

N.D.A.

BOYS PLAYING REGULATIONS

(Revised June 2013)

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DIVISION:

1. Baseball shall be considered as a varsity team sport (only one age classification); whereas all participating student-athletes shall meet the eligibility requirement as listed in the Eligibility section of the Boys Baseball Playing Regulations as well as the NDA Constitution.
2. Each school shall be permitted to enter only one team into the league.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 19th birthday by January 1 prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
2. Girls that meet the eligibility requirements shall be permitted to play.

SCHEDULE:

1. For regular season play, each team shall play a maximum of 8 games and a minimum 6 games.

RULES:

1. The Official Rules of Baseball shall be followed with the following exceptions:
 - a) All games shall be 7 innings. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes of the start of the game.
 - b) Each team may bat up to a maximum of 15 batters and a minimum of 9 batters are required to be listed in the line-up to begin play.
 - c) There shall be unlimited substitution.
 - d) Pitchers shall be on a pitch count that shall be monitored by each team as part of the official scoresheet. Each team shall be responsible for charting all (ie: both teams' pitchers) pitchers pitches and shall submit this, along with the official scoresheet to the league convenor. The pitcher count used shall be the following:
 - Week 1 of season: 60 pitches
 - Week 2 of season: 75 pitches
 - Week 3 of season: 100 pitches
 - Week 4 of season: Unlimited pitchesFor all playoff games, there shall be no pitch count.

Pitchers shall not be removed from the game when he reaches the pitch count quota if the quota has been reached during an at bat that is not completed. They shall be permitted to finish pitching to that batter only. Pitchers must have 48 hours between appearances in a given week. The Head Coach or designate shall be responsible for charting the pitch counts of both teams on the Official NDA Pitch Count Sheets with the full name and uniform number of the pitcher that appeared and pitched in that game and shall be forwarded to the League convenor along with the Official Score sheet. It shall be each coach's responsibility to ensure that their pitchers have not exceeded the allotted number of pitches. If a pitcher pitches more than the allotted number of pitches, the team shall forfeit the result of that game.

- e) Base runners shall be permitted to slide, however they shall make every attempt to avoid the fielder. If the base runner maliciously runs into a fielder he shall be declared out and shall be ejected from the game. As well, if a fielder maliciously tags a base runner, they shall be automatically ejected from the game.
- f) All bats used must conform to the Ontario Baseball Association rule that a bat cannot weigh more than three ounces less than the length of the bat. (For example, a 33-inch long bat

- cannot weigh less than 30 ounces.) The bat cannot have a diameter at its thickest part of more than 2 and 5/8 inches. Only solid wood or composite bats shall be permitted.
- g) Players shall be permitted to wear rubber or metal cleats.
 - h) Base coaches shall be required to wear a protective batters helmet while on the field.
 - i) Catchers must wear a helmet and mask with adequate throat protection at all times. Note: this includes practice and warm-ups. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations.
 - j) The use of all tobacco products including smokeless tobacco by all on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, trainers, umpires, etc...) is prohibited at all times and is subject to automatic ejection from the game.
 - k) No visible jewellery is allowed.
 - l) A mercy rule is in effect. A game shall be considered complete if the team is winning by 10 or more runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
 - m) The home team (as designated by the League schedule) shall be responsible for the Official Score sheet and Pitch Count Sheets.
 - n) A team must have at least 9 players to start a game. If they do not have 9 players, they shall forfeit the game.
 - o) If a player is ejected and the team is reduced to 8 players, the game shall continue with the ejected player's batting spot being skipped (not counting as an automatic out). If the ejection of a player bring the number of players in the game to less than 8, that team shall forfeit the game.
 - p) All players that have been ejected from a game shall also be assessed an automatic game suspension and shall miss their team's next game. If a player is ejected twice in the same season they shall be suspended from play for the remainder of the season (League and playoffs).
 - q) Injured players who cannot return to the game shall be skipped in the line-up to the next batter and shall not be recorded as an out.
 - r) If injuries or ejections reduce the number of players to 8, the game shall continue. However if there are 7 or less players following injury or ejection, the game shall be forfeited to the team with the allowable number of players.
 - s) With 2 outs and the catcher on base, the catcher must be substituted for by the last batter to make an out.
 - t) The Official NDA Team Line-up Card must be presented to the opposing Head Coach (or assigned substitute) prior to the start of the game. Upon completion of the game, the Home team shall submit the Official Score sheet as well as the Official Pitch Count sheets to the League Convenor. All Score sheets and Pitch Count Sheets shall include the full name (first and last names) of each player as well as their uniform number.
 - u) Regular season games that are tied shall remain tied. Each team shall be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
 - v) All teams that have completed the Regular Season shall qualify for the League Playoffs.
 - w) For any discrepancy in rules interpretation, the Convenor shall refer to Baseball Canada Rules as they pertain to High School aged play (players aged 16 years or older).

DEFINITIONS

A week shall constitute a period of seven (7) days with Sunday being the start of the week.

UNIFORMS

Each school should have baseball uniforms with numbers on the back of each jersey. If team colours are similar, the home team will be required to change their colours for the game.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

1. In all cases of two-way ties for any position in the league standings, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) Run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed=net score)
 - (c) The season's difference between runs for and runs against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league. A maximum difference of ten (10) runs shall be awarded in each game.
 - (d) The team that has the fewest runs against.
 - (e) A coin toss. (Away team of game versus each other chooses side of coin).

2. In all cases of three-way ties for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear. Once a team has been eliminated using the three way tie-breaking procedure, the tie between the two remaining teams will be broken by the two-way tie-breaking procedure.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) The difference between runs for and against with the teams tied as they appear against each other. The team with the most positive difference (or least negative) shall be awarded the higher standing.
 - (c) The season's won-lost record of each teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league
 - (d) The season's difference between the runs for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
 - (e) The team that has the fewest runs against.
 - (f) A coin toss (away team of game versus each other chooses side of coin).

PLAY-OFF FORMAT

- (a) In a three (3) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 3 and the winner and play in the final.
- (b) In a four (4) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs.4, 2vs.3 and the winner's playoff.
- (c) In a five (5) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, and 3-bye, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
- (d) In a six (6) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
- (e) In a seven (7) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.
- (f) In an eight (8) team league, the play-off format shall be: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.

2. All Play-off games will be sudden-death games with the home team being the higher standing team in League play.
3. For playoff games that are tied after 7 innings, the International Rule for Tie-Breaking shall be used with the last batter out of the previous inning being placed at second base to start the inning.

NOSSA REPRESENTATION

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2. All N.D.A. entries to N.O.S.S.A. Championships shall be determined using the following order of priority:
 - (a) N.D.A. Play-off Champion
 - (b) N.D.A. Play-off Finalist
 - (c) N.D.A. League Champion
 - (d) The highest ranking Semi-finalist using league standings
 - (e) The other Semi-finalist
 - (f) The team with the best league record among the schools in the same NOSSA school classification. In the event that the championship involves more than one classification, the league records of all the schools in those classifications will be used.
 - (g) In the case of a 2-way tie in part (e), a play-off contest shall be played at the home of the higher ranking team determined by the 2-way tie-breaking procedure.
 - (h) In the case of a 3-way tie, the 3-way tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine the ranking of the teams. The 2nd ranked team will host the 3rd ranked team in a play-off contest. The winner of this contest will play a final play-off contest against the 1st ranked team at the home of the 1st ranked team.

AWARDS

1. Trophies to be presented:

There shall be two trophies presented in NDA Boys Baseball. One trophy shall be presented to the team that finished the Regular Season in first place, while the second trophy to be presented to the team that wins the League Playoffs.

Each of these trophies is to be held by the winning school for the championship year.

2. Pennants to be presented:

- (a) An NDA pennant is to be presented to the Play-off Champion. This pennant will be kept by the winning school. If there is no play-off, the pennant will be presented to the League Champion.
- (b) No additional awards shall be given to each member of the championship team.
- (c) There shall be no All-Star selections.

BASKETBALL

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DIVISIONS:

- Midget:** the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 14th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. Students may compete in this category for one year only.
- Junior:** the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- Senior:** the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

UNIFORMS:

1. The home team will wear white or the lighter of the two (2) contrasting school colours.
2. The visiting team will wear the darker of the two (2) contrasting colours.

SCORING:

Uniform score sheets must be used in all N.D.A. games.

REGULAR SEASON AND PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE:

The junior and senior boys' basketball leagues regular seasons consist of each team playing each other team once when the league has 8 or more teams entered. When a league has 7 or fewer teams entered, they will play each other in a home and home format. When a league has 4 or 5 teams entered, they play each other at a minimum of home and home format to a maximum 12 games per team. Also, the league convenor shall use the previous year's schedule in order to ensure equity in which teams play home and away. Every effort should be made to make games junior and senior double headers versus the same school.

In the event that a team (or teams) drops out of a league after the schedule has been made, no revisions will be permitted. Teams will follow the original schedule and will receive a bye where the games with the team dropping out of the league were scheduled.

1. All teams shall make the play-offs.
2. All play-off games shall be sudden-death
3. The NDA Finals shall be a best two (2) of three (3) series.

The following shall be used as the format for the play-off structure.

- (a) In a three (3) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 3 and the winner and 1 play in the final (best two of three).
- (b) In a four (4) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and the winners play in the final (best two of three).
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- (f) In an eight (8) team league, the play-off format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, 3-bye 4-bye 5 vs. 8, 6 vs. 7, with the winning teams advancing to the next round where 1-bye, 2-bye, 3 vs the lowest ranked remaining team, 4 vs the highest ranked remaining team. The winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.
- (g) In a nine (9) team league, the play-off format shall be 1-bye, 2-bye, 3-bye, 4-bye, 5-bye, 6-bye, 7-bye, 8 vs. 9 with the winning team advances and the format followed shall be according to an eight (8) team league.
- (h) In a ten (10) team league, the play-off format shall be 1-bye, 2-bye, 3-bye, 4-bye, 5-bye, 6-bye, 7 vs. 10, 8 vs 9 with the winners advancing and the format shall be that of an eight (8) team league.

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 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) The difference between the points for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other - a maximum difference of 20 points shall be awarded in each game.
 - (c) The season's difference between the points for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
 - (d) The team that has the fewest points against
2. In all cases of **three-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear. Once the order (ranking) of the three tied teams has been established, the lowest ranking team shall be eliminated and the convenor shall then break the tie between the two remaining teams using the two-way tie breaking procedures.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) The difference between the points for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (c) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
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REFEREES:

1. The referees may not be a student or player of the two (2) teams involved.
2. The referees' fees for the entire season should be sent to the Referee-in-chief before the start of the season.

DUTIES OF THE HOME TEAM:

1. Provide all necessary officials.
2. Make four (4) copies of the score sheet:
 - 1 copy to the Convenor - white
 - 1 copy to the Nugget - gold
 - 1 copy to the visiting team - yellow
 - 1 copy to the home team – pink

SPECIAL RULE:

1. The immediate Past Convenor shall become the Assistant Convenor for the following year.
2. The Convenor shall have the authority to deal with matters not covered by these Playing Regulations or by the Constitution.

3. Gate receipts generated from the N.D.A. Finals at the Education Centre Gymnasium shall be used in the following order to pay for:
 - (a) Referees and gymnasium fees incurred during N.D.A. Finals
 - (b) N.O.S.S.A. entry fees of the finalists (participating teams)
 - (c) N.O.S.S.A. entry fees of the non-participating teams
 - (d) Referees fees incurred during N.D.A. Play-offs
 - (e) Reimbursing participating teams on a share-basis

AWARDS:

1. Trophies to be presented:

Midget:	Play-off Champions -	Waiser Trophy
Junior:	League Champions -	Jr.League Championship Trophy
	Play-off Champions -	Scollard Old Boys Trophy
	Other Trophies: -	Frank Barry Trophy (Top Scorer)
		Gerald Guillemette Memorial Trophy (MVP)
Senior:	League Champions -	Carlo Lucenti Trophy
	Play-off Champions -	Ernie Follis Memorial Trophy
	Other Trophies: -	Vic Holmes Trophy (Top Scorer)
		Michael Evanco Memorial Trophy (MVP)

Each of these trophies is to be held by the winning school for the championship year.

2. Pennants to be presented:

An N.D.A. pennant is to be presented to the Play-off Champion in the Midget, Junior, and Senior divisions. This pennant will be kept by the winning school. If there is no play-off, the pennant will be presented to the League Champion.

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FOOTBALL

The schedule will consist of 6-10 games per team, including play-offs. Game days and times shall be agreed upon at a Coaches/Officials meeting prior to the season. Principals of the schools involved shall approve the schedule prior to its finalization.

DIVISIONS:

Junior: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

Senior: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. A player must have played in at least two (2) league games in the school concerned in order to be eligible for play-off competition in that classification.
2. A boy playing more than two (2) league games in a higher category becomes ineligible in his own age category, or for any team below this level.

RULES:

1. Canadian Intercollegiate Rules (which includes 3 downs to gain 10 yards and a 1 yard neutral zone) are to be in force except for the following modifications:
 - (a) A two (2) point conversion will be awarded if the team attempting the conversion either runs or passes the ball across the goal line.
 - (b) Blocking may take place on punting situations as soon as the ball is kicked. N.B. The kicker may not be blocked until he crosses the line of scrimmage.
 - (c) Once a forward pass has been completed, there is unlimited blocking.
 - (d) Twice during a game a head coach can signal to the referee that he would like an explanation of the call just made. The head referee, and possibly the official who made the call, will go to the coach's bench area. The coach can ask what the call was (type of infraction), the number of the individual who committed the infraction and/or an explanation of what the player did exactly to have the foul called against him. (i.e. on an unnecessary roughness call).

The coach can ask for clarification but at no point can the coach argue, complain or dispute the call. He also cannot bring up other disputes that he may have with the game or the calls made or not made. If he does the head referee can call an 'unsportsmanlike' penalty against the coach's team. This rule should not prevent the communication that already takes place between the referees and teams (ie. the coach asks for a number of who committed the foul and the referee yells the number back without stopping the game).

2. Both teams' game ball must be approved by the officials.
3. The second game of a doubleheader will begin no more than 15 minutes after the first game OR at the discretion of the officials in consultation with both teams.
4. The length of the games will be as follows:
Senior and Junior: 12 minute quarters with the last 3 minutes of each half being stop time.
5. Home teams are responsible for the following:
 - (a) Benches for teams visiting their school.
 - (b) Yardsticks and a down box and competent crew of students or teachers to look after them.
 - (c) A flag to signal period endings.
 - (d) A timer and a scorekeeper.
 - (e) A score sheet which is to be filled out prior to the game and then to be turned in to the Convenor for scoring records. The sheet should be signed by the game official.
 - (f) Reporting the score to the Media.
6. Teams shall be awarded two (2) points for a win and one (1) for a tie.
7. When teams are tied at the end of the 4th period and it is necessary to declare a winner, Rule 1 Section 2 Article 6 (of the Canadian Amateur Football Rule Book) will apply with the exception Rouges will not be counted in extra periods. The team scoring the greater number of points during the regulation and extra periods shall be declared the winner. In extra periods, teams may only score points by: I) touchdown, ii) field goal, iii) a safety touch or iv) a convert (1 or 2 points).
8. That a player found with illegal length of spikes in the cleats will be automatically ejected from the game. Also, the head coach would be ejected since he is the one that signs the referee equipment verification sheet that states all their players have been reviewed and are wearing proper/legal equipment. Illegal equipment does represent a safety issue.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

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 - (b) The difference between the points for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (c) The season's difference between the points for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
 - (d) The team that has the fewest points against
2. In all cases of **three-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear. Once a team has been eliminated using the three-way tie breaking procedure, the tie between the two remaining teams will be broken by the two-way tie breaking procedure.
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- (c) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
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PLAY-OFF FORMAT:

1.
 - (a) In a three (3) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 3 and the winner and 1 play in the final.
 - (b) In a four (4) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and the winners play off.
 - (c) In a five (5) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, and 3-bye, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
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2. The **N.D.A. playoffs** shall be as follows:
 - (a) All teams in the league shall advance to the play-offs.
 - (b) **Quarter-finals:** These are sudden death games at the home of the higher standing team in league play.
 - (c) **Semi-finals and Finals:** These are sudden death games at the home of the higher standing team in league play who has advanced from the quarter-finals.
3. All officials' fees shall be split between the two (2) teams during play-offs.

N.O.S.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES:

1. All N.D.A. Schools must compete at the N.O.S.S.A. level indicated by the N.O.S.S.A. school classification rules unless the school has declared their intention to compete at a higher classification in writing to the N.D.A. Sport Convenor the day before the start of the N.D.A. play-off schedule. Such declaration must be signed by the school Principal, Athletic Coordinator (where applicable) and the Head Coach.
2. All N.D.A. entries to N.O.S.S.A. Championships shall be determined using the following order of priority:
 - (a) N.D.A. Play-off Champion
 - (b) N.D.A. Play-off Finalist
 - (c) N.D.A. League Champion
 - (d) The highest ranking Semi-finalist using league standings
 - (e) The other Semi-finalist

- (f) The team with the best league record among the schools in the same NOSSA school classification. In the event that the championship involves more than one classification, the league records of all the schools in those classifications will be used.
- (g) In the case of a 2-way tie in part (e), a play-off contest shall be played at the home of the higher ranking team determined by the 2-way tie-breaking procedure.
- (h) In the case of a 3-way tie, the 3-way tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine the ranking of the teams. The 2nd ranked team will host the 3rd ranked team in a play-off contest. The winner of this contest will play a final play-off contest against the 1st ranked team at the home of the 1st ranked team.

OFFICIALS:

The Officials' Association with whom the N.D.A. has negotiated a contract will be responsible for assigning officials for all N.D.A. games.

AWARDS:**1. Trophies to be presented:**

Midget League Champions - The Gabor Trophy
Junior Play-off Champions - Trojans of 39-40
Senior League Champions - Hector Valade Memorial Trophy
Senior Play-off Champions - Sportsman's Patriotic Trophy
Other Trophies: Dave Depencier Memorial Trophy - Jr. or Sr. team with the best defensive record.

Each of these trophies is to be held by the winning school for the championship year.

2. Pennants to be presented:

An N.D.A. pennant is to be presented to the Play-off Champion. This pennant will be kept by the winning school. If there is no play-off, the pennant will be presented to the League Champion.

3. No additional awards shall be given to each member of a championship team.

HOCKEY

ALL SPORTS

Eligibility - See the NDA Constitution.

Schedules -

If at all possible, there shall be no overlapping of NDA schedules (including NDA play-off games) for season sports.

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Every attempt should be made to avoid league games on Sundays or holidays.

Every attempt should be made to schedule no more than 2 games per week in all sports.

No NDA contest or activity shall be scheduled that "affects school time", unless authorized by these guidelines, or arranged through the mutual agreement of the Principals of the schools involved.

The schedules for all NDA sports must be made available to all Principals for approval, at the earliest time possible, but no later than 24 hours prior to the beginning of each sport season.

Any incidences of player or coach misconduct must be forwarded, by the convenor to the coach's principal.

In order to participate in any NDA activity, participants shall be in the charge of a coach for the duration of the game or contest.

DIVISIONS:

There are no age divisions in N.D.A. Hockey but the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any student who plays for a minor hockey team after December 15th is ineligible for N.D.A. hockey.
2. After the start of the N.D.A. hockey schedule, any student who leaves his C.A.H.A. team to join his high school team and then returns to a C.A.H.A. team shall no longer be eligible for N.D.A. hockey for the remainder of the season.
3. No competitor is eligible who has played in a league game after December 1st or after the first game in his high school league, whichever comes first, for a team in "A", "B", "C", or "D" Junior, Intermediate or Senior Divisions.
4. No student may play for two hockey teams at the same time.

SCORING:

1. Uniform score sheets must be used in all N.D.A. games.
2. The coach of the home team shall be responsible for seeing that all game sheets are properly filled out, and scores phoned in to the media immediately following the game.

TIMING:

All league games shall consist of three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop-time periods with a two (2) minute break between the 1st and 2nd periods and a flood at the end of the 2nd period. If a tie exists, in regular play, at the end of the third period, a three (3) minute break will occur and it will be followed by a five (5) minute sudden-victory period with play being 4 on 4. If the tie remains, each team will be awarded one (1) point in the standings.

RULES:

1. The C.A.H.A. rules are to be in force, except for any amendments or deletions passed by the N.D.A. The use of C.S.A. approved neck guards is mandatory.
2. Any player receiving a game misconduct penalty incurs an automatic suspension for the next league or play-off game in which his team is involved. (Exception: For a minor penalty for hitting from behind, a player is removed for the remainder of the game and does not receive an additional game suspension.) If the suspended player plays in the next league or play-off game in which his team is involved, the game is forfeited and awarded to the opposing team.
3. A player who receives a total of four (4) game misconduct penalties during regulation and/or play-off shall be suspended for an additional two (2) games in which his team is involved.
4. A player who has been suspended for a total of seven (7) games during regulation and/or play-off shall be suspended for the remainder of the season, including play-offs.

5. Any player incurring a Match Penalty shall be suspended for the next three (3) league and/or play-off games in which his team is involved. If it is the opinion of the Convenor that the incident is deemed to warrant further action, he may refer the matter to the Board of Review.
6. Any player incurring a second Match Penalty will not be permitted to take part in any further games until his case has been dealt with by the Board of Review.
7. Any player who receives a gross misconduct penalty shall be suspended for the next two (2) league or play-off games in which his team is involved.
8. Any player who receives a total of three (4) ten (10) minute misconducts during league and/or play-off games shall receive a one (1) game suspension for the next league and/or play-off game in which his team is involved. If the same player receives two (2) more ten (10) minute misconducts, he shall receive an additional one (1) game suspension for the next league and/or play-off game in which his team is involved. Any subsequent ten (10) minute misconduct to this same player shall result in an additional one (1) game suspension.
9. There is no limit on the maximum number of players that a team may dress for any game.
10. Alternate goalies should be dressed for play-off games.
11. There shall be no red line used except for icing.
12.
 - (a) Any player who is under suspension may not play in East-West.
 - (b) Any game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalties incurred in East-West shall be considered as league penalties and dealt with according to the playing regulations for league penalties.
13. For N.D.A. sanctioned tournaments (pre-NDA, Christmas)
 - (a) Suspensions before tournaments:

If a player is under suspension at the beginning of a tournament, he shall be required to serve an equivalent number of games in the tournament as are remaining in his suspension; he shall also be required to complete his league suspension when league play resumes.
 - (b) Suspensions during tournament play:

If a player is suspended during N.D.A. sanctioned tournament play, and his suspension has not been fully served during the tournament, then the remaining games of his suspension shall be served in league play.
14. When a Principal suspends a player, players or team from the school, and thus the school is not able to ice a team for that period of time; all those games will be defaulted, and will not be rescheduled. Default rules re: costs presently in the N.D.A. Constitution will be in effect.
15. The "clear the zone" rule will be in effect during all N.D.A. league and play-off games.

16. Overtime format will be 5 minutes sudden-death using 4 skaters (and a goalie) per side. This will apply to regular season games. Playoff games will use Hockey Canada regulations.
17. One (1) point will be awarded to each team in an overtime situation with the winning team receiving the additional point.
18. The Home team may wear white or a light-coloured sweater, except if it conflicts with the Visiting team's sweaters: thus it becomes the responsibility of the Home team to change its sweaters and socks.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

1. In all cases of **two-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) The difference between the goals for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other. The highest differential accepted between the goals for and goals against in any given game will be nine (9). Example: If Team A beats Team B 10-0, and the formula must be applied, then nine (9) goals for will be credited to Team A when the formula is applied.
 - (c) The season's difference between the goal for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league. The highest differential accepted between the "goals for" and "goals against" in any given game will be nine (9).
 - (d) The team that has the fewest goals against
2. In all cases of **three-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear. Once a team has been eliminated using the three-way tie breaking procedure, the tie between the two remaining teams will be broken by the two-way tie breaking procedure.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) The difference between the goals for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other. The highest differential accepted between the goals for and goals against in any given game will be nine (9). Example: If Team A beats Team B 10-0, and the formula must be applied, then nine (9) goals for will be credited to Team A when the formula is applied.
 - (c) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
 - (d) The season's difference between the goals for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league. The highest differential accepted between the goals for and goals against in any given game will be nine (9).
 - (e) The team that has the fewest goals against.

PLAY-OFF FORMAT

1.
 - (a) In a three (3) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 3 and the winner and 1 play in the final.
 - (b) In a four (4) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and the winners play off.
 - (c) In a five (5) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, and 3-bye, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
 - (d) In a six (6) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four(4) team league.
 - (e) In a seven (7) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.
 - (f) In an eight (8) team league, the play-off format shall be: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.
2. All teams will make the **N.D.A. Play-offs** as follows:
 - (a) **Quarter finals:** In this round, each series will be the best (2) two out of (3) three games with the higher placed team having the home game advantage.
 - (b) **Semi-finals and Finals:** In these rounds, each series will be the best (2) two out of (3) three games with the higher placed team coming out of the quarters having the home game advantage.
3. **Overtime** in play-off hockey shall be the following:
 - (a) At the end of the third period, a three (3) minute breaks followed by a 10 minute sudden-victory period.
 - (b) If the tie is not broken, a fifteen (15) minute sudden-victory period will be played, after a flood of the playing surface. This procedure is to continue until the tie is broken.

N.O.S.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES

1. All N.D.A. Schools must compete at the N.O.S.S.A. level indicated by the N.O.S.S.A. school classification rules unless the school has declared their intention to compete at a higher classification in writing to the N.D.A. Sport Convenor the day before the start of the N.D.A. play-off schedule. Such declaration must be signed by the school Principal, Athletic Coordinator (where applicable) and the Head Coach.
2. All N.D.A. entries to N.O.S.S.A. Championships shall be determined using the following order of priority:
 - (a) N.D.A. Play-off Champion
 - (b) N.D.A. Play-off Finalist
 - (c) N.D.A. League Champion

- (d) The highest ranking Semi-finalist using league standings
- (e) The other Semi-finalist
- (f) The team with the best league record among the schools in the same NOSSA school classification. In the event that the championship involves more than one classification, the league records of all the schools in those classifications will be used.
- (g) In the case of a 2-way tie in part (e), a play-off contest shall be played at the home of the higher ranking team determined by the 2-way tie-breaking procedure.
- (h) In the case of a 3-way tie, the 3-way tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine the ranking of the teams. The 2nd ranked team will host the 3rd ranked team in a play-off contest. The winner of this contest will play a final play-off contest against the 1st ranked team at the home of the 1st ranked team.

AWARDS:

1. Trophies to be presented:

1st Place League Finishers:	Thomas A. Friar Memorial Trophy
League Champions:	Nugget Shield
Other Trophies:	- MVP - Original NB & DHA - Outstanding Defenceman - Harry Ferneyhough Trophy - Defensive Team Award - NDSSAA Goaltender's Award - Most Sportsmanlike Player - Ranney's Men's Salon Award - Leading Scorer - NB & DHA Leading Scorer - N.D.A. Invitational - CKNY-CHNB Trophy - Outstanding Forward Award - Jimmy's Restaurant Trophy - Outstanding Goalie Award - Jimmy's Restaurant Trophy

Each of these trophies is to be held by the winning school for the championship year.

2. Pennants to be presented:

- (a) An N.D.A. pennant is to be presented to the League Champion. This pennant will be kept by the winning school.
- (b) No additional awards will be given to each member of the championship team.
- (c) All trophies are the property of the league.
- (d) The awarding of the trophies shall be decided by the Hockey Committee. The awards must be decided one week prior to the first play-off game.

SOCCKER

ALL SPORTS

Eligibility - See the NDA Constitution.

Schedules -

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Every attempt should be made to avoid league games on Sundays or holidays.

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No NDA contest or activity shall be scheduled that "affects school time", unless authorized by these guidelines, or arranged through the mutual agreement of the Principals of the schools involved.

The schedules for all NDA sports must be made available to all Principals for approval, at the earliest time possible, but no later than 24 hours prior to the beginning of each sport season.

Any incidences of player or coach misconduct but be forwarded, by the convenor to the coach's principal.

In order to participate in any NDA activity, participants shall be in the charge of a coach for the duration of the game or contest.

DIVISION:

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Senior: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any player who participates in any league or formal exhibition games (that is has his/her name on the game sheet) on an out of school team involved in any out of school league after the opening game of the NDA league, shall be ineligible for NDA soccer in that season. The NDA season shall consist of all regular season and play-off games. Once a team has been eliminated from the NDA play-offs or has been declared the champion, that team's NDA season has been completed.

SCHEDULE:

All play-off games are to be played on the home field of the higher placed team. If field conditions prevent this from happening, then a neutral field shall be used.

In the event of a 3 team league:

1. Each school plays the other two (2) schools three (3) times.
2. The top league team will be given a bye to the final and the other two (2) teams contest a semi-final.

LENGTH OF GAMES:

All games shall be two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves, with a five (5) minute break between halves. If a game that is in progress is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances, the result of the game will stand if two-thirds of the game has been played. If less than two-thirds of the game has been played, the game will be replayed during the next "make-up" day built into the schedule.

RULES:

For any discrepancy in rule interpretation at the N.D.A. level, the convenor shall refer to F.I.F.A. rules as the deciding factor with the following exceptions:

1. Substitution for a yellow-carded player is compulsory. The yellow-carded player is the only player who may be replaced at that time and he may re-enter the game at a regular substitution period.

SUBSTITUTES:

Each team will be allowed to dress an unlimited number of substitutes. Each team shall be permitted an unlimited number of substitutions on goals or goal kicks. Teams may also substitute on their own throw-ins. The other team may also substitute if substitution is first initiated by the other team.

FIELD OF PLAY:

Each school should provide four (4) corner flags. Corner flags should be at least five (5) feet high and have a non-pointed top. The field of play should be properly marked as laid out in the F.I.F.A. Rules.

UNIFORMS:

Each school should have soccer uniforms with numbers on the back of the sweater. If team colours are similar, the home team will be required to change their colours for the game.

RULE INFRACTIONS:

Infractions of the rules will result in the enforcement of C.S.A. rules. A red card will involve a minimum suspension of one (1) game on the first infraction; two (2) games on the second infraction. A third infraction shall result in a suspension for the remainder of the season, including playoffs, NOSSA & OFSAA (if applicable). The accumulation of three (3) yellow cards in a season (including play-offs) will result in a suspension of one (1) game.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

1. In all cases of **two-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear.
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 - (b) The difference between the goals for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other. A maximum difference of three (3) goals shall be awarded in each game. The team with the most positive difference (or least negative difference) shall be awarded the higher standing.

e.g.: If Team A beats Team B 11-0, the difference is only +3 and not +11
If Team C beats Team D 6-1, the difference is still only +3, and not +5.
 - (c) The season's difference between the goal for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league. A maximum difference of three (3) goals shall be awarded in each game.
 - (d) The team that has the fewest goals against
 - (e) A coin toss. (Away team of game versus each other chooses side of coin)

2. In all cases of **three-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear. Once a team has been eliminated using the three-way tie breaking procedure, the tie between the two remaining teams will be broken by the two-way tie breaking procedure.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (b) The difference between the goals for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other. A maximum difference of three (3) goals shall be awarded in each game. The team with the most positive difference (or least negative difference) shall be awarded the higher standing.

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- (c) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
- (d) The season's difference between the goals for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league. A maximum difference of three (3) goals shall be awarded in each game.
- (e) The team that has the fewest goals against.
- (f) A coin toss. (Away team of game versus each other chooses side of coin)

PLAY-OFF FORMAT

1. All teams in the senior boys' league shall advance to the playoffs; all teams in the junior league shall advance to the playoffs.
2.
 - (a) In a three (3) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 3 and the winner and 1 play in the final.
 - (b) In a four (4) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and the winners play off.
 - (c) In a five (5) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, and 3-bye, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
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 - (f) In an eight (8) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.
3. All play-off games will be sudden death games at the home of the higher standing team in league play.
4. In the event that teams are tied at the conclusion of regulation time in play-off games, two (2) fifteen (15) minute NOT sudden-death halves shall be played. If the teams are still tied at the conclusion of overtime, then the following procedure shall be used:
 - (a) Each team will select five (5) players from those on the field at the conclusion of the overtime. These five (5) players will take penalty kicks alternately, the first team to kick being decided by a coin toss. The winner will be the team scoring the most penalty kicks.
 - (b) If still tied, the remaining players shall take kicks, one from each team alternately, the winner being that team which is ahead after any pair of penalty kicks.

N.O.S.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES

1. All N.D.A. Schools must compete at the N.O.S.S.A. level indicated by the N.O.S.S.A. school classification rules unless the school has declared their intention to compete at a higher classification in writing to the

N.D.A. Sport Convenor the day before the start of the N.D.A. play-off schedule. Such declaration must be signed by the school Principal, Athletic Coordinator (where applicable) and the Head Coach.

2. All N.D.A. entries to N.O.S.S.A. Championships shall be determined using the following order of priority:
 - (a) N.D.A. Play-off Champion
 - (b) N.D.A. Play-off Finalist
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 - (d) The highest ranking Semi-finalist using league standings
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 - (f) The team with the best league record among the schools in the same NOSSA school classification. In the event that the championship involves more than one classification, the league records of all the schools in those classifications will be used.
 - (g) In the case of a 2-way tie in part (e), a play-off contest shall be played at the home of the higher ranking team determined by the 2-way tie-breaking procedure.
 - (h) In the case of a 3-way tie, the 3-way tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine the ranking of the teams. The 2nd ranked team will host the 3rd ranked team in a play-off contest. The winner of this contest will play a final play-off contest against the 1st ranked team at the home of the 1st ranked team.

AWARDS:

1. **Trophies to be presented:**

Junior Play-off Champions - Coaches Trophy
Senior League Champions - Germania Trophy
Senior Play-off Champions - Jack Santarossa Trophy
Other Trophies: - Championship Game MVP Trophy
 - N.D.A. Indoor Soccer Trophy

Each of these trophies is to be held by the winning school for the championship year.

2. **Pennants to be presented:**

An N.D.A. pennant is to be presented to the Play-off Champion. This pennant will be kept by the winning school. If there is no play-off, the pennant will be presented to the League Champion.

3. No additional awards shall be given to each member of the championship team.

VOLLEYBALL

ALL SPORTS

Eligibility - See the NDA Constitution.

Schedules -

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Every attempt should be made to schedule no more than 2 games per week in all sports.

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Any incidences of player or coach misconduct but be forwarded, by the convenor to the coach's principal.

In order to participate in any NDA activity, participants shall be in the charge of a coach for the duration of the game or contest.

DIVISIONS:

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Senior: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

OFFICIALS:

Two (2) officials shall be provided for each match - a referee and umpire. The referee shall be an OVA qualified official.

RULES:

1. (a) The latest edition of the CV Association Rule Book shall be used for all N.D.A. matches.
 - (b) Junior Boys' net height will be 2.35 m. and Senior Boy's net height will be 2.43 m.
 - (c) Back row specialist player "libero" will not be designated.
 - (d) The time-outs during a match will be 60 seconds for all league and play-off matches.
2. All matches will be best of five (5).
3. (a) In doubleheader matches played on Tuesday, the juniors will play the first match and the seniors will play the second match. In the doubleheader matches played on a Thursday, the seniors shall play the first match and the juniors shall play the second match. In the event that games are scheduled on Monday and Wednesday, the seniors will play first.
 - (b) In doubleheader matches, the first match will start at 4:30 p.m. with the second match's on court preparation beginning at 5:50 p.m. or as soon as the first match is complete.
4. Home teams will be responsible for the following:
 - (a) Provide team benches.
 - (b) Provide a trained person to score the matches. Score sheets shall be in three (3) copies, one (1) to each coach and one (1) to the Convenor.
 - (c) Provide trained linesmen whenever possible.
 - (d) Provide a scoreboard that is visible to both teams and the officials.
 - (e) Report the score of the matches to the Convenor the same night of the match.
 - (f) Provide a suitable stand for the referee to call the game.

5. Teams will be awarded two (2) points for each match won. These points shall be totalled during the season to determine the N.D.A. League Champion.
6. Teams are responsible for bringing their own warm-up balls to league games and tournaments.
7. Each team will be permitted twelve (12) substitutions per set.

REGULAR SEASON AND PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE

The junior and senior boys' volleyball leagues regular seasons consist of each team playing each other team once when the league has 8 or more teams entered. When a league has 7 or fewer teams entered, they will play each other in a home and home format. When a league has 4 or 5 teams entered, they play each other at a minimum of home and home format to a maximum 12 games per team. Also, the league convenor shall use the previous year's schedule in order to ensure equity in which teams play home and away. Every effort should be made to make games junior and senior double headers versus the same school.

In the event that a team (or teams) drops out of a league after the schedule has been made, no revisions will be permitted. Teams will follow the original schedule and will receive a bye where the games with the team dropping out of the league were scheduled.

1. All teams shall make the play-offs.
2. All play-off matches shall be sudden-death.
3. The NDA Finals shall be a best two (2) of three (3) series.

The following shall be used as the format for the Play-off structure:

- (a) In a three (3) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 3 and the winner and 1 play in the final (best two of three).
- (b) In a four (4) team play-off, the format shall be: 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 and the winners play in the final (best two of three).
- (c) In a five (5) team play-off, the format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, and 3-bye, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
- (d) In a six (6) team league, the play-off format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams then follow the four (4) team league.
- (e) In a seven (7) team league, the play-off format shall be: 1-bye, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5 and the winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.
- (f) In an eight (8) team league, the play-off format shall be: 1-bye, 2-bye, 3-bye 4-bye 5 vs. 8, 6 vs. 7, with the winning teams advancing to the next round where 1-bye, 2-bye, 3 vs the lowest ranked remaining team, 4 vs the highest ranked remaining team. The winning teams will then follow the format for a four (4) team league.

- (g) In a nine (9) team league, the play-off format shall be 1-bye, 2-bye, 3-bye, 4-bye, 5-bye, 6-bye, 7-bye, 8 vs. 9 with the winning team advances and the format followed shall be according to an eight (8) team league.
- (h) In a ten (10) team league, the play-off format shall be 1-bye, 2-bye, 3-bye, 4-bye, 5-bye, 6-bye, 7 vs. 10, 8 vs 9 with the winners advancing and the format shall be that of an eight (8) team league.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE:

1. In all cases of **two-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other using matches.
 - (b) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other using sets.
 - (c) The difference between the points for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (d) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league using matches
 - (e) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league using sets
 - (f) The season's difference between the points for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
 - (g) The team that has the fewest points against
2. In all cases of **three-way ties** for any position in the league standing, the Convenor will take into consideration the following procedures for breaking the tie(s) in the sequence in which they appear. Once a team has been eliminated using the three-way tie breaking procedure, the tie between the two remaining teams will be broken by the two-way tie breaking procedure.
 - (a) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other using matches.
 - (b) The won-lost record of the teams tied as they appear against each other using sets.
 - (c) The difference between the points for and against, with the teams tied as they appear against each other.
 - (d) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league using matches
 - (e) The season's won-lost record of each of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league using sets
 - (f) The season's difference between the points for and against of the teams tied as they appear against every other team in the league.
 - (g) The team that has the fewest points against

N.O.S.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES

1. All N.D.A. Schools must compete at the N.O.S.S.A. level indicated by the N.O.S.S.A. school classification rules unless the school has declared their intention to compete at a higher classification in writing to the N.D.A. Sport Convenor the day before the start of the N.D.A. play-

off schedule. Such declaration must be signed by the school Principal, Athletic Coordinator (where applicable) and the Head Coach.

2. All N.D.A. entries to N.O.S.S.A. Championships shall be determined using the following order of priority:
 - (a) N.D.A. Play-off Champion
 - (b) N.D.A. Play-off Finalist
 - (c) N.D.A. League Champion
 - (d) The highest ranking Semi-finalist using league standings
 - (e) The other Semi-finalist
 - (f) The team with the best league record among the schools in the same NOSSA school classification. In the event that the championship involves more than one classification, the league records of all the schools in those classifications will be used.
 - (g) In the case of a 2-way tie in part (e), a play-off contest shall be played at the home of the higher ranking team determined by the 2-way tie-breaking procedure.
 - (h) In the case of a 3-way tie, the 3-way tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine the ranking of the teams. The 2nd ranked team will host the 3rd ranked team in a play-off contest. The winner of this contest will play a final play-off contest against the 1st ranked team at the home of the 1st ranked team.

AWARDS:

1. **Trophies to be presented:**

League Champions: - N.D.A. Junior Boys' League Champions
- N.D.A. Senior Boys' League Champions
Tournament Champions: - N.D.A. Junior Boys' Tournament Champions
- N.D.A. Senior Boys' Tournament Champions

Jr.Team Award - Thomas Brooks Memorial Trophy

Each of these trophies is to be held by the winning school for the championship year.

2. **Pennants to be presented:**

An N.D.A. pennant is to be presented to the Tournament Champions. These pennants will be kept by the winning schools. If there is no tournament, the pennants will be presented to the League Champions.

3. No additional awards shall be given to each member of a championship team.