



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SR BOYS' BASKETBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play: Winter Sport
2. Divisions: Senior, Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3

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 form.

b) AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES

Senior

School Year: **2021-22**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2002**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2017**

- c). A student/athlete must be on the team roster to be eligible to participate. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the first league game.
- d). Any student at a school with a Prep/Elite basketball team must live in the catchment area for that school to be eligible to play on a YRAA basketball team. Bill Crothers SS is exempt from this rule as Primary Sport Basketball Players are already ineligible for YRAA play. This rule will be applicable to any new students at that school as of September 1st 2019.

4. Governing Rules: Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport

- a) Games shall be played by the rules as laid down in the F.I.B.A Rule Book with the following exceptions:
 - i) Federation lines will be used, even where FIBA lines are available.
 - ii) A shot clock will be used. Shot clocks will be 35 seconds. Full reset on fouls, shots off the rim, change of possession or a kick ball.
 - iii) The colour of the sleeves and/or tights of any length and/or head band must be the same as the dominant uniform colour or black
 - iv) All players must be wearing the same colour sleeves and/or tights
 - v) Allow "live ball" timeouts with FIBA application



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b) League 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 8 regular season games
- iv) Placement of teams within leagues will occur as follows,

a) Tier 1

Tier 1 is a 9 team maximum league. Using the final places from the previous year's regular season standings,

1. The top 6 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
 - 7th – 9th place Tier 1
 - 4th onward place Tier 2 until 9 Tier 1 teams are found
4. There must be a minimum of 6 teams for a Tier 1 league. IF less than 6 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

c) The following tie breaking procedure will be used when teams are tied and their placement in the draw must be determined.

- 1) head-to-head competition between tied teams;
- 2) point differential between tied teams;
- 3) point differential in all games played in their division.

NOTE: A maximum differential of 15 points will be used when breaking ties. EG. Team A defeats team B 95-70, the margin of victory counted in the standings will be 15 points not 25.

d) If a team wishes to withdraw from the playoffs without penalty they must notify the YRAA before the start of their 5th game of the season.

e) Teams in Tier 3 may opt to play in a separate friendly playoff with other tier 3 teams instead of the current YRAA playoff system. The format of the friendly playoff will be determined based on the locations and number of teams entered. Teams must declare their intent to play in the Tier 3 playoff before the start of their 5th game of the season or they will automatically be placed in the regular YRAA playoff bracket



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5. General Information:

*Board of Reference:

a) The coach of an ejected player must ensure that the student-athlete does not participate in any York Region Athletics until he is deemed eligible by the Board of Reference. Failure of a coach to do so will result in the forfeit of his team from all competitions in which the ejected player participated.

b) Technical Fouls:

- i) all players ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike behaviour or a flagrant foul shall be required to appear before a Board of Reference.
- ii) if either of the two technical fouls is awarded for unsportsmanlike behaviour, then the disqualification merits a board of reference.
- iii) two accumulated technical fouls for the following infractions should NOT, unless unsportsmanlike behaviour is displayed, cause a player to be brought before a board of reference.
 - *dunking or attempting to dunk a ball during a dead ball period, or grasping the ring
 - *breaking the throw-in plane and contacting either the ball or the player holding the ball
 - *wearing a uniform with an illegal number
 - *wearing an illegal uniform top or shorts
 - *slapping the backboard while attempting to block a shot
 - *substitutes entering the court before being beckoned
 - *a player leaving the court without permission or delaying his or her return (ie. avoiding a screen)
- iv) the official(s) shall clearly indicate on the form whether the technical foul fits into # i) and #ii) or # iii) above.
- v) no player disqualified due to the accumulation of 5 total fouls, unless the final one is flagrant or unsportsmanlike, should be brought before a board of reference.
- vi) all ejections shall be written up on the appropriate Disqualification Report form, available at the scorers' and timers' table.
- vii) the completed ejection form is to be faxed to the appropriate member of the Board of Reference and then sent in the courier as well.

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.



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- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for all games 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.

7. Criteria for Qualification to OFSAA:

- 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. (SEE APPENDIX A and B for Template of Playoff Bracket)
- iv) 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)
- v) Determination of the “AAA” OFSAA REP
The “AAA” YRAA Champion will be the OFSAA representative from the YRAA.
- vi) 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.
- vii) 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.



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8. Inclement Weather Protocol:

- 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 OR
 - iii) the host school teacher/coach, in consultation with the Athletic Designate and/or school administration, determines the playing environment to be unsafe (eg standing water on fields, excessive ice).
- 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.

9. Costs:

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

10. 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.

11. 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 each championship team.