

BOYS 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 determined by that year's WOSSAA Convenor. The Convenorship shall follow a rotation as indicated in the Rotating Calendar of Convenorships (see website).

3.0 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The Championship will follow Appendix 3.

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 Championship.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 As per WOSSAA Regulation 3.
- 5.2 Rowan's Law
 - a) In accordance with Rowan's Law, confirm in writing, that student athletes and their parent/guardian (if student athlete is under 18 years of age) have reviewed their Board's concussion awareness resource and concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months OR that the student athlete and their parent/guardian (if student athlete is under 18 years of age) have reviewed the OFSAA concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.
 - b) In accordance with Rowan's Law, all coaches and trainers confirm in writing, that they have reviewed their Board's concussion awareness resource and their Board's concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months OR that they have reviewed the OFSAA concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.
- 5.3 A maximum of fifty-six (56) players may be declared for WOSSAA.
- 5.4 All participants must be OFSAA eligible to compete at WOSSAA.

6.0 RULES AND OFFICIALS

- 6.1 The current Canadian Amateur Rulebook for Tackle Football as of **September 1st of the current school year** shall govern play at the WOSSAA Championship for all matters not included in these playing regulations.

- 6.2** A maximum of fifty-six (56) players may dress for a game. Participating teams MUST submit a roster (numbers included) to the timer/scorekeeper BEFORE the game.
- 6.3** The home team shall be decided by a coin flip by the WOSSAA Convenor at least three days prior to the Championship.
- 6.4** 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.
- 6.5** The WOSSAA Convener 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.
- 6.6** Teams MAY NOT begin play until the designated medical personnel is ON-SITE.
- 6.7** 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. Any coach or player dismissed from a WOSSAA game shall automatically receive an additional one game suspension. If the dismissal occurs in the gold medal game, the suspension shall be applied to OFSAA competition. All player and coach dismissals at WOSSAA Championships must be reported to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will be responsible for reporting all dismissals to the school's Principal and Athletic Director.
- 6.8** 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.
- 6.9** 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.
- 6.10** 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 as per the OFSAA Football Playing Regulations.
- 7.2** Uniforms shall conform to the Canadian Amateur Rulebook for Tackle Football.
- 7.3** 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.
- 7.4** 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.
- 7.5** 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.

- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 No metal cleats are allowed – rubber or moulded cleats only.
- 7.8 Fields shall be marked as directed by the Canadian Amateur Rule Book; posts shall be sufficiently padded as per OPHEA Safety Guidelines.
- 7.9 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.
- 7.10 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 three days before the Championship game.
- 7.11 Drones are not permitted to be used on the field of play.

8.0 AWARDS

The school represented by the Junior and Senior Championship teams will receive a WOSSAA Championship plaque to be retained by the school.

9.0 OFSAA ENTRY

- 9.1 The WOSSAA senior Champion **in each classification** will advance to OFSAA. **When WOSSAA has two entries to OFSAA, entries will be determined by following Appendix 4.**
- 9.2 **Any team attending OFSAA** will be responsible for paying their own OFSAA **fees.**