

NORTHERN ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS **(NOSSA)**



A) PURPOSE

These Regulations relate to the governing rules and playing regulations of the Association (NOSSA) as it relates to sport competitions and activities. These Regulations complement the Bylaws of the Association, which relate to its corporate governance, and are superseded by the Bylaws.

Districts of the Association shall remain autonomous in dealing with matters of concern to their own member schools, provided that the Regulations of NOSSA are not contravened.

B) DEFINITIONS

The following terms have these meanings in these Regulations:

- a) *Association* – the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA).
- b) *Board* – the Board of Directors of the Association.
- d) *Days* – days including weekends and holidays.
- e) *Delegate(s)* – individual(s) appointed to represent a Member School at a meeting of Members and vote on behalf of that Member School.
- f) *Director* – an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to these Bylaws.
- g) *District* – a regional area and body that consists of Members and is a sub-section of the Association.
- h) *FTE* – Full-Time Equivalent/Enrolment.
- i) *Member* – A secondary school in northern Ontario which meets the requirements of membership as stated in the Bylaws.
- j) *OFSAA* – the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations
- j) *Ordinary Resolution* – a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution or consented to by all voting Members entitled to vote on that resolution.
- k) *Playing Regulations* – sport specific rules of play at the various competitions and activities sanctioned by the Association.
- l) *Regulations* – the governing rules and playing regulations of the Association as it relates to sport competitions and activities between Members.

C) ACTIVITIES & COMPETITION

SECTION 1 – SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE EVENTS

All NOSSA games, activities, tournaments, competitions, sponsored events, and other performances will be tobacco-free in accordance with the NOSSA Smoking and Tobacco Free Policy.

SECTION 2 – EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES

NOSSA will strive to provide equitable opportunities for students in co-curricular activities, as well as in NOSSA Championships, as outlined in the NOSSA Gender Equity Policy.

SECTION 3 – ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- a) Dates for the Activity Calendar as submitted by the host District Secretaries may be changed at the Annual Meeting to have them reflect the specifics of the Playing Regulations for each activity.
- b) Dates for the Activity Calendar as set at the Annual Meeting may only be changed as follows.
 - i) Following the OFSAA meeting in June our Male and Female Representatives, having noted a change in OFSAA dates, may suggest a similar change in NOSSA dates and these changes will be forwarded immediately to each NOSSA Secretary and recorded on the Activity Calendar.
 - ii) Convenors may change a date in the Activity Calendar as follows:
 - a. Only after getting unanimous approval of District Convenors and if this is done at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date; OR
 - b. In the event of an emergency (i.e. environmental factors, pandemic, etc.) and only with approval of the NOSSA Board of Directors.
 - iii) If a convenor requests a date change to the NOSSA activity calendar and both conditions stated in Section ii) above cannot be met; then the NOSSA convenor may request that the Board of Directors rule on the proposed date change. All efforts will be put forth to hold a Board meeting, however if a Board meeting cannot be convened in time to make a date change, then the original date MUST stand.
 - iv) The same high school cannot host two (2) NOSSA championships within the same season if the schedules cannot be accommodated within the specified dates.

SECTION 4: DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Each District must submit the name and school of convenors for approval to the Annual Meeting for sports they will host according to the 4 year calendar.
- b) Each District that hosts the Annual Meeting shall be responsible for meeting costs as outlined within the NOSSA Annual Meeting Expenses Policy.
- c) The convenor or co-convenor must be a teacher (current or retired) from a member school of

- the District hosting the event.
- d) The person in charge of athletics is responsible to give the convenor a copy of the “Duties of Convenors”, as well as applicable Playing Regulations.
 - e) Should a convenor be unable to fulfil their duties, a new convenor shall be appointed by the District concerned if possible at least 30 days prior to the NOSSA event. District Convenors, as well as the secretary and treasurer, must be notified of the change.
 - f) In cases where a District is unable to take their turn hosting a NOSSA event or a convenor is not available, a volunteer District will be sought at the Annual Meeting. If no volunteer is found, then the next District on the 4 year calendar shall host the event. As a result of this change, the 4 year calendar will not change other than the volunteer District may keep or give their next turn to the defaulting District.
 - g) All convenors must provide a contact email address to facilitate communication among convenors, coaches and executive members as required.

SECTION 5: DUTIES OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES

- a) To communicate with their District Schools regarding NOSSA business
- b) To represent their District at NOSSA Protest/Appeal hearings, as required, as a presenting party
- c) To collect information from time to time as requested by the NOSSA Secretary, Treasurer and/or the President
- d) To submit to the NOSSA Secretary and Treasurer their District intentions to participate in NOSSA Championships
- e) To submit requests to the NOSSA Protests Committee on behalf of a school
- f) To direct District concerns to the NOSSA Officers or Chair of the appropriate NOSSA Committee
- g) Circulate to all District Secretaries a list of their Sport Convenors, including school and contact information
- h) District Secretaries shall be responsible for obtaining final reports from convenors in their District and forwarding them to the NOSSA Secretary and Treasurer by the Annual Meeting (exceptions: badminton, soccer and track and field). Districts will be fined \$25.00 for each report that is not submitted on time.

Exceptions

- 1) Badminton and any other sport that may end after the convenor's district meeting but prior to the Annual Meeting, the convenor may submit them directly to the appropriate Secretary-Treasurer.
 - 2) Soccer and Track & Field and any other sport that may end after the Annual Meeting must be submitted through the convenor's district meeting for next year's Annual Meeting.
- f) Submit Dates for the Activity Calendar to the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 6: NOSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) A convenor shall:
 - i) send out pertinent information at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
 - ii) include the current information and links that are provided by InnVest Hotels and promote the booking of accommodations that are designated for rebate to NOSSA.
 - iii) encourage media coverage of the event which includes allowing press photographs during the event.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Arrange for officials.
- f) Receive the eligibility sheets prior to the competition.
- g) Rule on protests.
- h) Arrange for the appropriate trophies to be present, in good condition, at the site of the tournament or meet. The maintenance of NOSSA trophies as required shall be the responsibility of the school holding the trophy and the expenses shall be paid by that school.
- i) 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 after the Spring Annual Meeting. Invoices must be paid in accordance with Section (H) Awards of these Regulations.
- j) Submit entry forms to OFSAA.
- k) Submit a NOSSA Convenors Report including a financial statement to the NOSSA Secretary within one month of conclusion of the event.
- l) NOSSA entry fees for each team sport shall be charged to all participating teams. Allowable expenses to be budgeted for by the convenor include the following: officials' fees, accommodation and transportation of officials (where necessary), minor officials' fees (timers, scorers, linespersons), awards as prescribed in these Regulations or NOSSA Policies, 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 convenor 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.
- m) For all individual sports, the NOSSA convenor be responsible to forward a single cheque in payment of OFSAA entry fees and participation fees on behalf of all NOSSA schools participating.

- n) Publish and post in their gymnasias the most updated OFSAA Code of Behaviour/Code of Conduct for spectators. The school administration will see that this code is adhered to.

SECTION 7: OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

When a District hosts an OFSAA competition on behalf of NOSSA, the District shall have the sole responsibility of determining which team(s) to invite to facilitate the draw, if necessary, after each Association has indicated their representative. The District may, if it wishes, turn this decision over to its convenor.

D) ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

- a) OFSAA Sports Committee Representatives will be determined at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Dates for the Activity Calendar will be set at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2: VOTING ON CO-ED PLAYING REGULATIONS

- 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) An Ordinary Resolution (majority of votes cast by the membership who are present during the vote) is required to pass motions, providing there is a quorum.
- d) In case of a tie vote, the matter shall be defeated.

SECTION 3: VOTING ON NON CO-ED PLAYING REGULATIONS

- a) Proxy votes are not allowed.
- b) Each school gets one vote and must be present to cast their vote,
- c) An Ordinary Resolution (majority of votes cast by the membership who are present during the vote) is required to pass motions, providing there is a quorum.
- d) In case of a tie vote, the matter shall be defeated.

E) ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

- a) In order to be eligible for NOSSA competition in a league or individual sport, the athlete or team must have played in the local league or tournament at the District level where available.
- b) A principal may at any time declare a student of their own school to be ineligible.

- c) Expulsion or suspension from school shall render the competitor ineligible until reinstated by the principal.

SECTION 2: AMATEUR RULE

A student who has played in a scheduled game in a recognized professional league, or has participated as a professional in any individual sport shall be ineligible for competition in the sport in which they have been classed as a professional (it is not the intent that students who are employed as life-guards, caddies or playground supervisors should be affected by this ruling).

SECTION 3: AN ELIGIBLE COMPETITOR IS ONE WHO:

- a) is enrolled as a day student at the school for which they competes on or before September 20th of the current school year, or has enrolled at least ten (10) school days prior to the contest concerned.
- b) is in attendance at least 75% of the regular school days intervening between the date of registration and the date of the contest except where school is legally closed by a municipality and except where there is a disabling illness.
- c) is taking a scheduled program in a cycle which is not less than 50% of school cycle minutes in each semester or during the full year.
- d) first satisfies all the requirements of the District that they is representing. (i.e. Districts have the right to make their own restrictions beyond NOSSA restrictions).

SECTION 4: PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- a) A player may participate (play, dress to play or have their name on the scoresheet) in only one (1) District league match (not applicable to exhibition matches) in a higher age division and still be eligible for NOSSA in the lower age division.
- b) A player may not play in one age division in District play-offs and another in NOSSA.
- c) A player must have played in at least two (2) regular league games (exclusive of play-off games) in the District to be eligible for that age division at NOSSA.
- d) No student who is registered in one school shall be eligible to participate for another school.

Exceptions:

- 1) In Badminton Boys' and Girls' separate schools may combine for mixed doubles
- 2) F.J. McElligott H.S. and E.S.F.J. McElligott are allowed combined entry in all NOSSAsports.

- e) No students may participate in a NOSSA final in more than one age division with the exception of Track & Field Relays.

SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY LISTS

- a) Eligibility lists signed by the Principal, Head of Physical Education and coach must be submitted to the District convenor in all activities at all age divisions. The signators are responsible for the accuracy of the lists.
- b) The District Convenor must submit these lists to the NOSSA Convenor.
- c) Eligibility lists must include:
 - i) Competitor's full name
 - ii) Competitor's date of birth (name of month must be written)
 - iii) Competitor's age as of midnight December 31st of the current school year
- b) False statements on the eligibility lists will mean loss of games in which an ineligible player participated.
- d) All NOSSA schools will be required to utilize the OFSAA Hub eligibility list system.

SECTION 6: AGE DIVISIONS

- a) All age restriction dates are as of 11:59 p.m., December 31st of the current school year.
- b) Age Divisions and restrictions are:
 - i) Novice - under fifteen (15): students born in the calendar year (or later) 15 years prior to the end of the school year.
(Example: For the school year 2021-2022, all students born on or after 2007)
 - ii) Junior - under sixteen (16): students born in the calendar year (or later) 16 years prior to the end of the school year.
(Example: For the school year 2021-2022 all students born on or after 2006)

SECTION 7: AGE DIVISIONS (cont'd)

- iii) Senior - under twenty (20)
(Example: For the school year 2021-2022 all students born on or after 2002)
 - iv) NOSSA "B" will only consist of an open division rather than junior and senior.
- c) Each competitor shall furnish upon request of a convenor, or of the executive, an official birth certificate or an official certificate of age.

- d) Student athletes are eligible for one team per sport that is offered by NOSSA, notwithstanding existing regulations pertaining to age classifications Article 7, Section 6: Age Divisions.

SECTION 8: SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS

- a) All schools within NOSSA shall be classified according to school population numbers (taken as full time equivalent enrolment numbers – FTE numbers). This number shall be used to classify the member schools. These classification category numbers are:

“B”: 1 - 250
“A”: 1 – 600
“AA”: 601 – 1000
“AAA”: 1001+

- b) To determine classification of all-male or all-female schools (public or private), they shall multiply their enrolment by 2 and then use this number as its classification.

The following Additional Guidelines **may** be used by the Association when classifying schools. These may be used for **each school as a whole and by sport** after Association has placed a school in its classification category outline in a).

i) Location of School

- The location of a school could allow an Association to shift the classification of the school in either direction. For example, a large school in an isolated area may be moved to a lower classification category.
- consideration of urban vs. rural advantages and disadvantages

ii) School Composition

- Program focus may require a shift of a school from one classification to another (i.e. collegiate vs. composite).
- Schools with a residential component have definite benefits and may warrant a shift to a higher classification category.
- High performance sport schools should be considered for a shift to a higher classification category.

iii) Team Composition

- Any of the following may create a shift of a school in a specific sport to a higher classification category: majority of team playing in outside league, Provincial team players, National team members.

iv) Competition

- Consideration should be given to shifting teams to a higher classification category if the team plays out-of-season, or plays an exceptional number of games.
- School teams playing in two leagues at the same time should be shifted to a higher category.

- v) OFSAA Success
 - Regular medallists at any level of OFSAA competition should be shifted to a higher classification category.
- vi) General
 - The Association may only shift a school one level below what their student population numbers designate.
 - Schools may be shifted up any number of classifications if several of the above guidelines apply to a specific school or to a specific sport within a school.
 - a school may participate in only one school classification of competition in any one sport during a school year.
- vii) Classification appeal process
 - An appeal process shall be in place which allows schools to appeal the placement of their school/team in a specific classification by the Association to the OFSAA Classifications Committee. The appeal must come through the Association and shall include an outline of the rationale for the Association's decision, and the school's rationale for their appeal. Appeals must be resolved by May 15th of the current school year so as to be effective for the next school year.

SECTION 9 – CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Officers of NOSSA, as defined in the Bylaws, will serve as the Classifications Committee and will meet on an ad hoc basis at the request of any school in the Association on classification appeals.

The Committee shall follow the classification appeal process as prescribed above.

F) PROTESTS

SECTION 1: PROTESTS

- a) Line of Protest/Appeal
 - i) District convenor or District Protest Committee - only on issues regarding entries to NOSSA.
 - ii) NOSSA Convenor - who may utilize a Jury of Appeal (Some playing regulations call for one).
 - iii) NOSSA Protests Committee for protests over Convenor and/or Jury of Appeal decisions.
- b) Entries Protests

Any disputes over entries from a District to NOSSA must be settled by the District (convenor, secretary or District Protest Committee) subject to District procedures.
- c) Eligibility Protests

Failure to produce eligibility lists upon request shall render a contest liable to protest.
- d) Protest Bond

Protests must be accompanied by \$50.00 to be put into General NOSSA Revenue if the protest is lost, or returned if won.

SECTION 2: APPEAL TO NOSSA PROTESTS COMMITTEE

- a) In the case of a protest of a convenor's decision, or in the case of a protest that arises after conclusion of the competition, an appeal may be made to the NOSSA Protests Committee within two school days of receiving the convenor's decision or conclusion of the competition.
- b) No action should be taken which is outside NOSSA at least until the Board of References has decided upon the protest. If such outside action is taken before NOSSA has dealt with the protest, NOSSA will render the protest invalid.
- c) Requests:
 - i) Requests may be submitted only by:
 - 1) NOSSA Officers
 - 2) Convenor
 - 3) District Secretary on behalf of a school
 - ii) Requests must be in the form of a letter or fax to the NOSSA President
 - iii) Copies must be sent to the appropriate NOSSA Secretary as well as each of the members of the Committee and the NOSSA Convenor.

SECTION 3: NOSSA PROTESTS COMMITTEE

- a) The Committee shall rule on written protests of convenors decisions. It is empowered to interpret articles of the Bylaws, Regulations, and Playing Regulations to decide the point at issue. The Committee's interpretation is binding.
- b) The Committee shall consist of three of the four principal's representatives on the Board of Directors. The NOSSA President shall chair the meeting as a non-voting member.
- c)
 - i) The President will convene a conference call to also include 3 members from each District. Each District involved may have one person included in the conference call to give information after which the Committee will be alone to make their decision.
 - ii) Copies must be sent to the appropriate NOSSA Secretary as well as each of the members of the Committee and the NOSSA Convenor.
- d) Immediately following a decision all parties will be informed verbally and the chairperson will confirm the decision in writing.
- e) A coach who is sanctioned by NOSSA is not permitted to be affiliated with any team that is participating in a NOSSA activity in any capacity during the term of the sanction. A coach who has been sanctioned by NOSSA is not permitted to be in the playing area or observe the activity as a spectator in the immediate playing area. Infractions of a sanction may be directed to the NOSSA Board of Directors which may result in further sanctions.
- f) Decisions of the NOSSA Protests Committee are binding and may not be appealed.

G) SANCTIONS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

District confirmations must be received by the deadline dates established for fall, winter and spring sports respectively. Districts will not be eligible to compete in any activity which is not confirmed by the deadline dates.

SECTION 2 - PROCESS

- (a) i. Sanctions may be issued by the NOSSA Secretary and/or the NOSSA Treasurer. If required by the Secretary/Treasurer, convenors may be asked to complete and submit a Sanction Form to the Secretary or Treasurer that confirm the specifics of any withdrawal (or sanctionable offence) and assist them in determining the appropriate sanction. Completion of this form is on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- (b) i. If a District is unable to honour its confirmation of intent to participate in any championship, and the convenor is able to find a replacement, the District shall be charged half of the entry fee for that championship which will be forwarded to the convenor of the NOSSA championship in question, plus a \$100 fine which will be retained in the NOSSA account. Failure to comply will result in a 10% late payment penalty.

ii. If a District is unable to honour its confirmation of intent to participate in any championship, and the convenor is unable to find a replacement, the District shall be charged the full entry fee for that championship which will be forwarded to the convenor of the NOSSA championship in question, plus a \$100.00 fine which will be retained in the NOSSA account. Payment will be due to the convenor on the date of the championship. Failure to comply will result in a 10% late payment penalty.
- (c) Schools found to be in default of championship entry fees will not be permitted into any subsequent NOSSA event until such time as they convenor of said championship confirms payment.

SECTION 3 – REPLACEMENT TEAMS

By entering a NOSSA team championship, a school team agrees to fulfill any/all obligations to OFSAA should it qualify to advance. If a qualifying team for some reason cannot attend the corresponding OFSAA championship, it will be their responsibility to find a replacement with the convenor's assistance. If a replacement is not found, the qualifying team will bear sole responsibility for any/all ensuing OFSAA sanctions.

If a team has been declared ineligible for OFSAA competition, then that team will not be considered

eligible to participate at the NOSSA level.

H) AWARDS

SECTION 1: AWARDS

- a) NOSSA championship medals are to be awarded to 1st place champions, team members or individuals in each category or division as approved by NOSSA silver medals will be awarded for all championships except cross country running. In addition, ribbons for sports such as track and field, tennis, cross country running, curling and alpine skiing will be stocked by NOSSA with delivery as per Article VIII, section 2, part (i).
- b) Additional awards (ribbons, medals, trophies, etc.), unless otherwise stated in the playing regulations, may be given at the discretion of the convenor. Expenses for these additional awards are not to be included in the tournament entry fee.
- c) That the cost of awards for all NOSSA activities be the responsibility of the convenor of each activity and the host District.
- d) NOSSA banners shall be presented to championship teams and the cost shall be included in the entry fee. If a championship banner is not awarded in any year, banners for that championship will not be ordered for the following year. If indeed the championship is hosted, it will be back ordered.
- e) Championship awards, to meet district yearly requirements according to the awards schedule and the current activity calendar, will be shipped to District Secretaries by October 15th of each school year.
- g) Full payment for awards as invoiced, including shipping costs, must be paid in full by September 24th. Late payments will be subject to a fine of \$100.00. If September 24th falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date shall be considered as the next official school day.
- h) InnVest Hotels Hospitality Award – This award will be presented annually to a coach/team/school from the district hosting the annual meeting based on one or more of the following criteria: (i) Positive contribution to school, district and NOSSA activities (also OFSAA), (ii) Enhances school and community image, (iii) Volunteer efforts throughout district, NOSSA and OFSAA Associations. The selection of the award recipient is at the discretion of the hosting district athletic association.

COED	Banners	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Ribbons
Alpine Skiing	4	12	12	0	12 each (3 rd to 6 th)
Badminton	1	24	24	0	n/a
Cross Country Running	3	48	0	0	48 each (2 nd & 3 rd), 6 ea (4 th to 6 th)
Nordic Skiing	2	24	24	0	n/a
Curling	2	12	12	0	n/a
Golf	2	12	12	0	n/a
Swimming	2	100	100	0	100 each (3 rd to 8 th Place)
Tennis	1	8	8	0	8 each (3 rd & 4 th Place)
Track & Field	3	125	125	0	125 each (3 rd to 8 th Place)
Wrestling	2	30	30	0	n/a
BOYS SPORTS	Banners	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Ribbons
Baseball	1	20	20	0	n/a
Basketball Open B	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Junior A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Senior A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Junior AA/AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Senior AA/AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Football	1	50	50	0	n/a
Hockey A/AA/AAA	1	25	25	0	n/a
Soccer Jr A, AA, AAA	3	60	60	0	n/a
Soccer Sr A, AA, AAA	3	60	60	0	n/a
Volleyball Open B	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Jr A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Sr A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Jr AA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Sr AA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Jr AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Sr AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
GIRLS SPORTS	Banners	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Ribbons
Basketball Open B	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Junior A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Senior A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Junior AA/AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Basketball Senior AA/AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Gymnastics Open	1	40	40	20	n/a
Hockey A/AA/AAA	1	20	20	0	n/a
Soccer A, AA, AAA	3	60	60	0	n/a
Volleyball Open B	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Jr A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Sr A	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Jr AA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Sr AA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Jr AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a
Volleyball Sr AAA	1	15	15	0	n/a

I) COACHING PERSONNEL & DEPARTMENT

SECTION 1: GENERAL

- a) All school teams must be in the charge of a person designated by the school which that person will represent, who will be responsible to the Association for competitions.
- b) Players and coaches who are guilty of criticizing officials who act in their games, whether the criticism is to him or her in person or in public or who are guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, are open to CENSURE from this Association and are liable to this Association for their actions.
- c) Misconduct on the part of players or coaches should be noted within 48 hours of the competition in a letter to the convenor and to the appropriate NOSSA Secretary/Treasurer. If the letter requests a Protest ruling the NOSSA Secretary/Treasurer will forward the letter to the appropriate NOSSA President/Vice President and District Secretary.

J) NOSSA UNIFORM SPONSORSHIP POLICY

All competitors are expected to dress for Association Championships in uniforms that are neat, clean, conform to uniform requirements outlined in the Playing Regulations, and which maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in a single or multi sport programs

A uniform is defined as a top, a bottom, warm-up T-shirt and a track suit.

(a) **Commercial Sponsorship Criteria**

Commercial sponsorship may be recognized on athletes; uniforms at Association Championships/events provided the following criteria is met:

- (i) the product and/or service provided by the sponsor must be commensurate with the philosophical practices and policies of the Association, the school, and the local Board of Education;
- (ii) only the same singular sponsor may be recognized on a team's set of uniforms;
- (iii) the manufacturer of the uniform may be recognized as the sponsor. If the manufacturer is not the sponsor, then the manufacturer's logo must be displayed very discreetly (i.e. smaller than 64 cm.sq. and not longer than 10 cm.)
- (iv) this criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area.

(b) **Commercial Sponsorship Placement Guidelines**

- (i) Singlets/Vests/Jerseys

Where uniform tops have sleeves, recognition of the sponsor must appear on one only of either the left or right sleeve. The maximum area to be covered by the advertising on the sleeve is 64 cm.sq. (maximum length 10 cm.).

Uniform tops without sleeves may display sponsorship on the left or right breast of the uniform top. The maximum area to be covered by the advertising on the uniform top without a sleeve is 24 cm.sq. (maximum length 8 cm.)

(ii) Shorts/Bottoms

One piece of advertising, similar in nature to that permitted on the top of the uniform, will be permitted on the left or right thigh. The maximum area to be covered by the advertising on the shorts/bottoms is 64 cm.sq. (max length 10 cm.).

(iii) Warm-Up T-Shirts/Track Suits

The permitted advertising on warm-up T-shirts and track suits will conform to the criteria for uniform tops and bottoms. Schools may choose whether to recognize sponsors on the sleeve or breast area of the uniform top. If the manufacturer's logo is discrete (i.e. smaller than 64 cm.sq. and not longer than 10 cm.), then the sponsor's name may be displayed on the warm-up T-shirt and/or track suit.

- (c) **Failure to abide** by all aspects of this Section may result in disqualification from the Association Championship.