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# N.O.S.S.A. News 2022-23

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## Back to action in 2022!

Though no one can say for certainty that the covid-19 pandemic is finally behind us, hopes are higher than ever that 2022-2023 will be the school year that brings with it a full roster of NOSSA championships, the first of its kind since 2018-2019.

To this end, this newsletter is developed with a view towards providing a “snapshot” of helpful info to coaches and students as they prepare for their seasons this year.

As always, your best resource for answers to questions that may not be addressed herein is your schools’ p.e. program leader. If he/she doesn’t have the answer, he/she will know where to find it!

Here’s hoping for a full slate of successful NOSSA activities this year!!

Dave Makela – NOSSA Secretary

## Introducing the 2022-2023 Executive:

Presidents – Jared Klooster, Terri-Lynn Della Penta (Superior Heights) – Soo District

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Sean Mullan (West Ferris) – North Bay District

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Darren Michelutti (St Charles) and Marc Bertrand (Sacré-Coeur) – Sudbury District

3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Jillian Peliter (Wkwemikong HS) – North Shore 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 Saverio Gioffre, at 1-438-886-8962 (email address: [saverio.gioffre@investhotels.com](mailto:saverio.gioffre@investhotels.com)).

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

NOSSA will be rebated only for reservations made through Saverio, 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.



## Tournament Info

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

Any NOSSA-hosted event will be linked to the NOSSA web calendar at [nossa.rainbowschools.ca](http://nossa.rainbowschools.ca)

Event information, including registration forms, will be attached to each posting where provided.

Any other event info will simply be forwarded via email to the NOSSA contact list.

Send your information in any electronic format to Dave Makela at: [makelad@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:makelad@rainbowschools.ca)

## The Kudos File



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

Janis Hogan –  
Korah C & VS:  
Pete Beach Award



The presentation will take place at the 2023 annual general meeting in North Bay.



## NOSSA Awards

In the never-ending effort to limit the costs associated with the hosting of NOSSA activities, NOSSA 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.

Awards packages will be sent to each district in the fall, with costs due for full payment not later than September 24<sup>th</sup> each school year.

Payments should be directed to NOSSA treasurer Laura Aubertin.



## Setting NOSSA Entry Fees

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 copied in this newsletter as well) 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.

### Need Further Information? Have Questions? Concerns?

Each district has a NOSSA district secretary in place to help support NOSSA activities. Questions or concerns may be directed through the PE program leader of each school as a first step, then to the NOSSA district secretary if necessary.

North Bay – Scot Quarrington (West Ferris SS)

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

[michelle.guzzo@hscdsb.on.ca](mailto:michelle.guzzo@hscdsb.on.ca) and Marco Bernabucci (Korah) [bernabm@adsb.on.ca](mailto:bernabm@adsb.on.ca)

North Shore – Jillian Peltier (Wikwemikong HS)

[jpeltier@wbe-education.ca](mailto:jpeltier@wbe-education.ca)

Sudbury – Dave Makela (RDSB Athletics -

Northeastern) [makelad@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:makelad@rainbowschools.ca)

## Finding NOSSA Event Information

NOSSA championship event information will be linked to the web calendar that appears on the [nossa.rainbowschools.ca](http://nossa.rainbowschools.ca) homepage. As some information is subject to change/updates, this info will NOT be linked to the activity calendar that appears in the pdf version of 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](mailto:makelad@rainbowschools.ca) so it can be uploaded to the NOSSA website in a timely manner.





## 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.

## 2023 NOSSA AGM

To avoid conflicts with PD days and the NOSSA badminton championships, delegates attending the 2022 NOSSA AGM have decided to host the 2023 annual meeting on a Thursday, preceded by the resolutions meeting on Wednesday evening.

Accordingly, the date of the 2023 AGM, to be hosted by the North Bay District, is Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (9:30am start). The resolutions meeting will be hosted Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



## Age Cut-Offs for 2022/23

Novice (formerly “midget” – born in 2008 or later (one year of eligibility at novice level only)

Junior – born in 2007 or later

Senior – born in 2003 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.

*“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary” - Vince Lombardi*

*“I’m a light eater. As soon as it’s light, I start eating” – Baltimore Colts lineman Art Donovan*



## New for 2022/2023:

A full slate of results from the OFSAA AGM that was hosted in April have been uploaded to the NOSSA website and may be accessed [here](#).

Here are a few highlights:

Previously exempt from the process, exchange students will now be subject to the same application process as all other transfer students, and must be processed before they may be considered eligible to compete.

OFSAA will be introducing a girls’ slo-pitch festival championship for the first time in 2023. The date of the championship will be Mon-Tue, Jun 12-13 and it will be hosted in London.

OFSAA team sports can now draw extra entries, where required, from 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers from two years prior to a championship to fill championship draws if not successfully filled from the previous year’s event.

Three new age classes were added to girls’ wrestling including 38 kg, 89 kg and 95 kg. This brings the total possible weight classes to seventeen.



# 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 - 2021)

"A" Schools	"AA" Schools	"AAA" Schools
<b>NORTH SHORE DISTRICT</b>		
Central Algoma (351)	None.	None.
Elliot Lake S.S. (353)		
Espanola H.S. (426.75)		
*ESC La Renaissance (46)		
*Jeunesse Nord (53.5)		
Manitoulin S.S. (393.25)		
*Villa Francaise des Jeunes (22)		
*W.C. Eaket (148)		
*Wikwemikong High School (150)		
<b>NIPISSING DISTRICT</b>		
*F.J. McElligott (64.5)	Chippewa S.S. (600.54)	None.
E.S. Algonquin (429.5)	St Joseph/Scollard Hall (858)	
*E.S.C. Elizabeth-Bruyère (40.5)		
E.S. Franco Cité (294.5)		
*E.S. Nipissing Ouest (107)		
*Northern S.S. (102.77)		
*E.S. l'Odyssée (44)		
West Ferris SS (518.95)		
<b>SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT</b>		
*Notre Dame du Sault (62.75)	Korah C & VS (977)	None.
White Pines (517)	St Mary's College (702)	
	Superior Heights (846)	
<b>SUDBURY DISTRICT</b>		
Bishop A. Carter CSS (375)	Lasalle SS (746)	None.
ESC Champlain (283.5)	Lo-Ellen Park (816.5)	
*Chelmsford Valley DCS (170.6)	St Charles College (903)	
Confederation (462.75)		
*ES Hanmer (137.5)		
ESC l'Horizon (412)		
Lively DSS (268)		
Lockerby CS (520)		
ES Macdonald Cartier (390)		
Marymount Academy (187)		
Notre-Dame (386.51)		
*Rivière-des-Français (40.5)		
*ES du Sacré-Coeur (229.5)		
St Benedict CSS (479)		
Sudbury Secondary (453.3)		

\*denotes schools that qualify for NOSSA "B" competition

2022 Breakdown: "A" – 34 schools, "AA" – 8 schools, "AAA" – 0 schools

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