

KASSA VOLLEYBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS

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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. Athletic Director and School Athletic Directors to be discussed at the next K.A.S.S.A.A. General Meeting for ratification.

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general education experience of those students who participate.

SEASONS

Boys play volleyball from the first week of school until the last weekend of November (OFSAA Championship weekend).

Girls play volleyball from the first week of December until the week before March Break (OFSAA Championship week).

Boys practices may not start until the first week of school.

Girls practices may not start until after the KASSA Girls basketball regular season has concluded.

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A LEAGUE FORMAT

All matches will be best 3/5. Two points will be awarded for a match win; 1 point for each set won. This results in accumulated points.

- Tie Breaking
1. First matches won
 2. Ties broken by KASSA Tie Breaking Procedure
 3. Final Tie Breaker - Accumulated Points

B PLAYOFF FORMAT

- A All playoffs will be sudden death at all stages.
- B Winners of the semi-finals will meet for the championship at a predetermined Site or at the home of the higher finishing team.
- C If four (4) teams enter the playoffs, first place (HV) will play fourth place and second place (HV) will play third place in the semi-finals.
- D If six (6) teams enter the playoffs, the first and second place teams will receive byes, while sixth place plays third (HV) and fifth place plays fourth (HV). In the semi-finals, first (HV) plays the lower finishing winner of the quarter-finals while second plays the higher.
- E If eight (8) teams enter the playoffs, the quarter-finals will be as follows:
- 8th 1st (HV)
 - 7th vs. 2nd (HV)
 - 6th vs. 3rd (HV)
 - 5th vs. 4th (HV)
- F The semi-finals will involve the highest finishing winner (HV) of the quarter-finals placing the lowest finishing winner and the next highest (HV) playing the next lowest.
- G 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 PLAYER, COACH ELIGIBILITY AND ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE

- a) 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:

Senior: the individuals birth certificate indicates that he/she has not yet reached his/her 20th 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 yet reached his/her 16th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

- b) Be eligible for a maximum of five (5) years competition from date of entry into grade nine (9)
- c) 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) All participants should be stimulated to achieve creditable academic progress to make a contribution to the general educational program of the school,
- e) Must have played in at least one regular league game for a team in order to be eligible to play for that team in playoffs. Players must continued to participate in the higher age classification in an activity if he/she elects to play in 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.

"Play" is defined as on the gamesheet, in uniform, on the bench in a KASSAA regular season game.
- f) Penalties - any contest in which an ineligible contestant participates shall be forfeited. This penalty shall be applied, subject to appeal to the Board of Reference, even though formal protest has not been made.
- g) 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.

Any student who participates in organized practice or game for a post secondary institution shall be ineligible for further KASSAA competition.

- h) That a player who is suspended by the convenor on two occasions is henceforth suspended for the remainder of the seasons in that activity. Please see Appendix 1- Code of Behaviour and Appendix 2 - Ejections in the K.A.S.S.A.A. constitution.
- i) That ejection from a game should be judged, as to further action, on the merits of 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 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.
- j) For the 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

- a) 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

- a) 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 convener or the activity concerned.
- b) The principal's signature must be on every eligibility list.
- c) The certified eligibility list must be in the possession of the KASSAA Athletic Director convenor before the first league game.

D SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS

KASSAA schools will be divided in A, AA, AAA, 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.

Any team, with league approval, may elect to compete in a higher classification league convenors must notify:

a) for girls' volleyball, the E.O.S.S.A.A. C.G.A. president and C.G.A. volleyball coordinator, by January 15th of that season championships if any teams request change of classification.

b) for boy's volleyball, the E.O.S.S.A.A. CBA. president and the appropriate E.O.S.S.A.A. convenor by October 15th of that season.

Once a team has declared a change in classification to the K.A.S.S.A.A. convenor, that team shall be ineligible for E.O.S.S.A.A. and/or O.F.S.S.A.A. competition in the lower classification for that school year.

The declaration procedure shall be established by the volleyball convenor, and he/she shall set a K.A.S.S.A.A. declaration date deadline that is consistent with the E.O.S.S.A.A. deadline date.

For E.O.S.S.A.A. tournament structure, E.O.S.S.A.A. representatives, see the E.O.S.S.A.A. volleyball guidelines (boys' and girls' guidelines)

E GAME SITE PREPARATION DETAILS

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.
2. Arrange for someone to show the visiting team to its change room.
3. Have sufficient bench space for a minimum of 15 people.
4. Have the floor in good playing condition.
5. Provide for safety considerations i.e. posts padded, adequate space outside court.
6. Have the official KASSAA score sheet and incident report sheet available 15 minutes before game time.

7. Properly trained minor officials should be available. The table should be as close to centre court as possible.
8. Visiting teams should bring their own volleyballs.
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.

F GAME REPORTING

1. All match results should be recorded on the official KASSAA Volleyball score sheet. A completed copy with referees', coaches' and captains' signatures should be mailed/faxed to the convenor by the winning coach immediately following the match.
2. Phone, fax or e-mail in the score to the K.A.S.S.A.A. Athletic Director the evening of or the day after the game. A standardized game reporting sheet should be available in each K.A.S.S.A.S. school.
3. The winning coach is to phone in the game score and related details, on the evening of the game day to the Whig-Standard and local TV and radio stations.
4. The convenor's copy of the score sheet should be faxed or e-mailed to the K.A.S.S.A.A. Athletic Director within three days of the contest.
5. For playoff games, the winning coach is to contact the K.A.S.S.A.A. Athletic Director immediately following the game to report the score and to receive information regarding future games.

G PROCEDURE FOR ALTERING THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE

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 K.A.S.S.A.A. Athletic Director.

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 K.A.S.S.A.A. Athletic Director will notify the league convenor, the officials' convenor, the

Whig-Standard sports and TV and radio stations of the change.

NOTE: EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SCHEDULE KASSAA COMPETITION SO THAT THERE IS MINIMAL IMPACT ON CLASS TIME MISSED BY TEACHER/COACHES AND STUDENT/ATHLETES.

I ALL-STAR TEAMS

There will be junior and senior all-star teams in both boys, and girls' divisions. The selection method and game format for All-Star games will be decided the sport group.

J OFFICIAL RULES AND EQUIPMENT

- a) RULES - The current Volleyball Canada Rule Book shall be the Official rule book governing K.A.S.S.A.A. games with OFSAA exceptions.
- b) BALL - For boys' games, an official size volleyball should be used. For girls' games, an official size volleyball shall be used. See the rule book for exact specifications for each ball.
- c) UNIFORMS - Players should wear matching tops and matching shorts. Uniform tops should be numbered front and back.

K 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 procedure 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:
 - a) Convenor of the activity
 - b) Athletic Director at other school concerned
 - c) Convenor of officials in charge of the contest under protest.
- The protest must be filed within 48 hours form 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 K.A.S.S.A.A. and/or E.O.S.S.A.A.
- S** Violations of general and specific rules governing K.A.S.S.A.A. activities
- S** Violations of playing regulations approved by K.A.S.S.A.A.