

By-Laws for High School Volleyball

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1. League Organization

- 1.1 All Bay of Quinte Member schools are eligible to compete in Bay of Quinte Volleyball.
- 1.2 Where possible, 3 schools will meet to play. Schools will play 3 set matches with the first two counting towards league standing. The host team will play the first and last match.
- 1.3 Matches begin at 4:00 pm.
- 1.4 Schools travelling the greatest distance finish first.
- 1.5 The host school is responsible for confirming ahead of time the schedule of play.

2. Eligibility Forms

- 2.1 All eligibility forms must be entered into the AELS and emailed to the convenor of the sport prior to the first league game.
- 2.2 Penalty will be forfeiture of Matches to Date.

3. Age Divisions

- 3.1 Juniors must be under 16 as of December 31st of the current school year. Seniors must be under 20 as of December 31st of the current school year.

4. Net Heights

- 4.1 Junior Girls 2.13m, Senior Girls 2.24m, Junior Boys 2.35m, Senior Boys 2.43m

5. General League Rules

- 5.1 The rules governing volleyball in Canada are specified in the official Volleyball Canada Rule Book.
- 5.2 The BQAA adopts all OVA “youth” rules and policies including tie breaking procedure, scoring, 12 substitution rule, 60 second time out, the libero (lee-bur-oh) position and a 5-5 warmup.
- 5.3. TIE-BREAKING (League)
For the tie breaking procedure (at the end of league play), see the OVA tie-breaking procedures in section 10.8, with the following exception:
If there is a tie for a position at the Bay of Quinte Championships, OVA tie breaking procedures will be followed with the exception that tie breaking sets will be best 2 out of 3, third to 15 no caps on any sets. The match will be held at the site whose team has a higher points ratio. If the teams are still tied the site will be determined by the convenor in the form of a coin flip in the presence of an Athletic Director.

6. Officials

- 6.1 Only one official will be used for junior and senior league matches.
- 6.2 Lines people and score keepers must be provided for all matches by the host school.
- 6.3 The bill for officials will be received from the Officials Convenor at the end of the season.

7. Safety

- 7.1 Schools are reminded that all poles must be covered by some sort of padding. First Aid Kits should be carried to each match by each school. Ice packs are supplied by the home team.

8. Reporting Scores

- 8.1 All scores must be emailed to the convenor (whalenpa@alcdsb.on.ca) no later than the day following the match.
- 8.2 The host team is responsible **for sending the scoresheets (fax/scan & email/mail) to the convenor within 24 hours of the match.**

9. Uniforms

- 9.1 All team members must be attired in similar uniforms.
- 9.2 If a coach has a protest concerning uniform, the following steps are to be followed.
- a) The protest must take place prior to the game.
 - b) The referee must be informed immediately with the protest written on the reverse side of the score sheet, and signed by the protesting coach and the referee.
 - c) The protesting coach must phone the convenor within 24 hours of the protest. A written protest must be sent to the convenor within 24 hours. A \$50.00 protest fee must accompany the protest.
 - d) The convenor will contact the opposing coach, referee, and all required personnel.
 - e) Decisions will be made within 1 week.
- 9.3 Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in an appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Referees will allow discretionary time to change. Teams in violation of this offence will be warned verbally on the first violation and shall be recorded in the remarks section on the score-sheet. Each subsequent infraction carries a one-point penalty in the following set.

10. Bay of Quinte Championships

- 10.1 The top 8 teams advance to the Bay of Quinte Championship Tournament. In order to be eligible for COSSA Championships you must have made it to the Bay of Quinte Championships, excluding 'A' teams. All three 'A' Bay of Quinte teams will meet in a COSSA Championship playoff.

The pool structure for the tournament is as follows:

Pool A	Pool B
1,4,5,8	2,3,6,7

- 10.2 The schedule and court assignments within the pools will be as follows:

Pool	Court A	Court B
A	1 - 8	4 - 5
B	2 - 7	3 - 6
A	1 - 5	4 - 8
B	2 - 6	3 - 7
A	1 - 4	5 - 8
B	2 - 3	6 - 7

- 10.3 Two courts will be used. All four teams in a pool will play at the same time. Matches will consist of two 25 point sets, won by 2 points, no cap.
- 10.4 The top 2 teams from each pool advance to championship playoffs and the bottom 2 teams from each pool will advance to the consolation playoffs.
- 10.5 Playoffs are best two out of three sets, with two 25 point sets, won by two points, no cap and the third set to 15, won by two points, no cap.
- 10.6 Playoff format and court assignments will be as follows:

Round	Court A	Court B	
1	A3 vs B4 (1)	B3 vs A4 (2)	consolation round
2	A1 vs B2 (3)	B1 vs A2 (4)	championship round
3	W1 vs W2 (5th)	L1 vs L2 (7 th)	
4	W3 vs W4 (Gold)	L3 vs L4 (Bronze)	

- 10.6.1 Two officials per court will be used for semi-final and Gold Medal games. One official per court will be used for all other games in the tournament.
- 10.7 In the spirit of sending our best 6 to COSSA; ‘AA’, and ‘AAA’ COSSA berths may be filled by a lower classification team if that team finished higher in the Bay of Quinte tournament.

Teams advancing to the COSSA Championships will play in their designated classification unless; a) they have declared a higher classification before the season starts or b) their designated classification has been filled by another team and they finish ahead of a team with a higher classification. (see examples 2 and 3 below)

Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
1 - A 2 - A 3 - AA 4 - AA 5 - AAA 6 - AAA 7 - AA 8 - AAA	1 - AA 2 - A 3 - AA 4 - AAA 5 - A 6 - AA 7 - AAA 8 - AA	1 - AA 2 - AA 3 - AA 4 - AA 5 - AA 6 - AAA 7 - A 8 - A
Teams 1 - 6 advance to COSSA. “Simple”	Teams 1 - 5 advance to designated Championships. Team 6 advances to ‘AAA’.	Teams 1, 2, 7, 8 advance to designated Championships. Team 3 and 4 advance to ‘AAA’

(10.7.1 - 10.7.3) are COSSA information for Bay of Quinte convenors.

- 10.7.1 If Kawartha does not have an entry at any one level, the top two teams from the Bay of Quinte tournament will advance to COSSA where they will play a match which consists of the best 2 out of 3 sets, with the third set up to 15, no cap.
- 10.7.2 If both districts have only one entry at any level, then there will be no COSSA semi-final, just the COSSA final match which will consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets, with the third set up to 15, no cap.
- 10.7.3 If one district has only one eligible team in a division, the other district may send up to three teams to complete the four team tournament.
- 10.8 OVA Tie Breaking Procedures will be used for the Bay of Quinte tournament.

Ova Tie Breaking Procedures – Youth Competition

Rationale

The OVA tie breaking procedures differ from those of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book in that teams will not be eliminated from Championship medal contention due to points ratios. The intent is to allow for liberal use of substitutions as coaches and teams need not be concerned with the number of points scored.

Procedure

If two or more teams, within a pool, are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied in order until all ties are broken, and all tied teams ranked. This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y & Z and criteria b) is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria is needed. However, if criteria b) determines X as first (or third) and there is still a tie between Y & Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria c) and so on, if necessary. Continue through the sequence of criteria and DO NOT start at a) again.

- (a) The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- (b) The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- (c) The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher.
- (d) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher. However, if this criterion would eliminate a team or teams from the playoffs, see the notes below.
- (e) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played during the round, will be ranked higher. However, if this criterion would eliminate a team or teams from the playoffs, see the notes below.
- (f) A coin toss by the tournament director and head official in the presence of team representatives.

NOTES: For criteria (d) and (e) only, after the sequence of (a), (b) and (c) has been followed.

If two teams are tied for one playoff spot, one rally point set (to 15 points) between the tied teams will be played with the winner advancing to the playoffs.

In the case of a **3-way tie for one playoff spot**, the team with the best points ratio will be designated team "A". Teams "B" and "C" will play a rally point set with the winner playing another rally point set against team "A" for the playoff spot.

In the case of a **3-way tie for two playoff spots**, points ratio will be used to determine the first position. The other two tied teams will play a rally point set for the second playoff position.

Format and Protocol for Tie Break Sets: 15 point rally scoring; change of courts at 8 points; winner must obtain a margin of at least 2 points - no point cap; a 5 minute common and general warmup only - no net warmup (no attacking nor serving).

11. Awards

11.1 Bay of Quinte medals will be awarded to 1st place and 2nd place finishers at the Bay of Quinte Championships in both age categories (Junior, Senior).