

## W.C.S.S.A.A. Girls' Hockey Playing Rules and Regulations

### 1. Date

- 1.1 The Waterloo County Secondary School Athletic Association Girls' Hockey Schedule shall be played in the months November to March unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

### 2. Location

- 2.1 The locations of regular season and play-off games shall be determined by available ice time.
- 2.2 The locations of the games shall be as they appear in the W.C.S.S.A.A. Sports Schedule unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

### 3. Competitive Divisions

- 3.1 There shall be 2 tiers in the division designated as Tier A and Tier B. Tier A would consist of the top 1/2 of the teams from the previous season's standings; that is, the teams in Tier A are the teams left after the Qualifiers the year before.
- 3.2 Tier B would consist of the bottom 1/2 of the teams from the previous season's standings.

### 4. League Structure and Procedures

- 4.1 The regular season shall consist of 12 regular season games.
- 4.2 Each game will consist of three 15-minute periods with a flood in between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods.

### 5. Play-Offs

- 5.1 The number of teams eligible for the W.C.S.S.A.A. play-offs shall be determined by the convenor in consultation with the scheduling chair. It shall be based on the number of teams competing.
- 5.2 The play-offs shall consist, a qualifying round, quarter finals, semi-finals and finals
- 5.3 Qualifying round playoffs would be:

Top 4 A teams get a bye,

Tier A	Tier B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4
A5	B5
A6	B6
A7	B7
A8	

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5. **Play-Offs (cont'd)**

5.4 Qualifying round playoffs would be:

Top 4 A teams get a bye,

The qualifying round of 8 teams come from the remaining A division teams (3,4 or 5 teams depending on number of teams in league) combined with the top B teams (3,4 or 5 teams)

A5 vs B4, A6 vs B3, A7 vs B2, A8 vs B1

5.5 The quarterfinal play-offs will be sudden-death, where the lowest place winner in the qualifying game will play the highest place finisher, and second-lowest finisher will play the second-highest etc. (ie teams are re-seeded after the qualifying round).The highest-ranking team will be the home team.

5.6 The semi-final play-offs will be sudden-death, where lowest place winner in quarter final play will play the highest place finisher and second-lowest winner will play the second-highest winner. The highest-ranking team will be the home team.

5.7 The W.C.S.S.A.A. Championship Game will be sudden death. The highest-ranking team will be the home team.

5.7.1 Both finalists shall represent W.C.S.S.A.A. at C.W.O.S.S.A. Any additional representatives shall come from a CWOSSA play-down between the unsuccessful semi-final teams.

5.8 Tie-breaking procedures in final standings:

5.8.1 the win-loss record of tied teams in games between each other;

5.8.2 the win-loss record with teams higher in the standings;

5.8.3 the win-loss record with teams lower in the standings;

5.8.4 (goals for plus goals against) divided by goals against in games between tied teams;

5.8.5 (goals for plus goals against) divided by goals against in games between all other teams;

5.8.6 If a team forfeits a game or games, and if that team is tied with other teams at the end of the schedule, then that team would be relegated to the lower standing between the tied teams.

5.9 In a situation where more than two teams are tied, the process indicated above will be used to find the higher place finisher and then the process will repeat itself among the remaining teams still tied.

**5. Play-Offs (cont'd)**

- 5.10 CWOSSA representation will be determined by **final playoff standings**. Specific details will depend each year on the number of representatives. They are to be determined at the pre-season meeting and forwarded to the WCSSAA president before the first league game.

**6. Expenses**

- 6.1 An entry fee shall be charged to participating schools sufficient to cover the operating costs of officials for league and play-off games,

**7. Eligibility**

- 7.1 Each competitor must be eligible under all the rules and regulations of W.C.S.S.A.A.
- 7.2 An eligible competitor is one who:
- 7.2.1 is listed as a full-time student on the daily register of the school
- 7.2.2 is certified as eligible by the principal of the school and is in grades 9 - 12
- 7.2.3 has not reached her 19th birthday by January 1 prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- 7.3.1 No competitor is eligible for OFSAA-sanctioned events whose name has appeared on a game sheet, and has dressed, after December 1<sup>st</sup> for any Senior AAA teams of the CWHL or who is a member of the national Junior Under 22, National Junior Under 18 or National Senior team.
- 7.4 A student may not play in play-off competition unless she has participated in one (1) Waterloo County high school hockey league game during the current season. An exception to this rule is for goaltenders where no participation shall be required. The new goaltender will not be permitted to play ahead of the team's Number 2 goaltender.
- 7.5 For the purposes of eligibility, a student whose name is listed on a game sheet will be deemed to have taken part in that game.

**8. Entries**

- 8.1 Entries shall be accepted from coaches or designates only.
- 8.2 A team's eligibility list must be received by the league convenor one (1) week prior to the first league game.
- 8.3 Coaches may make additions to the eligibility list during the season.

**9. Rules and Officials**

- 9.1 The official rulebook governing play during W.C.S.S.A.A. competition shall be the Hockey Canada (CHA ) Rule Book.
- 9.2 Amendments or deletions passed by the Waterloo County High School Hockey League or the O.F.S.A.A. Governing Body shall supersede the CHA. Rule Book.
- 9.3 No overtime will be played during league play.
- 9.4 Play-off games ending in a tie score.
- 9.4.1 a ten (10) minute sudden-victory overtime period will be played if teams in any play-off game are tied at the end of regular play;
- 9.4.2 if still tied after the ten (10) minute overtime period play, a five (5) girl alternating shootout will take place. The winner of a coin flip will have the choice of shooting first or second. Shooters and one alternate must be declared on the game sheet **prior to the start of the game**. Substitution for an injured or penalized player is allowed. Penalized players may not participate in a shootout; if the game is still tied, a one (1) girl alternating sudden victory shootout shall take place using the same players in the same order as above.
- 9.4.3 If the game remains tied, and there has been a curfew placed, and there are only 10 minutes of ice time left, the game should go directly to a shoot-out as per ofsa regulations.
- 9.4.4 If a curfew exists at the arena in which the finals are being played, the curfew time must appear on the score sheet at the beginning of the game, and both teams and the referees must sign it to show they are aware of the curfew.
- 9.5 Except for the first period the starting lineup must go directly to the centre face-off area and the rest of the players to their respective benches.
- 9.6 A team may dress an unlimited number of players.
- 9.6.1 If a team has only one goalie dressed and that goalie is injured, the referee will instruct the coach that they will be given 10 minutes to dress another goalie. A team may choose to play with 6 players instead of replacing the injured goalie.
- 9.7 Each team will be given one (1) thirty (30) second time-out per game for instructional purposes.
- 9.8 A player who receives any five (5) minute major penalty, or two (2) misconduct penalties in one game, or a game misconduct, shall be removed for the remainder of that game and suspended from her team's next two scheduled games.

**Rules and Officials (cont'd)**

- 9.8.1 CHA Rule 50 - ...the referee may give a 2 minute penalty or a 5 minute penalty and a game misconduct for body checking... "if a player is injured a major penalty and a game misconduct must be assessed". If the only reason a major penalty was assessed was the result of the player being injured, the referee is to indicate on the game sheet the nature and extent of the injury. Review by the convenor may result in waiving the 2 game suspension. A review will only occur if the report is on the game sheet.
- 9.8.2 When a player receives her fourth penalty, the official scorer will notify the referee. The referee will inform the coaches of both teams. The player will be excluded from further play in that game only and shall be removed from the playing area. No other sanctions shall occur. A player serving a bench minor shall not have that penalty included in the count.
- 9.8.3 CHA rule 53A - a 2 minute checking from behind penalty will result in exclusion from further play in that game only and the player shall be removed from the playing area. No other sanctions shall occur.
- 9.8.4 CHA rule 28F - Penalties for stick infractions will result in exclusion from that game only and the player shall be removed from the playing area. No other sanctions shall occur.
- 9.9 All suspensions from regular season play will be carried over to the play-offs if necessary and to the next season if the offence occurs in the last game for her team.
- 9.10 All suspensions will be reviewed by the league convenor and the W.C.S.S.A.A. Executive.
- 9.11 A team may not begin a practice after 9:30 p.m.
- 9.12 The convenor shall be responsible for obtaining competent officials, preferably officials who are members of an approved Board of Officials.
- 9.12.1 Each home team must supply a staff member/coach to act as "official scorer". An official time keeper must use a watch or cell phone (to be decided before the start of the game) to keep official time. A neutral time keeper and scorer are to be assigned by the convenor for the WCSSAA finals. If a neutral timer/scorer isn't available, one representative from each of the finalist teams will be used.
- 9.13 A two person referee system may be used in Regular season play. A one (1) referee, two (2) linesmen system **may** be used for all league and play-off games.
- 9.14 Complaints and concerns regarding officials should be reported to the league convenor who in turn will share them with the head of the officials' organization.

**Rules and Officials (cont'd)**

9.15 If a differential of ten (10) goals is reached at any time during a scheduled game, the game will end, and a winner will be declared..

**10. Uniforms and Equipment**

10.1 Each team must have home and away sweaters.

10.2 The home team is responsible for supplying frozen pucks.

10.3 All players must wear a facemask, neck guard and helmet, all of which are C.S.A. approved. A mouth guard must also be worn.

10.4 All goaltenders, in addition to a BNQ approved throat protector, are required to wear a "goat's beard" which shall be attached to their standard helmet/face mask assembly, and it is recommended, but not mandatory, to wear a 'goat's beard' with a proper goalie helmet and face mask.

**11. Awards**

11.1 Individual awards will be presented to each player of the championship team and finalist team.

**12. Department**

12.1 A staff member from each school represented must be present and responsible for the behaviour of her students.

**13. First Aid Procedures**

13.1 It is the responsibility of each coach to provide for their own team medical needs in accordance with their School Medical Regulations.

13.2 Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band aids) for their athletes.

13.3 Each school must have a First Aid Kit on site during competition.

**14. Jury of Appeal**

14.1 The procedure for all protests, complaints, and suspensions is outlined in Bylaw 2, Section 5 of the W.C.S.S.A.A. Bylaws.

**15. Length of Season**

15.1 The training and competitive season for a Girls' Hockey team shall be from November 1st to the O.F.S.A.A. Tournament.

15.2 The maximum number of games shall be thirty (30), including exhibition and tournaments, but excluding play-offs.

**16. Voting Procedures for Coaches' Meetings**

- 16.1 Voting at the Girls' Hockey meetings will be limited to one (1) vote per school entered. Representatives must be present at the meeting to vote. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.
- 16.2 A simple majority of votes will rule.