

L.G.S.S.A.A

Boys' Hockey Playing Regulations (Updated 2007)

League Leadership:

Selection of Convenor:

Each spring, one league member will be chosen for the position of convenor for the following hockey season. If more than one member volunteers for the position, a vote will take place with one vote per school counting. A tie will be broken by the LGSSAA president.

Duties of the Convenor:

The convenor's duties include collecting and checking eligibility sheets, collecting and reporting game results, settling all league disputes (through application of the regulations where possible,) notifying all parties listed in the regulations of game misconducts, summarizing the season and reporting at the LGSSAA AGM and acting as a communication officer for all LGSSAA, EOSSAA and OFSAA directives. Any problems deemed unsolvable by the convenor should be submitted to the LGSSAA Executive.

Note: League members in disagreement with the convenor's actions may appeal to the LGSSAA Executive.

League Structure:

All LGSSAA schools will be invited to participate in Boys' Hockey. For the regular season, each team will play all other league teams in a home and away format, regardless of OFSAA's school classification categories. If there are more than six teams participating in the league, a single game format will be adopted. At the conclusion of the regular season, a separate playoff will be organized for each OFSAA school classification.

Deadline for League Participation:

Any LGSSAA school has until the first LGSSAA Athletic Coordinator's meeting of the school year to declare whether a team will be entered into the upcoming season. After this deadline passes a convenor may exclude a school from competing for the season.

Regular Season Scheduling:

Each year the previous season's convenor will prepare a draft schedule in the spring to be submitted to the LGSSAA Athletic Coordinator's for approval. The schedule should conclude in time for EOSSAA competition. As a guideline the season should begin by the first week of December. Games will generally take place on Wednesday and Friday. All ice limitations should be submitted to the convenor by the fall of the upcoming season. The convenor will take note this information as well as which school's plan to enter league play when making the final schedule. The convenor will then release the final schedule. Any changes to the final schedule after its release must be agreed by both school's involved and are subject to convenor approval.

Game Cancellations/Forfeitures

Games will be rescheduled at an agreed upon date and time by both teams involved if unforeseen circumstances detected in advance of the game will not allow a team or both teams to complete a scheduled game. Examples of such problems include ice issues, lack of referees and transportation emergencies.

In a case where no prior notification has been given, traveling teams will be should be given a 20-minute window of opportunity beyond the scheduled start time to arrive for a game. If a team is simply negligent, causing a game cancellation with no reasonable explanation, the convenor will contact the LGSSAA President, who may reward a forfeit in this case.

Forfeit Scoring

For the purposes of seeding teams at the conclusion of the regular season, a forfeit win, for whatever reason, will be officially recorded as a 1-0 victory.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

If two teams are tied during the regular season, the winner will be decided by the following:

- a) Head-to-head record
- b) Lowest goals against (including all regular season games)
- a) Highest differential of goals for/against (including all regular season games)
- b) Coin toss

If three teams are tied during the regular season, the winner will be decided by the following:

- a) Head-to-head record
- b) Ranking of teams by lowest goals against (including all regular season games) and the team with the lowest is the first of three. The other teams will then refer to the two team tie-breaking procedure. If the top two teams are tied with lowest goals against refer to the two team tie-breaking procedure with the bottom team being third.

Playoff Format:

The top four A/AA teams make the playoffs. Semi-finals will consist of the first seed vs. the fourth seed and the second seed vs. the third seed, with winners advancing to the finals.

Note the location of the semi-finals and finals will be determined by an alphabetical rotational basis. BCI has started the rotation in the 2006-2007 season.

The winner of the A/AA playoffs will play TISS in a LGSSAA Cup. The LGSSAA Cup will always be hosted in Brockville by TISS. If two Brockville teams play in the LGSSAA cup costs will be divided between the two schools. If a non Brockville team is playing in the LGSSAA Cup it will be the responsibility of TISS to cover the costs of Ice and Referees.

Rules of the Sport:

LGSSAA high school hockey will follow the Canadian Hockey Association rules with the following exceptions:

- a) Any player receives a major penalty for fighting with an instigator penalty is automatically ejected from league play.
- b) Any player who receives a major penalty for fighting will have a review by the convenor and the coaches not involved in the game before the player can resume play.
- c) Any player who receives two major penalties throughout the course of the season will have a review by the convenor and the coaches not involved in the game before the player can resume league play.
- d) Any player who receives three major penalties throughout the course of the season will be ejected from league play.

Note:

In the case of a player(s) being ejected for a major penalty the convenor must contact the following people: LGSSAA President, LGSSAA Secretary/Treasurer, LGSSAA PVPA Rep, Athletic Coordinators and Principals of both schools involved.

Game Sheet:

Game sheets are supplied by the home team. Game sheets must be fully filled in and faxed to the convenor immediately after the game takes place. The home team is responsible for this duty. The visiting team should also be given a copy of the game sheet. Scores and standings should be submitted to the LGSSAA webmaster by the convenor.

Uniforms:

All equipment must be CSA approved.

Brockville Collegiate ~	Black
Gananoque ~	White/Navy
Rideau ~	Green
St. Mary's ~	Royal Blue
South Grenville ~	White/Green
Thousand Islands ~	Purple

Any new team joining the league must choose a colour that is different from the uniforms of teams already in the league or be prepared to have a second set of sweaters available for when they play one of these teams.

Player Eligibility:

No competitor is eligible for the LGSSAA Boys' Hockey League whose name has appeared on a game sheet, and has dressed, after December 1st for a team in "A", "B", "C" or "D" Junior, Intermediate or Senior divisions in any National and/or International Association. As well any player who participates in an "Outlaw League" are not eligible to participate in the LGSSAA Boys' Hockey League.

Eligibility Sheets:

To list a player on an eligibility sheet it is the duty of the coach to ensure that the player is eligible by all LGSSAA eligibility rules listed in the LGSSAA constitution (e.g. transfer rules, age limits, academic eligibility, etc.) Each team must submit a completed copy eligibility sheet before the start of the regular season. Any league games played before the submission of the eligibility sheet will be forfeited. If a team wishes to add a player a new eligibility sheet must be submitted to the convenor before that player is allowed to participate in a league game. Failure to do this will result in an ineligible player if a player plays in a game without being on the eligibility sheet and a forfeit awarded.