

FOOTBALL

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1.0 DATE

The WOSSAA Football CHAMPIONSHIP shall be held at least during the week prior to the week of the OFSAA Football Bowl Games.

2.0 LOCATION

The location of the CHAMPIONSHIP shall be held at a neutral site determined by the Convenor.

3.0 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The WOSSAA Senior Championship shall be a one game final between the Senior winners of TVDSB Central versus LDA. The WOSSAA Junior Championship shall be a one game final between the Junior winners of TVDSB Central and LDA.

4.0 ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 Entries shall be accepted from Conference Convenors.

4.2 It is the responsibility of Conference Convenor to communicate the WOSSAA representatives to the WOSSAA Convenor after the Conference Championship, no later than the next school day.

4.3 Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Conference play shall be carried forward into WOSSAA competition. The Conference Convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action to the WOSSAA Convenor.

4.4 The eligibility list must be accompanied by an entry fee. The amount of the entry fee will be set by the WOSSAA Convenor and will be sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the WOSSAA Championship game.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Each player must be eligible for competition under the WOSSAA Constitution, ByLaw2.

5.2 Participating teams **MUST** submit a roster (numbers included) to the timer/scorekeeper **BEFORE** the game.

6.0 RULES AND OFFICIALS

6.1 The home team shall be identified as per the WOSSAA rotating calendar.

6.2 The home team's Referee's Association will serve as the Head Official for the game. It is recommended that the officials assigned are representative of the regions both teams represent. The Head Official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials, as well as the Head Coaches of both participating teams prior to the start of each game.

6.3 The Canadian Amateur Football Rulebook for Tackle Football shall govern play.

6.4 The WOSSAA Convenor will arrange for medical personnel and the minor officials, as well as a set of official yardage sticks, a down indicator, time clock and benches/tables as needed for each team/official. If required, the WOSSAA Convenor will also arrange for security and crowd control.

6.5 Teams **MAY NOT** begin play until the designated medical personnel is **ON-SITE**.

6.6 Any player who receives the 3rd penalty in the same game that is any combination of unnecessary roughness and objectionable/unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected from the remainder of the game.

- 6.7 Senior teams will play 3 downs in attempting to achieve first down yardage of 10 yards. The neutral zone is one yard from the tip of the football.
- 6.8 Junior teams will play 4 downs in attempting to achieve first down yardage of 10 yards. The neutral zone is on the nose of the football.
- 6.9 Games will consist of 4 quarters of 12 minutes each. Ties will be broken using the procedure outlined in the Canadian Football League rule book:

CFL Rule SECTION 8 – TIE GAME

In the event that the score is tied at the end of the second half of a game, each team will be given the opportunity to score using the following procedure:

- a) The first team, as determined by coin toss, shall scrimmage the ball at the opponent's 35-yard line and may advance by consecutive series of downs until it makes a score or loses possession.
- b) The second team will then scrimmage at the same 35-yard line and proceeds as above.
- c) If the score is still tied, the procedure shall be repeated at the opposite end of the stadium.
- d) A winner is determined only if both teams have had equal opportunities to score.

7.0 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 Uniforms shall conform to the Canadian Amateur Rulebook for Tackle Football.
- 7.2 Players shall wear identical football-type jerseys and pants. It is recommended that all teams have numbers conforming to those accepted positions. All uniforms must be intact at the start of each game. There cannot be identical numbers on the set of team jerseys.
- 7.3 Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire.
- 7.4 The home team has choice of colour and must identify this to the WOSSAA Convenor and opposition Head Coach 24 hours in advance of the game.
- 7.5 Any knee braces must be approved by the Head Official at the start of the game. All protective equipment must be covered by the pants or jersey. All eye shields (visors) must be clear. Coloured or tinted eye shields (visors) are illegal.
- 7.6 No metal cleats are allowed – rubber or moulded cleats only.
- 7.7 Fields shall be marked as directed by the Canadian Amateur Rule Book; posts shall be sufficiently padded as per OPHEA Safety Guidelines.
- 7.8 Teams may use their own ball while on offense. Any balls that will/may be used during the game must be cleared by the Head Official.
- 7.9 A team wishing to use headsets must provide comparable headsets (both in quality and quantity) to the opposition if they do not have their own set. This must be done prior to three days before the Championship game.
- 7.10 Drones are not permitted to be used on the field of play.

8.0 AWARDS

A plaque shall be awarded to the winning team in the Senior and Junior Championship.

9.0 OFSAA ENTRY

The winner of the Senior game shall represent WOSSAA at the OFSAA Bowl Championship.