



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SR GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play: Winter Sport

2. Division: Senior

3. Eligibility:

a) AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES

School Year: **2025-26**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2006**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2021**

b) 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 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the competition.

4. Governing Rules:

a) OVA rules apply to all YRAA sanctioned competitions with the following exceptions:

i) teams may dress and have no more than fifteen (15) players on the score sheet and bench during competition.

ii) Net Height: Senior 2.24m

iii) Each Team may designate up to two (2) specialist defensive players. All Liberos must be recorded on the scoresheet with the team roster. The number of the Libero or Liberos is to be recorded on the lineup sheets for all sets. Coach may re-designate Liberos each set. Only one Libero may be on the court at any time. The Libero CAN be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing as a Libero;

iv) match warm-ups will consist of 5-5-5 format: five (5) minutes will be a common time for warm-up; five (5) minutes for team serving first at net; five (5) minutes for team receiving first at net.

v) at the end of each set, once players are released from the baseline by the official, they may proceed to the bench to collect their personal belongings before switching sides of the court. The referee is still in control of the pace of the game and may sanction teams and/or players for delay of game after a warning is given.

vi) regular season games will be played to twenty-five 25 points but must win by two (2) or more points

vii) 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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- b) 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
- c) SEASON PLAY
- i) There will be one tier
 - ii) All teams are eligible for playoffs and for OFSAA competition
 - iii) All teams will play a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 14 regular season games
 - iv) 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) Officials: A first and second official will be used for all semi-final and final matches in playoffs.

5. Playoffs and OFSAA Qualification

- I. The top 16 AAA teams and the top 16 A/AA teams will make the YRAA Playoffs
- II. There will be a separate AAA YRAA Championship and an A/AA YRAA Championship
- III. Rankings for the AAA and A/AA playoffs will be determined as follows (also see appendix "B")
- IV. Determination of the "AAA" OFSAA REP
The "AAA" YRAA Champion will be the OFSAA representative from the YRAA
- V. 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.
- VI. 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 exceptions 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, or if an "A" team wins the overall A/AA YRAA Championship.
- VII. All playoff games will be best of 5 matches



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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.
- 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;
- 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:**
AAA and A/AA
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.