

EOSSAA GIRLS & BOYS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYING REGULATIONS- May 2022

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1. Championship Structure and Procedures:

Boys/Girls A/AA – If a wildcard bid(s) are necessary to fill the tournament there will be a committee formed by 3 current SAC members and the championship coordinator to make this selection(s). This bid must be formally applied for using the EOSSAA form with any team being eligible to apply. As per EOSSAA regs criteria for selection is : Overall Record, League Record, Common Opponents, Strength of Schedule and Coach Assessment of appropriate seed. The wildcard selection will be the 6th seed.

Boys: Preferably held the last Wednesday of school preceding the OFSAA championship. If not possible the Mon/Tues/Thurs the same week or preceding week is acceptable. Note: If any teams can not participate on the championship date due to school board inclement weather procedures, the championship will be moved to an alternate day. The convenor shall ensure an alternate day is available as back up.

Girls: Preferably held the Monday preceding the OFSAA championship. If not possible the Tues/Wed/Thurs of the same or previous week is acceptable. Note: If any teams can not participate on the championship date due to school board inclement weather procedures, the championship will be moved to an alternate day. The convenor shall ensure an alternate day is available as back up.

Pools and schedule

Pool A : #1, 4, 5 Pool B : #2, 3, 6

Required Schedule on one pad.

8:00 – 9:20	1 vs 5
9:30 – 10:50	2 vs 6
11:00 – 12:20	4 vs 5
12:30 – 1:50	2 vs 3
2:00 – 3:20	1 vs 4
3:30 – 4:50	3 vs 6
5:00 – 6:30	Break
6:30 – 8:30	Championship (<u>ensure extra hour is booked</u>)

Required Schedule on two pads.

Pool A

Pool B

8:00 – 9:20	1 vs 5	2 vs 6
9:20 – 10:50	Break	Break
10:50- 12:10	1 vs 4	2 vs 3
12:10 – 1:40	Break	Break
1:40 – 3:00	4 vs 5	3 v 6
3:00 – 4:30	Break	Break
4:30 – 6:30	Championship (<u>ensure extra hour is booked</u>)	

Boys/Girls AAA --- If two associations submit an entry, a one game playoff will be held to determine the EOSSAA Champion. If three associations submit an entry, a wildcard bid (from second place AAA finishers) will be used to fill the tournament with four teams. Same selection and ranking process to be used as in A/AA. Boys held preferably on the Wednesday and girls preferably on Monday (same as A/AA)

Time	Teams
9:30 - 11:30	1 vs 4
11:30 - 1:30	2 vs 3
1:30 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 4:30	Championship

Pool Play Rules

i) Games are 3 x15 minute stop time periods. Boys games flood btw 2nd and 3rd period.

ii) each team is allowed 1 x 60 second time out

iii) games can not end in a tie. A three minute 3 v 3 overtime will be played (change ends) . Sudden winner. If still tied, move to a shootout (use same format as championship game - see below). 2 points for a win 0 points for a loss.

iv) A maximum of a five (5) goal spread, regardless of the score, will be used to determine goal differential.

Tie breaking procedure - If three (3) teams are tied after pool play for entry to the championship game:

(a) The team with the greater goal differential ("goals scored" minus "goals scored against") among the three (3) tied teams in pool play, involving the tied teams only, shall receive the position;

(b) If teams are still tied, positions shall be determined by dividing the "goals scored" by the "goals scored against" in the pool games involving the tied teams only;

(c) If two (2) teams are still tied after (c) above, the position shall be awarded to the team that won the game between the two (2) tied teams in pool play; (if the game deciding this position was a tie, then the team with the greater goal differential ("goals scored" minus "goals scored against") during all pool games shall receive the position);

Championship Game Format

- 3 x 15 min stop time periods.
- Flood btw the second and third periods.
- Time out can be called if not previously used (maximum one per game)

In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in the championship game only, the following will apply:

1. One five minute overtime (4on4) change ends after 3rd period. In the event that one team is serving a penalty at the end of regulation time, it shall be four on three. If a 2nd penalty is called against the shorthanded team in overtime, it shall be a five on three. When the penalties have expired teams will revert to four on four.

2. One five minute overtime (3on3) change ends. As per 4v4 players are added on power play.

3. Alternating penalty shot system.

- three (3) player pool from each team, total goals from three (3) players will determine the winner.
- If still tied, coaches will select a new set of three (3) players which may include players from the first three shooters, players will take alternating shots (sudden victory) until a winner is determined.
- If still tied, repeat this procedure until a winner is determined.
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Notes A player who has been assessed any penalty and has not fully served the penalty prior to the shootout is ineligible for the shootout process. The home team will have the choice to shoot first or second in the shootout. If more than one round is required, choice alternates. H-V-H-V etc.

2. Eligibility:

(a) School/Team Eligibility - To represent a school in any activity coordinated EOSSAA, a school/team must:

- (i) Conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of seven (7) practices over a 3 month under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.**
- (ii) Participate in the Local Association Championship or qualifying event. If neither is held, then the team must play in a minimum of six exhibition games.**
- (iii) Use only eligible athletes in any competition during the school year or the school forfeits its right to participate in the EOSSAA Hockey Championship.**

(b) Individual Student Eligibility

- i) To represent a school in EOSSAA Boys or Girls Hockey, a student must be **eligible according to the current years OFSAA Hockey playing regulations posted on the website.** It is critical that coaches and AD's make themselves aware on a yearly basis as eligibility regulations are frequently updated.**
- ii) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into EOSSAA competition. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action to the EOSSAA convenor.

3. Rules and Officials:

Hockey Canada rules shall govern play in the EOSSAA Championship with the following exceptions:

- (a) The maximum number of players permitted to dress for a game is twenty (20), eighteen (18) plus two (2) goalies.
- (b) The red line shall be eliminated with regard to the offside and thus the following special rule applies; the legal number of players must be on the ice for each face-off (to prevent gaining positional advantage after the drop of the puck)
- (c) All games, including the Championship game, shall consist of three (3) fifteen-minute stop time periods with a three (3) minute warm-up directly before the start of the game and a maximum rest time of three (3) minutes between periods.
- (d) Each team is allowed one (1) sixty (60) second timeout per game, in both round robin play and in playoffs.
- (e) All boys games will have at least one flood during the game (between the second and third period). All games must begin with fresh ice (this includes warm-up).

Boys - OHF Suspension List rules shall govern suspensions in the EOSSAA Boys Championship with the following exceptions:

- (i) If a player receives three (3) minor penalties in one game, that player is ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- (ii) A player receives a major penalty, match or gross misconduct, his team will play shorthanded for 5 mins and that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game and the rest of the EOSSAA Championship. The suspension is subject to appeal.
- (iii) If a player receives a major and game misconduct penalty for fighting, his team will be shorthanded for five minutes and that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game and the rest of the EOSSAA championship.
- (iv) If a player is assessed a two (2) minute checking from behind penalty with a game misconduct (GM55), that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game plus an additional game. A player who is assessed a five (5) minute checking from behind penalty (GM41.03) will be ejected for the remainder of that game and the EOSSAA championship.
- (v) Player who is assessed a second head contact penalty (GE 102) in one game will be ejected for the remainder of that game only. They are eligible to play in subsequent games.**

Girls - OWHA Suspension List rules shall govern suspensions in the EOSSAA Girls Championship with the following exceptions:

- (i) If a player receives three (3) minor penalties in one game, that player is ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- (ii) If a player receives a major penalty, her team will play shorthanded for five (5) minutes and that player will receive a game misconduct. Further suspension will be determined by the game misconduct penalty code using the current year's OWHA minimum suspension guidelines. Suspensions are subject to appeal.
- (iii) If a player receives a game misconduct for fighting, or any gross misconduct or any match penalty they are ineligible to participate in the remainder of that game and the rest of the EOSSAA Championship. Suspensions are subject to appeal.

Officials

- a) The convenor shall be responsible for obtaining qualified officials for the championship. It is recommended that all referees have a minimum certification of Level 3. High school students are not eligible to officiate.
- b) The convenor shall arrange for a three (3) person system for all games in the girls and boys championship.

4. Uniforms and Equipment:

- (i) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos.
- (ii) Participants are required to have a home and away set of jerseys. If not possible the coach is to contact the convenor immediately to discuss options.
- (iii) All players of each team must wear the same identically coloured hockey socks on both legs, goalies excepted.
- (iv) Goalies: Must wear properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask
Must wear throat protector (guard)
Recommended that they wear plastic throat bib attached to the mask. The
Plastic throat bib does not replace the throat protector (guard)
Strongly recommended that goalies wear a mouth guard
- (v) Other skaters: Must wear properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask
Must wear throat protector (guard)
Strongly recommended that all other skaters wear a mouth guard
- (vi) Failure to comply with the above, will result in a two-minute penalty each time the infracting player(s) steps on the ice from the bench.

5. Expenses:

- (a) Those schools having entries are responsible for their entry fee, arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- (b) All schools entering the championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the entry form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for any damage resulting from misconduct by participants.
- (c) Fees for ice rentals, officials, awards etc must be equally shared amongst all participants.

6. Awards:

- (a) EOSSAA plaque, gold and silver medallions to be awarded to all members (players and team staff)

7. Supervision

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) For sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

8. Deportment:

- (a) Definitions:
 - (i) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an EOSSAA Championship event".
 - (ii) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (b) Codes of behaviour
 - (i) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to EOSSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
 - (ii) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
 - (iii) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
 - (iv) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at EOSSAA Championship events.

9. Medical:

Coaches shall ensure that all current OPHEA high risk policy for ice hockey are adhered to.

All Association Championships are non-smoking and non-vaping events.
This includes the use of all tobacco and vaping related products.
Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.