

K.A.S.S.A.A Basketball Guidelines

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This guideline package is for use in both the male and female leagues. It contains information specifically for coaches, convenors, athletic directors and principals.

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

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A LEAGUE FORMAT

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).

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).

In cases where teams/schools are participating in OFSAA events in the preceeding fall sports season, the KASAAA convener will give consideration to a possible delayed start to winter basketball teams of the same schools.

B PLAYOFF FORMAT

- B.1 All playoffs will be sudden death at all stages.
- B.2 Winners of the semi-finals will meet for the championship at a predetermined Site or at the home of the higher finishing team.
- B.3 Eight (8) teams enter the playoffs. The quarter- finals will be as follows:
 - 8th vs. 1st (V-H)
 - 7th vs. 2nd (V-H)
 - 6th vs. 3rd (V-H)
 - 5th vs. 4th (V-H)

- B.4 If the league consists of fewer than eight teams, six teams enter the playoffs. The first round of the playoffs will be as follows:
2nd and 1st bye
6th vs 3rd (V-H)
5th vs 4th (V-H)
- B.5 The semi-finals will involve the highest finishing winner of the quarter-finals placing the lowest finishing winner and the next highest playing the next lowest. Games will be played on the home court of the highest finishing team.
- B.6 Tie breaking, final standings and playoff procedures will be done according to the K.A.S.S.A.A. constitution [Appendix 5 - Playoff Determination](#)

C TEAM(S) ADVANCEMENT TO EOSSAA - OFSAA

The KASSAA Girls and Boys Basketball leagues will forward KASSAA Local Association Representatives to EOSSAA Championship play, in each school classification category (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) based on the following:

- C. 1 Where the EOSSAA Championship determines a single entry into OFSAA Championship competition.

Procedures:

C1.1 KASSAA will forward only one representative to an EOSSAA Championship competition.

C1.2 The KASSAA representative will be the school that advances furthest, within each OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) level, in the KASSAA Playoffs

C1.3 If a team declines the opportunity to compete at EOSSAA the next highest finishing team will automatically advance to the EOSSAA championship

C1.4 Where two schools competing in the same OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) level are eliminated from the playoffs in the same round, the KASSAA representative to EOSSAA will be determined: 1. By regular season standing. 2. By a challenge game. The possible challenge game must be requested by the Athletic Director of the lower finishing school through notification to the KASSAA Convener prior to the start of the KASSAA playoffs. There can only be one challenge game played per OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA). The game will be played on the home court of the school that finished higher in the regular season.

- C. 2 Where the EOSSAA Championship offers multiple entries into OFSAA Championship competition.

Procedures:

C2.1 KASSAA may forward two representatives to an EOSSAA Championship competition.

C2.2 The multiple KASSAA representatives will be the schools that advanced the furthest within each OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) level, in the KASSAA Playoffs

C2.3 If a team declines the opportunity to compete at EOSSAA the next highest finishing team will automatically advance to the EOSSAA championship.

C2.4 Where two schools competing in the same OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA). level are eliminated from the playoffs in the same round, the KASSAA representative to EOSSAA will be determined: 1. By regular season standing. 2.

By a challenge game. The possible challenge game must be requested by the Athletic Director of the lower finishing school through notification to the KASSAA Convener prior to the start of the KASSAA playoffs. There can only be one challenge game played per OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA). The game will be played on the home court of the school that finished higher in the regular season.

- C. 3 Where the EOSSAA Championship offers entry to the OFSAA Championship competition and a KASSAA school is the host of the same OFSAA Championship competition.

Procedures:

C3.1 KASSAA may forward multiple representatives to an EOSSAA Championship competition.

C3.2 The KASSAA representatives will be the schools that advanced the furthest within each OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) level, in the KASSAA Playoffs

C3.3 If a team declines the opportunity to compete at EOSSAA the next highest finishing team will automatically advance to the EOSSAA championship.

C3.4 Where two schools competing in the same OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) level are eliminated from the playoffs in the same round, the KASSAA representative to EOSSAA will be determined: 1. By regular season standing. 2. By a challenge game. The possible challenge game must be requested by the Athletic Director of the lower finishing school through notification to the KASSAA Convener prior to the start of the KASSAA playoffs. There can only be one challenge game played per OFSAA classification (A, AA, AAA, AAAA). The game will be played on the home court of the school that finished higher in the regular season.

C3.5 KASSAA will seek out every opportunity to forward a KASSAA representative to the EOSSAA Championship in addition to the KASSAA school hosting the OFSAA Championship.

D PLAYER, COACH ELIGIBILITY AND ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE

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 :

- D.1 To represent a school in any Championship co-ordinated by the Federation a student must:
- i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
 - ii) be certified as eligible by the principal of the school;
 - iii) meet the following age requirements as outlined in the [OFSAA Bylaws- Bylaw 5; Eligibility for Competition](#)
 - Senior the individual' s birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

- Junior the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his 15th birthday by January 1 prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- vi) be eligible in grades 9-12
- D.2 Be eligible for a maximum of five (5) years competition from date of entry into grade nine (9)
- D.3 All students must meet the Ministry of Education and Training Full Time Equivalent requirements to be eligible to participation K.A.S.S.A.A. 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.
- D.4 All participants should be stimulated to achieve creditable academic progress to make a contribution to the general educational program of the school,
- D.5 Players must be listed on at least one regular league gamesheet for a team in order to be eligible to play for that team in playoffs. Players must continue to participate in the higher age classification in an activity if he/she is listed on the gamesheet for two league games in that activity in an age group above which he/she normally could play in a current season. Players must compete in only one age classification in any playoff or championship meet or series in the same sport in anyone season.
- D.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, subject to appeal to the Board of Reference, even though a formal protest has not been made.
- D.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.
- D.8 That a player who is suspended by the convener 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 K.A.S.S.A.A. constitution.
- D.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 K.A.S.S.A.A. constitution.
- D.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.

Eligibility of Coaches

- D.11 The coach and/or staff advisor (other than student assistants) shall be a member of the teaching staff concerned unless otherwise designated by the principal of the school

Eligibility Procedure

- D.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 Convener for the activity concerned.
- D.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.
- D.14 The certified eligibility list must be in the possession of the KASSAA Convener before the first league game.

E SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS

- E.1 KASSAA schools will be divided in A, AA, AAA and AAAA classification based on the OFSAA classification procedure. OFSAA reviews and revises these classifications each year based on the F.T.E. figures provided by each school to the Ministry of Education in October of the previous year.
- E.2 Any team, with league approval, may elect to compete in a higher classification. The KASSAA convenors must notify:
- E.2.1 For girls' basketball, the involved EOSSAA Girls Championship Co-ordinator and Basketball Championship convener, 14 days prior to EOSSAA championships if any teams request change of classification.
- E.2.2 For boys' basketball, the involved EOSSAA Boys Championship Co-ordinator and Basketball Championship convener, 14 days prior to EOSSAA championships if any teams request change of classification.
- E.3 Once a team has declared a change in classification to the KASSAA convener, that team shall be ineligible for EOSSAA and/or OFSAA competition in the lower classification for that school year.
- E.4 The declaration procedure shall be established by the KASSAA convener, and he/she shall set a KASSAA declaration date deadline that is consistent with the EOSSAA deadline date.
- E.5 For EOSSAA tournament structure, EOSSAA representatives, see the EOSSAA basketball guidelines (www.eosaa.ca)

F GAME SITE PREPARATION DETAILS

- F.1 Make a dressing room (separate from the home team) available for the visiting team at least 30 minutes before scheduled game time. The gym practice area should be available at least 15 minutes before scheduled game time .
- F.2 Arrange for someone to show the visiting team to its change room.
- F.3 Have a sufficient bench space for a minimum of 15 people. Chairs and benches should be below the 28' line towards the baseline.
- F.4 Have the floor in good playing condition.
- F.5 Provide for safety considerations eg . wall padding, adequate space near boundary lines. Recommendations for Gym Safety with Basketball can be received from the Technical Committee of the [K.D.B.A.B.O](#)
- F.6 Have the official K.A.S.S.A.A. score sheet (triplicate) and incident sheet available at least 15 minutes before game time for lineup entries. KASSAA incident report sheets are available at: www.kassaa.ca
- F.7 Properly trained minor officials should be available. The table should be as close to centre court as possible.
- F.8 Visiting teams should bring their own basketballs for pre-game and half-time use.
- F.9 Teams are confined to their half of the court for pre-game and half time warm-up. The home team shall be responsible for pre-game music.

G GAME REPORTING

- G.1 All games should be recorded on the official K.A.S.S.A.A. basketball scoresheet (3 copies) . Use a pen, write firmly and at the end of the game, give the top copy (white) to the winning coach, the second copy (yellow) to the other coach and, when necessary, the third copy (green)(with referees' signatures and game scores on the back) will be sent to the KASSAA convener by the home coach.
- G.2 The winning team is to report the game score shortly after the completion of the game. Reporting should be done through the on-line reporting form available on the KASSAA League web site (www.kassaa.ca). Scores can also be reported directly to the KASSAA Convener by phone, fax or e-mail.
- G.3 The winning coach is to communicate the game score and related details, on the evening of the game, to the Whig-Standard and local TV and radio stations.
- G.4 For playoff games, the winning coach is to contact the KASSAA Convener immediately following the game to report the score and to receive information regarding future games.

H PROCEDURE FOR ALTERING THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE

- H.1 As much as possible alterations to the original schedule should be identified and remedied at the Sport Group meeting that precedes the start the regular season. Changes made at the meeting must be communicated and confirmed by the KASSAA Convener.
- H.2 The coach who initiates the change must contact, through the Athletic Director of his/her school the: Athletic Director of the opposing school and the KASSAA Convener at least 48 hours in advance. After the change is confirmed with the Athletic Directors of each school, the KASSAA Convener will notify the KASSAA webmaster, the officials' convenor, the Whig-Standard sports, TV and radio stations of the change.
Note: The opposing coach should not be pressured into a change.

I OFFICIAL RULES AND EQUIPMENT

- I.1 RULES - The current National Federation Rule Book shall be the Official rule book governing K.A.S.S.A.A. games.
- I.2 BALL - For boys' games, an official size 7 basketball shall be used. For girls' games, an official size 6 basketball shall be used. See the NFHS rule book for exact specifications for each ball.
- I.2.1 KASSAA schools/teams should strive to use the Official OFSAA Basketball for play in all KASSAA league and playoff games. Use of the Official OFSAA Basketball for all KASSAA league and playoff games is mandatory as of September 2012. For information on the Official OFSAA Basketball see: www.ofsaa.on.ca
- I.3 UNIFORMS – Consistent with National Federation Rules home teams shall wear white (light) uniforms and visiting teams should wear dark uniforms. Coaches should communicate with opposing teams in advance of the game to ensure there is a proper contrast between uniforms. If a mistake or conflict arises in uniforms, the home team is encourage to use resources in their building allow the game to take place with contrasting uniforms.

J ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Protests shall be heard by Board of Reference according to the K.A.S.S.A.A. constitution. Please see the [K.A.S.S.A.A. constitution – Article 3 Protests](#).
 - The following **Procedures** shall be used when a protest situation arises:
 - All protests must be in writing
 - All protests must be signed by the Principal/Vice-Principal of the school and the coach (or other official) of the team making the protest.
- Copies of the protest must be forwarded to:
1. The KASSAA Convenor of the activity.
 2. Athletic Director at other school concerned
- The protest must be filed within 48 hours from the end of the contest.

- Where events are conducted under usual circumstances, protests will be considered if the attention of the referee is drawn to the condition prior to, or as the condition arises , and the event is played under protest and such a statement signed by the referee appears on the official activity report form. Such a statement should contain the date, time (by clock and period of event) , the conditions under which the protest is made and the signature of the referee(s) in charge of the competition.

Grounds for protest:

- Violations of Constitution of KASSAA
- Violations of general and specific rules governing KASSAA activities
- Violations of playing regulations approved by KASSAA