



2015 N.O.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 25th

Travelodge Hotel - Sudbury

- MINUTES -

Attendance: See appendix "A".

OPENING ITEMS:

- Call to order at 9:35am.
- **Heather Chambers** expressed thanks to all conveners of NOSSA activities this past school year and explained the voting procedures in place for the meeting.
- NOSSA Chair **Kim Chezzi MacLennan** addressed the assembly and welcomed all in attendance.
- **62** eligible voters counted – **32** required for straight majority, **42** for two-thirds majority. Voting cards were distributed accordingly.
- Minutes from 2014 annual meeting were accepted as posted and distributed. Reports from the secretary, president and treasurer were distributed and presented (Moved by **Tim Lowe**, seconded by **Jim Pedatella**, CARRIED).
- Convener reports from 2014-2015 activities have been posted to the NOSSA website – all were submitted prior to the meeting.
- General motions were accepted (moved by **Laura Aubertin**, seconded by **Eric Simons**).
- Officers, conveners, sport committee reps, 4-year calendar and activity calendars were presented.
- CGA and CBA reps to OFSAA presented their reports (summary provided as Appendix "B").

NOTICE OF MOTION TO OFSAA

1. Reference: School Classifications

Whereas;

The NOSSA region currently has two schools in the 'AAA' classification and the rest of the membership, 40 schools, in the remaining classifications.

And whereas;

The trend of declining enrolments is mirrored in the NOSSA region, the same as in NEOAA and NWOSSAA which are represented as Northern Competing Regions.

And whereas;

Hosting 'AAA' athletic events has become increasingly difficult in the NOSSA region.

And whereas;

The other two Northern Competing Regions (NEOAA and NWOSSAA) are currently competing at the 'AA' level.

And whereas;

Our current 'AAA' NOSSA championships are not a true reflection of 'AAA' competition. To illustrate, it has been a frequent occurrence where 'AAA' championships are comprised of play-off runner-ups rather than 'AAA' champions.

Be it resolved that;

All schools within the NOSSA region be classified as either 'A' or 'AA' according to school population numbers taken from the F.T.E. formula from October 31st of the previous school year.

Seth Cond (Superior Heights) – Janis Hogan (Korah)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

N.O.S.S.A CONSTITUTION

1. Reference: Member School Directory

Whereas:

The Huron Superior Catholic District School Board will be officially closing St. Basil Secondary and St. Mary College June 26, 2015.

And whereas:

The new St. Mary's College will open Tuesday, September 5, 2015

And whereas:

The sports name for St. Mary's College will be KNIGHTS

And whereas:

The uniform colours will be black, maroon, white and silver

And whereas:

The mailing address for St. Mary's College

868 Second Line East

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6B 4K5

705 945 5540 (Phone) 705 945 5561 (Fax)

And whereas:

The principal of St. Mary's College will be Ms. Cindy Sawyer

Be it resolved that:

The information in our Nossa athletics handbook is revised to reflect the two closures and the opening of St. Mary's College.

Jim Pedatella (St Basil) – David Zagordo (St Mary's)

Action: CARRIED.

2. Reference: General

That the partnership agreement with Westmont Hospitality Group be extended for five years with an annual web sponsorship fee of \$850.00 and a rebate of 5% for rooms booked through Maija Holla.

Bob Gawalko (Treasurer) – Dave Makela (Secretary)

Action: CARRIED.

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3. Reference:**Article IV: Officers and Duties, new Section 8: Duties of NOSSA CGA/CBA Reps**

Whereas;

Twice per year, NOSSA members are consulted on their feedback regarding items up for discussion at upcoming OFSAA general meetings,

And whereas;

NOSSA members are brought up to date on any major changes passed at the NOSSA AGM by the CGA and CBA Reps but time restrictions prevent a full update from being communicated at this meeting,

And whereas;

The voting results from items up for discussion are not presently available to NOSSA members following the OFSAA general meetings,

And whereas;

Making the voting results available will provide a single source of information where NOSSA members could check to see if their areas of interest will be affected,

Be it resolved that;

That the NOSSA CGA or CBA rep send all order paper results to the NOSSA secretary to be posted on the NOSSA website and [in an email forwarded to all NOSSA contacts](#).

Matthew Cootes (Lively) – Sean Green (Lockerby)

Action: CARRIED (as amended).

4. Reference:**Article V: Committees, Meetings & OFSAA Representatives, Section 3, Annual Meeting**

Add to section g, new subsection iii) as follows: IF a convener requests a date change to the NOSSA activity calendar and both conditions stated in Section ii) above cannot be met; then the NOSSA convener must request that a Board of Reference be held to rule on the proposed date change. All efforts will be put forth to hold a Board of Reference, however if a Board of Reference cannot be convened in time to make a date change, then the original date MUST stand.

Kim Chezzi MacLennan (Lively) – Lynn MacLean (Notre-Dame)

Action: CARRIED.

5. Reference:**Article V: Committees, Meetings & OFSAA Representatives, Section 3, Annual Meeting**

Add to section e, as follows:

The host district must forward a copy of the contract agreement with the hotel, including meeting room and meal charges, to the secretary and treasurer prior to signing any agreement.

Bob Gawalko (Treasurer) – Dave Makela (Secretary)

Action: CARRIED.

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6. Reference:**Article V: Committees, Meetings & OFSAA Representatives, Section 3, Annual Meeting**

Add to section g, new subsection iv) as follows:

Whereas,

The NOSSA activity calendar is set prior to each school year,

And whereas,

The host sites and conveners are declared at this time as well;

Be it resolved that,

The same high school cannot host 2 NOSSA championships within the same season IF the schedules cannot be accommodated within the specified dates.

Kim Chezzi MacLennan (Lively) – Lynn MacLean (Notre-Dame)

Action: CARRIED.

7. Reference:**Article VII: Eligibility – Section 2, subsection (e).**

Whereas;

A motion to sync NOSSA and OFSAA playing regulations regarding eligibility for NOSSA championships leading to OFSAA championships has appeared in the NOSSA constitution for at least a decade,

And whereas;

There has never been a mechanism put into place to actually reflect OFSAA changes in the NOSSA playing regulations as this motion mandates,

And whereas;

This has caused inconsistencies between the two sets of regulations to occur over these years,

And whereas;

Removing this regulation would allow for NOSSA-accepted exceptions to compete at the NOSSA level with the understanding that they would be OFSAA-ineligible.

Be it resolved that the following subsection (e) be removed in its entirety:

That the playing regulations regarding eligibility for N.O.S.S.A. championships leading to OFSAA championships correspond to the playing regulation for OFSAA.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Brad Smith (Confederation)

Action: CARRIED.

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8. Reference:**Article VII: Eligibility, Section 4: Participation Requirements, subsection (d)**

Whereas:

The two schools Notre-Dame-du-Sault and White Pines Collegiate have entered a mutual agreement of co-participation for the purposes of all sports not currently offered at the smaller school.

And whereas:

The student population at Notre-Dame-du-Sault is 55 F.T.E. as of 2013 and White Pines Collegiate is 520.75 F.T.E. as of 2013.

And whereas:

The local SSMWAA and SSMMAA associations support the mutual arrangement of co-participation of the two schools for all sports not currently offered at Notre-Dame-du-Sault.

Be it resolved that:

The following be added as number 3) to the Exceptions listed under subsection (d): The student-athletes from Notre-Dame-du-Sault may participate on the same team as student-athletes from White Pines Collegiate in all sports not currently offered at Notre-Dame-du-Sault.

Randy Supak (ND du Sault) – Mike Cowan (White Pines)

Action: DEFEATED.

9. Reference:**Article XIV: Sanctions, add new section (b), renumber existing (b) to (c)**

Whereas;

For the second year in a row, NOSSA failed to meet an OFSAA team sport obligation,

And whereas;

This creates an eleventh hour organizational nightmare for the OFSAA convener and presents a very bad image for NOSSA,

And whereas;

The importance of following through on commitments to attend an OFSAA championship needs to be emphasized and reinforced to all NOSSA members,

Be it resolved that,

Any school team failing to fulfill an obligation to attend an OFSAA championship will not be considered eligible to participate at the NOSSA level in that sport in the following school year.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Matthew Cootes (Lively)

Action: DEFEATED.

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10. Reference:**Article VII – Eligibility, Section 7 – School Classification**

Whereas;

The classification numbers have changed at OFSAA in order to accommodate the move to three classifications,

And whereas;

NOSSA historically follows the classification numbers set by OFSAA,

Be It Resolved that;

The classification numbers currently in the NOSSA constitution (B: 1-250, A: 1-600, AA: 601-950, AAA: 951+) be deleted and replaced with our current B classification numbers, plus the current OFSAA classification numbers including the Northern Exception as passed at the OFSAA AGM in April 2015, as follows:

B: 1-250

A: 1-600

AA: 601-1000

AAA: 1001+

Tim Lowe (Algonquin) – Laura Aubertin (Confederation)

Action: CARRIED.

11. Reference:**Article VI – Voting, Section I**

Whereas;

There is no indication in the constitution as to how abstentions are counted or not counted.

And whereas;

Past practice has counted absentions against motions,

And whereas;

The number of votes that are counted at the beginning of the AGM may differ as motions are presented, yet the number for defeating or accepting motions remains the same as the beginning of the AGM;

Be it resolved that Article VI, Section I be removed and replaced with the following:

(a) written proxy votes are allowed and must be registered at the beginning of the AGM. No other proxy votes will be allowed after the original count for proxy votes is completed,

(b) each school gets two votes (1 male, 1 female) and must be present to cast their vote with the exception of proxy votes that have been registered at the beginning of the AGM,

(c) two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the membership (who are present during the vote) and all proxy votes that have been registered at the beginning of the AGM is required to pass motions providing there is a quorum. Absentions will not be included in the calculation of the number of votes cast.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin)

Action: TABLED TO 2016 AGM

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12. Reference:**Article VI – Voting, Section 2**

Whereas;

There is no indication in the constitution as to how abstentions are counted or not counted.

And whereas;

Past practice has counted absentions against motions,

And whereas;

The number of votes that are counted at the beginning of the AGM may differ as motions are presented, yet the number for defeating or accepting motions remains the same as the beginning of the AGM;

Be it resolved that Article VI, Section 2 be removed and replaced with the following:

(a) proxy votes are not allowed.

(b) each school gets two votes (1 male, 1 female) and must be present to cast their vote,

(c) straight majority of the votes cast by the membership who are present during the vote is required to pass motions providing there is a quorum. Absentions will not be included in the calculation of the number of votes cast.

(d) in case of a a tie vote, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin)

Action: TABLED TO 2016 AGM

13. Reference:**Article VI – Voting, Section 3**

Whereas;

There is no indication in the constitution as to how abstentions are counted or not counted.

And whereas;

Past practice has counted absentions against motions,

And whereas;

The number of votes that are counted at the beginning of the AGM may differ as motions are presented, yet the number for defeating or accepting motions remains the same as the beginning of the AGM or CGA/CBA;

Be it resolved that Article VI, Section 3 be removed and replaced with the following:

(a) proxy votes are not allowed.

(b) each school gets two votes (1 male, 1 female) and must be present to cast their vote,

(c) straight majority of the votes cast by the membership who are present during the vote is required to pass motions providing there is a quorum. Absentions will not be included in the calculation of the number of votes cast.

(d) in case of a a tie vote, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin)

Action: TABLED TO 2016 AGM

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

1. Cross Country

Reference: Eligibility

Add as follows: "All competitors at Nossa must have been eligible for and participated in their respective district championship meet."

Kerry Abols (Lockerby) – Laura Stanyon (Lockerby)

Action: CARRIED.

2. Nordic Skiing

Reference: Eligibility (c)

Currently reads: "All competitors at NOSSA must have participated in at least one district competition. A DNS on the results sheet of the district competition does not qualify as competing at a district meet."

Change to read as follows: "All competitors at Nossa must have been eligible for and participated in their respective district championship meet."

Kerry Abols (Lockerby) – Vanessa Catto (Lockerby)

Action: CARRIED.

Rationale: The suggested wording is clearer and puts importance and integrity on the local district league and championship.

3. Track and Field

Reference: General Item 7 - Shot Put Implement Weights

That the weight of the midget and junior girls shot put implement in use at the NOSSA level be adjusted to 3kg to reflect new OFSAA regulations.

Kelly Predon (Lasalle) – Marc Bertrand (Es du Sacré-Coeur)

Action: CARRIED.

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4. Track and Field

Reference: Track and Field event schedule, start times for day one

Whereas:

The new (last couple of years) N.O.S.S.A. track and field schedule was adjusted to start an hour earlier than the previous schedule to prevent the darkness of the evening preventing the timing equipment at meets held in Sudbury from being able to function properly,

And whereas:

The darkness is not an issue for the timing equipment used at championships hosted by Sault Ste. Marie or Nipissing,

And whereas,

The departure time to accommodate travel time for the Sault Ste. Marie area travelling to Nipissing or Nipissing travelling to Sault Ste. Marie requires teams to depart a day earlier or have some students have to be up much too early (see example below)

2:00 PM meet starts

1:00 PM latest arrival time for an athlete to start warm-ups competing in first event

7:00 AM depart North Bay (5 hours + driving time on bus plus "rest"/eating stops)

6:00 AM depart Mattawa (east side of North Bay)

4:30 AM rise and shine for student who lives in the 'outside regions' of Mattawa

And whereas,

Even when hosting a meet, it is getting more and more difficult to convince administration to release teacher/coaches to attend and work these meets,

Be it resolved that:

The Day 1 (Wednesday) schedule for the N.O.S.S.A. track and field championships start time be moved one hour later (to 3:00 PM) with all events that day starting one hour later - effective immediately.

Dave Wilkinson (SJSH) – Richard Lachance (Northern)

Action: CARRIED (as amended).

Amendment:

The 3pm start time will only apply when NOSSA is hosted in North Bay and the Soo.

Action: CARRIED.

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5. Wrestling**Reference: Rulebook, p 42***Existing section currently reads:*

The official rulebook will be the OFSAA Rule Book. A sight-handicapped tie-up, hand over hand or closer, be maintained in standing wrestling and all attacks begin from the front when a sight-handicapped wrestler (classified as blind) is involved in a match.

Delete and replace with the following:

The official rule book will the most recent CAWA rule book with OFSAA modifications

Guy Quenville (Mac Cartier) – Bev Holmes ()

Action: CARRIED.

6. Wrestling**Reference: Officials, p 42***Existing section reads as follows:*

The officials for the NOSSA tournament will be selected by the convener with at least one official selected from each of the competing areas provided such officials are qualified Ontario Wrestling officials and are available. Referees should be of Provincial "A" qualification or higher.

Delete and replace with the following:

The officials for NOSSA tournament will be selected by the convenor in consultation with the area head official. At least one Official selected from each of the competing areas provided such officials are qualified Ontario Wrestling officials and are available. Referees should be a Provincial A or higher.

Guy Quenville (Mac Cartier) – Bev Holmes ()

Action: CARRIED.

7. Wrestling**Reference: Events and Order of Events, p 42***Existing section reads as follows:*

1. For weight classes containing five (5) or less wrestlers, a full round robin competition will take place as provided in the 1993-94 O.F.S.A.A. Rule Book. Girls and boys weight classes will be according to O.F.S.A.A. guidelines. For all other weight classes, a bracket draw will be used as provided for in the 1993-94 O.F.S.A.A. Rule Book.
2. If the third place wrestler has not met the second place wrestler during the competition, they shall meet in a special wrestle-off to determine the second place O.F.S.A.A. qualifier. This match shall not be held until one-half (1/2 hr.) after their previous bout(s). This special match will not affect their N.O.S.S.A. placement.

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Delete and replace with the following:

1. For weight classes containing five (5) or less wrestlers, a full round robin will take place. Girls and boy's weight classes will be in accordance with OFSAA Guidelines. For all other weight classes, a bracket draw will be used.
2. If the third place wrestler has not met the second place wrestler during the Competition, they shall meet in a special wrestle-off to determine the second place OFSAA qualifier. This match shall not be held until 20 minutes after their previous bout(s). This special match shall not affect their NOSSA placement.
3. The gold and bronze medal match will occur at approximately the same time.

Guy Quenville (Mac Cartier) – Bev Holmes ()

Action: CARRIED.

8. Wrestling

Reference: Weigh-Ins, p 42

Existing section currently reads:

Weigh-ins will take place the night prior to the NOSSA Wrestling Meet or the coach shall weigh each wrestler and submit by fax a list of wrestlers (to a fax of the convener's choice) by 4pm the day before the meet. If entries are faxed, fees must be paid based on the entries submitted. Those who don't make weight at the official morning weigh-ins will be disqualified. At the time of the weigh-in, there will be skin check. Females will weigh-in wearing a singlet and will receive a 0.1 kg allowance.

Delete and replace with the following:

Weigh-ins will take place the night prior to the NOSSA meet. The weigh-ins and skin checks will be the duration of one hour. If a school is located one hour away or more from the venue the coach may weigh in the wrestlers and fax or email the list of wrestlers (convener's choice) by 4 PM the day before the meet. If entries are emailed or faxed, fees must be paid on the entries submitted. Those who don't make weight on the morning of the meet will be disqualified.

Guy Quenville (Mac Cartier) – Bev Holmes ()

Action: CARRIED.

9. Wrestling

Reference: Awards, p 43

Existing section currently reads:

Suitable awards will be provided for the first three boys and girls in each of the 15 weight categories. The team championships will be decided on the basis of a two tiered scoring system. For weight classes with less than 7 wrestlers scoring will be: first (10 points), second (7 points), third (4 points), fourth (2 points). For weight classes with 7 or more wrestlers scoring will be: first (10 points), second (8 points), third (6 points), fourth (3 points), fifth (2 points), sixth (1 point). ^Boys points and girls' points shall be kept separate and team awards provided for each. The boys' team winners will be awarded the R.R. Donnelly Trophy (Girls' trophy - T.B.A.).

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Delete and replace with the following:

Suitable awards will be provided for three boys and three girls in each of the 29

Categories. The team championship will be decided on the basis of a 2-tiered scoring system:

For round robins - first (10 points), second (7 points), third (4 points), Fourth (2 points).

In bracket draws - first (10 points), second (8 points), third (6 points), Fourth (3 points), Fifth (2 points).

The boys team winners will be awarded the R.R. Donnelly Trophy. Girls trophy (TBA) Combined (TBA)

Guy Quenville (Mac Cartier) – Bev Holmes ()

Action: CARRIED.

10. Wrestling

General – Item #4, p 44

Delete in its entirety (already appears under Events and Order of Events):

The gold medal and bronze medal final matches will occur at approximately the same time.

Guy Quenville (Mac Cartier) – Bev Holmes ()

Action: CARRIED.

11. Badminton

Reference - Seeding

Presently reads: “Each district will be designated a number for each event with winners being designated “A” and runners-up “B”. “A” winners will be randomly placed in first round games, one winner per game. “B” runners-up will be place in round one on the opposite side of the draw from their same district winner. The intent of this seeding is to keep same district teams from meeting in an elimination game for as long as possible.”

Replace with the following: “Each district will be assigned a number designation from 1-4 at random for each event independently. The first placed athlete team from each district in each event will be designated the “A” athlete/team and the second place athlete team “B”. “A” athletes/teams will be “B” athletes/teams from another district in the first round. “B” athletes/teams will be placed in round one on the opposite side of the draw from their same district winner. The intent of this seeding is to keep same district teams from meeting in an elimination game for as long as possible.”

Troy Brushett (St Benedict) – Janis Hogan (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

At this point in the meeting, Maija Holla of Westmont Hospitality Group addressed the group regarding the rebate program that NOSSA has with WHG (contribution to NOSSA this past year was \$3,200). Maija encouraged all teacher-coaches to sign up for the WHG loyalty program and earn points towards accommodations and variety of other items.

The 2015 recipient of the Pete Beach Award winner, Gilbert Briscoe of Confederation Secondary School, was introduced and his many years of contributions to NOSSA were acknowledged.

The 2015 recipient of the Robert “Sonny” Gawalko Award, sponsored by the Westmont Hospitality Group, Michel Leroux of Esc Champlain, was introduced and his many years of contributions to NOSSA were acknowledged.

On the occasion of his retirement from NOSSA, Robert “Sonny”Gawalko was presented with a special “Lifetime Honourary Membership” to acknowledge his past support of NOSSA as Treasurer and in many other capacities over his 40 years + of involvement. Several former NOSSA members were in attendance to help celebrate Sonny’s contributions to NOSSA including: Barb Parker (Confederation), Rona Knight (Sudbury Secondary), Ron Dubuc (Es du Sacré-Coeur), Joe Drago (Lockerby), Nancy Dozzi (Chelmsford), Rod McHugh (Sudbury Secondary), Paul Risko (Lockerby), Jim Hann (Lasalle), Rae Beynon (Lively).

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

1. Basketball "A", "AA" and "AAA"

Reference: Officials

Add as follows: "For all senior games, a three person officiating crew will be used."

Megan Chute (Lasalle) – Chris Graham (Lockerby)

Action: DEFEATED.

2. Hockey

Reference: Add to Eligibility as follows:

No competitor is eligible whose name has appeared on a game sheet, and has dressed, after the first association regular season game, for a team in any level of major junior, junior, intermediate, senior or GMHL league or any league deemed equivalent. Exception: a junior "C" or "D" team is allowed to AP a high school goalie and be called up in an emergency situation and appear on a game sheet and/or play up to a maximum of two exhibition/league and/or playoff games in total during the season after the association's first regular season game.

Rob Zanatta (St Charles) – Matthew Cootes (Lively)

Action: CARRIED.

3. Hockey

Reference: Series, Item 2

Whereas,

There is no tie breaker procedure beyond the scenario of "dividing goals for divided by goals against" yet it is possible to still yield a tie

Be it Resolved That;

The Two Way Tie breaking method be amended to read:

a) Two Way Tie:

- i) The team which won the game between the two teams during round robin play shall get the higher position.
- ii) If the game between the two tied teams was a tie, then the team with the greater goal differential (goals for minus goals against) during all round robin games shall receive the higher position.
- iii) If teams are still tied, then goal differential (goals for divided by goals against) for all games in the N.O.S.S.A. tournament pool play are used.
- iv) If two teams remain tied, the winner will be determined by the team with the least number of penalty minutes throughout the tournament.

Remi Gentes (Superior Heights) – Seth Cond (Superior Heights)

Action: CARRIED.

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4. Soccer**Reference: Rules and Officials, section a) Length of Play**

Delete existing section and replace with the following: "All single game championships will consist of two forty-five (45) minute halves, with a five (5) minute rest period between halves. All other championship games will consist of two forty (40) minute halves with a five (5) minute rest period between halves."

John Sikora (St Charles) - Vincenzo Dagostino (Es du Sacré-Coeur) **Action: CARRIED.**

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

1. Basketball

Reference: Rules and Officials, section b

Whereas OFSAA has a dedicated/mandatory game ball for basketball and SDSSAA and NOSSA volleyball and football have the same,

Be it resolved that, NOSSA use the OFSAA official ball for all games. The brand of ball used by OFSAA will be reviewed at the start of the girls' season.

Jen Bourget (Lo-Ellen) – Bill Gordon (Sudbury Secondary)

Action: CARRIED.

2. Hockey

Reference: Classification, replace existing section with the following

Whereas,

The new OFSAA classification system may not include any NOSSA schools in the "AAA" group,

And whereas,

Future OFSAA Girls Hockey Championships will consist of a combined "A"/"AA" event and a "AAA" event,

And whereas,

Conveners have had issues filling two, four team NOSSA draws in past years,

Be It Resolved That,

The NOSSA Girls Hockey Championship consist of a single four team championship, with entries as specified in the playing regulations depending upon the number of competing districts,

And be it further resolved that,

The playing regulations be updated to reflect a single championship for all sections affected.

Jason Michelutti (St Charles) – Denis Piquette (Notre-Dame)

Action: TABLED TO 2016.

3. Hockey

Reference: Classification, add as follows

Whereas,

NOSSA Girls hockey entries have historically been very competitive at the "AAA" level, even when competing as "A" or "AA" schools,

And whereas,

OFSAA will be combining "A" and "AA" for future girls hockey championships,

Be it Resolved That,

Two representatives to OFSAA be declared from the NOSSA Girls Hockey championship, one for "A"/"AA" and the other for "AAA".

Jason Michelutti (St Charles) – Denis Piquette (Notre-Dame)

Action: OUT OF ORDER.

4. Hockey**Reference: Classification, add as follows**

“In the event that two qualifiers to OFSAA are permitted from the same NOSSA Girls Hockey championship, the NOSSA champion shall have the first right to choose their OFSAA event of choice, providing their choice does not displace the NOSSA finalist from a chance to participate.”

Jason Michelutti (St Charles) – Denis Piquette (Notre-Dame)

Action: OUT OF ORDER.

5. Hockey**Reference: Classification, add as follows**

“If a school qualifies for OFSAA but subsequently fails to honour its commitment to participate, then that school will not be eligible to participate in the NOSSA championship in the following season.”

Jason Michelutti (St Charles) – Denis Piquette (Notre-Dame)

Action: DEFEATED.

6. Soccer**Reference: Rules and Officials, section a) Length of Play**

Delete existing section and replace with the following: “All single game championships will consist of two forty-five (45) minute halves, with a five (5) minute rest period between halves. All other championship games will consist of two forty (40) minutes halves with a five (5) minute rest period between halves.”

John Sikora (St Charles) - Vincenzo Dagostino (Es du Sacré-Coeur)

Action: CARRIED.

7. Volleyball**Reference: Schedule, Page 17**

Whereas,

The current rule in the **Schedule** section reads as follows: “A round-robin schedule shall be played with a final between the first and the second place teams to decide the championship. All matches will be the best two out of three sets except the senior final, which will be a three out of five sets.”

Be it resolved that:

The following be removed *except the senior final, which will be a three out of five sets.*

Tony Yachuk (EHS) – Jason Jacques (EHS)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

Rationale: NOSSA volleyball matches are 2 out of 3 sets (unless there are 3 or less teams) and this coincides with what is outlined on the sample schedules.

APPENDIX "A"

2015 N.O.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, April 24th – Sudbury District

ATTENDANCE

North Shore District	Nipissing District	Sudbury District
Simon Gregory – Elliot Lake SS Tony Yachuk – Espanola HS Jason Jacques – Espanola HS Joanna Castonguay – ESC Franco-Ouest Eric Simons – Jeunesse Nord Peter Kategiannis – Manitoulin Carole Johnston - VFJ Mark Tarantini – WC Eaket	Pat Lalonde – Algonquin Tim Lowe – Algonquin Colleen Egan – Chippewa Dez Forget – Chippewa Sue Martel – Esc Elisabeth-Bruyère Roch Lachance – ES Franco-Cité Brigitte Marleau – ES Franco-Cité Erin Bourgeois – F.J. McElligott Scot Quarrington – F.J. McElligott Ray Ouellette – l’Odyssée Paul Seguin – l’Odyssée Laurie Vezina – St Joseph/Scollard Hall John Whittet – St Joseph/Scollard Hall Mike Tignanelli – West Ferris SS Peggy Smith – West Ferris SS Heather Windrem – Widdifield Sean Mullan – Widdifield	Jean-Gilles Larocque – Bishop Carter Sue-Lynn Boudreault – Esc Champlain Joel Lavallee – Esc Champlain Michel Leroux – Esc Champlain Glenn Murray – Chelmsford Jody Nadjiwon - Chelmsford Laura Aubertin – Confederation Jamie Bouchard – Confederation Gilbert Briscoe - Confederation Brandon Dougan - Confederation Brad Smith - Confederation Denis Gauthier – Lasalle Dane MacVeigh - Lasalle Kim Chezzi-MacLennan – Lively Matt Cootes - Lively Karin Augenstein – Lockerby CS Sean Green – Lockerby CS Sherry Green – Lo-Ellen
<p style="text-align: center;">Sault District</p> Gary Cormier – Korah Janis Hogan - Korah Frank Medaglia – St Basil Jim Pedatella – St Basil Steve Korab – St Mary’s Dave Zagordo – St Mary’s Seth Cond – Superior Heights Shannon House – Superior Heights Wendy Basawa – White Pines Kim Policicchio – White Pines	Heather Chambers – Resolutions Chair	Marc Savage – Macdonald Cartier Dan Bartolucci – Marymount Rob Van Merlo - Marymount Marc Bonin – Notre-Dame Luc Giroux – Notre-Dame Lynn MacLean – Notre-Dame Julie-Anne Bergeron – Sacré-Coeur Marc Bertrand – Sacré-Coeur Darren Michelutti – St Charles Rob Zanatta – St Charles Bill Gordon – Sudbury Secondary Kent Rendell – Sudbury Secondary Dave Makela – Secretary Bob Gawalko – Treasurer

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OFSAA Report to NOSSA Delegates
2014-15

Below is a brief synopsis for what has occurred and what changes will happen for next year. As well, the OFSAA Order Paper has been added to the NOSSA Website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Laura Aubertin or myself.

1. Classification: The new Classifications numbers were approved and they are as follows for all of OFSAA.

A = 1-500 AA = 501-950 AAA = 951+

However, the motion from Sean Green and Matt Cootes was passed and the numbers below will be used to classify all 3 Northern Associations (NOSSA, NEOAA and NWOSSAA)

A = 1- 600 AA – 600-1000 AAA = 1000+

2. The OFSAA Championships that had combined classifications will be split in to 2 championships of A/AA and AAA. These are: Boys and Girls Hockey, Boys and Girls Rugby, Boys Field Lacrosse.

3. By-Law 5 – Eligibility for Competition, the following will be in effect:

“OFSAA Championships or Festivals for team sports shall only involve teams which have used OFSAA-eligible student-athletes in all competitions during the school year. OFSAA-eligible means the student meets all eligibility requirements as defined in the OFSAA playing regulations and by-laws. Any team using an ineligible student-athlete(s) in any competition during the school year forfeits the right to participate in the OFSAA Championship or Festival.”

Please note:

- a- The term “competition” does not exclusively refer to league play; it is defined as anytime two teams play against each other on a playing surface, whether in Ontario or elsewhere.
- b- The requirement that only OFSAA-eligible athletes be used in all competition applies solely to teams qualifying for OFSAA Championships and Festivals. This does not apply to teams in leagues that do not send teams to OFSAA Championships or Festivals unless otherwise stated by the local or regional high school athletic body of which the school is a member.
- c- Team sports shall be considered to be:
Boys Golf, Field Hockey, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Curling, Baseball, Rugby, Field Lacrosse and Soccer.

4. There were changes made to the By-Laws pertaining to when a student goes away to a post-secondary institution and then returns. Specifically if they were on the college or university team and then came back to high school they are ineligible in all sports and if they attended a tryout, they are ineligible in THAT sport.
5. Changes to the Transfer policy –
 - a) Section b (i) and (ii) – grade 9 students cannot apply under this section.
 - b) Section d (i), extra documentation will be required (either a letter from the sending school’s administration and/or independent sources to confirm the exceptional reasons).
 - c) A new note 5. Essentially saying that if a student attends an alternative school and then returns to their original school, they aren’t considered Transfers.
 - d) “Closest school” is now defined as the Driving Distance between the closest school and the student’s home residence.
6. By-Law – Appendix IV – Recruiting was passed, although it clearly defines what OFSAA sees as recruiting, there are NO SANCTIONS.
7. By-Law – Appendix VII – Clear and precise definition of what is an OFSAA Championship and what is an OFSAA Festival with regards to criteria and requirements for each.
8. There is now a participation limit for the following OFSAA sports. They were set in order to assist the convenors in the planning of their events.

Field Hockey – 23
B/G Basketball – 18
B/G Volleyball – 18
B/G Hockey – 25
Lacrosse – 30
B/G Soccer – 24
B/G Rugby – 34
Baseball – 22
Curling – 7
Football – 56

Please note that these numbers include players and team personnel.

9. With the OPHEA certification requirements taking effect in Sept 2016, all schools and associations will need to establish a policy or protocol regarding this as OPHEA is saying that it doesn’t need OFSAA assistance and that these certifications will occur through each sports’ PSO.

10. Beginning next year, each OFSAA Championship/Festival will have an Entry Fee Schedule. As well, each OFSAA Championship/Festival will have a Hosting Fee. We've provided each member attending the meeting a copy.

There were over 40 motions dealing with OFSAA playing regulations. What follows is a BRIEF overview. A full report of these motions will appear on the NOSSA website in the very near future.

- i) OFSAA Badminton will be held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first week in May. Matches will begin no later than 10:00am on Thursday.
- ii) Motions also dealt with the way the Convenor can deal with late cancellations and thus how and where they can get the extra players for the Draw.
- iii) Eyewear is now ASTM F803 or equivalent.
- iv) Baseball will now have the re-entry rule except for the pitcher.
- v) There is a new entry structure for Girls and Boys Basketball – for next year only (no effect on NOSSA)
- vi) Beginning in September 2016, OFSAA will adopt the FIBA playing regulations for girls and boys basketball with the following modifications:
 - 1- A 35 second shot clock will be used, full reset on foul shot attempts and shots off the rim
 - 2- Fouls and offensive rebounds would result in 35 second reset.
 - 3- Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available
 - 4- Federation game length will be used (including overtime)
 - 5- No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul(s) will be assessed to player(s))
 - 6- Federation time-out procedure will be used.
- vii) Cross-country entries will now be Two (2) teams and 5 individuals. TDSSAA will enter 4 teams and 10 individuals
- viii) Registration materials will be given to the teacher accompanying the athletes (recognizing that it may not be the athletes "regular" teacher/coach)
- ix) Football Bowls will not allow the use of ANY communicating device within the helmet or on any part of the athlete.
- x) For the next 2 years, there will be 9 Bowls and participation in each of the Bowls will be part of a random draw.
- xi) Girls Golf will now have a Head Official and they must be on site for the duration of the Festival. This head official will be assigned upon request of the OFSAA Convenor from the Regional Golf Association.
- xii) As well, golfers must wear appropriate attire during the Festival
- xiii) The tie-breaking procedures are now clearer in structure and application.
- xiv) Girls Golf will be a 2 day event (2 rounds) beginning in 2016-17. 50% of the field and ties after day 1 will be in the A flight, with the others being in the B.
- xv) Boys Hockey will remain a contact sport at the OFSAA Championship.

- xvi) The Boys hockey eligibility rule was changed to read as follows:
“...after his association/board first regular season game **or December 1**, whichever comes first”.
- xvii) In line with the changes that OPHEA has made regarding helmets, the OFSAA regs are now clear and precise and specifies between skater and goalie.
- xviii) Fighting majors, match penalties and gross misconducts will now carry an automatic suspension of the remainder of the current championship as well as the next year’s championship.
- xix) OFSAA hockey will adopt the OHF suspension list.
- xx) OFSAA track and field has removed the Wheelchair 400m, added a visually impaired 800m and if PARA events warrant heats, they will be accommodated.
- xxi) In Volleyball, the Official Warmup is now clear and precise. As well, the tie-breaking procedure has been changed.
- xxii) In Wrestling, a competitor must compete at OFSAA at the weight class he/she competed at during his/her qualifying tournament.