**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 TVDSB Central TVDSB South East**

Catholic Central A. B. Lucas Arthur Voaden

Gabriel Dumont Central Central Elgin

E.S. Msgr. Bruyere Clarke Road College Ave

Holy Cross H. B. Beal East Elgin

John Paul II Medway Glencoe

LCH Montcalm Glendale

Mother Teresa North Middlesex Huron Park

Notre Dame Oakridge Ingersoll

Regina Mundi Saunders Lord Dorchester

St. Andre Bessette Banting West Elgin

St. Mary’s Laurier Woodstock

St. Joseph’s South

St. Thomas Aquinas SDCI

 Westminster

 Parkside

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.

**1.1** TVDSB Central will have one division. Each team will play a schedule of a maximum of 13 league games.

**1.2** TVDSB South East league play will take place in South and East divisions

OR in one division called the Southeast and will play a schedule up to a maximum of 12 games.

**1.3** London District league play will take place in the London District division

 and will play a maximum of 12 games.

**1.4** League schedules will be developed by the combined convenors and SAC’s of basketball and volleyball.

**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.

2.5Players ejected from a match will receive a further automatic suspension.

2.6 The team eligibility list MUST be uploaded to the TVRA website a minimum 24 hours before the first completion (exhibition, league, tournament).

**3.0 Competition**

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

a) ~~A Libero may be used in both the junior and senior TVRA competition, with 12~~

~~substitutions being permitted~~.

a) Where gym space does not provide enough free zone around the court,

teams may use the playing court for ball contact between sets.

b) 2 libero’s may be used in both JUNIOR and SENIOR only.

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 5th game OR best of 3 (25 points, no cap, game 5 – 15 points, no cap) where mini tournaments are used.

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. Exceptions to start times may exist. 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

3.7 Each team is to provide a lines person.

1. **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; Tachikara TK SV-5W Gold or Baden Leather Volleyball 15-0C-00 or the 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

**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** 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** 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 convenor is to be informed prior to the scheduling of the playoffs. The convenor in consultation with the Coordinator will then decide whether an exception will be made OR an alternate location will be used based on the rationale from the host school.

**6.5** Playoff games will be at the home of the higher seeded senior team. The convenor will attempt to also place junior games at the home of the higher seed. Where this is not possible (due to officiating and/or other issues) the the convenor will decide the location of the game.

**7.0 Advancement to WOSSAA, OFSAA**

**7.1** The winner of each division in each classification will qualify for WOSSAA tournament play.

**8.0 Awards**

8.1Junior 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)

 Junior Boys “A” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

 Junior Boys “AA” Volleyball Southeast 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)

 Senior Boys “A” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

 Senior Boys “AA” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

8.2 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)

 Junior Girls “A” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

 Junior Girls “AA” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

 Senior Girls “A” Volleyball TVDSB Central Champions (9x12 plaque)

 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)

 Senior Girls “A” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

 Senior Girls “AA” Volleyball Southeast Champions (9x12 plaque)

8.3 Al Coulter – Mr. Volleyball Award

 Senior Boys TVDSB Mr. Volleyball Award

 Senior Boys LDA Mr. Volleyball Award

 Senior Boys TVSDB Southeast Mr. Volleyball Award

Therese Quigley – Ms. Volleyball Award

 Senior Girls TVDSB Ms. Volleyball Award

 Senior Girls TVDSB Southeast 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.