



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**JR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play:
  - a) Winter Sport
  - b) For Junior Girls Tier 2 only, the season will begin the first week of February and finish the second week before March Break. The playoff Tournaments and Championships will occur the week before March Break
  
2. Divisions: Junior (Tier 1 and Tier 2)
  
3. Eligibility:
  - a) See YRAA transfer application form.
  - b) **AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES**  
  

<b>Junior</b>	School Year: <b>2024-25</b> Year of Birth must be no earlier than: <b>2009</b> Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: <b>2020</b>
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  - c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Jr) for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition, or as indicated in the particular sport playing regulations.
  
4. Governing Rules:
  - a) OVA rules apply to all YRAA sanctioned competitions with the following exceptions:
    - i) Teams may dress and have more than twelve (12) players on the bench during competition, but only twelve (12) names can be placed on the game sheet.
    - ii) Net Height: Junior – 2.18m
    - iii) Regular season games will be played to twenty-five 25 points but must win by two (2) or more points.
    - iv) the default ball used in any YRAA league or Playoff game shall be the same style as the ball being used at OFSAA for that season. IF both teams agree on a different brand ball then that ball shall be used. If the teams disagree on the brand of the ball and neither team has the OFSAA ball available, the home team shall decide the brand of ball to be used.
  
  - b) **Point System for Match/Game Wins:**  
  
Point System for Match/Game Wins: One(1) point will be awarded for each match won during regular season play. If a tie exists at the end of regular season play, the following tie breaking procedures will apply:
    - i) head-to-head matches with the best ratio of won/lost matches being ranked higher
    - ii) head-to-head games with the best ratio of won/lost games being ranked higher
    - iii) best games differential (wins minus losses) in the regular season
    - iv) point differential between or among tied teams
    - v) point differential overall in regular season



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- c) League Play: Placement of teams within leagues will occur as follows,

Zones will be set by geographic area. Unless there are fewer than 32 teams entered in the league, the league will be set into four zones. If there are fewer than 32 teams, zones will be set to make as balanced a schedule as possible.

- d) **Playoff Format:**

All matches (**except the tier 1 final**) at the YRAA Championship Tournament will be the best two of three games. The first two (2) games will be played to twenty-five (25) points, with NO cap (as per regular season). The third and final game (a fifteen (15) point game) will NOT be capped at seventeen (17) points. The winning team must win by two (2) points. The Tier 1 championship final will be a best 3 of 5 match, with each set played to 25 points with NO cap. The fifth and final game (a fifteen (15) point game) will NOT be capped at seventeen (17) points. The winning team must win by two (2) points

Round 1 Playoffs:

The top ranked team in each zone will host their bracket of the Round 1 Playoff.

**FOUR ZONE CROSS-OVER PLAYOFF ROTATION**

Year 1 (2024-25)

<u>Bracket A</u>	<u>Bracket B</u>	<u>Bracket C</u>	<u>Bracket D</u>
E1 vs W4	N1 vs C4	W1 vs E4	C1 vs N4
N2 vs C3	E2 vs W3	C2 vs N3	W2 vs E3

Year 2 (2025-26)

<u>Bracket A</u>	<u>Bracket B</u>	<u>Bracket C</u>	<u>Bracket D</u>
N1 vs E4	C1 vs W4	E1 vs N4	W1 vs C4
W2 vs C3	E2 vs N3	C2 vs W3	N2 vs E3

Year 3 (2026-27)

<u>Bracket A</u>	<u>Bracket B</u>	<u>Bracket C</u>	<u>Bracket D</u>
W1 vs N4	N1 vs W4	C1 vs E4	E1 vs C4
E2 vs C3	C2 vs E3	N2 vs W3	W2 vs N3

If there are only 3 zones then the zones rotation will be determined by a flip of a coin at the coach's preseason meeting.

**THREE ZONE PLAYOFF ROTATION**

Heads Draw

<u>Bracket A</u>	<u>Bracket B</u>	<u>Bracket C</u>
N1 vs W4	W1 vs E4	E1 vs N4
W2 vs E3	E2 vs N3	N2 vs W3

Tails Draw

<u>Bracket A</u>	<u>Bracket B</u>	<u>Bracket C</u>
N1 vs E4	E1 vs W4	W1 vs N4
E2 vs W3	W2 vs N3	N2 vs E3



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The YRAA Championship Tournament will be in a round robin format with two (2) pools of three (3) or four (4) teams depending on zone alignment. If there are four (4) zones each pool will include two (2) first place finishers and two (2) second place finishers from the zone cross over playoffs. Each match in pool play will be the best two of three games. The first two (2) games will be played to twenty-five (25) points, with NO cap (as per regular season). The third and final game (a fifteen (15) point game) will not be capped at seventeen (17) points). The winning team must win by two (2) points.

**SCORING:** One (1) point will be awarded for each match won. The points will be tallied at the end of pool play. If a tie exists between two (2) or more teams to determine the top team, the Tie Breaking procedure in f) below will be used to break the tie.

Note: No pool rotation is necessary for a 4 Zone league due to the cross-over rotation in Round 1 playoffs

TOURNAMENT POOLS – Four Zone League	
Pool A	Pool B
A1	C1
B1	D1
C2	A2
D2	B2

TOURNAMENT POOLS – Three Zone League					
Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Pool	Pool	Pool	Pool	Pool	Pool
A1	C1	B1	A1	C1	B1
B1	B2	C1	B2	A1	C2
C2	A2	A2	C2	B2	A2

**e) Playoff Format Junior Tier 2**

- i) All teams qualify for a Final Season Ending Tournament
- ii) 8 Teams qualify for the “Championship Tournament.” The Championship Tournament determines the Junior Girls Tier 2 YRAA Champion
- iii) All other teams will be seeded and placed into a consolation tournament(s)
- iv) The number and format of the consolation tournaments will be at the convenors discretion and dependent on the number of teams in the league
- v) Four Zone League  
The top 2 teams from each zone will qualify for the Championship Tournament  
Teams will be divided into two zones of 4 teams  
Year 1 (Even years) Zone A (W1, N1, C2, E2) Zone B (W2, N2, C1, E1)  
Year 2 (Odd years) Zone A (W1, N2, C1, E2) Zone B (W2, N1, C2, E1)
- vi) Three Zone League  
The top 2 teams from each zone will qualify for the Championship Tournament plus the best ranking two third place teams. Teams will be divided into two zones of 4 teams  
Year 1 (Even years) Zone A (W1, N1, E2, WC2) Zone B (W2, N2, C1, WC1)  
Year 2 (Odd years) Zone A (W1, N2, C1, WC2) Zone B (W2, N1, C2, WC1)



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- vii) Two Zone League  
The top 4 teams from each zone will qualify for the Championship Tournament  
Teams will be divided into two zones of 4 teams as follows  
Zone A (A1, B2, A3, B4) Zone B (A2, B1, A4, B2)
  - viii) Each team plays within each zone in a round robin format
  - ix) Semifinals will be 1<sup>st</sup> from Zone A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> from Zone B and 1<sup>st</sup> from  
Zone B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> from Zone A
  - x) The Final will determine the YRAA Champion
- f) Tie Breaking Procedures:
- i) The team that won the head-to-head between tied teams;
  - ii) the team(s) having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between tied teams, will be ranked higher;
  - iii) the team(s) having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher. However, if this criteria would eliminate a team or teams from the playoffs, see iv) below;
  - iv) When two teams are tied for one final playoff spot, no team can be eliminated from further play on the basis of points for/against. In the case of such a tie, a single rally point game to 25 points shall be played between the tied teams, with the winner advancing. This tie breaker will apply to tied teams vying for the YRAA representative to OFSAA.
  - v) When three teams are tied for one final playoff sport or when there is a 3-way tie for first place in a three team pool, the team with the best points ratio will be designated team "A" and the other two teams "B" and "C" respectively. Team B and C will play a rally point game to 25 points (no cap) with winner playing another rally point game to 25 points (no cap) against Team A. The winner of the final tie breaking game will be the highest ranked of the tied teams advancing in the playoffs.
- g) Officials: A first and second official will be used for all semi-final and final matches in playoffs.



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**5. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:**

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and members of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sports or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) – above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

**6. Inclement Weather:**

- a) In the event of inclement weather, games may be cancelled and rescheduled if:
  - i) the transportation company (bus) cancels the booking OR
  - ii) the school principal determines that the weather is unsafe for teams to travel

Whenever possible, it is recommended that a decision to cancel a game due to inclement weather be made by 1:00 p.m. the day of the game.
- b) Once this has happened the coach or AD of the school canceling shall:
  - i) notify the school(s) being played that they will not be able to play due to inclement weather;
  - ii) contact the YRAA office that the game is being cancelled due to inclement weather;
- c) The YRAA office will:
  - i) keep a record of cancelled games in order to ensure that they are rescheduled
  - ii) notify the referee assignor that the games are cancelled and will be rescheduled so that unnecessary travel by officials can be avoided.



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8. Costs:

The financial cost of the operation of the playoffs plus the assignor(s) fee(s) shall be shared equally by all schools participating in the league, regardless of classification (A, AA, AAA) on a per team basis.

9. Reporting Scores:

For league games coaches are to report scores through the Sports Admin System. Login as a coach, click on the 'Games' tab, find the game you want to enter the score for then click on the yellow 'Edit' button beside the game and then enter the score beside the corresponding team.

10. Awards:

Tier 1 and 2 – Junior

Individual medallions (15) will be presented to the first and second place teams. A pennant and team trophy will be presented to the Tier 1 championship team.

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