by the date announced.

6. EXPENSES

- (a) The Host school will be responsible for payment of referees for all games except the finals. The visiting schools will provide their own transportation for games. Host schools may charge admission for games to defray the cost of officials.

7. RULES AND OFFICIALS

- (a) All games to be officiated by PRBABO assigned officials who will officiate using the current N.F.S.H.S.A. rule book and all the ROPSSAA rules indicated in these playing regulations.
- (b) The host school will provide both the official timer and scorer.
- (c) At the junior and senior level, a 20 point difference in the score in the regular season and a 30 point difference in the score in the playoffs will require that the winning team must not full court press (must fall back to half court). Teams not doing so will be warned once, with subsequent violations recognized by a technical foul.

- (d) Junior and Senior teams will play 8 minute quarters.

8. AWARDS

- (a) ROPSSAA gold medallions will be awarded to the members of the winners of the final (tier one and tier two) (maximum 20 per team).
- (b) ROPSSAA silver medallions will be awarded to the members of the runner up team (tier one and tier two) (maximum 20 per team).
- (c) A trophy will be presented to the winning team at each level.

Note - There must be a minimum of six teams participating in a level for ROPSSAA sponsorship.

9. UNIFORMS

- (a) The uniforms will be as per the N.F.S.H.S.A. rule book. In the event of two teams having the same colour of shirts, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change shirts so that the teams have different colours.
- (b) Each team member shall be numbered on the front and back of the team jersey with plain Arabic numerals.
The following numbers are legal: 1-5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55 and either 0 or 00 (not both).
- (c) Athletes may not change their clothing in the competition area. For all outdoor sports, athletes must arrive dressed to compete. Visiting teams requiring the use of washroom facilities must send a staff member into the school with the team member(s). For all indoor sports, athletes must move to the designated locker room or change area to change their clothing.

10. SCORING

- (a) Each team will receive 2 points for each win in league play and 0 points for a loss.
- (b) Where a team has withdrawn from the league after the start of the season all teams scheduled to play them will be awarded a 2-0 win.

11. EQUIPMENT

- (a) The host school will be responsible for supplying all the necessary equipment. This equipment includes a game ball, a time-clock and stopwatch, score sheet, whistle for timer, horn for scorer, practice balls, ice, and an arrow for alternating possession.
- (b) The gymnasium will be available for game warm-up 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

12. DEPARTMENT

- (a) Competitors and coaches are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner as per Article XVI, Section II, Department, of the ROPSSAA Constitution.
- (b) A player ejection from a game will result in at least an automatic one game suspension for the next league or playoff game. Further disciplinary action may be initiated by the Convenor, through a ROPSSAA Board of Reference.
- (c) A coach ejection from the game will result in a forfeiture.

13. JURY OF APPEAL

- (a) A Jury of Appeal will rule on all disputes which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the officials. This Jury will consist of the Convenor and four coaches from participating schools.

14. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

- (a) The Convenor may arrange for medical coverage at the final game.

15. OFSAA

- (a) The champions of the A, AA and AAA playdowns at the senior girls level will advance to Ofsaa playdowns.
- (b) The champions and runners up of the Senior Tier 1 level will advance to Ofsaa unless already declaring their intentions to participate in A, AA or AAA playdowns.