**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

 **BASKETBALL**

**1. Season:** Girls’ Season: September to November

 Boys’ Season: November to March

**2. Location of Finals and Date:**

 SCAA playoffs are to begin at least two (2) weeks prior to GBSSA

 The location will be determined annually, depending on the standings.

**3. School Classification:**  "A" "AA" “AAA”

 Junior and Senior

**4. League Structure and Play:** (including tie-breaking procedures)

 Number of dates in schedule per school: 8-maximum

 Number of dates involved for play-offs: 4-maximum before GBSSA

 (a) **League**  see the General Guidelines

 (b) **League Play:**

(i) Play will be within the structured divisions “AAA” & “A/AA” **(APPENDIX A)**

 Games will consist of 8 min. quarters.

 (ii) A maximum of eight (8) games will be scheduled. Schedulers should make sure that each school plays within their classification before they play teams outside their classification. (For example, all “AA” schools within a region should play each other.)

(iii) There should be no fewer than six league games scheduled.

**5**. **Play-off Structure and Play**:

 (a) **Every team qualifies for the play-offs**. Play-offs will be county wide. All teams will be seeded in their category (“A”, “AA”, and “AAA”,) based on league play, head-to-head competition, common opponents.

 (b) **The Seeding Committee and the seeding of teams:**

 See General Guidelines; Part 1, item 7

 (c) **To Determine an SCAA Champion:** Refer to **(APPENDIX E)**

 (d) **Entry to GBSSA - APPENDIX J**

**7. Start Times:**

 See the General Guidelines;

 Secondary School Athletic Activities Operating Parameters, as per the SCDSB

**8. Dates for Declaring Classification and the Number of Teams:**

 Classification is to be forwarded with declarations.

**9. Convenorship Rotation:**

1. Convenors will be assigned for a one-year term. The rotation is a call for volunteer followed by appointment by centralized co-ordinator based on school commitments.

**10. Eligibility:** as per the GBSSA Constitution (BY-LAW 2, Sections 1 to 13).

1. Schools must file completed, signed OFSAA Hub eligibility lists (containing the level of competition, names, ages, and birth dates of players, and the required signatures) with the SCAA centralized athletic coordinator no later than 24 hours prior to the competition. Any player changes require a re-submission of the eligibility list within 24-hours prior to that player’s first competition. Note that games played by players of schools that have not filed eligibility lists will be declared a forfeit (loss).

 (b) All players must comply with the GBSSA transfer policy and procedure.

 (c) All junior players must be under 15 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

 (d) All senior players must be under 19 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

**Rules:**

(a) As per FIBA.

(b) The pre-game on court warm up time for any league match should be a minimum of 20 minutes. This time begins when the court and benches are available. If both the coaches agree warm up time may be adjusted.

**11. Uniforms:** as per Canadian Basketball Association.

**12. Awards:**

 Using the SCAA playoff format (Appendix E), SCAA Champions will be declared at each classification (A, AA, AAA) and level (junior and senior) for both boys’ and girls’. An SCAA championship banner will be awarded to each winning team.

**13. Protest Procedure:**

1. Protests may be lodged on situations not under the jurisdiction of the officials or the GBSSA Board of Reference. These protests must be reported using the SCAA Report of Concern (FORM 10).
2. All protests must be made within 24 hours of the incident, by phone, to the centralized athletic coordinator and followed by a written report within three (3) school days (FORM 10).
3. The SCAA Jury of Appeal will deal with protests.