



**2009 N.O.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Quality Inn Bay Front, Sault Ste. Marie**

**- M I N U T E S -**

**Attendance:** See appendix “A”.

**Call to order at 9:40am.**

**Everyone was welcomed and the head table was introduced.**

**Heather expressed thanks to all conveners of NOSSA activities this past school year.**

**Number of voting delegates present: 61.**

**General motions were accepted.**

**Officers, conveners, sport committee reps, 4-year calendar and activity calendars were presented.**

**Chairperson, secretary, treasurer, president, CGA and CBA reps to OFSAA presented their reports.**

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**N.O.S.S.A CONSTITUTION**

**1. Article VII - Eligibility**

**Reference: Section 5, Eligibility Lists, add new subsection (e)**

Whereas,

The Athletic Eligibility List System (AELS) was originally introduced by OFSAA three years ago,

And whereas,

N.O.S.S.A. schools are not voluntarily adopting the system as quickly as hoped,

And whereas,

There are several benefits to schools and to O.F.S.A.A. that would be realized by full implementation,

Be It Resolved That,

All N.O.S.S.A. schools be required to utilize the Athletic Eligibility List System (AELS) effective the fall of 2009.

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Frank Rocca (St Benedict)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

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**2. Article VIII – Duties of Conveners**  
**Reference: Section 2, subsection h**

Be it resolved that “NOSSA trophies be returned in good shape”. If the previous champion does not return the trophy in good shape, their association will be billed.”

*Tom Annett - Barry Rushon*

**Action: DEFEATED.**

Rationale: Trophies will look presentable at the awards presentation.

**3. Article XI: Awards**  
**Reference: Section (e)**

Revise medallions required in support of nordic skiing from 52 gold, to 24 gold and 24 silver.

*Sonny Gawalko (Treasurer) – Dave Makela (Secretary)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: Reflects current needs.

**4. Article XIV: Sanctions**  
**Reference: Section 2**

Add new subsection (c) to read: “If a District does not submit its intent to participate information by the deadline dates indicated in Article XIII, it will be required to pay a fine equivalent to \$25 for each day late. Payment will be due to the treasurer and until received, teams from the district involved will be considered ineligible for NOSSA competition.”

*Dave Makela (Secretary) – Sonny Gawalko (Treasurer)*

**Action: WITHDRAWN.**

Rationale: Confirmation of intent to participate information allows conveners to set schedules and arrange or officials early in the season. Districts are neglecting to forward this information by the deadline dates indicated, which causes undue stress on conveners, especially when extra teams are sought to fill draws.

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## N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - COED

### 1. Curling

#### Reference: Age and eligibility

Remove existing sections and add in its place: See NOSSA constitution, Article VII

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

Action: **CARRIED.**

Rationale: current regulations in conflict with constitution and does not include all information.

### 2. Curling

#### Reference: Rules (new section, add after date)

Add as follows: “The rules governing the play shall be that of the Canadian Curling Association. Any exceptions to be specified in the NOSSA COED Curling Playing regulations.

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

Action: **CARRIED.**

Rationale: Current playing regulations do not stipulate what rules are to be used however OFSAA does. OFSAA rules of play are the CCA rules.

### 3. Curling

#### Reference: Substitution

Remove existing section and replace with the following:

“Where possible, the host **district** shall be responsible for providing a pool of curlers available for substitution.

- (i) During the competition if a team has only four (4) players and one player is unable to continue play because of illness or injury, they must select randomly from the host pool of curlers and that player shall be lead; if the original player is able to play again he/she may re-enter the competition at the beginning of a game.
- (ii) Once a player is selected from the host pool, he/she must remain that team’s substitute until such time as the original player (or alternate) can return.”

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

Action: **CARRIED (as amended).**

Rationale: Current rule is not in keeping with the CCA rule. The new procedure mirrors OFSAA. Teams are abusing the current substitution rule.

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**COED Playing Regulations – cont'd from page 3****4. Curling****Reference: Sections 5 and 6 – Time-outs**

Remove existing sections and replace with the following:

5. “Time-outs: A maximum of three (3) minutes consultation between the coach and curlers shall be allowed on the ice only, at the completion of the fourth end. In addition, two (2) one minute time-outs (i.e. one time out of one minute) may be called at any time while a team is in control of the house. The team that called the time out may access the playing surface. Coaches must wear appropriate footwear to access the ice surface. The team that did not call the time out may confer with the coach, but may not access the playing surface. The Fair Play timeout rule shall be in effect.
6. Practice time, to a maximum of seven (7) minutes per team, shall be made available before each game if time permits. The team with the hammer in the first end shall practise first.
7. A minimum of 20 minutes prior to game time, the opposing vices will meet behind the glass of their designated sheets to toss for choice of last rock or rock colour. The team with last rock will have first practice.
8. No high school students shall be used as on-ice officials. (Except timeouts, NOSSA convener may appoint student volunteers.)
9. Permanent hog-line judges shall not be introduced part way through a competition.”

Re-number remaining sections.

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: Selections on practice time and timeouts shall be added to better mirror OFSAA. Current rules do not include selections on practice time.

**5. Curling****Reference: Officials**

Delete in its entirety

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

**Action: WITHDRAWN.**

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**COED Playing Regulations – cont'd from page 4****6. Curling****Reference: Jury of Appeal (add new section after time-outs)**

Add as follows: “The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: NOSSA Convenor, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the NOSSA Convenor who is neutral to the dispute (cannot be a student). The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: Current rules do not include procedures on appealing or implications of decisions.

**7. Curling****Reference: General item 3**

Delete in its entirety: “Artificial ice and matched rocks must be available at the site recommended for the championship.”

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: The rule is obsolete. Every Curling Club in the Association's district has artificial ice and matched rocks.

**COED Playing Regulations – cont'd from page 5****8. Curling**  
**Reference: General section 9**

Delete reference to third place ribbons, revise to read: “Awards (ribbons) shall be provided to the consolation champions”.

*Gilbert Briscoe (Confed) – Laura Aubertin (Confed)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: No other team sports are awarded third place at NOSSA. The current draw does not allow for a third place winner to be declared.

**9. Ski - Alpine**  
**Reference: Entry**

Delete section entitled “Definition of Team and Team Members” in its entirety.

*Karin Augenstein (Lockerby) – Dan Bartolucci (MMA)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: The following statement already appears in the “Entry” section: “NOSSA will coincide its level system to follow the OFSAA levels as they are currently recognized”. The definitions currently listed in the NOSSA playing regulations do not exactly conform to OFSAA definitions and so should be removed to avoid confusion.

**FROM N.O.S.S.A. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

1. Be it resolved that,  
NOSSA continue to cover the cost of banners for all sports for the 2009-2010 school year.

*Tim Lowe (Algonquin) – John Wilson (St Joe/Scollard)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

2. Whereas,  
OFSAA has adopted a Gender Equity Policy,  
And whereas,  
NOSSA does not have reference to this policy,  
And whereas,  
NOSSA does not currently have such a policy,  
Be it resolved that,  
NOSSA adopt the OFSAA Gender Equity Policy (Appendix VIII, Page B36)

*Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Anna Bastos )*

**Action: CARRIED.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Paulette Berthiaume-Gardner, a vice principal at Esc Champlain, who passed away recently of cancer.

Shauna Conway announced plans to host a basketball clinic led by Dave Smart. Shauna has further information if anyone is interested.

Presentation of the Pete Beach Award took place by Marty Smith of St Mary's College. Richard Maunu was selected posthumously and his many coaching contributions over several years of dedicated service were acknowledged.

Bob Gawalko announced the results of a special draw sponsored by Westmont Hospitality – Deb Robinson of CASS won a free 2-night stay at any Westmont Hotel in Northern Ontario.

**Adjournment: 11:31 am.**

**N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - BOYS****26 Voting Delegates in attendance.****1. Basketball  
Event dates**

“That the NOSSA basketball championships take place on Thursday and Friday when a two day tournament is required. The Thursday games would begin after 3:00 pm and Friday would be an all day event. If the championship is a one day event, it would run on Friday.

*Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) - Frank Rocca (St Benedict)*

**Action: CARRIED.**

**2. Basketball  
“AAA” – General, item 2**

Delete and replace with: **“The NOSSA “AAA” basketball format will follow a first round forgiveness format with the four teams involved. The two winners will play the two losers in game two, with the winners advancing to the NOSSA championship game”.**

**The format currently included in the “AA” regs will be copied into the “AAA” regs.**

*Jim Pedatella (St Basil) - Dave Zagordo*

**Action: CARRIED (as amended).**

Rationale: There needs to be consistency with regards to all NOSSA basketball championships. The travel and cost to play one game is high. This will also prevent unqualified seeding.

**3. Football  
Series – Page 9**

That the statement: “The NOSSA Final shall be hosted on Saturday one week before the Central Bowl.”

Be revised to read: “NOSSA football dates will be set to:

- NOSSA semi-final is on the **11<sup>th</sup>** Saturday of the school year
- NOSSA final is on the **12<sup>th</sup>** Saturday of the school year

Exceptions will be made if NOSSA district school boards have different school start dates.”

*Tom Annett - Barry Rushon*

**Action: DEFEATED (as amended).**

Rationale: The NOSSA football representative no longer plays in the “Central Bowl”. Pre-setting the NOSSA football dates will allow local associations to finalize their football schedules sooner, which will allow the scheduling of exhibition games.

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**Boys Playing Regulations – cont'd from page 8****4. Football  
General, item 2 – page 9**

Change: “Both teams' benches will be placed on the same side of the field with the yard sticks on the opposite side”

To read: “Team benches will be placed on opposite sides of the field. The yard sticks will be on the same side as the home team for the first half, and on the opposite side of the home team for the second half.”

*Tom Annett - Barry Rushon*

**Action: WITHDRAWN.**

Rationale: Allows coaches to move between the forty yard lines. This is standard practice in most football leagues (CFL, NFL, CIS, NCAA, USA High School, OVFL, NFC, etc.). It will help with calling in plays, communicating with players, and making substitutions. It will also provide coaches with a non-obstructed view of the field.

**5. Football  
General, item 5 – page 10**

Delete in its entirety: “That two (2) one-minute time-outs per half be permitted to each team (senior and junior only). These two time-outs shall be exclusive of injuries and one player may approach the sidelines during each time-out. The clock will start again with the snap of the ball.”

*Tom Annett - Barry Rushon*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: Information regarding time out procedures, injuries, and time stop / start procedures is already covered in the rule book.

**6. Football  
General, item 6 – page 10**

Change: “Each team will be allowed to use their own football, ie. J5V or Cooper Bomb during NOSSA play-offs.” (page 10, N.O.S.S.A. BOYS' PLAYING REGULATIONS)

To read: “Each team will be allowed to use their own football. The footballs endorsed by NOSSA are: the Wilson CFL Composite Leather ball and the Wilson CIS Senior Ball (F2000).”

*Tom Annett - Barry Rushon*

**Action: WITHDRAWN.**

Rationale: A consistent and official sized football is being used in NOSSA football games.

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**Boys Playing Regulations – cont'd from page 9****7. Football  
General, items 9 and 10 – page 10**

That points 9 and 10 in the NOSSA football playing regulations be deleted in their entirety:

“9. Mouth guards are mandatory for all football players playing NOSSA high school football. The type of mouth guard to be used is optional.

10. Cleat length shall be the same as that used in the OUAA rules.”

*Tom Annett - Barry Rushon*

**Action: CARRIED.**

Rationale: These rules are already covered in the Canadian Amateur Football Association rulebook. It is repetitive to include them in our playing regulations.

**8. Football  
General, item 14 – page 10**

Be it resolved that the jersey numbering system endorsed by the CAFA be abolished at the NOSSA level.

*Marty Smith - Barry Rushon*

**Action: DEFEATED.**

Rationale: Presently it is not being followed at the Bowl Series (OFSAA). Increasing cost of jerseys make it a costly endeavor. Eliminating potential changes in the game at certain positions.

**9. Hockey  
General, item 6 – page 13**

Amend to read: “Games will consist of three (3) fifteen minute stop time periods with a flood after each period **when time permits.**”

*Vagelli Sakellaris (Lasalle) – Rob Zanatta (St Charles)*

**Action: CARRIED (as amended).**

Rationale: Provides for the same flood system regardless of where NOSSA is hosted.

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**Boys Playing Regulations – cont'd from page 10****10. Volleyball****Add new section entitled “Event Date” to appear after “Eligibility”**

Whereas,

NOSSA Boys “A” Volleyball has been scheduled in the past on Saturdays,

And whereas,

It is sometimes difficult to schedule lines persons / get the NOSSA results to OFSAA and there has been conflict with SDSSAA Hockey,

And whereas,

The Girls Volleyball has been on Fridays the last two years,

Be it Resolved that,

NOSSA “A” Volleyball **shall** schedule the NOSSA Championships on the Friday, one week prior to the OFSAA Championships.

*Peter Kategiannis (Manitoulin) – Mike Wesno (MSS)*      **Action: CARRIED (as amended).**

**11. Basketball****“A” Midget Trophy**

Whereas,

There is no current trophy for midget boys “A” basketball.

And whereas,

St Benedict will be the host school for next year’s midget “A” NOSSA championship,

And whereas,

St Benedict (who hosted the Jr/Sr “A” NOSSA this year) showed a small profit in this year’s championship.

Be it resolved that,

If there is not trophy in existence, St Benedict will purchase an “A” midget boys basketball trophy and present it to next year’s winner. The name of the trophy will be the “Gary Orasi Trophy.”

*Frank Rocca (St Benedict) – Denis Gauthier (Lasalle)*      **Action: CARRIED.**

**N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - GIRLS****28 Voting Delegates in attendance.****1. Volleyball  
Tournaments – Page 13**

Add as follows: “The host sites for the NOSSA championships must be confirmed and announced through the district secretaries **one week** prior to the NOSSA championship.”

*Laura Aubertin (Confed) – Millie Wood-Colton (Lasalle)* Action: **CARRIED** (as amended).

**2. Volleyball  
Date – Page 16**

Add as follows: “When **two** volleyball NOSSA events are being held **in the same officials’ pool area**, at the discretion of one of the conveners, one of the events **may** be moved to Saturday.”

*Shauna Conway - Wendy Basawa* Action: **CARRIED** (as amended).

**Other Business:**

Concerning transportation: Example - North Bay if are traveling through Sudbury will be willing to pick up Sudbury teams.

Laura mentioned since NOSSA may have an extra entry into OFSAA ‘AAA’ girls soccer - schools indicating an interest are St. Joseph’s Scollard Hall, St. Charles, Lasalle, Lo-Ellen, Chippewa.

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- A T T E N D A N C E -

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nipissing District</b></p> <p>Heather Windrem – Widdifield  Sean Mullan – Widdifield  Tim Lowe – Algonquin  Bob Sneddon – Algonquin  Colleen Egan – Chippewa  Peggy Smith – West Ferris SS  Rock Lachance – Franco-Cite  Carola Maissonneuve – ES Northern SS  John Whittet – St Joseph/Scollard Hall  John Wilson – St Joseph/Scollard Hall  Laurie Vezina – St Joseph/Scollard Hall  Rick Mitchell – West Ferris SS  Richard Lachance – ES Northern SS  Scot Quarrington – F.J. McElligott  Ray Ouellette – L’Oddyssee  Melissa Pepin – L’Oddyssee  Dez Forget – Chippewa  Heather Chambers – Resolutions Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sault District</b></p> <p>Mary Hart – Bawating  Robin Shamas – Sir James Dunn  TerriLyn Della Penta – Sir James Dunn  Wendy Basawa – White Pines  Anna Bastos – St Basil SS  Shauna Conway – St Mary’s  Marty Smith – St Mary’s  Remi Gentes – Sir James Dunn  Jim Pedatella – St Basil  Dave Zagordo – St Mary’s  Gary Cormier – Korah  Barry Rushon – White Pines  Seth Cond – Bawating  Mike Cowan – White Pines</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>North Shore District</b></p> <p>Tony Yachuk – Espanola HS  Jason Jacques – Espanola HS  Tom O’Grady – Elliot Lake SS  Ray Gowlett – Central Algoma  Carole Hunt-Ford – Central Algoma  Mark Tarantini – W.C. Eaket  Christian Giroux – VFJ  Eric Simons – Jeunesse Nord  Louis Charbonneau – Franco-Ouest  Vincenzo Dagostino – Franco-Ouest  Carole Johnston – VFJ  Peter Kategiannis – Manitoulin  Marcel Recollet – Wasse-Abin  Jillian Peltier – Wasse-Abin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sudbury District</b></p> <p>Marc Savage – ES Macdonald Cartier  Ron Poulin – ES Macdonald Cartier  Millie Wood-Colton – Lasalle  Denis Gauthier – Lasalle  Dave Winsa – Chelmsford VDCS  Luc Giroux – College Notre-Dame  Marc Bonin – Es du Sacre-Coeur  Jocelyne Leclair – Es du Sacre-Coeur  Frank Rocca – St Benedict  Sue-Lynn Boudreault – Champlain  Michel Leroux - Champlain  Sean Green – Lockerby CS  Karin Augenstein – Lockerby CS  Sherry Green – Lively  Kim Chezzi-MacLennan – Lively  Yves Poirier – Lo-Ellen Park  Kristy MacKenzie – St Charles College  Mary-Lynn Poirier – St Charles College  Kent Rendell – Sudbury Secondary  Dan Bartolucci – Marymount Academy  Laura Aubertin – Confederation SS  Dave Makela – Rainbow DSB Training Lab  Bob Gawalko – Treasurer</p>