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N.O.S.S.A. News 2024-25

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Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for another exciting season of NOSSA sports!

Like every other school year, there are always a number of newcomers to the fold that would benefit from a little extra information. 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' phys-ed program leader. If he/she doesn't have the answer, he/she will know where to find it!

Thanks for helping all NOSSA students get the most out of their high school experience!

Dave Makela – Acting NOSSA Secretary

Introducing the 2024-2025 Executive:

President – Lisa Hotte (Esc
Algonquin) – Nipissing District

1st VPs – Danika Brabant (Notre-
Dame) and Emi Mardero (St
Benedict) – Sudbury District

2nd VP –Jon Lauricella (W.C. Eaket) –
North Shore

3rd VP – Wendy Basawa (White Pines)
– Soo 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@innvesthotels.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

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

The Kudos File!

Bill Gordon – Sudbury
Secondary School
Pete Beach Award



Laura Aubertin (ret.) – Ontario
Volunteer Service Award

Chris Cassidy (Chippewa) – OFSAA
Leadership in Sport Award (Boys'
Soccer)

Heather Whitton (Elliot Lake) – OFSAA
Leadership in Sport Award (Girls'
Volleyball)

St Charles College Boys Hockey Team –
OFSAA Sportsmanship Award

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 24th 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 – Pat Lalonde (Esc Algonquin)

lalondep@franco-nord.ca

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

michelle.guzzo@hscdsb.on.ca

North Shore – Jon Lauricella (W.C. Eaket)

lauricj@adsb.on.ca

Sudbury – Dave Makela (RDSB Athletics -

Northeastern) 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 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 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 gymnasias the OFSAA Code of Behaviour for spectators. The school administration will see that this code is adhered to.

2025 NOSSA AGM

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of NOSSA will take place on Friday, May 2nd (9:30am start).

The Resolutions meeting, which is comprised of District Co-Chairs, OFSAA CGA and CBA reps, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and District Secretaries, will be hosted Thursday, May 1st, beginning at 7pm.

The North Shore district will host.

A detailed list of AGM hosting requirements may be located on the NOSSA website (Association info pull down menu, forms link).



Age Cut-Offs for 2024/25

Novice – born in 2010 or later (one year of eligibility at novice level only)

Junior – born in 2009 or later

Senior – born in 2005 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.

*“Baseball is 90 percent mental.
The other half is physical.” Yogi
Berra*



2024/2025 Updates:

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:

- Under the transfer policy, refugees are no longer considered to be transfer students, fully eligible for interschool sports for a two year period following entry into high school.
- Effective during the 2025-2026 school year, OFSAA tennis will be contested in the fall sport season.
- Similar to tennis, motions to move girls' slo-pitch and boys baseball to the fall were defeated.
- A motion to remove body checking in boys' hockey was defeated.
- A motion to introduce a new mixed 4x400 relay event in track and field was defeated.



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 - 2023)

"A" Schools	"AA" Schools	"AAA" Schools
NORTH SHORE DISTRICT		
Central Algoma (357)	None.	None.
Elliot Lake S.S. (366)		
Espanola H.S. (470.25)		
*ESC La Renaissance (48)		
*Jeunesse Nord (57.5)		
Manitoulin S.S. (426.25)		
*Villa Francaise des Jeunes (22)		
*W.C. Eaket (157)		
*Wikwemikong High School (186)		
NIPISSING DISTRICT		
*F.J. McElligott (119)	Chippewa S.S. (763.2)	St Joseph/Scollard Hall (1,106.75)
E.S. Algonquin (457.5)	West Ferris SS (820.08)	
*E.S.C. Elizabeth-Bruyère (32)		
E.S. Franco Cité (293)		
*Nbisiing Secondary School (100)		
*E.S. Nipissing Ouest (93)		
*Northern S.S. (150)		
*E.S. l'Odyssée (42)		
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT		
*Notre Dame du Sault (59.5)	Korah C & VS (960)	None.
White Pines (509)	St Mary's College (773)	
	Superior Heights (936)	
SUDBURY DISTRICT		
Bishop A. Carter CSS (433)	Lasalle SS (802.27)	None.
*ESC Champlain (244.25)	Lo-Ellen Park (851.75)	
*Chelmsford Valley DCS (207.5)	St Charles College (885)	
Confederation (472.75)		
*ES Hanmer (123.5)		
ESC l'Horizon (445.5)		
Lively DSS (311.77)		
Lockerby CS (521.5)		
ES Macdonald Cartier (415.77)		
Marymount Academy (208)		
Notre-Dame (318.26)		
*Rivière-des-Francais (46)		
*ES du Sacré-Coeur (186.5)		
St Benedict CSS (589)		
Sudbury Secondary (506.91)		

*denotes schools that qualify for NOSSA "B" competition

2024 Breakdown: "A" – 34 schools, "AA" – 8 schools, "AAA" – 1 school

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