

The following motions were considered at the N.O.S.S.A. Annual Meeting held on **Friday April 25, 2003 in Sudbury.**

NOTICE OF MOTION TO O.F.S.A.A.

1. Whereas OFSAA passed a motion from NOSSA last year to have the district classified as low density for the school year 2002-2003,
Be it resolved that OFSAA classify the NOSSA district low density for the school year 2003-2004.

John Wilson (SJSH) - Des Forget (CSS)

ACTION: **WITHDRAWN**

Rationale: The motion at NOSSA sent last year is only valid for the school year 2002-2003 as per the OFSAA classification section in the OFSAA constitution by-law 5 Eligibility for Competition, Section 2 Schools- subsection -- high density areas.

2. *Reference: Senior Boys' Hockey*

Whereas, The rules associated with the participation of C.H.A.-carded hockey players on high school teams vary in athletic districts across the province,

And whereas, O.F.S.A.A. is under increasing pressure from government to offer services to school-trained athletes,

And whereas, given the time required to play high school hockey and C.H.A.-carded hockey coincidentally, coupled with the additional strains associated with the new provincial curriculum, it would be impossible to deem this practice as educationally-sound,

Be It Resolved That, The C.H.A.-carded hockey players not be eligible to participate in the O.F.S.A.A. Boys "A"/"AA" and "AAA" Hockey Championships

Dave Makela (Sudbury) – John Wilson (Nipissing-SJSH) ACTION: **CARRIED (Unanimously)**

Rationale: In the past, some high school teams have insisted that they could not continue to exist without a carded-player contingent. In the North, with the exception of "AAA" club hockey, the trend has been away from senior levels of minor hockey towards high school hockey which has stabilized the leagues, encouraged team-building and reinforced the education through sport policy that O.F.S.A.A. espouses. This philosophy is undermined by carded players that drop in and out of line-ups depending upon their club commitments and further, it is our belief that this lack of commitment to school sport compromises the prestigious nature of this championship.

NOTICES OF MOTION TO N.O.S.S.A. - CONSTITUTION

1. Duties of the Executive

Reference: ARTICLE IV, Section 6 (d), Page 4

Whereas, OFSAA has amended the school classifications

And whereas, most associations already have a classifications committee

Be it resolved that the following be added to N.O.S.S.A. Constitution

ARTICLE IV, Section 6 under Duties of Executive (d) will serve as the Classifications Committee and meet at the request of any school in the Association on classification appeals.

Jackie Balleny (WCE) – Lori Tremblay (ESA)

ACTION: **CARRIED**

2. Eligibility (AMENDED)

Reference: Section 6 – Age Divisions, Page 9

Whereas, O.F.S.A.A. is currently pondering changes to age divisions for individual sports in view of the new four-year program in Ontario schools,

And whereas, there will not be an opportunity for N.O.S.S.A. to meet to adopt these changes,

Be It Resolved That, N.O.S.S.A. adopt whatever O.F.S.A.A. age eligibility initiatives are approved in reaction to the implementation of the *new curriculum and apply them to all individual and team sports as of September 2003.*

Dave Makela (EMC) – Lynn MacLean (CHA)

ACTION: **CARRIED**

3. Eligibility

Reference: Article VII, Section 6, Page 8 (TABLED FROM 2002)

Whereas, the fifth year of high school will soon be eliminated (Sept 2003)

And Whereas, with the elimination of the OAC's it may be more difficult to have 3 age divisions in Boys' Basketball,

And Whereas, if NOSSA wants to maintain the 3 levels of Boys' Basketball competition.

Be It Resolved That, Section 6: Age Division, Part C - please add:

Section 6: Age Divisions

c) Exceptions to (b)

iv) Boys' Basketball

Midget - under fifteen- Grade 9 only

Junior – under seventeen – Grade 9 & 10

Senior – under twenty

To come into effect the Fall of 2003.

D. McKenzie (CASS) – C. Hunt-Ford (CASS)

ACTION: **DEFEATED**

4. Eligibility

Reference: Article VII, Section 6, Age Division (c) Exceptions , Page 9

BRIT Article VII, Section 6 of the NOSSA constitution be amended so that Junior eligibility for boy's basketball be changed to 15 years of age or under as of 11:59 p.m. on August 31 prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

Greg Barnes (WFSS) – Rick Mitchell (WFSS)

ACTION: **DEFEATED**

5. Eligibility

Reference : Article VII, School Classification and Low Density Areas, Page 9

Whereas, NOSSA will be sending a motion to OFSAA declaring all NOSSA districts low density,

And Whereas, there is no mention of AAA low density classification in the OFSAA constitution,

Be It Resolved That should OFSAA declare NOSSA district low density for 2003-2004 school year, all schools within NOSSA with a population of 951 or greater will be classified AAA.

John Wilson (SJSJ) - Des Forget (CSS)

ACTION: **WITHDRAWN**

6. Eligibility

Reference: Article VII, Section 7, School Classifications, Page 9

Be it resolved that should OFSAA declare NOSSA district low density for 2003-04 school year,

Delete: High Density Areas

Add: Low Density Areas

“A” under 600 students

“AA” over 600 students and above

“AAA” over 950 students

C. Sutton (SJD) – Bob Gawalko (NOSSA Secretary)

ACTION: **WITHDRAWN**

7. Duties of Conveners

Reference: ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, NOSSA Championships, Page 12

Delete: a post dated cheque from the school”

Change to read: “with a post dated cheque from the appropriate district treasurer.”

B. Gawalko (NOSSA Secretary) – C. Sutton (SJD)

ACTION: **CARRIED**

N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS – CO-ED

1. Badminton

Reference: Uniforms, Page 3

Add: School team badminton uniforms are accepted. The shirts do not have to be white if the singles player or matching double/mixed partners are wearing matching team uniforms.

Clyde Sheppard (LSS) - Byron Bobbie

ACTION: **CARRIED**

2. Badminton

Reference: Shedule

Add: Games one to eight in each draw are to be played on the Friday evening.

Byron Bobbie – Lynn Michel

ACTION: **CARRIED**

N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS – BOYS

1. Boy’s Basketball (Amended)

Reference: Tournament Format “A” Page 1, “AA” Page 5

Whereas, the current NOSSA “A” and “AA” Boys Basketball Tournament format has a first round set of games that are meaningless.

And Whereas, the second round is currently the semi-finals

Be It Resolved That the “A” and “AA” Boys Basketball Tournaments be changed to work the same as Girls “A” Basketball tournaments.

Jasper Naus (ELSS) – Tom O’Grady (ELSS)

ACTION: **CARRIED**

N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - GIRLS

1. Girls' Hockey

Reference: NEW

Whereas,

Girls' Hockey is gaining rapidly in popularity in Northern Ontario and some level of participation now exists amongst schools in the NDA,

Be it resolved that,

N.O.S.S.A. adopt the schedule of playing regulations for girls' hockey located in Appendix "A",

And be it further resolved that, (see #2 below)

N.O.S.S.A. include the "A"/"AA" and "AAA" girls' hockey championship into its four-year calendar effective the 2003-2004 season,

And be it further resolved that,

Sudbury be the first District to host the first such championship in each division.

Dave Makela (EMC) – Michele Albert (CND)

ACTION: **CARRIED**

2. Girls' Hockey

Reference: Appendix A

The playing regulations for girls' hockey were accepted at the Girls' meeting.

Jackie Balleny (WCE) – Lori Tremblay (ESA)

ACTION: **CARRIED**

APPENDIX 'A' - NOSSA GIRLS' HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Playing Regulations

To be implemented effective 2003-2004 Season

1. Date:

The NOSSA Girls' Hockey Championships shall be held during the week prior to March break unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

The location of the Championships shall be decided not later than the NOSSA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championships.

3. Classifications:

Where required, there shall be two classifications - "A/AA" and "AAA" as defined by current OFSAA regulations regarding school classification.

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

The NOSSA Girls Hockey Championship will consist of one sudden victory game involving the top placing Nipissing District teams versus the top placing Sudbury District team in each of the A/AA and AAA school classifications.

Should a third district formally declare their intent to participate by January 15th in accordance with NOSSA rules, the host site will be permitted a second entry and a four team round robin tournament will be scheduled as follows.

Should a fourth district formally declare their intent to participate by January 15th in accordance with NOSSA rules, all four shall receive an entry in each school classification and a four team round robin will be scheduled as follows:

(a) All teams are guaranteed three (3) games with a minimum of two hours between games.

(b) Each team shall play two (2) games on the first day and at least one (1) game on the second day with playoffs to follow.

(c) Tie Breaking Procedures to Determine Standing in Pool Play:

Note: A maximum of a five (5)-goal point spread, regardless of the score, will be used to determine goal differential.

(i) If two teams are tied for a playoff position:

- The team that won the game between the two tied teams during pool play shall receive the position
- If the pool game was a tie, then the team with the greater goal differential ("goals for" minus "goals against") shall receive the position
- If still tied, the following equation shall come into effect:

"goals for" minus "goals against" divided by "goals against"

The team with the higher number shall advance.

(ii) **If three (3) teams are tied for one playoff position:**

- If one team defeated the other two teams during round robin pool play that team shall receive the playoff position
- The team with the greater goal differential ("goals for" minus "goals against") among the three tied teams in pool play, **in games involving the tied teams only** shall receive the position
- If still tied then the team with the greatest goal differential in **all pool games** shall receive the position
- If still tied , the following equation shall come into effect

"goals for" minus "goals against" divided by "goals against"

(iii) **If three (3) teams are tied for more than one playoff position**

- If one team defeated the other two teams during pool play, it shall receive the higher position
- If this is not the case, or to determine the remaining positions follow the last three steps as outlined in (ii) above

(iv) **If more than three (3) teams are tied for a playoff position**

- The team(s) with the greater goal differential ("goals for" minus "goals against") among the tied teams in pool games **involving those tied teams** shall receive the position(s)
- If ties still remain the team(s) with the greater goal differential **in all pool games** shall receive the position(s)
- If ties still remain the following equations shall come into effect:

"goals for" minus "goals against" divided by "goals against"

(v) In the event that any of the above do not break the tie for pool placement, the positions will be determined by the number of penalty minutes by the teams throughout the pool play and those teams with the least number of penalty minutes shall receive the position(s).

(d) Points are awarded for pool play as follows:

Win = 2; Tie = 1; Loss = 0

5. Entry:

(a) **NO APPLICATION OF ENTRY RULES SHALL PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) ENTRIES FROM ANY ONE ASSOCIATION.**

(b) Entries must be received by the convener no later than Thursday of the week prior to the start of the Championships. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty of an additional entry fee.

(c) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into NOSSA competition. The Association convener shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action as an attachment to the entry form.

6. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the tournament. This fee shall be determined by the convener. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has formally declared its intention to participate in the Championship may be required to submit the entry fee.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

7. Eligibility:

(a) To represent a school in any activity coordinated by NOSSA, a student must:

- be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By -Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his school belongs;
- be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that she has not reached her 20th birthday by August 31st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- be in Grades 9 -12;
- be eligible under the local Transfer Policy;
- be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9;

(b) No competitor is eligible for NOSSA-sanctioned events whose name has appeared on a game sheet, and has dressed, after **December 1st** for any of the following **Senior AAA teams**: The Aeros, Durham Telus Lightning, Brampton Thunder, Ottawa, or Mississauga Ice Bears, or any expansion team in this league, or who is a member of the National Junior or Senior team.

(c) To be considered a team eligible for NOSSA Girls' Hockey Championship play, a team must play in an Association approved league and play a minimum of a six game schedule and/or participate in a minimum of six exhibition/tournament games.

(d) Any athlete participating in an NOSSA Championship or an NOSSA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

8. Rules and Officials:

CHA rules shall govern play in the NOSSA Championship with the following exceptions:

- (a) CSA approved facemasks and BNQ approved throat protectors must be worn by all participants including goalies. It is mandatory for all players to wear an inner mouth guard.
- (b) The maximum number of players permitted to dress for a game is twenty (20), eighteen (18) plus two (2) goalies. A team must have a minimum of nine (9) players, eight (8) skaters and one (1) goalie to start a game. Otherwise the game is forfeited.
- (c) The red line shall be eliminated with regard to the off-side and thus the following special rule applies:
 - The legal number of players must be on the ice for each face-off (to prevent gaining positional advantage after drop of puck).
- (d) If a player receives four (4) minor penalties or three (3) stick penalties in one game, she is ejected for the remainder of the game.
- (e) If a player receives a match penalty or a major penalty her team shall play shorthanded for five (5) minutes and that player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game and in any further tournament games.
- (f) All games, including the Championship game, shall consist of three (3) ten -minute stop -time periods. If there is a spread of five (5) or more goals the final period shall be straight time. If the point spread returns to a 3-goal spread, it returns to stop time.
- (g) No team timeouts are allowed in round robin play. In playoffs each team is allowed one (1) timeout per game.
- (h) Tie games shall stand in pool play.
- (i) In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in playoffs, the following will apply:
 - (i) one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period using a three-on-three system shall be played until a winner is declared;
 - (ii) in the event that one team is serving a penalty at the end of regulation time, it shall be four-on-three until the first whistle after the penalty has expired. At the expiration of the penalty the penalized player shall return to the ice and the teams shall play four-on-four until the first whistle at which time the teams shall revert to three-on-three.
 - (iii) if the game is still tied, a three (3) girl simultaneous shootout will take place. Shooters and one alternate must be declared on the game sheet **prior to the start of the game**. Substitution for an injured or penalized player is allowed. Penalized players may not participate in a shootout;
 - (iv) if the game is still tied, a one (1) girl simultaneous sudden victory shootout shall take place using the same players in the same order as above.
- (j) The Convenor shall be responsible for obtaining qualified officials for the Championship.

9. Uniforms:

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos.

No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in Article XV, Page 21 of the NOSSA constitution.

Teams should provide a second set of school sweaters in case two (2) opponents have uniforms of a similar colour. A coin toss shall decide which team will change.

10. Awards:

(a) Members of the Championship teams (“AAA” and “A/AA”) shall receive gold NOSSA medallions (25). The schools represented by the Championship teams shall receive banners to be retained by their schools.

(b) Members of the runner-up teams shall each receive silver NOSSA medallions (25).

(c) NOSSA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive awards, either at the Championship or after the event

11. Deportment: (Reference Page 19 - Article XII)

(a) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.

(b) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the rules.

(c) All Coaches are expected to adhere to the section of the NOSSA handbook entitled coaching personnel and deportment.

(d) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines".

12. Protest Committee:

The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: NOSSA hockey tournament convener, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship convener. The Protest Committee shall handle disputes involving situations that are not covered by these playing regulations.

ACTION: CARRIED

3. Basketball

Reference: Junior/Senior “AAA” Basketball, Tournament Schedule and Format, Page 7

The N.O.S.S.A. structure for Junior and Senior Girls’ “AAA” Basketball return to a single elimination format. This format would consist of two semi-final games and one championship game for each division.

Rationale:

- a) The current format creates situations where teams may play unbalanced schedules. For example, two teams may play two games on Friday night and only one game on Saturday versus the other teams that play one game on Friday night and two games on Saturday.
- b) A team’s regular season has no bearing on the seeding for the championship with the current format. As a result, two teams could play each other in their first round game and then have to turn around less than twenty-four hours later and play again to determine the NOSSA Champion.

Jen Bourget (LSS) - Ron Poulin (ESMC)

ACTION: **TABLED to 2004**