

MPS/Northern Division of GBSSA

Basketball (Boys & Girls) Playing Regulations

1. Dates and Schedules:

- a) All teams shall be involved in a home and away round-robin league schedule. The league schedule is expected to be completed two days prior to the MPS semi-final Championship date.
- b) MPS championships should be held at least 3 days prior to the GBSSA Championship.

2. Championship Location and Convenor:

Convenors will be established at the MPS annual general meeting. The convenorship will be on an optional rotation to allow each school interested a chance to convene periodically. Convenors will host the MPS Championship Games. The basketball convenor is responsible to co-ordinate with the volleyball convenor in the same season for schedules. It is assumed that the basketball and volleyball schedules in the same season will be mirror images to maximize gym availability. It would be wise to review the soccer schedule in the fall season as well.

3. Classifications:

Championships will be offered at the Junior and Senior levels. There are classifications of "A", "AA", "AAA", and "AAAA" at the GBSSA & OFSAA levels, but there will only be one level of play at MPS.

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

Playoffs are set up to accommodate three teams in each classification. The three teams will consist of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams after league play is complete. The first place team in league play shall receive a bye into the final championship game. A semi-final game shall be played between the 2nd and 3rd place teams.

5. Location and game times for semi-final and championship games:

The location of the Championship games will be at the school of the convenor unless the convenor makes alternative arrangements. All semi-final games shall be played at the gym of the 2nd place Sr. team unless otherwise agreed upon by all MPS Athletic Directors. The designated home team for this game shall be the 2nd place team. The semi-final game should be played at least 2 days prior to the final game. The final games shall be at the site of the convenor's school and the first place teams in each division shall be designated as the home team in these games. Playoff matches will start at 3:30 pm for the first game and 5:00 pm for the second game.

6. Tie Breaking Procedures:

If 2 or more teams are tied, the tie breaking criteria is applied one after the other until the tie is broken.

- a) The team with the best ratio of won/lost games, considering games between the tied teams only, will be ranked higher.

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- b) Record against the next lowest placed team.
- c) Ties that determine final play-off berths must be decided by a play-in game on the tiebreaker day, as indicated on the schedule. The location of this game will be determined by a coin toss and all costs will be split evenly.
- d) Ties that determine 1st and 2nd place will be decided by a coin toss after (a & b) are used.

If 3 or more teams are tied, the above criteria will be applied, one after the other until all the teams are ranked. Thus, if there is a tie among teams X, Y & Z and criteria "b" is able to determine that team X is first, Y is second and Z is third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken. However, if criteria "b" only determines team X as first and there is still a tie with team Y & Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by continuing on with criteria "c" and so on. The criteria should NOT start "a" again for teams Y and Z – the criteria should continue in sequence.

7. Expenses:

The cost of the referees and awards for the tournament (semi-finals and finals) shall be shared equally by all teams participating in the tournament. Any additional costs that are not administrative in nature shall be the responsibility of the host school.

8. Eligibility of Players:

See [GBSSA Constitution Bylaw #2, subsections 1-13.](#)

9. Rules and Officials:

Qualified referees will be arranged by the convenor via the referee assignor. These officials shall not be students. National Federation of State High School (NFSHS) basketball rules shall be used. The host school will be responsible for timers and scorekeepers, and seating at the score table will be available for "overseers" from both teams involved.

10. Uniform and Equipment:

Uniforms and equipment must conform to NFSHS basketball rules.

11. Awards:

The winning teams in each classification shall be awarded the MPS trophy/plaque and each member of the team shall be presented with an MPS medallion (to a maximum of 15 players and 1 coach).

12. Jury of Appeal:

Any dispute other than those that come under the jurisdiction of the umpire of GBSSA Board of Reference will be ruled upon by a jury consisting of: convenor, executive member, and neutral member at the discretion of the convenor. All protests must be submitted to the convenor in writing within twenty-four hours after the incident in question and will be accompanied by a \$20.00 cheque.