



# LOSSA

## Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics

## **LOSSA AAA BASKETBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS 2023 – 2024 (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

**Classification:** Junior and Senior

**Official Rules:** All LOSSA sanctioned Basketball games will follow the current FIBA rule book, as modified by OFSAA with the exceptions described in section 6(a) of the OFSAA Basketball Playing Regulations.

**Competition Format:**

1. In the event only one official shows up, the game will continue and the result will count toward league standings ONLY if both coaches agree to proceed.
2. A defaulted game shall count as a 30-0 win for the non-offending team. The defaulting team is responsible for covering the cost of the officials. If a team withdraws from the league, all of their games will be withdrawn from the schedule and not count in the standings.
3. The maximum point differential for a win will be +30.
4. Any team who forfeits a game during the regular season will be disqualified from further league and playoff action unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches of both teams.
5. The Home team shall wear light coloured uniforms, unless previously agreed upon by both coaches. For the LOSSA Final, Home and Away are determined by record in League play (in the event both teams finished with the same record, the Tie Breaking formula used to determine Playoff seeding shall be applied to determine Home & Away).
6. Uniforms must be compliant with either the NFHS or the FIBA rule books.
7. Half time will be a maximum of ten (10) minutes but may be shortened if both coaches and referees agree.
8. Schools must use the official game sheets provided by LOSSA for all regular season and playoff games. Game sheets are available as printable PDFs on the LOSSA website. Game sheets should be printed on legal paper (8.5" x 14").
9. All game sheets must be filled out completely and correctly before being sent to convenor – this includes Home team, Visiting team, date, classification and level (Junior or Senior), final score, coaches' and officials' signatures. Athletes full names (first and last) must be listed on the game sheet. Failure to comply will result in a \$30 fine levied against the offending school.
10. Scores must be communicated to convenors via text or e-mail the day of the game (this includes sending a photo of the game sheet). Physical copies of the game sheet must be sent via interoffice courier within 24 hours. This applies to both regular season and playoff games.
11. The convenor will set the date, time and place of the LOSSA finals. An effort should be made to secure a neutral site.
12. Schools are responsible for the cost of officials for any regular season and playoff games they may host. DRBABO will invoice schools directly, and they are responsible for paying the invoice per DRBABO's payment schedule.



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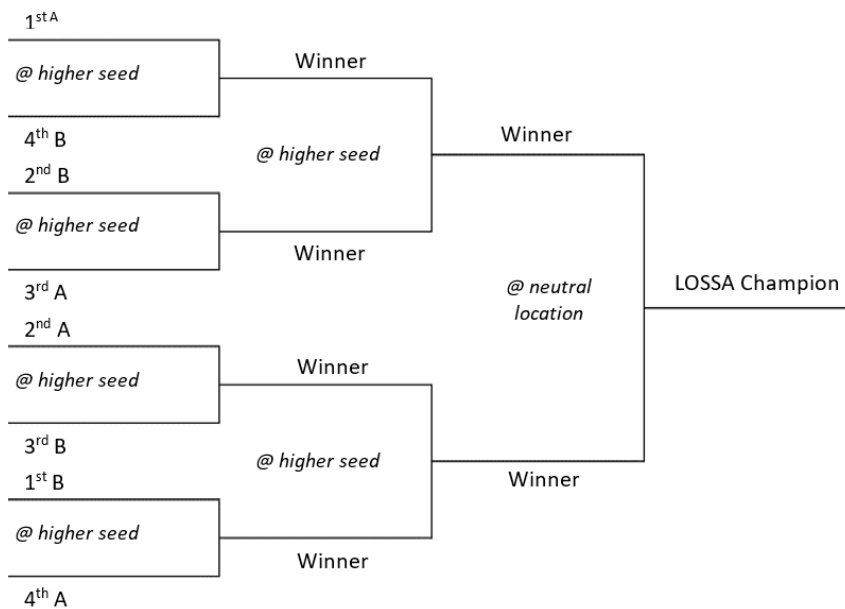
### League Structure:

The league structure will be determined at the discretion of the convenor based on the number of schools who have confirmed their declared intent to field a team[s]. Schools must confirm their declarations with the convenor via e-mail by a date to be determined by the convenor. No teams will be added to the schedule after this date. Any schools withdrawing after the deadline will be subject to penalties as set out in the LOSSA Constitution [By-Law 4, Section 3.i]

### Playoff Structure:

In the event of a single division league structure, the top 8 teams, seeded according to regular season record, will qualify for the playoffs. Should the size of the league necessitate a split into two divisions and regular season play is completely **intra-divisional** the top 4 from each division will qualify for the playoffs. In the event that regular season play is **inter-divisional**, teams will be seeded according to **winning percentage**, with the top 8 qualifying for the playoffs. The playoffs will proceed in single elimination bracket format, as illustrated below.

### 8 TEAM SINGLE DIVISION/TWO DIVISION INTER-DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF BRACKET

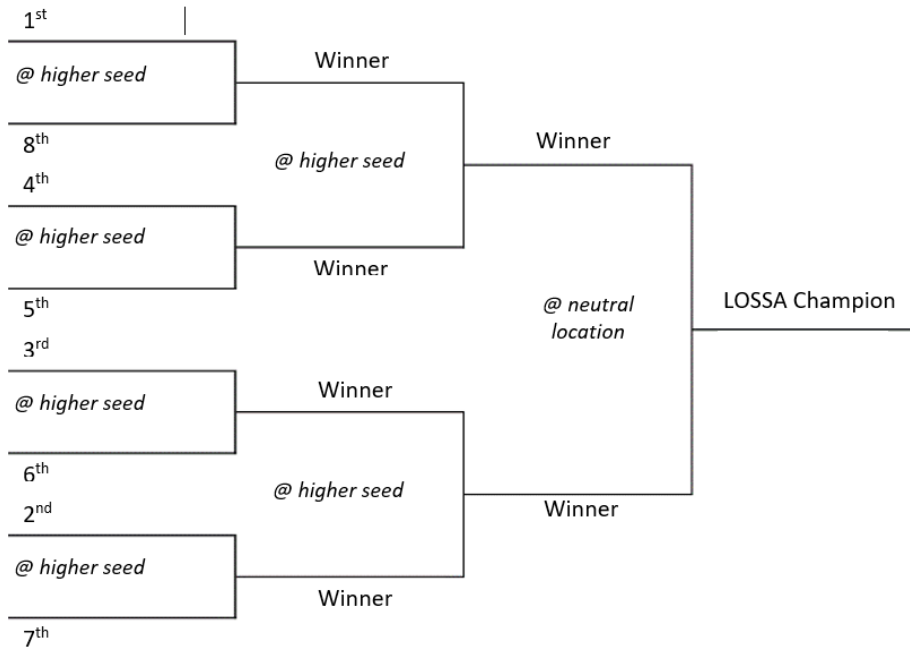




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### 8 TEAM TWO DIVISION INTRA-DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF BRACKET



#### Tie Breaking Procedure:

In the event of a tie between two teams, the tie will be broken based on:

1. Head to Head between the two teams involved
2. Point differential in games between the two teams involved
3. Cumulative point differential in all league games

In the event of a tie between more than two teams, the tie breaking procedure begins by determining the highest-seeded team involved in the tie based on the criteria below. Once the first team has been seeded accordingly, the remaining teams will repeat the process as necessary beginning again with head to head record, until all involved teams have been seeded.

1. Record in games between teams involved
2. Point differential in games between teams involved
3. Cumulative point differential in all league games

#### Eligibility:

LOSSA Basketball will follow the OFSAA Transfer & Eligibility policy, with the following exceptions:

- Only those students who are enrolled at a school for Semester 1 are eligible to represent that school in LOSSA league and playoff competition.

#### OFSAA:

Should a second OFSAA bid be available to LOSSA, it shall be awarded to the LOSSA Silver medalist.