

UOVHSAA

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UOVHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

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“An atmosphere of mutual respect and goodwill between opponents and toward officials make competition in basketball a rewarding experience.”

1. DATES

The UOVHSAA girls' basketball schedule shall begin no earlier than the third week of September.

The UOVHSAA Boys' basketball schedule shall begin no later than the first Tuesday in December. **(earlier if possible)**

The UOVHSAA basketball play-offs will be held the week prior to the EOSSAA Championship except when extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

Games for all UOVHSAA Basketball leagues should be scheduled on Tuesday and / or Thursdays. (It is understood that there will be times when this is not possible because of circumstances beyond our control, (eg snow day).

2. ELIGIBILITY

To represent an UOVHSAA school in girls/boys basketball coordinated by UOVHSAA a student must:

- a) Be eligible for competition under the constitution and by-laws of UOVHSAA.
- b) Students who have fewer than twenty-two (22) credits must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day school credit courses in the semester in which he/she participates. Students who have achieved twenty-two (22) credits must be taking two (2) full day school courses per semester.
- c) Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from the date of entry into grade

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d) Be certified as eligible by the Principal and the Athletic Director of the school and be listed on the OFSAA Hub.

e) Meet the following age requirements: **Junior** – the individual has not reached his/her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. **Senior** – The individual has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

f) Transfers- Any student transferring into an UOVHSAA school who has been registered in another school, as per EOSSAA/OFSAA policy, is **ineligible** to play until a transfer form has been submitted and approved by the UOVHSAA transfer committee.

g) Any student who registers and attends one term at a post secondary institution and then returns to any high school is ineligible for UOVHSAA competition for the remainder of his/ her high school career.

h) OFSAA Hub forms must be “in the hands” of the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor prior to the first game in which the players listed participate.

i) Additions to the OFSAA Hub list may be submitted during the season. The OFSAA Hub must reflect the complete team and must be re-signed by the Principal and Athletic Director. The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor must be informed (via email) before the individual can play.

j) As per the UOVHSAA constitution individuals must be registered and in attendance at an UOVHSAA member school for no fewer than ten (10) school days prior to participation in an UOVHSAA event.

k) A junior player may compete in one contest at the senior level, or be on the bench and be listed on the score sheet without being permanently attached to the senior team. A second game would result in that player forfeiting their junior eligibility.

l) A Junior player may compete in senior playoffs if he/she has played in at least one senior match during regular league play. However, he/she is then ineligible for further junior play.

m) A player may play in only one playoff category.

n) Any student in an UOVHSAA member school who has participated in an official UOVHSAA competition and then registers in another UOVHSAA member school shall be ineligible to compete in that same sport in the same season.

o) Eligibility violations will result in the following penalties:

Ineligible player(s) – if a team plays an ineligible player, all matches played with the ineligible player will be forfeited. The score for the forfeiting team will be zero. *If the non-forfeiting team won, they will count the actual points scored. If the non-forfeiting team lost the contest, then the official score will be 20-0 for that team.

3. CLASSIFICATION

There shall be two classifications 'A' and 'AA' for both junior and senior girls and boys basketball as per OFSAA classifications.

Any team choosing to compete at a higher classification must notify the convenor in writing by **September 30** of the school year for girls' basketball and by **December 30** of the school year for boys' basketball. Such a team is ineligible for competition in the lower classification for the remainder of that season. EOSSAA must also be notified if a team declares up to AAA by the declaration date deadlines above.

'A'

Valour JK-12 School
 Mackenzie Community School
 Centre scolaire catholique Jeanne-Lajoie
 Madawaska Valley District High School
 Opeongo High School
 Renfrew Collegiate Institute
 Ecole Secondaire L'Equinoxe

'AA'

Bishop Smith Catholic High School

Arnprior District High School
 Fellowes High School
 St. Joseph's High School

4. RULES AND OFFICIALS a) As of September 2016 the current FIBA Rule Book shall be the official rulebook governing play except for the following:

- a 24 second shot clock will be used. A 14 second reset on fouls and shots off the rim.
- National Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available.
- National Federation timeout procedure, and game length will be used including overtime
- no dunking in the warm-up will be permitted.

b) The order of games shall be Seniors first on (Monday and Tuesday), Juniors first on (Wednesday and Thursday) unless mutually agreed on by the Athletic Directors of both schools at least 24 hours before the start of the game. If a game is rescheduled, the game order remains the same as initially scheduled.

c) The Renfrew Board of Approved Basketball Officials shall assign officials for all games.

d) Any ejection from a game should include a description of the incident on the back of the score sheet signed by the referee. Coaches must notify the Athletic Directors who in turn will notify the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor by noon the following day.

e) The visiting team has the right to have a student sit at the minor officials table.

5. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Schools should aspire to have uniforms in accordance with FIBA rules. Teams should try to provide a second set of uniforms or a set of legally numbered markers of a different colour in case two opposing teams have the same colour uniforms. The home team should be the team to change.

6. STARTING TIME

Each school will let the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor know if they would prefer either a 3:00 or a 3:30 start time. Every effort will be made to support the host school's desired start time.

7. REGULAR SEASON PLAY

a) Any school wishing to enter the UOVHSAA Girls / Boys Basketball League must do so by filling out the intent to compete form and returning it to the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor by the requested deadline.

b) Each game should consist of a minimum 15 minute warm up.

8. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

a) If two teams are tied for any position, the higher placing position will go to the team which defeated the other in league play.

b) If more than two teams are tied for any one position, the following rules will be applied:

-(i)the team with the greatest number of wins in league games involving the teams tied will be awarded the highest placing.

-(ii)those teams still tied will be ranked in order of points differential **(final scores)** for all league games involving only those teams tied.

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-(iv)A tie-breaking game(s) will be played. All details such as home court, opponents, order of games will be determined by UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor supervised draws.

- (v) As soon as a tie involving three or more teams is partially broken, the procedure reverts to (i) for the remaining teams.

9. PLAY-OFF FORMAT

a) Regular, (all teams in one division) will have the top 6 teams advance to the play-offs.

b) In both Junior and Senior in the quarter finals:

6th vs 3rd at the home of the third place team 5th vs

4th at the home of the fourth place team

c) In both Junior and Senior the semi-finals will be as follows:

1st plays the lowest seed 2nd

and 3rd play off

d) In both senior and junior the winners of the semi-finals play off for the championship.

e) Playoff games will be played with an 8 minute halftime.

10. EOSSAA REPRESENTATIVE

For both Senior and Junior, a representative shall be decided as follows:

a) The team finishing first (or advancing the furthest in the play-offs).

b) If the two finalists are from the two different classifications – 'A' and 'AA', they will represent UOVHSAA at EOSSAA.

c) If only one school from either classification makes the play-offs, that school will represent UOVHSAA at EOSSAA.

d) If two schools from the same classification are in the play-offs and neither makes the next round, a play-off game will be held at the home of the team finishing higher in the standings to decide the UOVHSAA representative to EOSSAA.

e) If no team from a classification makes the play-offs, the team advancing furthest in the regular season will represent UOVHSAA at EOSSAA.

11. PROTESTS

- a) All protests shall be lodged in writing with the Athletic Convenor of the activity who will in turn report the protest to the Chairperson of the Board of Review.
- b) All protests shall be lodged within two (2) school days of the conclusion of the disputed game.
- c) All protests arising out of an ineligible player may be lodged at any time upon the request of the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor or member of the school concerned.
- d) If the age of a student participating in a game is questioned by a member of UOVHSAA, the onus for proof of age shall lie with the school which the student represents.

12. UOVHSAA ATHLETIC CONVENOR DUTIES

- a) The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor shall send each school an 'Intent to Compete' form no later than two weeks before the beginning of the season.
- b) The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor may request that the Head Official send a copy of the assigned officials to the Athletic Director at each school.
- c) When the schedule is being formed the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor shall attempt to schedule an equal distribution of home and away games. The schedule should flip each year.
- d) The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor shall submit a final report to UOVHSAA by the UOVHSAA meeting that follows the end of the season. This report should include final league and play off standings and suggestions for changes to the playing regulations.
- e) The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor shall be responsible for reporting all matters regarding player or team ineligibility to the Chairperson of the Board of Review.
- f) The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor shall be responsible for reporting all matters of misconduct to the UOVHSAA executive.

g) The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor will list current year's champions on the UOVHSAA website. The UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor will contact the Athletic Director at each school to request that any trophies in their possession be brought to the appropriate UOVHSAA meeting. The winning school is responsible for engraving the trophy.

13. AWARDS

The school winning each age division championship shall receive the UOVHSAA trophy for that age division.

The circulating trophies are: Girls: Junior : W.F. Birch Trophy
Senior: Lillian Handford Trophy

Boys: Junior:
Senior: Ottawa Valley EOSSAA

These trophies are loaned to the winning school. It is the responsibility of that school to ensure that the trophy is at the UOVHSAA meeting prior to the girl's season in September and prior to the boy's season in November. Winning schools are responsible for engraving the trophy.

14. DEPORTMENT

1. A team is defined as "All participants representing the same school at an UOVHSAA event".
2. 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.
3. All participants are expected to abide by the ["Rules of Behaviour for Participants"](#) at all UOVHSAA events.
4. If a community coach is coaching the team then there MUST be a staff member who is a member of the college of teachers and approved by the principal that sits on the bench during all games.
5. The **teacher coach or teacher supervisor** is responsible for the behaviour of participants at all UOVHSAA events.
6. All coaches are expected to adhere to the ["Code of Ethics for Coaches"](#) as outlined by EOSSAA.

7. All schools entering an UOVHSAA event shall acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

15. REVISIONS / AMENDMENTS

1. These playing regulations may be amended / revised at a UOVHSAA meeting by a majority vote of the member schools.
2. Proposed amendments / revisions must be presented in writing, and circulated by movers to all member schools at the meeting prior to when the vote is taken.
3. Approved amendments / revisions are effective for the next playing season.
4. A UOVHSAA basketball sport advisory committee should meet and update the playing regulations at least every five years. When this is done the revised playing regulations will be presented to the coaches at least 14 days prior to a UOVHSAA meeting for input. The reg's will then be voted on by the UOVHSAA executive at the meeting..
5. It is the responsibility of the home team to enter the scores and load the game sheet on the website by the following day at 3:00pm.

16. INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. In case bad weather develops throughout the day, regular season games may be rescheduled to another date. The Athletic Directors of the schools involved must contact each other and the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor before noon to cancel. The Athletic Convenor will contact the officials before noon to inform them that the games will be cancelled so fees will not be incurred. The Athletic Directors of the schools involved and the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor will determine when the games will be rescheduled.
2. If bus transportation is cancelled for the day to the visiting school, the game will be re-scheduled. The same protocol listed above will be implemented.