TDCAA BOYS' BASKETBALL 2026-27

BOOKLET

PLAYING REGULATIONS

PART A: SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE)

All coaches must review and follow the most recent copy of the **OPASSE GUIDELINES** for the sport they are coaching (under Secondary, Interschool)

Please take special note of the following requirements associated with:

Risk Management

First Aid

Special Rules/Instructions

Supervision

Coaches Expectations & Qualifications (for further information on sport specific NCCP training, visit www.coach.ca

Excursion/Permission Forms: TCDSB OPHEA SAMPLE

Concussion Awareness and Safety

In accordance with Policy/Program Memorandum No. 158, the TDCAA will follow and support the mandates of Rowan's Law. The following must occur annually, at the commencement of the athletic season:

a) coaches must complete the on-line TDCAA Coaches Concussion Code of Conduct

b) coaches will have student athletes review and follow a Concussion Code of Conduct:

- TCDSB Student Code of Conduct (in section 8)
- OPHEA's Sample Code of Conduct

c) coaches will provide Ontario Concussion Awareness Resources to student athletes and parents: Concussion Guides for Athletes and Parents

In the event of a suspected concussion convenors, coaches, and student athletes must follow an established Return to Play Protocol.

Note: TCDSB has established Concussion Return to Play Protocols for its students and coaches to follow. Non TCDSB participants should reference their Board's or OPHEA's Concussion Protocols

Coaches may find it useful to have a recognized Sport Concussion Recognition Tool with them for practices and competition.

Supervision – Visiting Teams

Each school along with the coach should be aware of the local policy in each school regarding visitors.

In situations where teams are specifically bringing fans (fan bus) appropriate supervision from all participating schools that does not include the team coach(es) must be provided. Communication with school administration of participating schools is prudent in these situations.

PLEASE REFER TO "OPASSE" GUIDELINES ON SUPERVISION

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3) This supervision would be required if the competition were taking place either at the school or at a permitted facility.

PART B: FROM TDCAA CONSTITUITION

TDCAA Boys' Basketball is an official TDCAA activity. Basketball follows OPHEA/OPASSE, OFSAA, and the FIBA Rule Book. This will be the official governing rulebook governing play.

REGISTRATION

Schools must register for Boys Basketball at the designated time. A school may withdraw its team before distribution of the final schedule. The school will be charged only the $ 25.00 registration fee.
A school which withdraws its team after the schedule has been distributed will assume the following actions:

- automatic $100 fine
- automatically ineligible for competition in boys' basketball the following year. (This can be appealed to the TDCAA executive.)

ELIGIBILITY/TRANSFERS

Eligible athletes must satisfy the by – laws and Standing Rules as per the TDCAA Constitution.

- All eligibility shall be completed electronically through HUB which is coordinated through the OFSAA office. Athletes & coaches must be included on the HUB. Athletic Directors have the code for their schools to access AELS.
- Eligibility must be completed before the first league game. (It is recommended that registration be completed before first practice). In a single day meet or tournament format, eligibility must be filed at least three days prior to the meet or tournament.
- Approved transfers are included on the eligibility form. Athletes who have not been approved must not be included until the athlete has been approved.
- All students who transfer into your school (excluding Grade 9-first year of high school) are ineligible for competition for a period of twelve months from the date of transfer. To become eligible, transfer students must complete the "TRANSFER APPEAL FORM" fully and forward to the TDCAA Transfer Chairperson Alanna Driscoll (WEST) or Maggie Carnavale (EAST)). An athlete awaiting Transfer Appeal decision is ineligible to play in any games (league or exhibition or tournament). This athlete may practice with the team until the transfer has been approved, and the athletic director has been notified.
- A student who transfers into your school in second semester is ineligible to compete in winter sports (Alpine Skiing; Snowboarding; Swimming; Jr & Sr. Girls' Volleyball, Boys' & Girls' Hockey, and Jr. & Sr. Boys' Basketball even if their transfer is approved.)
- An athlete whose transfer is denied has the right to appeal the decision to the TDCAA Transfer Appeal Board.

ELIGIBILITY/AGE

- Open Grades 9-12

- Eligibility for the TDCAA and OFSAA is based on the athlete's year of birth. An athlete is eligible to compete in high school sports for five years from the time they entered grade nine and were born in 2008 or later. Athletes must meet both requirements.

There is no appeal to this rule.
Please link to TDCAA website for dates for each new school year.

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ELIGIBILITY / ACADEMICS

An athlete must be a bona fide student at their school.

Students With Less Than 22 Credits:

-non-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of six (6) full day school credit courses.
-semester schools– must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day credit courses in the semester that Boys Basketball takes place (Winter Season).

Students With More Than 22 Credits:

-non-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of four (4) full day school credit courses

-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of two (2) full day credit courses in the semester that Boys Basketball takes place (Winter Season).

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

A) START TIME – All games shall begin no earlier than 3:00 unless agreed to by the principals of the participating schools. All double headers must start no later than 3:30 or earlier if all participating schools are in agreement.

B) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES - Junior – 16; Senior – 20.

C) AWARDS – In sports where there are less than four teams, only gold medals will be presented.

D) DEFAULTED GAME – If a team defaults a regular season game, they will not be eligible for playoffs. A school may appeal the decision to the TDCAA Executive provided there were extenuating circumstances.

E) CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES – If the TCDSB cancels buses for weather conditions, all scheduled games are automatically cancelled

PART C: SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

PART 1

AWARDS

Medals – Confirm that gold & silver medals will be presented. Silver medals will be presented as long as here are six teams

Pennants – Jr Boys Basketball, Sr. Boys Basketball 'A', Sr. Boys Basketball 'AA', Sr. Boys Basketball 'AAA'.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Each team will be allowed **15** players on their roster. Teams are permitted **10** players on their bench per game.

DIVISIONS

2024/25 – Divisions

- JR Boys West/East
- SR Boys West/East

2025/26 - Divisions

- JR Boys West/East
- SR Boys West/East
- SR Boys 'A'

LENGTH OF GAMES

TDCAA plays by the current FIBA Rules with 8-minute quarters. TDCAA use 24/14 second clock. These rules apply to all league, playoffs, and championship games. Overtime will be an extra 4-minute period as needed.

PROTESTS

A team may file a protest through their athletic director within 24 hours of the game. The protest must be in writing and sent to Eva Roser (St. John Henry Newman).

EJECTION

A participant / coach who is ejected from a game is automatically suspended for one game. The ejected must be reported to Renvel Gonsalves (renvel.gonsalves@tcdsb.org) and Matthew Akelaitis (West matthew.akelaitis@tcdsb.org), Jan Nigel Santos (East JanNigel.Santos@tcdsb.org) within 24 hours of the ejection. Renvel is the chair of the TDCAA Disciplinary Board. Renvel will determine if the ejection requires the athlete / coach to appear at a meeting with the disciplinary committee. If the athlete / coach is required to meet with the committee, they are not eligible to play a league game, exhibition game, or play in a tournament until they attend the designated meeting.

GAME CANCELLATION

1) INCLEMENT WEATHER – If the TCDSB declares a snow day, all games will be cancelled and rescheduled including games played at our Independent Schools.
2) Gymnasium Issues
3) Emergency
4) School Lockdown

Once the schedule is finalized, a game cannot be cancelled because your school decides to enter a tournament.

FORFEITURE

Forfeitures are not acceptable in TDCAA. Every team has the responsibility to complete their schedule.

Consequences of Forfeitures

1) Fine will be assessed
2) Offending team must pay for any officials' expenses
3) Ineligible for Playoffs
4) May be ineligible for the following year

Offending team has the right of appeal to the TDCAA Executive

SCHEDULE

1) Game Changes

All game changes must be made before two weeks of the first game at midnight. All game changes must be approved by both coaches involved, and the home team's Athletic Director. After the schedule is finalized, all changes will be negotiated by the head coaches, confirmed by both Athletic Directors. A $50. 00 fee will be assessed the school requesting the change.

2) START TIMES

HOME TEAMS will determine start times and the order of games, Sr/Jr or Jr/Sr.

3) Length of Games

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4) Overtime

Overtime will be an extra 4-minute period as needed.

5) Playoff format

Higher seed hosts the game with a West/East crossover in the Semi-Finals.

6) Tie Breaking Procedure

TIE-BREAK FORMAT Tie-Break format will be as follows:

Step 1: Most wins: The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

Step 2: Two-way tie, head-to-head method If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played between the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

Step 3: Three or more-team tie, Points for and against method. If a tie exists between three or more teams, the points for and against method will be used with a **cap at + / - 20 points** per game.

- Example: If Team A wins by 32 points, only a point spread of +20 will be used for that game, not +32.
- The total points scored and allowed for each game are calculated for the **teams involved** in the tie. **Scores against the team(s) NOT involved in the tie are discarded**.
- The team with the highest points for and against value will be given priority ranking.
- The team with the second highest points for and against value will be given the secondary ranking.

  Example: Three games of three teams tied.

  Game One: A 50 - B 45

  Game Two: B 60 - C 38

  Game Three: C 45 - A 37

  Team A: Game One (+5), Game Three (-8) = -3 Points For and Against

  Team B: Game One (-5), Game Two (+20) = +15 Points For and Against

  Team C: Game Two (-20), Game Three (+8) = -12 Points For and Against

  Team B receives the priority ranking.

  Team A receives the secondary ranking

  Team C receives the tertiary ranking

Step 4: Two-Way Tie Persists, Head-to-Head Method If a tie exists between two teams after using the three or more-team tie – Points For and Against Method (see Step 3), the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to- head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

- Example: The winner of the game between Team A and Team B receives the priority ranking. The loser of the game between Team A and Team B receives the secondary ranking. Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 5: Three-Way Tie Persists, Additional Division Result: If a tie persists between three teams after the Points For and Against Method is used, the game against the remaining teams in the pool **(+/- 20 point cap)** will be added to the calculation to determine who is given priority ranking.

- If a tie persists between two teams after the additional score is used, the head-to-head method will be used to determine the priority ranking.
- Example: Team B receives priority ranking.
- Team C receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs.
- Team A is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 6: Three-Way Tie Persists, Number Draw

- The numbers one, two, and three are written on individual pieces of paper and placed in a container by a neutral third party.
- Each team then draws a piece of paper from the container, beginning with the highest-seeded team and ending with the lowest seeded.
- The team that draws the number 1 receives the priority ranking. The team that draws the number 2 receives the secondary ranking. The team that draws the number 3 is eliminated from the playoffs.

PART 2

Convenors Contact Information

WEST - Matthew Akelaitis - St. Oscar Romero – matthew.akelaitis@tcdsb.org

EAST – Jan Nigel Santos – St. Joan of Arc - JanNigel.Santos@tcdsb.org

HEAD OFFICIAL CONTACT INFORMATION - Phil Lawn - taboassignorphil@gmail.com

Game Management

The home team must provide the game ball, minor officials, and are responsible for wearing light-colored uniforms. Please complete the game sheet with first and last names using a PEN not a PENCIL. The home team must send the completed game sheet to their convenor through the board courier or fax or email.

REPORTING SCORES

Both the home team and visiting team must report the game score immediately after the game (not just the winning team or home team) to the following link: https://forms.gle/UE1M6yGzWHfugvpp7

1) Convenor – West - Matthew Akelaitis – matthew.akelaitis@tcdsb.org
   East – Jan Nigel Santos - JanNigel.Santos@tcdsb.org
2) Standings – Peter Morris – morrisis@sympatico.ca

A fine may be assessed if the score is not reported within 24 hours of the game.

OFFICIAL FEES

Schools will be centrally billed by the TDCAA Treasurer (Peter Morris) for officials.

For exhibition games & tournaments, please contact the TABO assignor, HIS email is: taboassignorphil@gmail.com

Single games are $ 65 per official and $ 60 per official for a doubleheader.

SUPERVISION

All student-athletes must be supervised by a staff member from their own school. If your school does not allow spectators to home games, please contact the visiting coach with this information at least 24 hours prior to the game. Community coaches must always have a TCDSB teacher on the bench with them. At the completion of the game, the visiting student – athletes must be accompanied out of the school by their coaches. If the visiting team is using TTC, coach must accompany athletes to nearest stop and wait until they have safely boarded the bus.

TENTATIVE Playoff Schedule

Junior: Top 6 (East / West) teams qualify for playoffs with a West/East crossover in the semi finals. Top 4 (Jr. A) teams qualify for playoffs, and the two winners will play the winner of the 1st vs 6th match up in the East / West in the second round.

Senior: All teams qualify in their own OFSAA category (A, AA, AAA). West/East crossover in the semi finals.

Playoff Seeding is based on most wins / win percentage if teams did not play same number of games
Start times 3:00/4:15 Double ; 3:15 Single.
No changing the date and time. If the high seed team can not accommodate, the game is moved to the lower seed.
Put the playoff dates in your school and gym calendars now.

February 16 - First Round – Home – Higher Seed

February 18 – Quarter Finals – Home – Higher Seed

February 23 – Semi Finals – Home – Higher Seed

February 26 – Four Championship Games at Pan Am Centre

OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The OFSAA Basketball Championships are March 8-10, 2027

The Entry deadline is Mar 2, 2027

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- We need to ensure today, that we have at least one team that will be willing to represent the TDCAA at each level of OFSAA *

OFSAA Website

Please refer to the OFSAA Website for specific information: www.ofsaa.on.ca

TDCAA Website & Standings

Please encourage coaches to visit the TDCAA Website TBD regular basis. The schedule, scores and standings on the site are not official.

The **CONVENOR** will keep **OFFICIAL STANDINGS**

If you notice that your record is not correct, please contact Peter Morris (morrisis@sympatico.ca)