

CWOSSA Boys' Hockey

A/AA/AAA

Playing Regulations

I. Date

Dates will be established and published in the CWOSSA annual calendar

II. Location

To be determined by the CWOSSA conveners and announced in the CWOSSA calendar.

III. Championship Structure:

A. Entry and Eligibility

1. Championship entries will be as published in the Championship Entries. This can be found in the CWOSSA Manual and the CWOSSA Website.
2. Teams must submit a valid CWOSSA AELS Eligibility Form.
3. League and playoff suspensions carry over to the CWOSSA tournament.
4. Concerns or protest over eligibility must be communicated to the CWOSSA convener through the District Convener.
5. An entry fee will be established that will cover all costs of the CWOSSA tournament.
6. No competitor is eligible for the CWOSSA Hockey Championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet, and has dressed, after his association/board first regular season game or December 1, whichever comes first, for a team in "A", "B", "C", "D", Major Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior or GMHL divisions in any National and/or International Association, or any league deemed equivalent to "A", "B", "C", or "D". One exception to this rule: a Junior "C" or "D" team is allowed to AP a high school goalie to be called up in an emergency situation and appear on a game sheet and/or play up to a maximum of two exhibition/league and /or playoff games in total during the season after the Association's first regular season game.
7. To be considered a team eligible for CWOSSA hockey championship play, a team must play in an association-approved league and play a minimum of a six game schedule.
8. A student may not play in the CWOSSA hockey championship unless he has participated in one (1) association league high school hockey game during the current season. For purposes of eligibility the student's name must appear on a game sheet to be deemed eligible.

B. Tournament Structure

1. The Championship Format will be as published in the Championship Formats. This can be found in the CWOSSA Manual and the CWOSSA Website.
2. Pools will be as published in the Championship Formats
3. Schedule will be as published in the Championship Format. Times may vary depending upon available ice time.
4. In pool play the home team will be decided by a coin flip. For semi-finals the home team will be the highest ranking team. For championship the home team will be the highest ranking team or if both teams are ranked the same a coin flip will be used.
5. For 4 team pools the timing for pool games shall be 3 periods of 12 minutes in length with a flood between the second and third period. For 3 team pools the timing for pool games shall be 3 periods of 15 minutes in length with a flood between the second and third period. All semi-final and championship games shall be 3 periods of 15 minutes in length with a flood between the second and third period. Each game must have a winner.

6. Overtime

Period 1: 5 Minutes – Sudden death 4 on 4 – Stop time

Period 2: 5 Minutes – Sudden death 3 on 3 – Stop time

If still tied, a shootout will occur using the OFSAA format.

OFSAA Format: 5 player pool from each team – total goals from 5 players will determine winner. If still tied, the remaining players will take alternating shots until a winner is determined. Every player on the bench must be used before a player gets a second opportunity to shoot. The home team will have the choice to shoot first or second in the shootout.

7. Tie Breaking Procedure

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

In the case of a tie in pool play, the following will decide the order of finish:

- (i) if two (2) teams are tied for a playoff position:
 - (a) the team which won the game between the two (2) teams during pool shall receive the position;
- (ii) if three (3) teams are tied for one (1) available playoff position:
 - (a) if one (1) team defeated the other two (2) teams, it shall receive the position;
 - (b) the team with the greater goal differential ("goals scored" minus "goals scored against") among the three (3) tied teams, involving the tied teams only, shall receive the position;
 - (c) if teams are still tied, positions shall be determined by dividing the "goals scored" by the "goals scored against" involving the tied teams only;
 - (d) 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, shall receive the position);
- (iii) If three (3) teams are tied for two (2) available playoff positions:
 - (a) If one (1) team defeated the other two (2) teams, it shall receive the higher position, with the second position granted to the team that won the game between the remaining two (2) teams.
 - (b) The two (2) teams with the best goal differential "goals scored" minus "goals against" among the three (3) tied teams involving the tied teams only, shall receive the positions.
 - (c) If three (3) teams are still tied, the positions shall be determined by dividing the "goals scored" by the "goals scored against" in the pool games involving the tied teams only; if two (2) teams are still tied for a second position, then the team that won the game between the remaining two (2) teams shall receive the position.
 - (d) If three (3) teams are still tied, the positions shall be determined by dividing the "goals scored" by the "goals scored against" during all pool games (the two teams with the highest number will advance); if two (2) teams are still tied for a second position, then the team that won the game between the remaining two (2) teams

IV. Rules

CAHA rules apply with the following clarifications and exceptions:

1. All players must wear a properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask and a BNG approved neck protector. It is strongly recommended that all players wear a mouth guard. It is also recommended that goalies wear a plastic throat bib attached to the mask. The plastic throat bib does not replace the throat protector (guard).
2. The maximum number of players that may dress for a game is twenty (20), eighteen (18) plus 2 goaltenders.
3. Center red line is not used for offside, only icing. The legal number of players must be on the ice for each face-off (to prevent gaining positional advantage after the puck is dropped.)

4. ***If a player receives a major penalty:***
 - i) Player's team short-handed for 5 minutes
 - ii) ***Player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game and his team's next game.***
(OFSAA or next season)
5. If a player receives a match penalty or a major penalty for fighting, his team will play shorthanded for 5 minutes and that player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game and in any further tournament game.
6. Any player who receives three minor penalties is excluded from the remainder of that game but may play in any future games.
7. If a player is assessed a two minute checking from behind penalty with a game misconduct, that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game plus an additional game. A player who is assessed a five minute "**checking from behind**" penalty will be ejected for the remainder of that game and his teams' next 3 games.

V. Officials

The CWOSSA convener will arrange for qualified OHA hockey referees.

VI. Gate Fees

1. Gate fees may be charged for all games. Participating school will be notified of the amount to be charged so that spectators can be prepared for admission cost.
2. After costs, proceeds will be distributed according to the CWOSSA formula.

VII. Uniforms

Teams should provide a second set of school sweaters. In case two opponents have a similar colour. A coin toss will decide which team will change.

VIII. First Aid

Teams are expected to provide their own disposable first aid supplies. The tournament organizers will endeavor to have qualified first aid personnel on site for all tournament games.

IX. OFSAA

The championship team will represent CWOSSA at the OFSAA championship.

X. Awards

1. The CWOSSA plaque will be presented to the championship team
2. Gold CWOSSA medallions (20) will be presented to the championship team.
3. Silver CWOSSA medallions (20) will be presented to the members of the finalist team.

XI. Sponsorship Policy and Uniforms at CWOSSA Championships

1. All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logos.
2. No sport club insignia on uniforms or equipment shall be permitted in the competitive area. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi-sport programs.
3. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6. Section 2(h) of the OFSAA By-laws. This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.