

REGULATIONS

Western Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association Inc. (WOSSAA)

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Purpose

These Regulations relate to the governing rules and playing regulations of the Association as it relates to sport competitions and activities. These Regulations complement the Bylaws of the Association, which relate to its corporate governance, and are superseded by the Bylaws.

Conferences shall remain autonomous in dealing with matters of concern to their own member schools, provided that the Regulations of WOSSAA are not contravened.

Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in these Regulations:

- a) *Association* – the Western Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association Inc (WOSSAA).
- b) *Board* – the Board of Directors of the Association.
- c) *Conferences* – organizations that are comprised of secondary schools and that represent a geographical area within Western Ontario.
- d) *Days* – days including weekends and holidays.
- e) *FTE* – Full-Time Equivalent/Enrolment.
- f) *HPAA* – Huron Perth Athletic Association
- g) *Member* – A Conference which meets the requirements of membership as stated in the WOSSAA Bylaws.
- h) *Ordinary Resolution* – a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution or consented to by all voting Members entitled to vote on that resolution.
- i) *Playing Regulations* – sport specific rules of play at the various competitions and activities sanctioned by the Association.
- j) *Regulations* – the governing rules and playing regulations of the Association as it relates to sport competitions and activities between Members.
- k) *Special Resolution* – a resolution that is submitted to a special meeting of the Members of the Association duly called for the purpose of considering the resolution and passed at the meeting, with or without amendment, by at least two-thirds of the votes cast; or consented to by each Member of the Association entitled to vote at a meeting of the Members of the Association.
- l) *TVRA* – Thames Valley Regional Athletics.

Regulation 1 - Competition

1.1 The Association shall co-ordinate inter-conference competition in the following sports during the stated season:

Badminton	Coeducational	Junior, Senior	Championship held in the spring season.
Baseball	Boys	Varsity	Championship held in the spring season.
Basketball	Boys and Girls	Junior/Senior - A, AA, AAA	Girls - Championship held in the fall season. Boys - Championship held in the winter Season.
Cross Country Running	Coeducational	Novice, Junior, Senior, Para	Championship held in the fall season.
Curling	Boys and Girls	Varsity	Championship held in the winter season.
Field Hockey	Girls	Varsity	Championship held in the fall season.
Football	Boys	Junior/Senior - A/AA, AAA	Championship held in the fall season.
Golf	Boys and Girls	Varsity	Championship held in the fall season.
Hockey	Boys and Girls	Varsity - A/AA, AAA	Championship held in the winter season.
Nordic Skiing	Coeducational	Junior, Senior	Championship held in the winter season.
Rugby	Boys and Girls	Varsity - A/AA, AAA	Championship held in the spring season.
Slo-Pitch	Girls	Varsity	Championship held in the spring season.
Soccer	Boys and Girls	Varsity - A, AA, AAA	Championship held in the spring season.
Swimming	Coeducational	Junior, Senior, Para	Championship held in the winter season.
Tennis	Coeducational	Varsity	Championship held in the fall season.
Track and Field	Coeducational	Novice, Junior, Senior, Para	Championship held in the spring season.
Ultimate Frisbee	Coeducational	Varsity	Championship held in the spring season.
Volleyball	Boys and Girls	Junior/Senior - A, AA, AAA	Girls - Championship held in the winter season. Boys - Championship held in the fall season.
Wrestling	Boys and Girls	Varsity	Championship held in the winter season.

- 1.2 By the last school day in September of each year, each Conference Representative must submit to the WOSSAA Executive Director the following:
- i) An official list of schools in their Conference, which shall then be posted on the WOSSAA website.
 - ii) A list of Conference approved Convenors and Conference approved sports. With the approval of the Executive Director, Conference Convenors can be provided at the start of each sport season (Fall, Winter, Spring).
- 1.3 Association Championships must follow the WOSSAA Regulations and WOSSAA Playing Regulations for that sport/activity.
- 1.4 A WOSSAA Athletic Director may apply to have a sport given Championship status (see Appendix 1).
- 1.5 Conferences shall host WOSSAA Championships on a rotational basis as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the Members at the Annual Meeting. A Rotating Calendar of WOSSAA Convenorships will be provided on the WOSSAA website. Conferences which are unable to host a WOSSAA Championship must notify the Executive Director no later than 4 weeks prior to the WOSSAA Championship. When a Conference is unable to host a Championship, the opportunity to host the Championship will go to the next Conference in the Rotating Calendar of WOSSAA Convenorships.
- 1.6 Any request for changes to the WOSSAA Championship dates as approved at the Annual Meeting must be made by the Championship Convenor to the Executive Director, with a rationale for the change, no later than 2 weeks prior to the WOSSAA Championship.
- 1.7 WOSSAA Championships using split locations must advise the Executive Director of the split locations, no later than 1 week prior to the WOSSAA Championship.
- 1.8 WOSSAA team sport Championships are governed by Appendix 3, with the exception of Girls SloPitch and Coeducational Ultimate Frisbee. **WOSSAA will accept a maximum of two (2) entries to an OFSAA team sport Championship that a WOSSAA school is not hosting (see Policy 8). WOSSAA will always accept a second entry when a WOSSAA school is hosting an OFSAA team sport Championship. When WOSSAA accepts two entries to an OFSAA team sport Championship or a WOSSAA school is hosting an OFSAA team sport Championship, WOSSAA will determine entries by following Appendix 4, with the exception of Girls SloPitch and Coeducational Ultimate Frisbee.**
- 1.9 In A and AA team sports, WOSSAA will only accept the Conference entries after the Conference Championship has determined the Champion. In AAA team sports, WOSSAA will only accept the Conference entries after the Conference Championship has determined the Champion, Finalist and 3rd place entry.
- a) Where there is no Conference Championship and only one school in that Classification in a Conference, that school will be the WOSSAA representative.
 - b) **Where Conference playoffs are not competed based on School Classification, WOSSAA will only accept entries after the Conference playoffs have determined the representative for each Classification.**
- 1.10 When WOSSAA is hosting any OFSAA team sport Championship and is offered a third entry due late a withdrawal from the OFSAA Championship, that entry will be determined using the following steps in the order listed:
- i) If there was a WOSSAA Bronze medallist, the third entry to OFSAA would be offered to that school/team first.
 - ii) If the WOSSAA Bronze medallist school/team declines the third entry to OFSAA, then the fourth place team at WOSSAA would be given the opportunity to accept the third entry to OFSAA.
 - iii) If neither of (i) or (ii) produces an entry to OFSAA, then each Conference will have the option to nominate one school/team. Schools/teams that are nominated must accept, as a condition of being nominated, that they will accept the third entry to OFSAA if selected. A "blind draw" would determine which school/team would get the third entry. If only one Conference nominates a school/team, that school/team would be given the opportunity to accept the third entry to OFSAA.
 - iv) If neither of (i), (ii) or (iii) produces an entry to OFSAA, the third entry to OFSAA will be declined by WOSSAA.
- 1.11 WOSSAA will accept any additional entries to an OFSAA Championship for the following sports: Badminton, Cross-Country, Golf, Nordic, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, as well as Wrestling.
- 1.12 Schools hosting tournaments or meets are encouraged to have that event sanctioned by OFSAA. Application forms are available on the OFSAA website.

Regulation 2 – Finances and Insurance

2.1 Finances

- a) Participants in WOSSAA Championships will be charged an entry fee as levied by the Championship Convenor. The fee will be sufficient to cover all fixed costs. The fixed costs include:
 - i) All operating costs (including the cost of a supply teacher for the Championship Convenor)
 - ii) 80% of the total cost of awards
- b) Fixed costs shall not include costs of meals or items of clothing for the student athletes.

- c) The selling of WOSSAA T-shirts and/or souvenirs is at the discretion of the Championship Convenor. The Championship Convenor shall determine the disbursement of any profits and shall be responsible for any losses.
- d) Within 30 days of the completion of a WOSSAA Championship, financial reports, (with receipts attached) must be submitted to the Executive Director. Copies of the financial report shall be made available to all participating schools upon request.
- e) In the sports of badminton, cross-country running, golf, nordic skiing, swimming, tennis, track and field as well as wrestling, profit of more than \$150 on fixed costs shall be divided so that 35% goes to WOSSAA, 65% to the host school.
- f) In the sports of baseball, **basketball**, curling, field hockey, football, hockey, rugby, slo-pitch, soccer, ultimate frisbee and volleyball, profit of more than \$150 on fixed costs will be returned to participating schools on a pro-rated basis.
- g) In any WOSSAA Championship that charges a gate fee, the collected amount is required to be reported but will not be used in the calculation of profit and will be 100% kept by the host school.
- h) The profits from running an OFSAA event will be 100% to the host school.

2.2 Insurance

WOSSAA shall be the General Liability policy holder for all participants under its authority.

Regulation 3 - Eligibility

3.1 Eligibility of Schools

- a) To be eligible for any WOSSAA Championship a school must be on the official school list as indicated in 1.2(i).
- b) Schools can only compete in sports approved by their Conference as indicated in 1.1.
- c) It is expected that schools will meet their obligation and commitment to participate at WOSSAA. A school that fails to attend a WOSSAA contest shall have that contest forfeited. It is understood that a school's "failure to report" should be for reasons of tragedy, illness or injury. The reason for the "failure to report" must be communicated by the school's coach and the school's Principal to the Championship Convenor. The Championship Convenor must report the forfeit to the Executive Director as soon as they are made aware. The Executive Director may refer the "failure to report" to the Sanctions and Protest Committee.
- d) All schools at WOSSAA Championships must be eligible under the Regulations – Eligibility for Competition of OFSAA. WOSSAA will adopt the levels of classification of schools as determined by OFSAA (see Appendix 2).

3.2 Eligibility of Student Athletes

- a) General
 - i) All student athletes at WOSSAA Championships must be eligible under the Regulations – Eligibility for Competition of OFSAA and the OFSAA Playing Regulations for their sport.
 - ii) A student athlete may only compete at a WOSSAA Championship in a sport approved by their Conference.
 - iii) In accordance with Rowan's Law, confirm in writing, that they and their parent/guardian (if the 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 they 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. Student athletes participating in badminton, cross country, golf and tennis are exempt from this requirement.
- b) Age
 - i) Novice: The individual's birthday indicates that they have not yet reached their 14th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. Student athletes may compete in this category for one year only.
 - ii) Junior: The individual's birthday indicates that they have not yet reached their 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

- iv) Senior: The individual's birthday indicates that they have not yet reached their 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- v) A student athlete is eligible for a maximum of 5 consecutive school years from the date of entry into grade 9.
- vi) Only Novice/Junior aged student athletes can compete in junior team sports at WOSSAA.
- c) Entry
 - i) All WOSSAA entries shall include name, grade, and date of birth and be declared eligible through the Principal and Physical Education Head/Athletic Director accompanying signature. Entries must be submitted to the Championship Convenor prior to the competition. Schools/teams not complying with the above will not be allowed to compete.
 - ii) When a student athlete from a school's Junior team competes for their Senior team at WOSSAA, the coach of the Senior team is required to submit both the Junior and Senior eligibility lists to the Championship Convenor and clearly identify the Junior team student athlete that is playing for the Senior team at the WOSSAA Championship by having the Athletic Director initial beside the student athlete's name on the Junior eligibility list. (Exception: age class of relays in Track and Field and Swimming)
- d) Participation
 - i) A student athlete must be eligible under their Conference eligibility rules.
 - ii) A student athlete who plays more than one league game with a higher age class in any season may not revert to the lower age class in the same sport in that season. A student athlete, to qualify for a WOSSAA Championship, must have played in one of the regular league games for the team for which they are to play. In any WOSSAA Championship, a student athlete may compete in only one age classification in a given sport. (Exception: age class of relays in Track and Field and Swimming)
- e) A student athlete must satisfy their school Administration as to their regular attendance and academic standing in order to participate.
- f) Any WOSSAA contest in which an ineligible student athlete participates shall be forfeited. A formal Protest need not be made.
- g) Student athletes in a SWAC or SWAU program, or student athletes attending WD Sutton are not considered transfers and are eligible to participate for their home school while attending these programs.
- h) Any student athlete submitting falsified information regarding their status as an open or high school trained athlete will be deemed ineligible for a period of twenty-four months, for all WOSSAA sanctioned sports, from the date of the submission of the falsified information. This penalty shall be applied, subject to appeal to the Sanctions and Protest Committee.

3.3 Eligibility of Teams

- a) All teams at WOSSAA Championships must be eligible under the Regulations – Eligibility for Competition of OFSAA.
- b) Any team using an ineligible player at a WOSSAA Championship forfeits the right to continue in that WOSSAA Championship. Any awards received by the forfeiting team must be returned or payment must be provided to cover the expense. If the WOSSAA Gold medal team is forfeited from the WOSSAA Championship after the conclusion of the Championship, then the WOSSAA silver medal team will represent WOSSAA at the OFSAA Championship.

3.4 Eligibility of Coaches

- a) "Coach" is defined as person who influences the players and/or team during competition.
- b) The coach shall be a certified member of the teaching staff of the school concerned. If a school is not able to secure the services of a member of the teaching staff, an outside coach may be used provided that an OCT certified teacher in good standing from the school or student athlete's participating Board is present and on the bench or in the coaching area, for all games and takes responsibility for the student athletes representing that school.
- c) Each school shall have the autonomy to suffice its coaching needs and shall assume the responsibility and liability of the coaching staff.

Regulation 4 – Sanctions and Protests Committee

4.1 Committee Composition

- a) The Sanctions and Protests Committee shall be comprised of not fewer than three members, where at least one of whom is a Principal or Vice-Principal. All members of the Sanctions and Protest Committee are to be selected by the Executive Director from among the WOSSAA Board of Directors. All genders should be represented on the Sanctions and Protests Committee, and the Sanctions and Protests Committee shall strive for balanced diversity in representation.
- b) If the Executive Director cannot get a quorum from the members of the Board of Directors, they may seek to involve Principals, Vice-Principals, Athletic Directors or Convenors from TVRA and/or HPAA Conferences, with the approval of the WOSSAA Board of Directors.
- c) The Executive Director shall act as the non-voting Chair, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

4.2 Sanctions Procedures

- a) A Sanctions and Protest Committee meeting may be convened:
 - i) As a result of a written request via Regulation 7.4b.
 - ii) As a result of a written request from the Championship Convenor, or a participating school's coach, or a participating school's Athletic Director. The written request must be made to the Executive Director within 24 hours of the occurrence of the issue under dispute.
 - iii) As the result of a request by the Executive Director due to a "failure to report" by a school/team to a WOSSAA Championship.
- b) In (i) and (ii) in 4.2a, written requests for the convening of the Sanctions and Protest Committee must be endorsed/signed by the Principal of the school and the coach of the team making the written request.
- c) In (i) and (ii) in 4.2a, copies of the written request should be sent to the Conference Representative, the officials, and the Championship Convenor, as well as the Athletic Director, Administration and coaches of the schools involved.
- d) In (i) and (ii) in 4.2a, it is the responsibility of the person requesting the convening of a meeting of the Sanctions and Protests Committee to ensure that the written request has been received by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall inform all parties of the date and time of the meeting and may request other information as deemed necessary.

4.3 Protests Procedures

- a) In the following Sports: Cross-Country/Nordic/Swimming/T+F
Protests will first be considered by the Jury of Appeal as outlined in the Playing Regulations of that sport.
- b) Protests may be made on:
 - i) Violations of the WOSSAA Regulations and Playing Regulations;
 - ii) Interpretation of the WOSSAA Regulations and Playing Regulations; and
 - iii) A decision made by a Jury of Appeal.

All protests must be endorsed/signed by the Principal of the school and the coach of the team making the protest.

- c) For a Protest made at the WOSSAA Championship:
Protests will be considered if the officials and Championship Convenor are notified of the protest prior to or during the contest. The contest would then be played under protest. A statement signed by the official identifying the point in the contest when the protest was made, as well as a written statement from the protesting team/coach outlining the protest and the rationale for the protest (see 4.3b) should be submitted to the Championship Convenor along with the game sheet (if applicable), within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the contest/competition during which the protest was made. The Championship Convenor will then forward all information to the Executive Director as soon as possible, but not later than by the end of the day the protest was made. Copies of the protest information should be forwarded to the Conference Representative, the officials, and the Championship Convenor, as well as the Athletic Director, Administration and coaches of the schools involved.

- d) For a Protest made after the completion of the WOSSAA Championship:
Notwithstanding Regulation 4.3a and 4.3c, protests may also be made in writing to the Executive Director within 24 hours of the completion of the contest/competition. A statement from the protesting team/coach outlining the protest and the rationale for the protest (see 4.3b) should be submitted to the Executive Director along with the game sheet (if applicable). Copies of the protest information should be forwarded to the Conference Representative, the officials, and the Championship Convenor, as well as the Athletic Director, Administration and coaches of the schools involved.
- e) For 4.3c and 4.3d, it is the responsibility of the person making the protest to ensure it has been received by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall inform all parties of the date and time of the meeting and may request other information as deemed necessary.

4.4 Decisions of the Committee

- a) Decisions imposed by the Sanctions and Protests Committee may include but are not limited to: stripping of medals or placing, vacating a result, suspension from future WOSSAA events, identification of offenders in the minutes of a Board meeting, requiring written letters of apology, and/or requiring appropriate restitution.
- b) The decision of the Sanctions and Protests Committee will be communicated via email by the Executive Director to the person(s) making the written request, as well as the Principal, Athletic Director and coaches of all of the schools involved, as well as the Conference Representative.
- c) All decisions made by the Sanctions and Protests Committee, regardless of their nature, are considered final and may not be appealed or protested further.

4.5 Fees for Sanctions and Protests Committee

The cost for the convening of the Sanctions and Protests Committee is \$100, paid by school cheque.

Regulation 5 – Transfers

5.1 Transfers Committee Composition

- a) The Transfers Committee shall be comprised of not fewer than three members, where at least one of whom is a Principal or Vice-Principal. All members of the Transfers Committee are to be selected by the Executive Director from the WOSSAA Board of Directors. All genders should be represented on the Committee, and the Committee shall strive for balanced diversity in representation.
- b) If the Executive Director cannot get a quorum from the members of the Board of Directors, they may seek to involve Principals, Vice-Principals, Athletic Directors or Convenors from TVRA and/or HPAA Conferences, with the approval of the WOSSAA Board of Directors.
- c) The Chair of the Transfers Committee shall be determined by the Board, and shall call the meetings, maintain records and files of all such meetings, and shall be responsible for all correspondence regarding these meetings.

5.2 Transfer Appeal Procedures

- a) All transfer students are ineligible for WOSSAA competition until given approval by their Conference Transfers Committee, or by the WOSSAA Transfers Committee, or by the OFSAA Transfers Committee.
- b) Students seeking eligibility under the OFSAA policy must submit a current year "OFSAA Transfer Policy Application and Appeal form" for eligibility to their Conference Transfer Committee.
- c) The meeting dates of Conference Transfer Committees should be publicized in all Conference schools at least two weeks in advance.
- d) WOSSAA will publish the dates of the meetings of the WOSSAA Transfers Committee in June of the previous school year.
- e) Conferences with eligibility rules which are different from those of OFSAA and WOSSAA must rule on the student's WOSSAA and OFSAA eligibility, as well as Conference eligibility.
- f) Students declared ineligible by their Conference must be given the right to appeal that decision to the WOSSAA Transfers Committee.
 - i) The appeal must be made by the Athletic Director to the WOSSAA Executive Director.
 - ii) The appeal must be submitted on the current OFSAA Transfer Policy Application and Appeal form. Additional documentation may be included that was not provided to the Conference Transfers Committee.

- iii) The WOSSAA Executive Director must receive the Appeal at least 48 hours before the WOSSAA Transfers Committee meeting.
- iv) The appeal must be submitted along with a fee of \$100, paid by school cheque.
- g) Students ruled ineligible by the WOSSAA Transfers Committee may appeal to the OFSAA Transfers Committee. (See OFSAA Transfer Policy Procedural Process).
- h) A student ruled eligible by the Conference Transfer Committee or the WOSSAA Transfers Committee may have that decision challenged.
 - i) That challenge must be from a WOSSAA Athletic Director or a member of the WOSSAA Board of Directors.
 - ii) The challenge to the eligibility of the student shall be in writing and shall include the reasons for the challenge and shall refer to the section or sections of the OFSAA Transfer Policy on which the challenge is based.
 - iii) A challenge of a decision made by the Conference Transfer Committee will be reviewed by the WOSSAA Transfers Committee, within 5 school days of the submission of the challenge.
 - iv) A challenge to the decision made by the WOSSAA Transfers Committee can be made to the OFSAA Transfers Committee. (See OFSAA Transfer Policy Procedural Process).
 - v) All WOSSAA challenges must be made at least 21 days prior to the WOSSAA Championship in the sport upon which the student athlete's eligibility is being challenged.
 - vi) Upon receipt of a WOSSAA challenge, the WOSSAA Transfers Committee shall notify the student and the student's Principal, in writing, of the date, time and place that the appeal will be heard.
 - vii) The challenge must be submitted along with a fee of \$100, paid by school cheque.
- i) The WOSSAA Executive Director shall maintain a list of all transfer students ruled on by WOSSAA. This list will be available to Conference Representatives and any Championship Convenors, upon request.
- j) At all WOSSAA Championships;
 - i) All competitors must be listed on an eligibility form with all transfers noted as well as the date and section under which the transfer was approved. The list must be received by the Championship Convenor prior to the Championship.
 - ii) If the eligibility form's accuracy with respect to transfer students is questioned, the Championship Convenor can confirm the student's eligibility through the eligibility list on file with a Conference Representative.
 - iii) If a transfer student appears on an eligibility form but the student's eligibility is not documented, then that student is immediately ineligible, unless the eligibility can be verified via correspondence (verbal, email or text) with the Conference Convenor or Conference Representative. In those circumstances, a paper copy outlining the transfer date and section under which the transfer was approved MUST be provided to the Championship Convenor before the end of the day of the WOSSAA Championship.

Regulation 6 - Coaches

6.1 Discipline

- a) Failure to comply with Regulation 6.2 may result in the coach being sanctioned.
- b) Any coach ejected/dismissed from a WOSSAA Championship 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 coach dismissals at WOSSAA Championships must be reported to that school's Principal and Athletic Director, as well as the Executive Director.
- c) All matters pertaining to the sanctioning of a teacher coach and/or a volunteer coach, beyond what is stipulated in the Playing Regulations of the sport, shall be referred to the Principal of the school concerned and may also be referred to the Superintendent of the School Board that employs that teacher coach and/or volunteer coach.

6.2 Duties

- a) Shall know and comply with the Bylaws, Regulations and Playing Regulations of WOSSAA, and shall coach accordingly.

- b) Shall recognize that the appropriate set of "Playing Regulations" will regulate the conduct of coaches during an actual contest.
- c) Coaches shall not display unethical or flagrantly unsportsmanlike behaviour in their role as a coach.
- d) The coach bears the responsibility for preparing student athletes in such a way as to leave no doubt whatsoever of the conduct that is expected at the Championship, as the coach is responsible for the conduct of their team.
- e) The teacher coach or teacher staff advisor bears the responsibility for supervising their student athletes for the entire period during which they are absent from school or home.
- f) Coaches shall not be involved in any form of recruitment of student athletes from other schools.
- g) All coaches shall adhere to the WOSSAA Code of Ethics;

WOSSAA Code of Ethics

The game is played for the sake of enjoyment.

The rules of the game are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break.

Visiting teams and spectators are guests and should be treated as such.

No advantages, except those of superior skill, are to be sought over others.

Officials and opponents are to be regarded and treated as honest in intention.

Decisions of officials, no matter how unfair they may seem, are to be accepted without outward appearance of vexation.

To win is always desirable. But to win at any cost, defeats the purpose of the game.

Losing can be a triumph when the best has been given.

The greatest good to the greatest number is the ideal.

The Golden Rule in sport is to treat other persons as you, yourself would like to be treated.

Regulation 7 - Behaviour at WOSSAA Championships

7.1 Student Athlete and Team Conduct at WOSSAA Championships

- a) The appropriate set of "Playing Regulations" will regulate the conduct of student athletes during an actual contest.
- b) A student athlete who is ejected from a WOSSAA match will automatically be ineligible for the next WOSSAA match. An official's report shall be given to the Championship Convenor, along with the gamesheet, immediately after the game/contest.
- c) Student athlete suspensions that occur as a result of sanctions from a WOSSAA Championship gold medal game shall be applied to OFSAA competition. Suspensions that occur in the final WOSSAA game of a student athlete's career in that sport may be carried over to another WOSSAA sport, later in that school year. Suspensions that occur in the final game of a student athlete's career should be dealt with by the Principal.
- d) In the event of the disqualification of a team at a WOSSAA Championship, a letter outlining the reasons for this action will be sent to the Principal of the school concerned with a copy to the appropriate Conference Representative.
- e) The cost resulting from any property damage occurring at a WOSSAA Championship, as a result of the misconduct of any individuals associated with that Championship, will be forwarded to the appropriate Principal and Conference Representative, for payment of such cost.
- f) Student athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate attire/team uniform in the competition area and use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire.

7.2 Rules of Behaviour for Participants at WOSSAA Championships

These rules will apply to all participants at all WOSSAA Championships:

- a) "Participants" are defined as student athletes, coaches, volunteers, and spectators.
- b) The consumption of any alcoholic beverages, cannabis or cannabis related products by participants, whether of legal age or not, at any time during an WOSSAA Championship, is expressly forbidden.
- c) Drugs, other than medication prescribed by a medical doctor for a specific competitor, are expressly forbidden.
- d) All WOSSAA Championships are non-smoking and non-vaping events.
- e) Attention/consideration must be paid to:
 - i) Respect for others; all participants have the right to freedom from harassment (as defined by the Canadian Human Rights Commission), equal treatment without discrimination based on race, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, creed, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or sex
 - ii) respect for property
 - iii) conduct
 - iv) language

7.3 Responsibility

- a) It is expected that coaches participating in WOSSAA Championships will engage their school's Athletic Director and Administration in assisting with the enforcement of Regulation 7.2, especially at non-Board sites.

7.4 Procedure

- a) Actions contrary to Regulation 7.2 shall result in the removal of the offending participant(s) from the game/event area. The game/event may be stopped by the Championship Convenor (or designate) until such time as the participant(s) has been removed and it has been determined that it is safe to continue.
- b) Violations of Regulation 7.2 may be referred to the Sanctions and Protest Committee at the written request of the Championship Convenor, or a participating school's Athletic Director, or a participating school's Principal.

Regulation 8 - Awards

8.1 General

- a) The number of awards in each activity shall be consistent with the Playing Regulations for each sport, and the Playing Regulations for each sport/activity should outline the awards pertaining to it.
- b) WOSSAA will support the Bill Salter Award by providing the recipients with an individual plaque in recognition of their selection, as well as recognition on the WOSSAA website.

8.2 Pete Beach Award

The Pete Beach Award is named in honour of Mr. N.A. Beach, a former Executive-Director of OFSAA, who died in 1984. Mr. Beach recognized, early in his career, that school sport possessed a substantial and verifiable trait of the capacity to contribute beyond sport to a young person's future career and life. For the next fifty years, he devoted his energy to the organizational development of school sport and thus to the service of young people. In view of the complexity of the developmental process, it is a rare educator indeed who has the capacity to utilize the medium of school sport in such a way as to positively and sufficiently influence student athletes in the remainder of their lives. That educator is one who consistently provides an impression of stability and optimism; one who enjoys the company and the respect of young people; one who embodies, and initiates by example, the highest traditions of the sports person; one who best typifies the true function of the teacher-coach, a source of discipline, a mentor and a friend.

- a) Any WOSSAA Athletic Director has the opportunity to nominate a recipient.
- b) The nominee's information must be forwarded to the Executive Director by January 15th. Nominees may be active, retired, or deceased teacher-coaches.
- c) All nominees will be reviewed, and selection of a recipient will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.
- c) The Executive Director shall inform OFSAA of the name of the recipient.
- c) The recipient shall be presented with the award at the Annual Meeting in June and shall be recognized on the WOSSAA website.

- f) The Pete Beach award criteria reflect that during their career the nominee has been:
 - i) Active as a teacher-coach
 - ii) Active as a Convenor
 - iii) Active in the administration of WOSSAA activities
 - iv) Influential in the development of their student athletes as a source of discipline, as a mentor and as a friend.
- g) The nomination package should include the following subheadings:
 - i) Contributions as a Teacher-Coach
 - ii) Contributions in Athletic Administration
 - iii) Personal Attributes

Regulation 9 – Amendments to the Regulations and Playing Regulations

9.1 Amendments

- a) Any motions to amend the Regulations and/or Playing Regulations may be made by a teacher from a recognized school within WOSSAA, or by a Championship Convenor, or by the WOSSAA Board of Directors. Motions will be considered at the Annual Meeting of Members.
- b) The Regulations and Playing Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds majority of votes cast (excluding abstentions). On all other matters, a majority of votes cast rules (excluding abstentions). No member or delegate shall have more than one vote.