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N.O.S.S.A. News 2019-20

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September 2019

Welcome to another exciting year of high school sport in Northern Ontario!

The NOSSA Executive extends a sincere thank you to all volunteer coaches this and every year.

We hope you find this annual newsletter informative and helpful if advancing to or hosting a NOSSA championship this school year.

Further information is available on the NOSSA website at nossa.rainbowschools.ca, including a web calendar that will be updated as the need arises throughout the season.

We hope this season is a successful one for all participating schools!

Dave Makela – NOSSA Secretary

Our New Executive:

President – Nigel Good (CASS-
North Shore District)

1st VP – Dave Zagordo, Michelle
Guzzo (St Mary's) – Soo District

2nd VP – Tim Lowe (Algonquin) –
North Bay District

3rd VP – Glenn Murray
(Chelmsford), Jean-Gilles
Larocque (Bishop Carter) -
Sudbury District



Sault Ste Marie Athletic Association



INNVEST Hotels

"One call continues to do it all"

NOSSA has a contract with InnVest Hotels Hospitality Group to provide accommodations for teams travelling to NOSSA championships or tournaments at reduced rates, including annual meeting bookings.

Take the time to inform participating districts or teams that reservations can be made by contacting Michele Peasey, Regional Sales Manager, at 1-416-607-7100 x2398 (email: Michele.Peasey@innvesthotels.com).

It's also advisable to contact Michele before event information is released to provide a heads up.

NOSSA will be rebated only for reservations made through Michele Peasey, and these rebates help in turn help fund NOSSA insurance costs.

NOSSA also receives rebates for reservations made for teams outside of our region who participate in tournaments organized by member schools.

See last two pages of newsletter for additional info.

Tournament Info



Hosting a tournament this year?
Zip us an email with the details
and we'll help spread the word.

Any tournament information
received will be dropped into a shared
google folder with open access.

Folder address (be sure to bookmark and check regularly
for updates):

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g_NQQMHA3CIRYAxlKPXSN5XAWfvudYZa?usp=sharing

Send your information in any electronic format to Dave
Makela at: makelad@rainbowschools.ca

The Kudos File



The Executive and membership at large extend sincere congratulations to NOSSA's newest major award winners.

Both recipients were present at the 2019 AGM hosted in Little Current and delivered some heartfelt comments about the time they spent with NOSSA.

Peter Kategiannis: Pete Beach Award



W.C. Eaket Girls' Curling Team: InnVest Hotels Hospitality Award





NOSSA Awards

In the never-ending effort to limit the costs associated with the hosting of NOSSA activities, NOSSA pre-orders all the awards needed for all its championships, then invoices each district for their share based on the events each is expected to host each year.

1. Medals (gold, silver or bronze) - \$4.50/medal
2. Championship banners - \$40.00/banner
3. Ribbons - \$0.40/ribbon
Supplied for: track and field, tennis, cross-country running, curling, swimming and alpine skiing

Invoices for all awards will be sent to the district treasurer for payment in August.

Full payment is due by September 24th.

Derek Jeter:

"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do".

How NOSSA Championship Entry Fees Are Set

The NOSSA constitution dictates that entry fees are to be set as close to a break-even basis as possible.

For team sports, conveners are to estimate all allowable costs (included in the Convener Duties section of the NOSSA constitution) and divide by the total number of teams participating, including host teams.

For individual sports, consult previous event financial statements (available under convener reports on the NOSSA website) to arrive at an appropriate entry fee.

The NOSSA constitution indicates that any profits (not including gate revenues) from team sport championships in excess of \$50/team must be refunded to participating teams to arrive at a zero balance.

A complete financial statement in support of each NOSSA event is to be submitted through the district secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting in April.

These reports are compiled and posted to the NOSSA website for members' review prior to the AGM.



Mike Singletary:

"Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play."

Finding NOSSA Event Information

NOSSA championship event information will be linked to the web calendar that appears on the nossa.rainbowschools.ca homepage. As some information is subject to change, this info will NOT be linked to the activity calendar that appears in the NOSSA constitution.

For team sports, following the intent to participate deadline in place for each season (fall sports: Oct 31, winter sports: Jan 14, spring sports: May 10), the number of teams participating from each district will be sent to conveners, after which an entry fee and schedule may be developed indicating district names (the identity of qualifying schools can be inserted when they are confirmed).

Conveners please forward event information to Dave Makela at makelad@rainbowschools.ca so it can be uploaded to the NOSSA website in a timely manner.

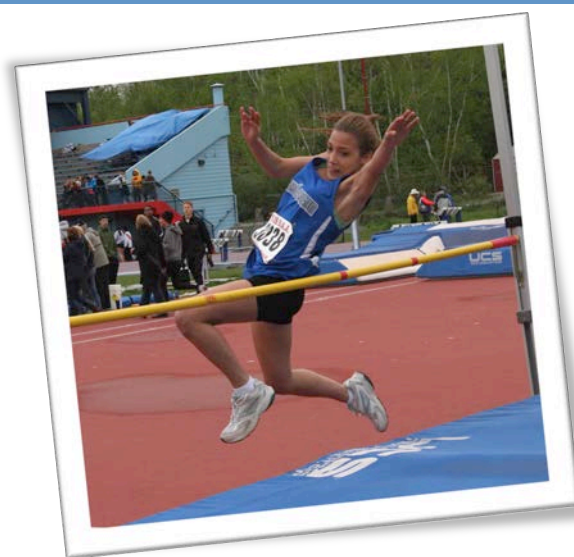


OFSSA Leadership in Sport Award Recipients in 2018-2019

Curling – Bob Boal, Chippewa SS

Boys' AA Soccer – Mark Hopper, Widdifield SS

Girls' A Basketball – Monique Dubytz, Esc Algonquin



Need Further Information?

Each district has a NOSSA district secretary in place to help support NOSSA activities.

Questions or concerns should be directed through the PE program leader of each school as a first step, then to the NOSSA district secretary if necessary.

North Bay – Kareena Lindsay (Elisabeth-Bruyère)

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Sault Ste Marie – Michelle Guzzo (St Mary's)

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North Shore – Tony Yachuk (Espanola)

yachukt@rainbowschools.ca

Sudbury – Dave Makela (Northeastern)

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Convener Duties – As taken from the NOSSA handbook

A convener shall:

- i) send out pertinent information at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
- ii) encourage media coverage of the event, which includes allowing press photographs during the event.

To see that adequate and regulation facilities are available. Where possible the event should not be given to a school where these conditions cannot be met.

Prepare a schedule of games. In doing so, assume for the purpose of seeding that the first team from each District is the team who won their District playoff in cases where the District submits 2 entries.

Inform all Coaches of the exact time that they will play their first game. This is to be done well in advance of the tournament so that travel and accommodation arrangements can be made.

Arrange for officials.

Receive the eligibility sheets prior to the competition.

Rule on protests.

Arrange for the appropriate trophies to be present, in good condition, at the site of the tournament or meet. The maintenance of N.O.S.S.A. trophies as required shall be the responsibility of the school holding the trophy and the expenses shall be paid by that school.

Arrange for the presentation of trophies, banners and medals (banners and medals are carried in stock by NOSSA). Awards for each championship will be delivered by a Sudbury team participating in the event or shipped if necessary. District treasurers will be invoiced for the cost of the awards that must be paid within thirty (30) days of the completion of the event. Late payments will result in a \$50. fine.

Submit entry forms to OFSAA.

Submit a N.O.S.S.A. Conveners Report including a financial statement to the N.O.S.S.A. Secretary within one month of conclusion of the event.

Pass on a checklist and information of the event to the next convener.

N.O.S.S.A. entry fees for each team sport shall be charged to all participating teams. Allowable expenses to be budgeted for by the convener include the following: officials' fees, accommodation and transportation of officials (where necessary), minor officials' fees (timers, scorers, linespersons), awards as prescribed by Article XI, and production of a program (photocopying). When the aforementioned expenses have been budgeted for, the entry fee will be calculated by dividing the total expenses by the total number of participating teams.

If, after allowing for the expenses indicated above, a team sport championship still derives a profit of \$50/team or more, the convener shall be required to refund each participating team an equal share of the profit to render a zero balance. Gate revenue is not to be included in the calculation of event profits.

For all individual sports, the NOSSA convener is responsible to forward a single cheque in payment of OFSAA entry fees and participation fees on behalf of all NOSSA schools participating.

Publish and post in their gymnasiums the OFSAA Code of Behaviour for spectators. The school administration will see that this code is adhered to.

New NOSSA Regs for 2019/2020

- In boys' hockey, two championships were combined into one, four-team event rendering two OFSAA representatives.
- In girls' basketball, the "AA" and "AAA" events were combined into one, six-team event rendering two OFSAA representatives.
- The midget age group term was changed to novice in keeping with a similar motion that was passed by OFSAA.
- Swimming was accepted as an officially-sanctioned sport of NOSSA, with North Bay hosting the inaugural event during the 2019-2020 school year.



Age Cut-Offs for 19/20

Novice (formerly "midget" – born in 2005 or later (one year of eligibility at novice level only)

Junior – born in 2004 or 2005

Senior – born in 2000 or later

Students are eligible to compete for no more than five consecutive years from the date of entry into Grade 9. There is no appeal to the five year limit.



New for 2019/2020:

- The term "midget" was changed to "novice" wherever appearing in OFSAA regulations.
- Ultimate was accepted as a fully sanctioned sport within OFSAA.
- The wording of transfer applications under all sections of category 'd' was changed as follows: "The student must attend the next closest school to their home residence if remaining in the same system. If changing systems, the student must attend the designated school according to school board boundaries (or the closest school to the student's home residence if no school boundaries exist)."
- The Championship/Festival Protest Committee shall have the discretion to determine whether club insignia/commercial sponsorship during competition will be covered if a safety hazard is determined to be present. In such cases, the athlete will not be in violation of the above.

In addition to the above, several other initiatives were passed during the one day meeting, including constitutional and playing regulations.

The complete results from the April 2019 order paper have been uploaded to the NOSSA website as follows:

<https://nossa.rainbowschools.ca/Pages/ofsaainorderpaper-apr19result.pdf>

O.F.S.A.A. CLASSIFICATIONS FOR N.O.S.S.A. SCHOOLS

(derived from O.F.S.A.A. report on N.O.S.S.A. schools' classification)

"A" Schools	"AA" Schools	"AAA" Schools
NORTH SHORE DISTRICT		
Central Algoma (324.46)	None.	None.
Elliot Lake S.S. (286.34)		
Espanola H.S. (404.50)		
*Franco Ouest (52.50)		
*Jeunesse Nord (65.25)		
Manitoulin S.S. (420.71)		
*Villa Francaises des Jeunes (32)		
W.C. Eaket (135.75)		
* Wikwemikong High School (135)		
NIPISSING DISTRICT		
*F.J. McElligott (101.88)	Chippewa S.S. (606.97)	None.
E.S. Algonquin (467.25)	St Joseph/Scollard Hall (799.50)	
E.S.C. Elizabeth-Bruyère (35)	Widdifield S.S. (601.65)	
E.S. Franco Cité (311.50)		
E.S. Northern (256)		
*E.S. l'Odyssée (57)		
West Ferris S.S. (461.30)		
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT		
*Notre Dame du Sault (50)	Korah C & VS (800.50)	None.
White Pines (453.87)	St Mary's College (920.75)	
	Superior Heights (750.25)	
SUDBURY DISTRICT		
Bishop A. Carter CSS (287)	Lasalle SS (633.03)	None.
*ESC Champlain (219.50)	Lo-Ellen Park (794)	
*Chelmsford Valley DCS (174.50)	St Charles College (825)	
Confederation (451.78)		
*ES Hanmer (93)		
ESC l'Horizon (428.25)		
Lively DSS (266.25)		
Lockerby CS (521.25)		
ES Macdonald Cartier (342)		
Marymount Academy (224)		
Notre-Dame (556.76)		
*Rivière-des-Francais (41)		
*ES du Sacré-Coeur (203)		
St Benedict CSS (463)		
Sudbury Secondary (524.75)		

*denotes schools that qualify for NOSSA "B" competition

2019 Breakdown: "A" – 33 schools, "AA" – 9 schools, "AAA" – 0 schools

(1999 Breakdown: "A" – 16 schools, "AA" – 18 schools, "AAA" – 12 schools)

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team's breakfast for early game times

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Team Meal Options Available

IN ROOM FRIDGES & MICROWAVES

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coach's room

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- **Rebate Program** - 5% of your room rate is given back to NOSSA to help decrease the cost to students to participate in athletic events
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1252 Michael Street

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222 Hearst Way

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***COMFORT INN PEMBROKE**
959 Pembroke Street East

***COMFORT INN PICKERING**
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* Indicates that the hotel offers a free breakfast, all other hotels have a restaurant attached to the hotel or adjacent to the hotel.

** Hotel List subject to change.

