

CWOSSA Girls' Hockey

A/AA

Playing Regulations

I. Date

Dates will be established and published in the CWOSSA annual calendar.

II. Location

To be determined by the CWOSSA Convener(s) and announced in the CWOSSA annual 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 where applicable.
4. An entry fee will be established that will cover all costs of the CWOSSA tournament.

B. Tournament Format & Schedule

1. Format

The Championship Format will be as published in the Championship Formats. This can be found in the CWOSSA Manual and the CWOSSA Website.

2. Pool Position

Pools will be as published in the Championship Formats.

3. Points

Points are awarded for pool play as follows: WIN - 2, LOSS - 0.

4. Tournament Schedule

Schedule will be as published in the Championship format but. Times may vary depending upon available ice time.

5. If given 2 berths for OFSAA, there must be a cross-over semi-final on the second day, in the morning involving the top two teams from each pool.

IV. Tournament Rules

A. Rules and Officials:

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

- a) CSA approved facemasks and BNQ approved throat protectors must be worn by all participants including goalies. Mouth guards are strongly recommended but not mandatory for the CWOSSA Championships.
- b) The maximum number of players permitted to dress for a game is twenty (20), eighteen (18) plus two (2) goalies. A team must have a minimum of nine (9) players, eight (8) skaters and one (1) goalie to start a game. Otherwise the game is forfeited.
- c) The red line shall be eliminated with regard to the off-side 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 drop of puck).
- d) If a player receives four (4) minor penalties or three (3) stick penalties in one game, she is ejected for the remainder of the game. **(Double minor counts as two penalties)**

- e) If a player receives a major penalty, her team will play shorthanded for five (5) minutes and that player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game (automatic game ejection) and her team's next game (See exception in 9(h) major for fighting).
- f) If a player receives a game misconduct penalty, that player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game and her team's next game.
- g) If a player receives a gross misconduct penalty, that player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game and her team's next game. If the penalty is assessed in the last ten minutes of regular time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game prior to the player entering her dressing room, she is ineligible to play in her team's next two (2) games.
- h) If a player receives a match penalty or a major penalty for fighting, her team will play shorthanded for five (5) minutes and that player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game and in any further tournament games.
- i) All games, including the Championship game, shall consist of three (3) **fifteen-minute stop time periods** with a five (5) minute warm-up directly before the start of the game and a three (3) minute rest time between periods. The warm-up and rest time between periods will be put up on the game clock. If there is a spread of five (5) or more goals the final period shall be straight time. If the point spread returns to a three-goal spread, it returns to stop time.
- j) Each team is allowed one (1) timeout per game.
- k) In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in playoffs and pool play the following will apply:
 - l) one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period using a three-on-three system shall be played until a winner is declared;
 - (ii) in the event that one team is serving a penalty at the end of regulation time, it shall be four-on-three until the first whistle after the penalty has expired. At the expiration of the penalty the penalized player shall return to the ice and the teams shall play four-on-four until the first whistle at which time the teams shall revert to three-on-three.
 - (iii) if the game is still tied, a three (3) girl simultaneous shootout will take place. Shooters and one alternate must be declared on the game sheet **prior to the start of the game**. Substitution for an injured or penalized player is allowed. Penalized players may not participate in a shootout;
 - (iv) if the game is still tied, a one (1) girl simultaneous sudden victory shootout shall take place using the same players in the same order as above.

B. Tie Breaking Procedures

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

In the case of a tie in division play.

- a) the first place team will be decided by:
 - i) The team with the greater goal differential (goals for minus goals against) during all pool games shall receive the position
 - ii) If still tied, the position shall be determined by dividing goals for by goals against.
 - iii) If still tied, goals for minus goals against divided by goals against – team with the higher number advances.
 - iv) If still tied, longest shutout from the beginning of the tournament
- b) The second place team will be the team which won the game between the two remaining teams.

V. Officials

1. The Convenor shall be responsible for obtaining qualified officials for the Championship. Whenever possible, officials with a minimum HCOP (level 2) certification shall be used.
2. Whenever possible, a three person officiating crew should be used.

VI. 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.

VII. OFSAA

1. The championship team shall represent CWOSSA at the OFSAA Tournament.
2. If CWOSSA is granted extra entries to the OFSAA tournament, teams in order of finish at the CWOSSA Tournament will fill these positions

VIII. Awards

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

IX. 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.