



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



1. Season of Play: Winter Sport
2. Divisions: Senior
3. Classification:

All YRAA sports will be offered at two tiers of competition provided the following conditions are met:

- A) The minimum number of teams to run a league will be 4. If less than 4 teams declare for a league, the convenor(s) of the league may appeal to the executive for an exception. Appeals must be heard before the pre-season meeting for that sport.
- B) If a sport declares less than 4 teams three years in a row, the sport will no longer be offered as an option by the YRAA.

3. Eligibility:

- a) See YRAA transfer application form.

b) **AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES**

**Senior**

School Year: **2019-20**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2000**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2015**

- c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group 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) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport
- b) 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: Senior 2.24m
  - 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.



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c) 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

d) Season Play

- i) Teams will declare Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 for regular season play.
- ii) All teams are eligible for playoffs and for OFSAA competition
- iii) All teams will play a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 regular season games
- iv) Placement of teams within leagues will occur as follows,

a) Tier 1

Tier 1 is a 14 team maximum league. Using the final places from the previous year's regular season standings,

1. The top 11 teams in Tier 1 gain automatic entry to Tier 1 if they wish to be Tier 1
2. The top 3 teams in Tier 2 gain automatic entry to Tier 1 if they wish to be Tier 1
3. If spots still remain the order of choice for Tier 1 will be as follows; 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> place Tier 1 then 4<sup>th</sup> onward place Tier 2 until 14 Tier 1 teams are found
4. There must be a minimum of 9 teams for a Tier 1 league. IF less than 9 teams declare Tier 1, Tier 1 and Tier 2 will combine to form Tier 1 and Tier 3 will become Tier 2.

b) Tier 2 or Tier 3

1. To declare Tier 2 a team must have either been Tier 1, Tier 2 or in the top half of the standings from Tier 3 the previous year
2. To declare Tier 3 a team must have either been Tier 3 or in the bottom half of the standings from Tier 2 the previous year or a new team to the league.
3. Tier 2 and Tier 3 have no limit on team numbers.
4. A Tier 2 team can appeal to the YRAA executive to move to Tier 3



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- e) Playoffs and OFSAA Qualifying
    - i) All teams are eligible for OFSAA competition
    - ii) There will be an AAA YRAA Championship and an A/AA YRAA Championship
    - iii) Placement in the appropriate playoff brackets shall be determined by the regular season standings.
    - iv) All playoff matches will be best 3 games out of 5.
    - v) Rankings for playoffs will be determined as follows;
      - 1. Tier 1 teams get rankings 1 to however many teams are in tier 1.
      - 2. Tier 2 teams get the next highest rankings following the tier 1 team rankings
      - 3. Tier 3 teams get the next highest rankings following the tier 2 team rankings
      - 4. The playoff brackets will be set as follows (see appendix A and B)
    - vi) Determination of the "AAA" OFSAA REP  
The "AAA" YRAA Champion will be the OFSAA representative from the YRAA.
    - vii) Determination of the "AA" OFSAA REP  
The highest finishing "AA" team in the YRAA A/AA playoffs will be the OFSAA representative from YRAA. If the top two "AA" teams progress to the same level, they shall play a separate playoff game to determine the YRAA OFSAA representative. The game shall be played at the school with the highest ranking in the regular season.
    - viii) Determination of the "A" OFSAA REP  
The top 2 advancing "A" teams in the A/AA YRAA playoffs shall have a one game playoff to determine the YRAA OFSAA rep. The game shall be played at the school with the highest ranking in the regular season. The only exception shall be when the top 2 advancing "A" teams meet each other in the course of the YRAA playoffs, in which case the game shall double as the OFSAA qualifier as well.
  - f) Officials: A first and second official will be used for all semi-final and final matches in playoffs.
6. 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.



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- 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.

**7. 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;
  - iii) make arrangements with the school(s) involved to reschedule the game(s) at a date that is acceptable to all parties and fits within the established master schedule. Should a mutually agreeable date to reschedule not be found within forty-eight (48) hours, the convenor will assign a date that fits in to the master schedule.
- 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.

**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: A/AA and AAA**

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