

MPS/Northern Division of GBSSA

Volleyball (Boys & Girls) Playing Regulations

1. Championship Dates:

The MPS championship is expected to occur at least 3 days prior to the GBSSA Championship date. All matches will consist of 3 of 5 games to 25 with the 5th to 15, with no cap on any game. **The Volleyball convenor is responsible to coordinate with the Basketball convenor in the same season for scheduling.** It is assumed that the volleyball and basketball schedules in the same season will be mirror images to maximize gym availability (with the exception of the final play-off dates.)

2. Championship Location and Convenor Responsibilities:

Convenors will be established at the MPS annual general meeting. A convenor will be assigned on an optional rotation (to allow each school interested a chance to convene periodically). Convenors will host the MPS championship games at their home school.

3. Classification:

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

4. League Schedule and Format:

All teams shall be involved in a home & away round-robin league schedule. The league schedule is expected to be completed two days prior to the MPS semi-final Championship date. All matches will consist of 3 out of 5 games to 25 with the 5th to 15, with no cap. A minimum of 10 minutes shall be assigned for warm-up in a 5-5 format.

5. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

- a) Playoffs are set up to accommodate the top four teams in each classification after league play is complete.
- b) The schedule will be set up as follows:
 - Junior semi-finals:*
 - Game 1 2nd vs. 3rd
 - Game 2 1st vs. 4th
 - Senior semi-finals:*
 - Game 3 1st vs. 4th
 - Game 4 2nd vs. 3rd
 - Finals:*
 - Game 5 Junior final
 - Game 6 Senior final
- c) Start time for championships will depend on the court availability at the convenor's school and the number of games.
- d) It is advised that Senior playoff & final games should be played at "centre-court" to adhere to the GBSSA safety recommendations.
- e) A minimum of 10 minutes shall be assigned for warm-up in a 5-5 format.
- f) If there are only 3 teams in the Championship then the semi-final and final will be played over 2 separate days. The semi-final would consist of the 3rd seed travelling to the 2nd seed. Costs would be split by the 3rd place team covering transportation and the 2nd place team covering officials.

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6. Tie Breaking Procedures:

As per VC tie breaking procedures in Volleyball Canada rule book, if 2 or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria is applied one after the other until the tie is broken:

- a) The score of any league games not played or defaulted cannot be used in tie breaking procedures.
- b) The team with the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams only, will be ranked higher.
- c) The team with the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches between the tied teams only, will be ranked higher.
- d) The team with the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all scheduled matches, will be ranked higher.
- e) A coin toss will be used to decide placing from 1st to 3rd. If a playoff birth is at stake, and if possible or desired, a tie-breaker game can be arranged between the tied teams as a neutral gym with all costs shared.
- f) Coin toss by a neutral party, to be arranged by the convenor.

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. Entry and Expenses:

The cost of the referees and awards for the tournament (semi-final and finals) shall be shared equally by all teams participating in the final tournament. 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, sub sections 1 - 12](#)

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9. Rules and Officials:

Net Heights:

Novice girls	2.14 m	Novice Boys	2.24 m
Junior girls	2.19 m	Junior Boys	2.34 m
Senior girls	2.24 m	Senior Boys	2.42 m

OVA qualified referees shall be arranged by the convenor. Game officials can be qualified students **but every effort should be made to arrange for 2 Qualified OVA Adult officials for the MPS Championships.** Volleyball Canada (VC) rules shall be used. The host school will be responsible for scorekeepers. Seating at the score table can be made available for “overseers” from both teams involved if needed at MPS championships.

10. Uniforms and Equipment:

All players are required to wear the same uniform. The team shirts should be identical and the team shorts should be the same colour and style. Players should also have their own water bottles.

The ball used for league play and the MPS championship shall be the official ball approved by OFSAA.

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 & 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.