

KASSAA GIRLS HOCKEY PLAYING REGULATIONS

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These playing regulations are for use in the KASSAA/local association Girls' hockey league. It contains information specifically for coaches, convenors, athletic directors and principals.

Any changes to this KASSAA sport guideline should be done at the end of a sporting season and be submitted to the KASSAA Executive, the KASSAA Convener and School Athletic Directors to be discussed at the next KASSAA General Meeting for ratification.

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A. Eligibility of Players

All competitors in K.A.S.S.A.A. contests must be eligible under the KASSAA Constitution eligibility rules and OFSAA transfer policy, as follows:

A.1 To represent a school in any Championship co-ordinated by the Federation a student must:

A.1.1 be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Association to which his/her school belongs;

A.1.2 be certified as eligible by the principal of the school;

A.1.3 meet the following age requirements as outlined in the [OFSAA Bylaws-Bylaw 5; Eligibility for Competition](#)

A.1.4 be enrolled in grades 9-12

A.2 All students are eligible for a maximum of five (5) years competition from date of entry into grade nine (9)

A.3 All students must meet the Ministry of Education and Training Full Time Equivalent requirements to be eligible to participation KASSAA sports. For

KASSAA competition students must be enrolled in 3 courses in the semester in which the KASSAA competition takes place. Students must be enrolled in 6 courses over the entire school year in which competition takes place.

A.4 All participants should be stimulated to achieve creditable academic progress to make a contribution to the general educational program of the school.

A.5 Players must be listed on at least one regular league game sheet for a team in order to be eligible to play for that team in playoffs and be listed on the team's roster that is provided to the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator using the OFSAA AELS on-line registration system.

A.6 Penalties - any contest in which an ineligible contestant participates shall be reviewed for possible sanctioning of the team using the ineligible player. This review and possible penalty shall be applied by the Athletic Coordinator, subject to appeal to the Board of Reference, even though a formal protest has not been made.

A.7 Professional players - Any student who participates in organized practice or game, at which or from which there is remuneration, shall be ineligible for secondary school competition, in that activity for one year from the date of such participation.

A.8 That a player who is suspended by the Athletic Coordinator on two occasions is henceforth suspended for the remainder of the seasons, including playoffs, in that activity. Please see [Appendix 1 – Code of Behaviour and Appendix 2 – Ejections](#) in the KASSAA constitution.

A.9 That ejection from a game should be judged, as to further action, on the merits of each the individual case. However, ejections involving flagrant or repeated personal abuse to the officials should constitute an automatic game suspension from the game following the contest, including playoff games, where the ejection took place. This is a minimum requirement. Please see [Appendix 1 – Code of Behaviour and Appendix 2 – Ejections](#) in the KASSAA constitution.

A.10 For a player to be eligible to play an activity, his/her name must be included on a "certified KASSAA-EOSSAA eligibility list" of all players for that school. This involves the proper completion of and submission to the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator of a team roster using the OFSAA AELS on-line registration system.

Eligibility of Coaches

A.11 At least one coach and/or staff advisor (other than student assistants) shall be a member of the educational staff of the schools involved in the competition.

Eligibility Procedure

A.12 The Athletic Director in each school shall be responsible for ensuring that the compiling and forwarding of certified KASSAA-EOSSAA eligibility lists of each team be sent to the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator for the activity concerned.

A.13 All KASSAA schools/teams agree that the OFSAA AELS on-line registration system will be used to electronically forward eligibility lists to the KASSAA Convener.

A.14 The certified eligibility list must be in the possession of the KASSAA Convener Athletic Coordinator before the second league game.

B. Games and League Structure

B.1 The KASSAA Athletic Coordinator is to be responsible for the league schedule.

B.2 Where possible, the order of games will rotate each year, putting the last game of the previous season first, and moving each subsequent game ahead one spot, and reversing the home and away teams.

B.3 The league schedule will be a single round-robin consistent with the guidelines for scheduling. Please see the K.A.S.S.A.A. Constitution (www.kassaa.ca).

B.4 Ties at the end of the regular season will be broken using the accepted KASSAA tie-breaking procedure. Please see the K.A.S.S.A.A. Constitution (www.kassaa.ca).

B.5 The Deadline for Registration for the OFSAA Championship tournament is posted on the OFSAA web site (www.ofsaa.on.ca) A full registration package using the OFSAA AELS system is also linked to the OFSAA site.

B.6 Points in league play will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. The winning coach will report the game results (in the case of a tie the home team coach will report) to the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator and the media by using the KASSAA website on-line game report form.

B.7 Cancelled or rescheduled games:

B.7.1 Games may be cancelled under the following conditions: decision of the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator; inclement weather; rink closure.

B.7.2 The host school's Athletic Director in consultation with the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator will determine if the game is to proceed by 12:00 on the day of the game.

B.7.3 The KASSAA Athletic Coordinator will inform the opponent and official(s) immediately.

B.7.4 The KASSAA Athletic Coordinator in consultation with the Athletic Directors from the involved schools will reschedule the game.

B.8 Where there is a default, the score will be recorded as 1-0 in favour of the non-defaulting team.

C. Playoffs

C.1 As many teams as possible, up to eight, will participate in the playoffs. Positions for the playoffs will be determined by final league standings.

C.2 Quarterfinals will take place as follows: A. 8th at 1st B. 7th at 2nd C. 6th at 3rd D. 5th at 4th. The higher seeded team will be considered the Home team for this game.

C.3 Semi-finals will take place as follows: winners of quarterfinals will compete against the higher seeded teams with higher seeded teams being considered the Home team for the semi final games.

C.4 The final will be played between the winners of the semi-finals and should have 90 minutes of ice time booked.

C.5 The final will be played on a neutral arena to be organized by the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator with direction from the KASSAA pre-season sport group meeting.

D. Expenses

D.1 All teams is responsible for its transportation.

D.2 The expenses for all ice rentals and referees will be paid from fees collected by the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator.

D.3 Fees for all regular season games and playoffs will be assessed by the KASSAA Convener Athletic Coordinator and communicated to the Athletic Director in each participating school.

E. Uniforms and Equipment

E.1 Players must wear all equipment as outlined in Hockey Canada (CHA) rules. Equipment must fit properly and each player must wear both a mouth guard and a neck guard. Internal mouth guards are mandatory for all exhibition, regular, and playoff games and must be visible for easy inspection by referees.

E.2 All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean, and which maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours, and logo. If opposing team jerseys match home team jerseys, home team must wear pinnies.

E.3 In all games, referees may, at their discretion, remove a dangerous stick from the game without penalty.

F. Referees

F.1 The KASSAA Athletic Coordinator will arrange payment of referees and timekeeper according to the agreed to fee schedule and including travel expenses.

F.2 Two referees and a timekeeper should be scheduled for a regular season game. During the playoffs there will be two referees for the quarterfinals and semifinals and three referees for the final.

G. Rules of Play

G.1 The rules of Hockey Canada shall govern play in KASSAA with the following exceptions:

G.1.1 length of game – Two (2) ten-minute periods and one (1) twelve -minute for the 3rd period.

G.1.2 A player without a mouth guard (in the mouth) will receive a warning and then if they try to return to play without a month guard a two-minute penalty.

G.1.3 Suspended player(s) cannot be on the players bench and must not be in the dressing room area.

G.1.4 Body Checking: In all KASAA girls hockey games there will be no body checking.

G.1.5 Slapshots shall be permitted during all playoff games. However, during the regular season, slapshots will be permitted when coaches from both teams agree; if one coach declines, then no slapshots shall be permitted.

G.1.6 Match or fighting penalties: Any player assessed a fighting penalty will be disqualified for the balance of the game plus one game as outlined in A.9 Given that Match penalties are reserved for the most dangerous infractions where a player is intentionally and recklessly endangering themselves and those around them this penalty is automatically subject for review. If a player receives a Match penalties they will be suspended for at least one game and can on return until the incident has been reviewed by KASSAA Athletic Coordinator

G.1.7 Mercy Rule: When there is a five goal difference in the score during a regular season or playoff game the timekeeper shall record the goals on the

game sheet, but not post them on the scoreboard. The losing team may elect to start running time.

H. Ties

H.1 Tied games in league play shall stand. Each team will be awarded one point in league standings.

H.2 If ties in standings occur, placement will be determined by using the tie breaker system as outlined in the KASSAA Constitution.

H.3 In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in playoffs, the following will apply:

i) one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period using a three on-three system shall be played until a winner is declared;

ii) If 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 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 girl simultaneous shootout will take place; shooters and an alternate must be declared on the game sheet prior to the start of the game;

iii) 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 girl simultaneous sudden victory shootout shall take place using the same players in the same order as above

I. Awards

I.1 The winners of the playoffs are to;

I.1.1 receive the KASSAA Championship Trophy

I.1.2 receive KASSAA medals (25 medals in total) Extra medals may be ordered from the KASSAA Convener Athletic Coordinator and are to be paid for by the team.

I.1.3 represent KASSAA Girls' Hockey at the EOSSAA Championships at either the A/AA or AAA EOSSAA championships. The other KASSAA rep will be the school that goes the furthest in the playoffs. If tied the regular season standings and stats will be used by the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator to determine the other KASSAA rep.

I.2 The second place team will receive KASSAA second place medals. (25 medals in total) Extra medals may be ordered from the KASSAA Athletic Coordinator and are to be paid for by the team.

J. First Aid

J.1 Each team should have available at each of their KASSAA league games a first aid kit.

J.2 A qualified first-aid person should be in attendance at the KASSAA final.