

OFSSA BOYS' & GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Events and/or Classifications:

The OFSSA Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Championships shall be conducted in three (3) classifications: 'A', 'AA', 'AAA'. Associations shall classify their school teams based on the criteria found in By-Law 5, Section 2(b).

2. Championship Structure and Procedures:

(a) The OFSSA Volleyball Championships shall be a sixteen (16) or twenty (20) team pool format. (See Sport Specific Directives – at the end of this document). The teams shall be divided into four (4) pools of four (4) teams (16 entries) or four (4) pools of five (5) teams (20 entries) and each pool shall play against each team in the pool. The top two (2) teams in each pool after round robin play shall advance to the Championship playoffs. The third and fourth place teams in each pool after round robin play shall advance to the consolation playoffs.

(b) Warmup Procedures:

(i) A minimum of five (5) minutes will be allowed for common on-court warm-up time for each team.

(ii) The Official warm-up will begin at thirteen (13) minutes before game time. The serving team will have the first five (5) minutes on the court (until eight (8) minutes remaining on the clock) and then the receiving team will have five (5) minutes on the court (until three (3) minutes remaining on the clock). The remaining three (3) minutes is to serve as pre-match preparations and protocol.

(c) Protocol:

(i) Following the regular pre-game warm-up, the teams shall line up on their respective baselines for introductions. At the direction of the referee the captains shall come forward and shake hands, followed, on a second whistle, by the remaining team members.

(ii) At the conclusion of each match, all players and coaches shall again shake hands with their opponents.

(d) Game Procedures:

When the first referee signals for the teams to change court at the end of a set, the teams may go directly to their bench and then proceed to the team bench on the other side of the court.

(e) Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of the required entry materials as outlined on the OFSSA Volleyball website.

(f) The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher then both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend the meeting.

3. Entry:

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association Convenors or designates only.
- (b) Entries must be received by the convenor by the entry deadline as indicated in the coaches' information packages on the respective OFSAA Volleyball website. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated, and an additional entry fee will be charged.
- (c) Each Association may enter one (1) team in each Championship.
- (d) Each team may register a maximum of eighteen (18) participants, which includes players and team personnel. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend Championship activities. (ref. Appendix XV)
- (e) Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and/or coach and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.

4. Expenses:

- (a) Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their entry fee, their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- (b) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

5. Eligibility

(a) School/Team Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a school/team must:

- (i) conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of thirteen (13) practices over an eight (8) week period during the current school year under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the principal of the school.
- (ii) participate in the Association Championship or OFSAA-qualifying event
- (iii) use only eligible athletes in any competitions during the school year or the school forfeits the right to participate in the OFSAA Championship

(b) Individual Student Eligibility

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a student must:

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition
- (viii) have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program in the current season as outlined in (a) above and must have attended the majority of practices and games

6. Rules and Officials:

The rules of the Volleyball Canada (VC) shall govern play at the OFSAA Championship with the following exceptions:

- (a) **Tie breaking rules –**
- (i) If two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round for positions in the championship playoffs, the team winning the match between the two tied teams shall receive the higher ranking.
 - (ii) If three (3) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria shall be applied to determine their rankings:
 - (a) the team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played among the tied teams only in pool play, will be ranked higher;
 - (b) the team having the best ratio of won/lost sets (games), considering matches played among the tied teams only in pool play, will be ranked higher;
 - (c) the team having the best ratio of won/lost sets (games), considering all matches in pool play will be ranked higher;
 - (d) the team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the tied teams in pool play will be ranked higher;
 - (e) the team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played in pool play, will be ranked higher.
 - (f) **No team shall be eliminated from championship play or from continuation in consolation play (in a 20-team draw) by ratio of points for/against.**
 - (iii) If three (3) or more teams are tied for positions to determine who advances to Championship playoffs, or who is eliminated from consolation play (20-team draw), the following criteria shall be applied:
 - (a) criteria (ii)(a) to (c) above shall be used to determine the higher ranked team;
 - (b) the remaining tied teams will play an additional set to 15 points (2-point margin of victory,
 - (c) if more than two teams are tied, then points shall be used to determine who gets the Bye, using criteria (ii) (d) and (e) above. The remaining two teams shall play a 15-point set (2-point margin of victory) and the winner shall play the Bye team in a 15-point set (2-point margin of victory) to determine who advances to Championship play and who plays in the Consolation round, or is eliminated from play.
- (b) All matches in pool play (round robin) shall be best two (2) out of three (3) sets, and all matches of the playoffs (consolation and championship quarter finals, consolation and championship semi-finals, consolation finals, bronze medal match, and gold medal match) shall be best three (3) out of five (5) sets
 - (c) A team may dress and play a maximum of 17 players for a match. All persons on the bench are considered a part of the team and are liable for any sanctions applicable.
 - (d) Technical timeouts are not in place for OFSAA competition.
 - (e) Timeouts shall be one minute in duration.
 - (f) **12 Substitution Rule** - For OFSAA competition teams are allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one set. There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or re-enter a set as long as the maximum number of substitutions is adhered to and they leave or

re-enter for the same player. Once a player has a designated substitution partner in a set, that is the only player that they may leave or re-enter that set for. For example, player A for player B - player C may not enter into this rotation.

- (g) Libero Player – The player that is designated as the libero for any set may be team captain or game captain.

7. Uniforms and Equipment:

(a) General

- (i) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos.
- (ii) No sport club insignia on uniforms or equipment shall be permitted in the competitive area. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs.
- (iii) Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.
- (iv) Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in an appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competitive attire.
- (v) The above criteria must be met both on, and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area, and during awards' ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.

(b) Sport Specific

- (i) Uniforms must be in accordance with VC rules. Team members shall be required to wear identical jerseys and shorts with the exception of medical or religious reasons where athletes shall be permitted to wear long pants or shorts of the same colour as their team members.
- (ii) Uniforms shall have any one or two digit, legal-size, number on the front and back of the uniform. The numbers on the back must appear in the centre; the numbers on the front must appear in the centre or on the right or left side of the uniform.
- (iii) Should a team member's uniform become soiled due to contact with blood or other bodily fluid, a "substitute uniform" may consist of another team member's uniform or appropriate alternative.
- (iv) **Teams in violation of the uniform code will be warned verbally on the first violation and it shall be recorded in the remarks section on the score sheet. Subsequent infractions during the event shall carry a one-point penalty. Violations may be reported to the first official by the organizing committee and must be recorded on the score sheet. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee with a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference – Sanctions**

8. Awards:

- (a) OFSAA gold, silver, bronze and antique bronze medallions (18) shall be presented to

members of the top four (4) teams in the Championship.

- (b) The school represented by the Championship team shall receive an OFSAA banner to be retained by the school.
- (c) The school represented by the winning team in the Consolation final shall receive a plaque to be retained by the school.

9. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must
- (b) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

10. Deportment: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

(a) Definitions

- (i) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (ii) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (iii) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (iv) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (v) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".

(b) Codes of Behaviour (Reference By-law 6, Section 2)

- (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches for OFSAA Championships (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III). Spectators are expected to abide by the OFSAA Spectator Code of Conduct when attending OFSAA Championships. Failure to do so may result in ejection of an individual by the site convenor and incur possible sanction.
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI).
 - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX).
- (c) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championships.

11. Social:

- (a) If a special event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.
- (b) Participants are expected to wear 'dress casual' attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.
- (c) Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

12. Medical:

- (a) Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids, ice packs) for their athletes.

13. Protest Committee

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- (a) The Protest Committee shall consist of three(3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Head official may serve as a member of the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest
- (b) All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- (c) A protest must be submitted within thirty(30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- (d) The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
 - Officials' decisions
 - Eligibility of transfer students
- (e) Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- (f) The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- (g) Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Board of Reference – Sanctions, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct

SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

1. Championship Structure and Procedure

- (a) Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- (b) Convenors must follow the standardized schedule (Below) depending on the facilities available and the number of teams entered.
- (c) No changes are to be made to the schedule unless approved by the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Volleyball.
- (d) Any proposed changes to the schedule must be submitted to the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sports Advisory Committee for Volleyball and to the OFSAA office at least two (2) months prior to the Championship for consideration.
- (e) Formats:

(i) 16 Team – Three (3) courts

APPROVED FORMAT FOR 16-TEAM TOURNAMENT

Conducted on three (3) courts – four pools of four teams

Playoffs consist of quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.

DAY 1 – ROUND ROBIN (2/3 Matches)			
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
9:00	A1 – A4	A2 – A3	B1 – B4
10:30	C1 – C4	C2 – C3	B2 – B3
12:00	D1 – D4	D2 – D3	A1 – A3
1:30	B2 – B4	B1 – B3	A2 – A4
3:00	C2 – C4	C1 – C3	D1 – D3

DAY 2 - ROUND ROBIN (2/3 Matches)			
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
9:00	A1 – A2	A3 – A4	D2 – D4
10:30	B3 – B4	B1 – B2	C1 – C2
12:00	D1 – D2	D3 – D4	C3 – C4
DAY 2 - PLAYOFFS (3/5 Matches)			
3:00	Consolation	Consolation	Consolation
	Quarterfinal 1	Quarterfinal 2	Quarterfinal 3
	3A vs 4B	4C vs 3D	3C vs 4D

5:00	Championship Quarterfinal 1 1A vs 2B	Championship Quarterfinal 2 2C vs 1D	Consolation Quarterfinal 4 3B vs 4A
7:00	Championship Quarterfinal 3 1C vs 2D	Championship Quarterfinal 2 1B vs 2A	

Tiebreaker games, if required, shall follow pool play immediately on Day 2.

DAY 3 – PLAYOFFS (3/5 Matches)			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Court 1 (Main Court)</i>	<i>Court 2</i>	<i>Court 3</i>
9:00		Consolation Semi-final 1 Winners of Consolation Quarterfinals 1 and 2	Consolation Semi-final 2 Winners of Consolation Quarterfinals 3 and 4
11:00		Championship Semi-final 1 Winners of Championship Quarterfinals 1 and 2	Championship Semi-final 2 Winners of Championship Quarterfinals 3 and 4
1:00	Consolation Final Winner of Consolation Semi-finals 1 and 2		

3:00	Bronze Medal Match Losers of Championship Semi-finals 1 and 2		
5:00	Championship Match Winners of Championship Semi-finals 1 and 2		

Latest starting time for Championship Final is 7:00 p.m.

(ii) 16 Team – Four (4) Courts

APPROVED FORMAT FOR 16-TEAM TOURNAMENT

Conducted on four (4) courts – four pools of four teams

Playoffs consist of quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.

DAY 1 - ROUND ROBIN (2/3 Matches)

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
9:00	A1 – A4	A2 – A3	C1 – C4	C2 – C3
10:30	B1 – B4	B2 – B3	D1 – D4	D2 – D3
12:00	C1 – C3	C2 – C4	A1 – A3	A2 – A4
1:30	D1 – D3	D2 – D4	B1 – B3	B2 – B4
3:00	A1 – A2	A3 – A4	C1 – C2	C3 – C4
4:30	B1 – B2	B3 – B4	D1 – D2	D3 – D4

Tiebreaker games, if required, shall immediately follow pool play on Day 1.

DAY 2 - PLAYOFFS (3/5 Matches)				
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
9:00	Consolation Quarterfinal 1 3A vs 4B	Consolation Quarterfinal 2 4C vs 3D	Consolation Quarterfinal 3 3C vs 4D	Consolation Quarterfinal 4 3B vs 4A
11:00	Championship Quarterfinal 1 1A vs 2B	Championship Quarterfinal 2 2C vs 1D	Championship Quarterfinal 3 1C vs 2D	Championship Quarterfinal 4 1B vs 2A
1:00		Consolation Semi-final 1 Winners of Consolation Quarterfinals 3 and 4	Consolation Semi-final 2 Winners of Consolation Quarterfinals 1 and 2	
3:00		Championship Semi-final 1 Winners of Championship Quarterfinals 3 and 4	Championship Semi-final 2 Winners of Championship Quarterfinals 1 and 2	

DAY 3 – PLAYOFFS (3/5 Matches)				
Time	Court 1 (Main Court)	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4

9:00	Consolation Final Winner of Consolation Semi-finals 1 and 2			
11:00	Bronze Medal Match Losers of Championship Semi-finals 1 and 2			
1:00	Championship Gold Medal Match Winners of Championship Semi-finals 1 and 2			

(iii) 20 Team – Four (4) Courts

APPROVED FORMAT FOR 20-TEAM TOURNAMENT				
Conducted on four (4) Courts – four pools of five teams				
Playoffs consist of quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.				
DAY 1 - ROUND ROBIN (2/3 Matches)				
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
9:00	A1 – A5	A2 – A4	C2 – C4	C1 – C5
10:30	B1 – B5	B2 – B4	D2 – D4	D1 – D5
12:00	C2 – C3	C1 – C4	A2 – A3	A1 – A4
1:30	D2 – D3	D1 – D4	B2 – B3	B1 – B4
3:00	A3 – A5	A1 – A2	C1 – C2	C3 – C5
4:30	B3 – B5	B1 – B2	D1 – D2	D3 – D5

DAY 2 - ROUND ROBIN (2/3 Matches)				
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
8:30	C4 – C5	C1 – C3	A1 – A3	A4 – A5
10:00	D4 – D5	D1 – D3	B1 – B3	B4 – B5
11:30	A3 – A4	C2 – C5	C3 – C4	A2 – A5
1:00	B3 – B4	D2 – D5	D3 – D4	B2 – B5
DAY 2 - PLAYOFFS (3/5 Matches)				
4:30	Consolation Quarterfinal 1 3A vs 4B	Consolation Quarterfinal 2 4C vs 3D	Consolation Quarterfinal 3 3C vs 4D	Consolation Quarterfinal 4 3B vs 4A
6:30	Championship Quarterfinal 1 1A vs 2B	Championship Quarterfinal 2 2C vs 1D	Championship Quarterfinal 3 1C vs 2D	Championship Quarterfinal 4 1B vs 2A

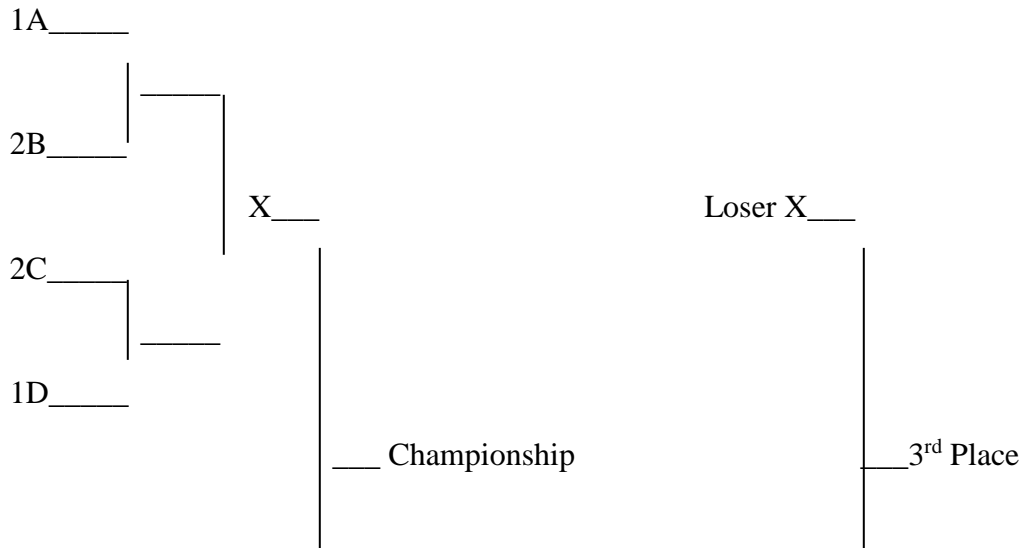
Tiebreaker games, if required, shall immediately follow pool play on Day 2. The fifth place team in each pool does not advance past pool play.

DAY 3 – PLAYOFFS (3/5 Matches)				
Time	Court 1 (Main Court)	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
9:00		Consolation Semi-final 1 Winners of Consolation Quarterfinals 3 and 4	Consolation Semi-final 2 Winners of Consolation Quarterfinals 1 and 2	
11:00		Championship Semi-final 1 Winners of Championship	Championship Semi-final 2 Winners of Championship	

		Quarterfinals 3 and 4	Quarterfinals 1 and 2	
1:00	Consolation Final Winner of Consolation Semi-finals 1 and 2			
3:00	Bronze Medal Match Losers of Championship Semi-finals 1 and 2			
5:00	Championship Match Winners of Championship Semi-finals 1 and 2			

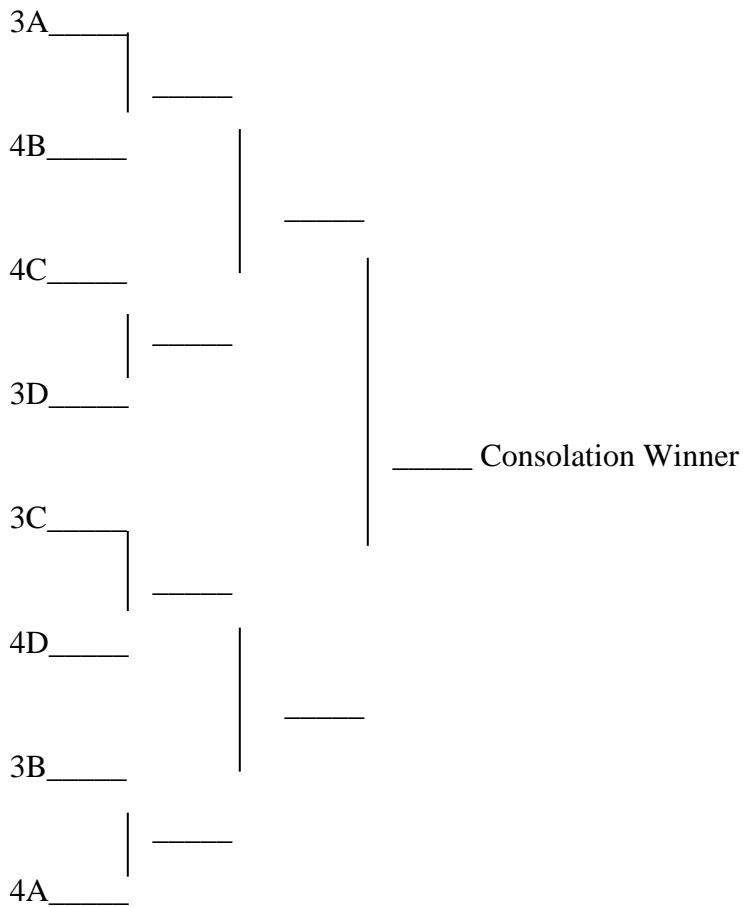
Latest starting time for Championship Final is 7:00 p.m.

Championship Playoff Structure





(ii) Consolation Playoff Structure



2. Seeding

- (a) The field shall be seeded.
- (b) The following criteria will be considered to determine a team's seed position - Overall Record, League Record, Common Opponents, Strength of Schedule, Previous

Association Results, Association Strength, Strength of Roster, Coach assessment of appropriate seed.

- (c) The convenor shall choose a committee for the purpose of seeding teams in consultation with the OFSAA liaison responsible for the event. Members of the committee should be:
- (i) the chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Volleyball;
 - (ii) a tournament committee member*;
 - (iii) a neutral knowledgeable person, i.e., referee in chief, OVA Chairperson.
- * if the convenor is also a coach competing in the tournament he/she should not be on the seeding committee.

Final approval shall be given by the OFSAA office and the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee before publishing the final seeding order.

- (d) Placement of seeded teams:

FOR 16 & 20 TEAM DRAWS with 4 courts:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	3	2	4
6	8	5	7
11	9	12	10
16	14	15	13
20	19	18	17

In the event that an Association team must withdraw from the Championship, for any reason, after the completion of the seeding meeting, no replacement entry will be allowed.

3. Officials

- (a) The Convenor shall contact the Regional Chairperson of the OVA to obtain certified and registered officials for the tournament.
- (b) The head official must attend the coaches' meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the first game, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.
- (c) Major officials and lines people for the Consolation Final, the Bronze and Gold medal matches shall be certified and registered officials, whenever possible.
- (d) Official score sheets shall be used at OFSAA Championships.

4. Facilities and equipment

- (a) The following are the minimum standards:
 - (i) minimum ceiling height of seven (7) metres. Ceiling heights below seven (7) metres must be approved by the chairperson of the OFSAA Volleyball Sport Advisory Committee.
 - (ii) side space clearance - minimum two (2) metres. Side space clearance less than two (2) metres must be approved by the chairperson of the OFSAA Volleyball Sport Advisory Committee;
 - (iii) no overhanging baskets;
 - (iv) no step in area for service;
 - (v) all posts and handles must be padded.
- (b) Court areas that fall outside these guidelines must be approved by the Sport Advisory Committee Chairperson.
- (c) The official game ball, as designated by OFSAA, shall be provided by the tournament convenor.

5. Medical

- (a) Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available at the Championship site(s) and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws.)
- (b) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s).