

BASKETBALL (AAA Girls)

AAA Girls Rules and Regulations

Zone - Okanagan

League:

1. There shall be one combined valley league including the South, Central, North and West Okanagan Athletic Associations zones.
2. A school must declare their intention to join the league at the Spring Commissioners/scheduling meeting.
3. Schedule –See details later on in this document.

Eligibility for team members:

1. All players must be registered and eligible under the rules of the OVSAA and BCSS. (Competitive Rules and Regulations).
2. All coaches and team support staff must be approved by their school's administration and athletic director prior to any competition.

Suspension and Eligibility Appeals:

1. A player, coach or team member whose eligibility is being appealed or who is under suspension shall not play, participate or sit with the team for any competition until deemed eligible by the appropriate Athletic body.
 - Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the forfeiture of the games to the opposing teams by a score of 1-0 and further possible disciplinary actions taken against the individual and/or the team.
2. Players ejected from a game are under suspension subject to a ruling by the Valley and/or Zone association.
3. The decision of the OVSAA President of local association is subject to appeal to one of the following bodies: the OVSAA or local association.

Duties of each coach prior to the start of competition:

1. Attend and declare a team at the OVSAA AAA Girls commission / meeting in the spring of the prior school year. This meeting is MANDATORY for all AAA coaches.
2. Declare a team with BCSS on October 1st each year.
3. Register team members with BC School Sports prior to the start of competitive play.
4. All previously awarded OVSAA or BCSSGBA trophies need to be engraved with the previous winner's names. These trophies need to be returned to the current OVSAA Championship site or the BCSSGBA in the case of provincial awards.
5. Coaches are encouraged to attend the BCSSGBA AGM in the spring (held at the Senior Girls Provincial Tournament).

Duties of the host coach during the season of play for all games:

1. To provide for a safe, clean and suitable environment for the basketball game.
 2. To ensure all equipment is workable and in good condition.
 3. To ensure that only the official high school ball of be used for the game (Baden Ball).
 4. To ensure that each team be allowed a minimum of ten minutes of suitable and uninterrupted warm up time at the beginning of both halves of the game.
 5. Home teams shall send the game results to the Commissioner the evening of and up to the morning after the game.
- The Commission may choose to levy a \$10.00 fine per violation if game scores have not been received within 48 hours.

Duties of all coaches during the season of play for all games:

1. To uphold the codes of conduct and rules and regulations of their school, the OVSAA, and BCSS at all times.
2. Immediately report (within 72 hours) any team member (coach or player) from either team who have been ejected by the game officials to the Commissioner, Zone and/or Valley President.

3. Immediately report (with 72 hours) any serious incidents involving either team, or the game officials, or either teams fans, or parents, to the Commissioner, Zone and/or Valley President.

Duties of a coach post season:

1. All previously awarded OVSAA or BCSSGBA trophies need to be engraved with the previous winner's names.
2. Attend the Spring AAA OVSAA basketball Commission meeting.

League Schedules:

1. The valley league schedule may be one of the following, depending on the number of teams at the Senior Girls AAA level:
 1. Every team play each other once for league. If you choose to play a team a second time, you must agree to which game is league and which is exhibition.
 2. All league games must be completed by the Friday night prior to the week of Okanagan.
 3. There are two zones (#1 and #2) – in order to decrease the amount of travel, time, and costs for teams (7+ teams):
 - o Within each zone, teams will play league games on a weeknight unless otherwise agreed upon by both teams.
 - o Cross-zone teams will play league games in pre-determined weekend play days tournaments unless otherwise agreed upon by both teams.
 - o Every team in the valley league will play each other at least once.

League Rules & Regulations:

1. The official game rules of the OVSAA shall be determined BCSS.
2. Each host school must have a minimum of two officials for all OVSAA play.
3. No OVSAA league game shall end in a tie.

Ties in final league standings:

1. In case of a two team tie or a tie involving more than two teams, the following procedure shall be used to determine the final standings for playoff purposes:
 1. If the teams are tied; games won and lost between only these tied teams during the league schedule shall be used to decide their final league standings.
 2. If the teams are still tied after the application of rule a) then the best +/- in points between teams involved will be used to decide their final league standings.
 3. If the teams are still tied after the application of rule b) then minus points against between the teams involved shall be used to determine their final league standings.
 4. If a tie or ties still exist after the above have been applied then a playoff game will be ordered by the Commissioner. The details of the playoff game shall be determined by the Commissioner.

Valley Championship Tournament:

1. Date - 2 weeks before BC Provincial Championships.

2. Fees

a) After the AAA Valley Championship Tournament, the final four teams will be billed after **the tournament for all costs incurred by the weekend games. These fees should only include: referee fees, referee hotel and travel (if applicable), and minor officials (3 per game at \$10/person).**

3. The Valley Tournament Host site shall be held at 1st in league.

If hosting multiple tournaments during this time, the AAA Girls Valley tournament will take precedence over other Valley tournaments (i.e. Junior Girls) unless an alternative is decided upon by the Commissioner.

Format –

- a. The Valley tournament shall be up to an eight team format
- b. If only 4 teams in Valley league, all 4 teams make the Valley tournament
- c. If 5 teams in the valley league; 5 will be excluded from the Valley Tournament (#4 and #5 will play off for the final spot in the tourney.)
- d. If 6 to 8 teams in Valley league (teams 7 and 8 will be excluded from the Valley Tournament) (8 can challenge 7, the winner will play 6 for the final spot, if 7 teams, 7 plays 6 for the final spot; or if 8 teams we use the AA Girls draw and start on the Thursday)

Challenge Games for Weekend Play:

- o Games 1 and 2 (challenge games) will be hosted by the teams finishing third and fourth on the Tuesday at 7:00pm* prior to the Valley tournament. *time may be adjusted
- o The hosts of these games will bear the costs of the referees and the visiting teams will bear the costs of travel to the host schools **unless no travel then costs will be split between the two teams.**
- o The host teams should therefore contact their respected referee allocator for the times and sites of these games.

Valley Tournament

- o The highest finishing team shall be home throughout the playoffs.
- o Times can be adjusted if agreed upon by the teams involved.

Tuesday

Game 1 @ 7:00pm 3rd vs 6th **3rd host**

Game 2 @ 7:00pm 4th vs 5th **4th host**

Friday

Game 3 @ 6:00pm 1st vs lowest surviving seed

Game 4 @ 7:45pm 2nd vs next lowest seed

Saturday

Game 5 @ 1:00pm Loser 3 versus loser 4, winner finishes 3rd

Game 6 @ 2:45pm Winner 3 versus winner 4, winner is Okanagan Champion.

If there is a situation where there is a large gap in the level of competition of teams, the league **can** have two divisions: a Tier 1 and a Tier 2 division. In both divisions, teams will play each other once in a home and away schedule over two years. The top Tier 2 team will have the opportunity to compete in the Okanagan Championships as the bottom seed. If Tier 1 has an even number of teams, then the Tier 2 winner would challenge the last place Tier 1 team for the final spot.

Ex. Tier 1: 5 teams, Tier 2: 3 teams; the winner of the Tier 2 division would be the 6th seed for the Okanagan Championships.

Ex. Tier 1: 6 teams, Tier 2: 2 teams, the winner of the Tier 2 division would play the 6th place Tier 1 team in a challenge game to be the 6th seed for Okanagan.

Possible Valley Tournament Awards and Recognition

Replace 1st and 2nd place medals with T-shirts.

Roses for all graduating seniors.

MVP, 5 All-stars and Top Defensive player.

Challenge Possibilities for Provincials

If the Okanagan zone gets 1.5 berths then the loser of game 6 (Loser of the Finals) will be playing in the BC challenge game (that takes place on the following Tuesday after the Okanagan Valley Tournament).

If the Okanagan zone gets 2 berths then the winner of game 5 may challenge the loser of game 6 for the second berth provided they have not played each other in the tournament.

- The game will be played at the loser of the Valley Finals (Game 6) gym at 7:00pm the following **Monday** (as Provincial wildcard/challenge games are to be played on the Tuesday).
- Referees shall come from the zones not playing in the challenge game.

F. Uniform - Light for home and dark for away games.

G. Protests - as per OVSAA Constitution

H. Rules - as per B.C.S.S. Rules and Regulations.