

# SSSAD ACTIVITY POLICY – BASKETBALL



1. **Sport Committee** - See SSSAD Constitution – Section E – Article 6.5
  - a. Create the Basketball Sport Committee at the pre-season meeting.
  - b. A commissioner will be decided upon or announced at the pre-season meeting.
  
2. **Sport Season**
  - a. SHSAA – As defined by the SHSAA Policy for Interschool Competition and the SHSAA Calendar.
  - b. SSSAD – As Defined by the SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 15.7 - Competition Requirements.
    - i. **SSSAD Opening:** defined by the SHSAA Policy.
    - ii. **SSSAD Closing:** concludes with the Provincial Final.
  
3. **Student Athlete Eligibility**
  - a. It is the responsibility of the participating school to ensure that each athlete meets the eligibility requirements of the SHSAA and SSSAD according to:
    - i. SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Eligibility of Student Participants
    - ii. SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 13
  - b. **SHSAA Eligibility Forms (E5)** must be completed on the SHSAA website 24 hours prior to the first league game or scheduled event for the school. Additions and deletions to your roster may be made up to 24 hours prior to the provincial final.
  - c. **SSSAD Athlete Registration**, parent consent forms and waivers must be completed in full on the SSSAD website by the parent and athlete. Email confirmation must be received prior to participation in the sport.
  - d. **Playing Up - Blue/Green**
    - i. A Blue player may play up with the Senior Team for ONE league game or ONE tournament OR a Green player may play up with a Blue team for ONE game OR for ONE tournament (not including year-end tournament) for the purpose of completing a roster for competition purposes. If they play up for more than one game, they must remain on that team.
    - ii. **For a player to play 'up' an E5A form must be submitted to the SSSAD office 24 hours prior to the game or event.**

#### 4. Rules of Play

- a. SHSAA – The SHSAA Basketball Activity Policy Guide will be followed
- b. SSSAD Exceptions:
  - i. Both the girls' and the boys' league shall follow FIBA rules. Modifications may be passed for each season at the pre-season coaches' meeting.
  - ii. **Game Regulations**
    - 1. The **home** team shall be given the choice of basket and bench for the first half.
    - 2. Any player appearing in the team's uniform must be listed on the game roster, to a maximum of 14 players.
  - iii. **Game Timelines**
    - 1. Game officials shall allow a team a pre-game warm-up of at least 15 minutes. The half-time break shall be up to 10 minutes with at least 7 minutes unobstructed floor time for a team warm-up prior to starting the second half.
    - 2. Game will consist of four 10-minute quarters. If the score is tied at end of the second half an extra period of 5 minutes will be played. An interval of 2 minutes shall be allowed before each period.
  - iv. A properly functioning score clock, a 24 second clock, and such other equipment as required by the league, based on FIBA rules, shall be the responsibility of the host school.
  - v. The official score keeper, timekeeper and 24-second operator shall be provided by the host school.
  - vi. A signed copy of the scoresheet with all information clearly legible shall be provided to the visiting team.
  - vii. The host school shall enter the game scores to the SSSAD website **immediately** following each game.
  - viii. **Uniforms**
    - 1. The home team shall dress in light and the visitors in dark colored uniforms.  
NOTE: In the case of a school having only one set of uniforms, that school shall advise the other school in time to make a change if necessary.
    - 2. Uniforms shall have numbers as required by FIBA rules.

#### 5. League Structure

- a. The league structure for a given year will be decided at the spring coaches' meeting, sent to SSSAD Executive council for approval and then forwarded to the principals' committees for final approval.
- b. The tentative playing dates for league play as well as the playoff dates will be determined at the Spring Meeting of the coaches and must coincide with the **SHSAA Policy for Interschool Competition and the SHSAA Calendar**.
- c. **Tournaments** - To facilitate league play schools will be limited to three (3) tournaments per year (not including the pre-season tournament). Teams are limited to two (2) out of town tournaments, one of which may be out of province. All SSSAD sanctioned tournaments count as

one of a team's 3 tournaments (except for the pre-season Bowl Classic). All tournament applications due to the SSSAD office by April 1.

- d. **Scheduling Consideration** - Schools may request specific considerations for playing dates prior to the time of finalizing the schedule, based on:
  - i. Tournament commitments
  - ii. Pre-established school functions, e.g. hosting dances, drama nights, and parent visitations
  
- e. **Re-Scheduling** - Games may only be re-scheduled by permission of SSSAD based on the following criteria:
  - i. A conflict of school activities or unforeseen circumstances of such nature as to make the requested change valid. (Note: Only in exceptional circumstances will a personal reason of a coach or players be considered.)
  - ii. Be cleared through the Athletics Consultant and/or SSSAD.
  - iii. Be declared one week in advance so that other schools and league officials can be notified.
  - iv. Be mutually agreed to by the two schools concerned.
  - v. A team is only allowed to initiate 1 (one) play date change per year once the final schedule has been established at the preseason meeting.
  
- f. **Game Times** - Games shall be scheduled as follows:
  - i. Evenings - girls 6:15 pm, boys 8:00 pm
  
- g. **Playoffs Information**
  - i. In all playoff games whether boys or girls, the site (home floor) will be awarded to the highest ranked team from the regular season standings. Girls' games need not be at the same site as the boys' game.
  - ii. The site of the City Finals and third place games will be determined at the previous post-season meeting.
  - iii. Quarter finals and semi-finals: game times for single headers or double-headers will be girls at 6:15 pm and boys at 8:15 pm
  - iv. Gate responsibility will be assigned by the Athletics Consultant.
  
- h. **Playoff Format**
  - i. Playoff structure shall be determined at the time of drawing up the schedule for the season.
  - ii. In a **Six**-team playoff the structure shall be:
    - 1. Quarter finals:
      - a. Team 1 and 2 will receive a bye.
      - b. Team 4 vs 5, 3 vs 6 (home floor to 3 and 4)
    - 2. Semi-finals: Team #1 vs winner of 4 vs 5 and team #2 vs winner of 3 vs 6.
    - 3. Final – Winners of the semi-finals.
  - iii. In an **Eight**-team playoff the structure shall be:

1. Quarter finals:
    - a. Team 1 vs Team 8
    - b. Team 2 vs Team 7
    - c. Team 3 vs Team 6
    - d. Team 4 vs Team 5
  2. Semi-finals - winners of quarter finals
    - a. Winner 1 vs 8 plays Winner 4 vs 5
    - b. Winner 2 vs 7 plays Winner 3 vs 6
  3. Final - winners of semi finals
- iv. In a **Ten** team playoff the structure shall be:
1. Elimination round (single game)
    - a. Team 10 vs Team 7      Game A
    - b. Team 9 vs Team 8      Game B
  2. Quarter Final (single game)
    - a. Team 1 vs Winner of Game B
    - b. Team 2 vs Winner of Game A
    - c. Team 3 vs Team 6
    - d. Team 4 vs Team 5
  3. Semi Final (single game) – winners of ¼ finals
    - a. Winner of 1 vs Game B plays winner of 4 vs 5
    - b. Winner of 2 vs Game A plays winner of 3 vs 6
  4. Final Game (single game)
    - a. Winner of semi final

i. **Tournaments** - The following are sanctioned by SSSAD

ii. **Bowl Classic**

1. Tommy Douglas and Bethlehem (and additional host schools as per tournament organizers) - early December
2. Preseason tournament for all Saskatoon teams that compete in the current Saskatoon high school league.

iii. **BRIT (Bedford Road) - early January**

1. At least four teams, including Bedford Road, from the Saskatoon high school league shall be allowed to participate in this tournament (NOTE: This is a firm agreement between the organizers of BRIT and the SSSAD). The BRIT Committee will determine the method of selection for local teams.

iv. **Marauder Invitational Tournament (MIT) (Walter Murray) - 1st week of February**

1. MIT is an annual invitational Senior Boys and Senior Girls basketball tournament.
2. The format for both tournaments is a 2 pool round robin, with cross over finals (guaranteed 4 games)

v. **St. Joseph Guardian Classic**

1. An annual invitational Senior Boys and Senior Girls basketball tournament (one public, one catholic).
2. Format for both tournaments is round robin format, 2 pool round robin format (guaranteed 4 games).

vi. **Centennial Charger Classic** – Week following BOWLT

1. An annual invitational Senior Boys tournament.

**j. Travel Regulations**

- i. Schools are responsible to arrange for the tournaments they wish to attend, subject to the travel regulations as outlined by the Principals' Committee. (SSSAD Handbook – Section B - Employing Boards Regulations - Article 2 – Principal Committees – Part B – Guidelines for Team Travel).

**k. Protests**

- i. FIBA rules require that the protest of a game must be made to the game official (referee). The opponents must be made aware of the protest. The Captain of the protesting team must sign the score sheet indicating the protest.
- ii. Protests must be made in accordance with the SSSAD Bylaws - Section F - Article 21 - Protests.

**6. Tie Breaking Criteria**

**a. Single Round Robin**

- i. **Two Team Tie** - Result of game between the two tied teams, with the winner receiving the higher placing.
- ii. **Three Team Tie** - Best win-loss record in games involving the tied teams.
  1. If this separates one team- the tie between the other two would be broken by the two team tie criteria.
  2. If not, the next option would be points for/against between the tied teams with the maximum point spread for any one game being capped at 25 points.
  3. If the above separated one team and the other two were tied, their head to head record would decide.
  4. If points for/against resulted in a three-way tie remaining, the next option would be points for/against versus the entire league.
- iii. **Four Way Tie** - Would follow the same protocol- with criteria in order of preference being:
  1. Win/loss record among tied teams
  2. Points for/against among tied teams (25-point cap)
  3. Points for/against versus entire league (25-point cap)
  4. Please note - whenever the criteria would separate a team or teams, the remaining ties would be broken using the appropriate formula listed above.

**b. Unbalanced Schedule**

**i. Two Team Tie**

1. Result of the game between the two tied teams, with the winner receiving the higher placing. If teams have split a season series, points for/against between the tied teams will be used with the maximum point spread for any one game being capped at 25 points.
2. If this procedure fails to break the tie, then each tied team record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage by a higher winning percentage.

3. If this fails to break the tie, points for and points against (maximum 25 points) vs the entire league will be used to break the tie
- ii. **Three Team Tie** - Best win-loss record / win – loss % in games involving the tied teams.
1. The combined record of conference games between the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken and seedings assigned based on the winning percentage of the combined conference records. The higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal. (ie 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4)
  2. If this procedure fails to break the tie, then each tied teams record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage by a higher winning percentage.
  3. If the tie broken by (1) or (2) regarding one or more teams, but three or more teams remain tied, then procedures (1) and (2) will be reapplied among those tied teams only.
  4. If this separates one team, the tie between the other two would be broken by the two team tie breaking criteria and their head to head record would decide. If not, the next option would be points for/against between the tied teams with the maximum point spread for any one game being capped at 25 points.

**Note:** If there is more than one tie in the standings, and when utilizing the tie breaking procedures there are a pair of teams tied, a team's record against the combined tied teams will be used to break the tie.

- iii. **Four-way Tie** - It would follow the same protocol as the three-way tie criteria with criteria being followed in order.

**Note:** Whenever the criteria would separate a team or teams, the remaining ties would be broken using the appropriate formula listed above.

## 7. Awards

### a. Trophies:

#### i. Girls

1. League winner - Dorothy George Trophy
2. City Championship - Rolly Howes Trophy

#### ii. Boys

1. League winner - Bill Stacey Trophy
2. City Championship - Rolly Howes Trophy

### b. Medals:

- i. Medals – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 place medals to be awarded.

**8. Discipline/Ejection**

- a. Breach of bylaws by students or teams – SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 20 – Breach of Bylaws**
- b. Player Ejection - SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.4 – Conduct**
  - The head official shall complete an Officials Special Report Form (E9) found on the SHSAA website (under forms). The E9 Form must be emailed to the Athletic Consultant immediately following the game.
  - Coaches are required to report the player ejection to the Athletic Consultant.
  - Such suspensions shall be automatic.
  - An appeal may be submitted by email by the Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principal to the Consultant (Athletics) by 5:00 p.m. on the next school day.
- c. Coach Ejection**
  - i. SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.5 - Conduct**
  - ii. SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Ejection of a Coach from a Contest**