



# LOSSA

## Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics

### LOSSA BOYS A\_AA BASKETBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS 2025 – 2026

**Classification:** Junior and Senior

**Official Rules:** All LOSSA sanctioned Boys and Girls Basketball games will follow the OFSAA playing regulations and use the Rules Set given by OFSAA.

**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 are in agreement 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 If a team withdraws from the league, all of their games will be withdrawn from the schedule and not count in the standings.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. Half time will be ten (10) minutes, but may be shortened if both coaches and referees agree.
7. Schools must use the official game sheets provided by LOSSA for all regular season and playoff games. The convenor shall provide each school with ten (10) copies of the game sheet before the first regular season game of the year. Schools are responsible for purchasing any extra copies they might require from LOSSA.
8. 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 (Midget, Jr, Sr), final score, coaches' and officials' signatures. Failure to comply will result in a \$30 fine levied against the offending school.
9. Scores must be communicated to convenors via text, phone or e-mail the day of the game, and physical copies of the game sheet must be sent via interoffice courier within 24 hours. This applies to both regular season and playoff games.
10. The convenor will set the date, time and place of the LOSSA finals. An effort should be made to secure a neutral site (preferably the Durham College Athletic facility).
11. 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.

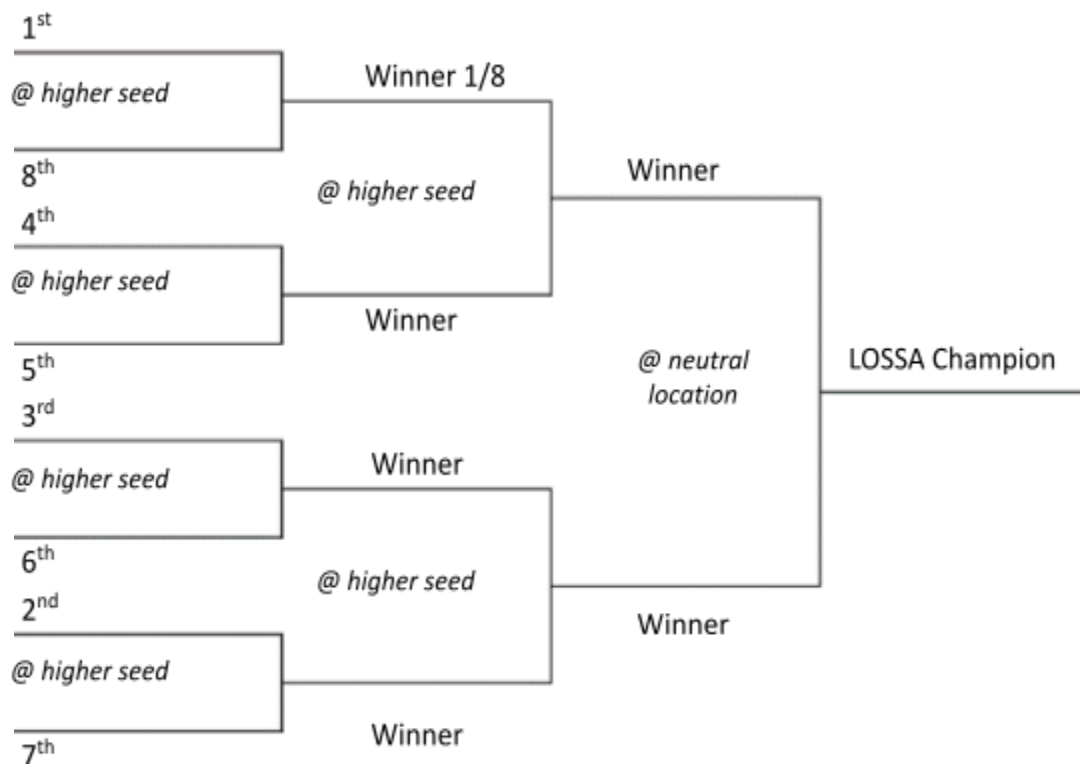
**League Structure:**

The league structure will be determined at the discretion of the convenor based on the number of teams who have confirmed their declared intent to field a team[s]. Schools must confirm their declarations with the convenor via e-mail by **NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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]

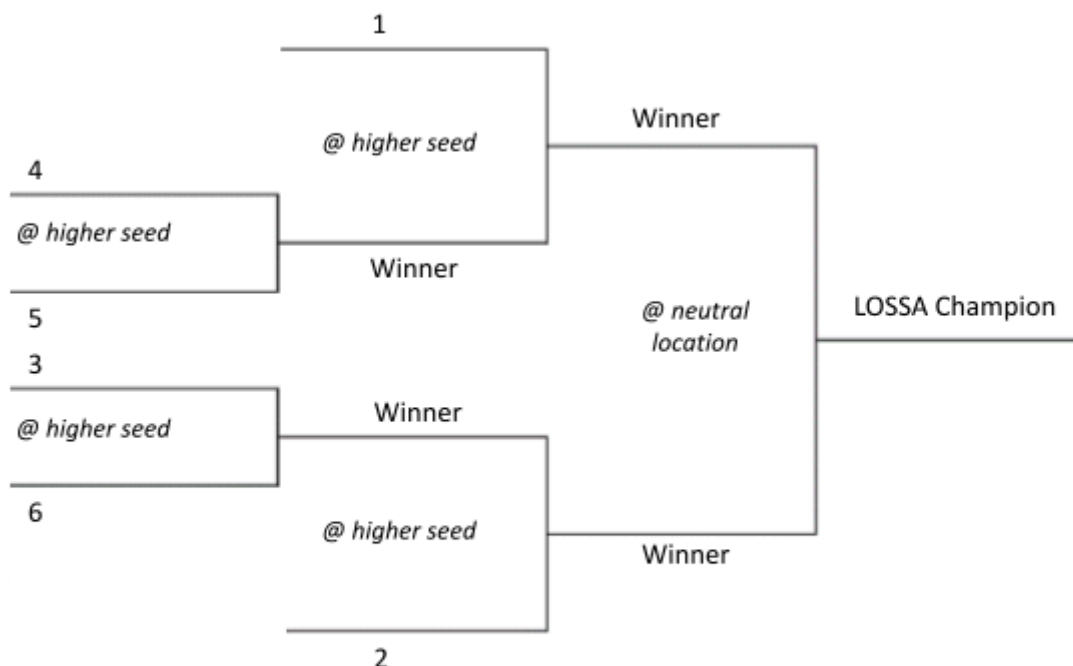
## Playoff Structure:

There are two possible playoff structures; in the event of a league with 10 or more teams the top 8 schools, ranked based on regular season record, will qualify for the playoffs. The playoffs will proceed in single elimination bracket format in the same manner as the AAA Single Division playoff structure [see below]. Should the league consist of 9 or fewer teams, the top 6 schools will qualify for the playoffs. Teams will be ranked based on regular season record, with the top 2 schools receiving a first round bye. The playoffs will proceed in single elimination format as illustrated below. The location of the LOSSA Final will be chosen by the convenor, with an effort made to secure a neutral site.

### 8 TEAM SINGLE DIVISION PLAYOFF BRACKET [AA]



### 6 TEAM PLAYOFF BRACKET [AA]



**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 will be broken based on:

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

When the tie is broken by one of the above criteria, the remaining teams repeat the tie breaking procedures starting again with head to head record. The process will repeat as necessary until all involved teams are ranked.

**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, the finalists will play the team that lost to the eventual champion in the semi-finals. The winner of this game shall receive the second OFSAA bid. This game must NOT be played within 24 hours of the LOSSA finals.