



# Thames Valley Regional Athletics

## **RULES OF PLAY: VOLLEYBALL**

**1.0** In reference to schedule 5, **Organization of Competitive Groupings, Seasons and Practice Restrictions**, league competition will be organized into the following divisions, when schools have teams competing:

### **London District**

Catholic Central  
Gabriel Dumont  
E.S. Msgr, Bruyere  
Holy Cross  
John Paul II  
LDCSS  
Mother Teresa  
Notre Dame  
Regina Mundi  
St. Andre Bessette  
St. Mary's  
St. Joseph's  
St. Thomas Aquinas

### **TVDSB Central**

A. B. Lucas  
Central  
Clarke Road  
H. B. Beal  
Medway  
Montcalm  
North Middlesex  
Oakridge  
Saunders  
Banting  
Laurier  
South  
SDCI  
Westminster

### **TVDSB South East**

Arthur Voaden  
Central Elgin  
College Ave  
East Elgin  
Glencoe  
Glendale  
Huron Park  
Ingersoll  
Lord Dorchester  
Parkside  
West Elgin  
Woodstock

League play, playoff schedules, and advancement to WOSSAA procedures which reflect these divisions will be communicated to the Athletic Directors and coaches as soon as practical, prior to the start of each season.

## **2.0 Eligibility**

- 2.1 Refer to the TVRA Agreement Schedule 6 as well as the following:
- 2.2 There is no restriction of the numbers of participants on the eligibility list and 18 on a game sheet for a match.
- 2.3 A student may only play on one team of the same sport (team or individual) during a school year.
- 2.4 Any coach ejected from a contest shall automatically be suspended until, and including the next TVRA league contest. Coach ejections should be reported by the official on the game sheet and reported to the Convenor, who will in turn report to the Coordinator as per Schedule 8 – Coaching Issues of the Secondary Schools Participation in Sports Agreement.
- 2.5 Players ejected from a match will receive a further automatic suspension.

## **3.0 Competition**

- 3.1 Current Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) shall be used with the following changes:



# Thames Valley Regional Athletics

- a) A Libero may be used in both the junior and senior TVRA competition, with 12 substitutions being permitted.
- b) Where gym space does not provide enough free zone around the court, teams may use the playing court for ball contact between sets.
- 3.2 Length of Matches:
  - i) Regular Season: best of 5 (25 points, no cap, game 5 - 15 points, no cap). All 5 games will be played even if the official match ends before the 5<sup>th</sup> game.
  - ii) All playoff matches will be best of 5 (25 points, no cap, game 5 - 15 points, no cap)
- 3.3 Start times: Regular season matches should start at 3:30 pm or earlier if all participants are in agreement. Playoff matches will start as scheduled and approved.
- 3.4 Teams should have the opportunity for a minimum of 15 minutes common court warm up with each team receiving a 5 minute full court warm up. The last minute of each team's warm up is designated for serving if desired with the non-hitting team returning to their bench.
- 3.5 Where possible Junior and Senior matches will both start simultaneously at 3:30 pm (or earlier as above). Where simultaneous matches are not possible, then back to back games will be played with start times of 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm (unless otherwise agreed upon by all participants).
- 3.6 Home Team duties
  - i) Provide scorers (no cell phones/distractions at score table)
  - ii) Provide an official game ball(s) (see section 4.4)
  - iii) Enter game scores as well as game scores until winner declared on the tvraa.com website IMMEDIATELY following matches.
  - iv) Host schools are responsible for uploading the game sheet to the tvraa.com website and distributing a copy of the game sheet (electronically) to the visiting team.
- 3.7 Each team is to provide a lines person.

## **4.0 Uniforms and Equipment**

- 4.1 All competitors are to dress in uniforms as per OVA rulebook (numbers must be on the front and back of the shirts).
- 4.2 The Libero jersey must be a different colour than the uniforms. It is to be a non-numbered jersey or shall match the player's number on the game sheet.
- 4.3 Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in an appropriate team uniform in the competition area AND use designated changing rooms to change to and from competitive attire.
- 4.4 Game ball must be a leather game ball, either Tachikara TK SV-5W Gold or Baden Leather Volleyball 15-0C-00 or the Official OFSAA Volleyball (Baden VCOR)
- 4.5 Net Heights:

Junior Boys – 2.35 m	Senior Boys 2.43 – m
Junior Girls – 2.20 m	Senior Girls – 2.24 m



# Thames Valley Regional Athletics

## **5.0 Ties in League Standings**

In order to determine playoff pairings, ties between teams in the same school classification shall be broken by comparing the league records of the teams tied.

- 5.1 If two or more teams are tied the following criteria will be applied, in order:
- a) The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
  - b) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
  - c) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
  - d) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
  - e) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played during the round, will be ranked higher.

When applying this rule to break a tie the following sequence is used:

- When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaker criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

Note: This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria 'b' is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken.

However, if criteria "b" determines X as first and there is still a tie between Y and Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria "c" and so on, if necessary. Do not start at (a) again and continue through the sequence of criteria.

## **6.0 Championship Categories and Playoff Procedures**

Playoffs will be organized within the LDA, TVDSB Central and South East divisions and lead to WOSSAA representation.

- 6.1 Playoff dates, locations and times should be announced no later than the pre-season meeting for that sport season.
- 6.2 In LDA and TVDSB Central, teams will playoff within their school classifications. League standings will be used to rank the schools within each classification. The number of teams in each classification will influence the playoff format for each classification.
- 6.3 In TVRA South East, playoff ranking will be determined based upon divisional league play standings. The top 6 teams in each of the South and East divisions will enter the playoffs and challenge for the TVDSB South East Championship.
- 6.4 All playoff games are to be played on center court. If the facility does not have a center court or cannot play the match on the center court due to structural complications of the court, the SAC chair is to be informed prior to the scheduling



# Thames Valley Regional Athletics

of the playoffs. Members of the SAC will then decide whether an exception will be made based on the rationale from the host school.

## **7.0 Advancement to WOSSAA, OFSAA**

**7.1** The winner of the London District division in each classification and the winner of the TVDSB Central division in each classification will qualify for WOSSAA tournament play.

**7.2** In TVDSB South East, the team in each classification that makes it furthest in the playoff draw will advance to WOSSAA.

a) Conference crossover matches will only take place at the Semi-Finals and Finals.

b) WOSSAA Qualifier matches will only take place between cross conference teams and only when losing at the same round of playoffs.

For example, in the event two "A" South teams exit from the playoffs in the same round then the highest seeded team (based on league standings) entering the playoffs will be granted the WOSSAA berth. Please note there will not be a WOSSAA qualifier match played as both teams are from the same division (there is not an East "A" team).

## **8.0 Awards**

**8.1** Junior Boys "A" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Boys "AA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Boys "AAA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Boys "A" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Boys "AA" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Boys "AAA" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys "A" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys "AA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys "AAA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys "A" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys "AA" Volleyball LDA Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys "AAA" Volleyball LDA Central Champions (9x12 plaque)

**8.2** Junior Boys Volleyball TVDSB South East Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Boys Volleyball TVDSB South East Champions (9x12 plaque)

**8.3** Junior Girls "A" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Girls "AA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Girls "AAA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Girls "A" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Girls "AA" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Junior Girls "AAA" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Girls "A" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)



# Thames Valley Regional Athletics

Senior Girls "AA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Girls "AAA" Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Girls "A" Volleyball LDA Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Girls "AA" Volleyball LDA Central Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Girls "AAA" Volleyball LDA Central Champions (9x12 plaque)

8.4 Junior Girls Volleyball TVDSB South East Champions (9x12 plaque)  
Senior Girls Volleyball TVDSB South East Champions (9x12 plaque)

8.5 Al Coulter – Mr. Volleyball Award  
    Senior Boys TVDSB Mr Volleyball Award  
    Senior Boys LDA Mr Volleyball Award  
    Senior Boys TVSDB South East Mr Volleyball Award  
Therese Quigley – Ms Volleyball Award  
    Senior Girls TVDSB Ms Volleyball Award  
    Senior Girls TVDSB Ms Volleyball Award  
    Senior Girls LDA Ms Volleyball Award

## 9.0 Convenor Responsibilities

a) As outlined in the TVRA Sports Agreement section 5.6 and schedules 3 through 8.

### 9.1 Convenor Coverage

- a) There is one (1) days of supply coverage available for convening and planning in TVDSB Central.
- b) There is one (1) day of supply coverage available for convening and planning in TVRA South.
- c) There is one (1) day of supply coverage available for convening and planning in TVRA East.
- d) There is one (1) day of supply coverage available for convening and planning in LDA.