NSSSAA Basketball Playing Regulations ~ June 2026

1. All participating schools must be members of NSSSAA and subsequently of NWOSSAA. All participants must meet the eligibility rules for the league.

2. The current OFSAA playing regulations for basketball will be followed. The current OFSAA regulations follows the current FIBA rulebook with the following exceptions:
   a. The shot clock length will follow the time determined by OFSAA – 24 second shot clock for senior games and a 30 second shot clock for junior games. **A 14-second reset will be required for NWOSSAA Championships only.** (Motion 17, 2025).
   b. Full reset on foul shot attempts and shots off the rim.
   c. Fouls and offensive rebounds will result in a 24 second reset at the senior level and a 30 second reset at the junior level. (2026)
   d. Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available.
   e. Federation game length will be used (including overtime)
   f. No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul(s) assessed to player(s))

3. ~~The following scoring system to be used in a basketball season:~~
   - ~~2 points for each win~~
   - ~~0 points for each loss~~ (2026)

4. Equipment:
   - Boys basketball: an official leather #7 basketball shall be used
   - Girls basketball: an official leather #6 basketball shall be used

5. The NSSSAA Basketball League is divided into two divisions as follows (Motion # 10, 2016):

East	West
Chapleau High School	Chateau Jeunesse
E.S. L'Oree des Bois	Geraldton Composite High School
E.S.C. Saint Joseph	Lake Superior High School
E.S.C. Trillium	Manitouwadge High School
Hornepayne High School	Marathon High School/ E.S. Cite-Superieure
Michipicoten High School	Migizi Miigwanan
	Nipigon Red Rock District High School

~~6. In the finals, the teams that have to travel the furthest should be scheduled to play first if at all possible~~ (Motion 4, 2025)

~~7. Host schools should try to accommodate visiting teams during regular season play with regards to playing times.~~ (2026)

8. Tie breaking procedure within a division:

A. Record between the tied teams

B. 1. Ties for first and second place in the division (east/west) play shall be resolved by a deciding game between the two teams in question. The venue of this game shall be dictated by a flip of a coin. The winner of this coin toss will host the game. The travel costs will be divided between the schools involved. The coin toss should be done by the president and secretary. (2016) A 2-way tie between 1st and 2nd can be settled with a coin toss if both teams in question are in agreement. (2017)

2. When possible, when two teams meeting at the end of the regular season play are tied for first or second place, at the end of the regular season game day, after a minimum ten-minute break, the two teams will play an eight-minute quarter game to determine final regular season standings. If the teams are still tied at the end of the eight-minute quarter, the tie breaker procedure will be repeated at four-minute quarter intervals until a winner is determined.

C. If three teams are tied, a single round-robin between the three teams in question shall be played. A one-hour break will occur after each game. The venue of these games shall be decided by a flip of a coin. The winner of this coin toss will host these games (off coin). The travel costs will be divided between the schools involved. The coin toss should be done by the president and the secretary/treasurer. Both must be present at the coin toss. (2016)

D. In the event of a four-way tie location will be decided by a paper draw. The four teams involved travel to the location. A random draw for two semi-final games is done, and the winner of each advances to a final with the winner becoming the division champion. As in a three-way tie travel costs are to be divided among the teams involved. (Motion 27 2011)

~~E. Free throw shoot out:~~

~~I. The current National Federation rulebook will govern free throws~~
~~II. Each team will select any 5 players listed on their official team list (any players fouled out are not eligible). They shall shoot in the order declared to the convener prior to the shootout. No player may shoot twice.~~
~~III. The team scoring the most baskets will be the winner.~~

~~IV. Each team will shoot one free throw with shots alternating between teams.~~

~~V. Order of shooting shall be determined by drawing team names.~~

~~VI. In the event of a tie after the shootout, the teams tied after the shootout shall continue the free throw shootout as outlined above.~~ (2026)

9. Should qualified officials fail to fulfill their prior commitment for basketball championships, and the convener exhausts all possibilities to obtain other qualified officials, the convener will be able to substitute with an experienced official with the consent of both coaches involved.

10. At the NSSSAA Basketball Championships, both junior and senior will play a crossover tournament with the first-place team from the East playing the second-place team from the West and the first-place team from the West playing the second place team from the East with the Consolation and then Championship matches to follow. (Motion 3, 2025).

11. Schedules for Finals competition must be arranged using a fixed template (Motion 4, 2025):

    For finals in the West:

Game 1	Junior West 1st	vs	Junior East 2nd	Warm up starts at 8:30am
Game 2	Junior West 2nd	vs	Junior East 1st	9:50am
Game 3	Senior West 1st	vs	Senior East 2nd	11:10am
Game 4	Senior West 2nd	vs	Senior East 1st	12:30am
Game 5	Junior Consolation Loser game 1 vs Loser game 2			1:50pm
Game 6	Senior Consolation Loser game 3 vs Loser game 4			3:10pm
Game 7	Junior Championship Winner game 1 vs Winner game 2			4:30pm
Game 8	Senior Championship Winner game 3 vs Winner game 4			5:50pm

For finals in the EAST:

Game 1	Junior East 1st	vs	Junior West 2nd	Warm up starts at 8:30am
Game 2	Junior East 2nd	vs	Junior West 1st	9:50am
Game 3	Senior East 1st	vs	Senior West 2nd	11:10am
Game 4	Senior East 2nd	vs	Senior West 1st	12:30am
Game 5	Junior Consolation Loser game 1 vs Loser game 2			1:50pm
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When the first or second place team of a division cannot attend a championship, the convenor will make every reasonable attempt to contact the following team coaches:

a. 3rd place in the same division as the team who cannot attend
b. The host school
c. 3rd place in the host division

The convenor will give a deadline and the team that replies with the highest priority will qualify. If no team accepts the invitation to fill the vacant spot, the spot will remain vacant, and the corresponding team will be given a bye into the finals.

d. If no team accepts the invitation to fill the vacant spot, or there is no fourth-place team, the spot will remain vacant, and the convenor will adopt a round robin format for the other three teams. In the event of a 3-way tie: decide slots by paper draw. The first team drawn will be team C, therefore will have the bye and the other two teams will be team A and Team B. A vs. B – loser 3rd place. Winner vs. C – loser 2nd place, winner 1st place, according to the diagram below. The games will be 16-minute games (two 8-minute halves). (2019)

12. The convener or his/her designate has full authority to eject a participant for contravention of the NSSSAA Code of Behaviour for participants.

13. The format for the advancement of a division representative (East & West) to the NSSSAA Championships (Jr. and Sr.) will be reached by mutual agreement of those division members at the spring meetings on an annual basis.