**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

 **VOLLEYBALL**

**1. Simcoe County Guideline**  League Play

**2. Season:** Boys' Season: September to November

Girls' Season: December to March

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

 SCAA finals are to be at least one (1) week prior to GBSSA

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

**4. School Classification**  “AAA”, “AA”, “A”

Junior and Senior

**5. Net Height:**

 Junior Girls': 2.19 metres

 Senior Girls': 2.24 metres

 Junior Boys': 2.34 metres

 Senior Boys': 2.43 metres

**6.** **League Structure and Play:**

 Number of dates in schedule per school: 8 maximum

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

 (a) **League Structure:** see the General Guidelines.

 (b) **League Play:**

1. League play will be within the two classification A/AA and AAA divisions:

 **See APPENDIX A**

1. The scheduling committee will schedule 8 league games max. within the A/AA and AAA divisions.
2. League play will consist of 3/5 matches using the rally point scoring system to 25 points. Games 1 to 4 will be to 25 points with a 2-point margin and no ceiling. Game 5 (the deciding game) will be played to 15 points with a 2-point margin and no ceiling.

**7.** **Play-off Structure and Seeding:**

 (a) **All teams in each classification, at each level, will make the play-offs.**

 The play-offs are county wide. An SCAA championship will be awarded in each

 classification.

 All matches will be 3/5 with the same parameters as during league play.

 The top seeded team in all cases will host the matches.

 (b) The league convenors should contact the “Far North” (MPS) early in the season and establish which teams and how many teams are competing in that area. **It is imperative** to have this information since it determines which of our play-off structures will be used.

 (c) **The Seeding Committee and the seeding of teams:** See General Guidelines; Part 1, item 7

1. **Entry to GBSSA: APPENDIX J**

**9. Start Times:**

 See the General Guidelines;

 Secondary School Athletic Activities Operating Parameters, as per the SCDSB

**10. Dates For Declaring Classification and the Number of Teams:**

 "A", "AA", or "AAA", Classification is to be declared at the same time as intent to participate information is submitted to the scheduling committee.

 The number of teams is to be declared at least one week prior to the first league game.

**11.** **Convenorship Rotation:**

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

**12. 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 Chair and regional/district convenor no later than 24 hours prior to the competition. Any player changes require 24-hour notice prior to that player's first competition in each sport. Note that matches played by players of schools who have not filed eligibility lists will be declared a forfeit (loss).
2. All players must comply with the GBSSA transfer policy and procedures.
3. All junior players must be under 15 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.
4. All senior players must be under 19 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

**13. Expenses:**

 Convenors may charge a levy to cover administrative expenses (telephone, fax, postage, photocopies, paper, etc.). This levy is to be shared by all schools competing in the league. The total league charge is not to exceed $75.00.

**14. Rules and Officials:**

  OFSAA Rules, including the number rule, with the variances listed below, will be used:

1. Positive coaching on a dead ball is permitted.
2. The host school will provide a currently registered VC Referee and all minor officials. For SCAA championship games, there will be a registered VC Referee as well as a VC registered referee for line judge.
3. Games will be played on centre court, if facilities are available, as determined by the host school.
4. 20 player names are permitted on the score sheet for both juniors and seniors.
5. Simcoe County will allow a “libero” to be used according to OFSAA
6. Fingertip passing will be permitted in the junior classification level.
7. The “time-out format” will be as follows:
8. two (2) – one-minute discretionary time-outs per game

 (ii) Teams cannot enter the playing court until signalled to do so by the official’s whistle.

1. The ‘pre-match on-court warm-up time’ for any league match (including the second match of a double-header), is set at a minimum length of 25 minutes. This time begins when the court and the benches are available (excluding the net height change).
2. The above noted ‘warm-up time’ should be arranged in a “15-5-5” format for warm-up. In the event that a team is late arriving to a site, or when extenuating circumstances are involved, the minimum time should be granted.

**15.** **Uniforms and Equipment:**

1. As per Volleyball Canada including the number rule.
2. All players must wear identical jerseys; shorts must appear the same at first glance.
3. The “Libero” will be exempt from the number rule in relation to matching their team jersey number, and/or in relation to having a numbered jersey in the first place. The different colour requirement is still to be in place.
4. The official game ball for league/playoffs is determined by OFSAA regulations.

**16. 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.

**17. Protest Procedure:**

1. Protests must be recorded on the score sheet immediately following the match and must be confirmed by the captain’s signature at the end of the match.
2. Protests may be lodged on situations not under the jurisdiction of the officials or the GBSSA Board of Reference.
3. All protests must be made within 24 hours of the incident by email to the centralized athletic coordinator and followed by a written report within three (3) school days.
4. The SCAA Jury of Appeal will deal with protests.