

**2009-2010**  
**OUA BASKETBALL – MEN**  
**Rules and Regulations**  
**Updated July 2009**

**1. ADMINISTRATION**

1.1 See General Rules and Regulations

**2. AWARDS**

- 2.1 **The Wilson Trophy** – Awarded to the team winning the championship. Presented by Harold A. Wilson of Toronto in 1908.
- 2.2 **The Lebel Trophy** - For excellence in Basketball, presented by the Faculty Association of the University of Windsor in 1969. Awarded annually to the most valuable player in each division (East and West) of the OUA as determined by the All-Star balloting. The trophy itself will bear the name of the recipient and be kept in a suitable location. For their own keeping, each recipient will be awarded a Lebel plaque/certification to be presented at the OUA Finals.
- 2.3 OUA Gold and Silver Medals shall be presented to all members of the championship and runner up team at the OUA Championship.
- 2.4 An OUA Banner shall be awarded to the institution winning the team championship. (Note: Divisional champions may purchase divisional championship banners through the OUA supplier.)
- 2.5 **The Kitch MacPherson Trophy** - Presented annually to the most valuable player in the OUA Championship Game, as chosen by a panel of coaches and dignitaries.
- 2.6 **ALL-STAR SELECTION FORMAT**
- 2.6.1 The OUA Office will submit a request to each coach for nominations from his own team. It is the responsibility of each coach to make sure his nominations are reported to the league office by the date requested.
- 2.6.2 Upon receiving the nomination from the coaches, the league office compiles a list of players nominated and sends it to each head coach.
- 2.6.3 Ten All-Stars are selected within each division. Each coach will assign 10 points to his first choice on the list, 9 points to his second choice, etc. Coaches do not vote for members of their own team. The ballot is to be submitted to the OUA Office upon request during the last week of league play. The five players receiving the highest number of points in the balloting will be considered First Team All Stars. Those players receiving the sixth through tenth highest numbers of points will be considered the Second Team All Stars.
- 2.6.4 Coaches will vote for the Coach of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and an All-Rookie Team at the same time they vote for the All Stars. Note: The All Rookie Team will consist of five players including ties. Note: Recipients of the OUA Rookie of Years (East/West) must be 21 years of age or under as of September 1st in the academic year in question.
- 2.6.5 The OUA West All-Stars, Coach of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and the All-Rookie Team will be selected at the Coaches' Meeting which will take place the Sunday following league play.

## 2.7 West All-Star Nomination/Voting Process

The following selection process is to be followed by all West Men's Basketball coaches:

- Coaches meet for All-Star nomination process in the middle of February (February 14, 2010)
- Those coaches in periphery to be part of the process via conference call
- Voting does not occur until the completion of the regular season (February 23, 2010)
- Full Disclosure of votes. [Added July 2009]

## 3. SECTIONAL COMPETITION

There shall be an East and a West Division. Each team plays a home-and-home with the teams in its own division, and one game against each team in the other division. Games against opponents in the opposite division will occur prior to January of each season.

## 4. SCHEDULING/START TIMES

4.1 Friday evening double header games are scheduled at the time of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Saturday afternoon games are scheduled at the discretion of the host for interlock games only. [Added July 2009]

4.2 Whenever there is a double header, the first game tip-off must be at the top of the hour (i.e. game 1 to start right at 6:00 pm). [Added July 2009]

4.3 **West Division Only:** The team returning from a weekend trip to Thunder Bay (playing Lakehead) has their next game at home. [Added July 2009]

## 4. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

4.1 Ties at the end of the regular schedule shall be resolved by the formula set out in the General Playing Regulations.

## 5. PLAYOFF STRUCTURE

### 5.1 Eastern Division

The top six (6) teams will qualify for the playoffs. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams receive a first round bye. Quarter Finals are played at the site of the higher ranked team. In all games, the higher-seeded team shall be considered the home team. The schedule for the tournament shall be as follows:

Quarter-final #1	6 <sup>th</sup> place at 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Quarter-final #2	5 <sup>th</sup> place at 4 <sup>th</sup> place
Semi-final #1	lower ranked quarter-final winner at 1 <sup>st</sup> place
Semi-final #1	remaining quarter-final winner at 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Final	Semifinal winners**

The winner of the East Final will advance to the Wilson Cup Championship, and gains an automatic berth into the CIS National Championship.

### 5.2 Western Division

The top six (6) teams will qualify for the playoffs. Playoff games will be single-elimination, with the higher-seeded team having home court advantage. The pairings for the playoffs be as follows:

Quarter-final #1	6 <sup>th</sup> place at 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Quarter-final #2	5 <sup>th</sup> place at 4 <sup>th</sup> place
Semi-final #1	Winner Quarter-final #1 at 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Semi-final #2	Winner Quarter-final #2 at 1 <sup>st</sup> place
Final	Semifinal winners**

The winner of the West Final will advance to the Wilson Cup Championship, and gains an automatic berth into the CIS National Championship

5.3 **OUA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME – THE WILSON CUP**

OUA West Winner vs. OUA East Winner  
Hosted by Division Winners with alternating years

**2009-2010 @ OUA East Winner**

5.4 **BRONZE MEDAL GAME (Third Place Game)** - *played to determine third berth to CIS Championship*

In the event that an OUA schools hosts the CIS Championship and also wins their division, the third place game will be hosted by the team with the best conference record; if that is tied the result of the head to head competition between the two teams involved in the third place game will determined the host of that game.

**6. RULES**

6.1 Competition shall be governed by FIBA rules.

6.1.1 OUA protest rules and procedure take precedent over any FIBA protest rules and procedures.

6.2 The length of the halftime shall be fifteen (15) minutes. Minimally, the last six (6) minutes of halftime must be available for access to the court for warm-up.

6.3 **The Request for an incident review must come from the head coach and athletic director, must be in writing and must come within 72 hours after the completion of the match.** [Added July 2009]

**7. OFFICIALS**

**7.1 Western Division**

Each Western Division coach shall be surveyed for the purpose of ranking the officials on the panel, and that ranking shall be used for maintaining or rejecting the panel at an Annual Meeting with the Convenor after the season is over.

**7.2 Eastern Division**

The OUA East/OABO commission will work under one panel for both men and women. The three OUA East representatives will be comprised of the OUA East basketball Convenor, one OUA East women's coach and one OUA East men's coach. The three OUA East representatives will come from three different schools. The two coaches will sit for a term of two years and their terms will not expire in the same year.

The OUA East coaches will have input for the purpose of ranking the officials on the panel and the input would be utilized in determining officials rank and level on the panel.

**8. COSTS**

8.1 Financial arrangements for OUA post-season play will be determined as outlined in the OUA Bylaws – Regulation IV – Playoffs and Championships

**9. EQUIPMENT**

9.1 The official ball of OUA men's basketball is the Wilson Evolution.

## APPENDIX I

### OUA Basketball Hosting Protocol

#### Provisions for the Visiting Team / Officials:

##### *The Host institution must provide the following for the visiting team:*

- An appropriately appointed meeting room for pre-game, half-time and post-game meetings.
- This room should be in close proximity to the gym.
- This room should be accessible to both male & female coaching / support staff.
- This room should have either a blackboard or a white-board, and chalk/dry-erase marker.
- This room should be big enough to accommodate 18-20 individuals.
- Where possible, a dedicated, lockable change-room. Where possible this room should have its own shower and washroom facilities.
- 6 quality official OUA game balls should be available to the visiting team 1 hour prior to game time.
- Visiting coaches should be presented with a roster of both the visiting and host-team a minimum of 20 minutes prior to game time.
- Complete Statistics should be presented to the visiting coach at both the half time and post-game. Statistics must be compiled using the "Stat Crew" statistics package.
- A water jug with cups must be available on the visiting team bench
- A Blood Spill Kit is to be available if needed by the host institution
- 6 bench towels should be available on the visitors' bench.
- Gym time will be made available to the visiting team between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on match court on game day, where possible.

##### *The Host institution must provide the following for the Officials:*

- A dedicated, lockable change room/meeting room. Where possible, this room should have its own shower and washroom facilities.
- Half-time and post-game refreshments
- 2 towels per official
- Minor officials are to be at the score table 15 minutes before game time and 5 minutes before the commencement of the second half.

#### Pre-Game Protocol:

- The National Anthem must precede pre-game ceremonies
- Introduction of players should be made immediately prior to tip off.
- The visiting teams starters will be announced first, followed by the starters from the host team.
- Host institutions must inform the visiting team coach 2 days in advance of any special pre-game or half time presentations.

#### Facility Protocol:

- The playing surface must be clean, dry and available to the visiting team 1 hour prior to the commencement of the game.
- Host should assure that there is a proper functioning game clock and 24 second clock.
- 24 second shot clocks should be placed in clear view of the visiting teams bench.
- A towel person and/or designate from each team's bench, is required to wipe wet spots on the floor. This person must be present for the duration of the game.
- The host is responsible for establishing a buffer zone between the visiting team bench and the fans. The host's event manager is responsible to manage and supervise the area.
- The host team must mark a coach's box at each bench, 28 feet from the end line along the sideline, defined by a 3 foot white line (tape, 3 feet into the court and extending out of bounds). The last chair shall not be set-up no closer than 3 feet from the 28 foot mark.

- Safety precautions, such as the padding of end walls when there is not 12-foot clearance, are the hosts responsibility
- Cheerleaders from the host institution may not occupy the space on the visiting team's offensive end. Cheerleaders must be located a minimum of 1 meter beyond the out of bounds line. Officials reserve the right to move cheerleaders from this area if deemed necessary.

#### **Minor Officials / Statisticians / Event Staff:**

- The official scorekeeper is to be identified by a striped official's shirt.
- Statisticians must be located courtside. Statisticians must be properly trained and have all appropriate computer equipment available to them at this station. Statistics must be compiled using the "Stat Crew" statistics package.
- The three minor officials (scorer, timer and 24 second shot clock operator) will arrive 15 minutes before tip-off.
- The host institution must provide an announcer for all games
- Music system and DJ is optional, and up to the discretion of the host institution.
- Video camera operators must be trained in advance of the game.
- The Host institution is responsible for providing crowd control personnel / security.
- The Host should commit to a zero tolerance policy towards abuse of officials or visiting teams.
- At no time will the following noise makers be allowed:
  1. Amplified megaphones
  2. Whistles
  3. Air horns
  4. Laser pointers
  5. Sirens

#### **Event Reporting Procedures**

- The Host institution must report the score via the OUA on-line score reporting database no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the game.
- The Host institution must input the game statistics using the OUA on-line database by 10:00PM of game day or within 2 hours upon completion of the game.
- The Host institution must fax game sheets to the OUA office (**905-574-2840**) immediately after entering the stats into the database.

## APPENDIX II

### Artificial Noise

#### Clarification to Rule 2.11 in Sports Operation Manual

- 1) The home team may use amplified music as well as a P.A. Announcer during the pre-game, halftime, between periods and timeouts.
- 2) The home team may play a quick sound effect lasting no longer than three seconds after the home team scores.
- 3) It is permissible to play a sound effect after an opponents missed free throw but it must be inserted prior to the shooter receiving the ball for the next attempt.
- 4) At other times during the game the following restrictions should apply;
  - a) Nothing to be amplified during opponents free throws
  - b) Nothing to be amplified while the opponents have the ball at anytime, including for a throw in.
- 5) P.A. Announcers will have the time immediately following scored baskets and fouls to announce the names involved as long as it doesn't overlap a free throw opportunity.

## APPENDIX III

### Scheduling Priority Factors

The four priority factors are in equally weighted and all schedules presented for approval must meet the four priority factors.

#### Academic

Ensure that OUA league schedule will not compromise academic success

Consideration is given to time away from classes and length of road trips

c) Respect is given to institutional exam periods and convocation.

#### Competitiveness and Scheduling Balance

a) Schedules reflect a commitment to athletic excellence

b) Develop and prepare student-athletes for national championships

c) Provide for a variety of opponents (ex. Interlock)

d) Attractive schedule for recruiting purposes (ex. more league opponents)

e) OUA Champion is declared

f) A play-off structure that is fair and equitable

g) Rotational balance between interlock and interdivisional competitions

#### Financial

a) Schedules will take into the consideration the reality of competing in OUA (ex. playing back-to-back games vs. Lakehead)

b) League structures and scheduling partners must take travel costs into consideration (ex. traveling partners based on geography)

c) Revenue generation potential must be considered

d) Play-off structure that is cost efficient

#### Marketability

a) Variety and competitiveness of opponents (ex. interlock)

b) Consideration of geographical rivals should be incorporated into schedules

c) Starting times reflect local market and maximum media exposure as long as competitive conditions are the same for each team

d) Regional and historical rivalries are considered

#### General Scheduling Guidelines

##### Desired:

a) Conference schedule should take precedence over non-conference games.

b) Schedule is to be worked back starting with playoff dates.

c) No more than two travel weekends in a row

d) No more than two weekends in a row at home

e) Schedule should reflect as close to home and away weekend balance

f) Where possible, when playing home and away series strive to have teams play each other in each half of the interdivisional schedule

g) Deadline to notify OUA scheduler of protected dates is November 1 of the preceding year

h) Deadline to notify OUA schedule of NCAA competition during regular league schedule dates is November 1 of the preceding year.

i) No team is required to play 3 games in 5 days or 5 games in 8 days in OUA league play

j) In the West division, teams traveling to Lakehead will have the preceding Wednesday off.

## APPENDIX IV

### Game Tape Exchange Policy

#### FILM/GAME TAPE EXCHANGE – FILM QUALITY STANDARDS

The host is required to record an evaluated side view of the entire court (as much as possible) digital record of the game that consists of:

- Any game action (all four quarters)
- Scoreboard flashes at the end of each quarter, timeouts and any other stoppages of play.

It shall be the responsibility of the Home Team, to capture a digital recording of the complete game to the standards outlined above.

The digital recording of the game should be uploaded immediately following the game. Games must be available for download by the Visiting Team no later than 11:59pm (women) and 1:59am (men) upon the completion of the game.

Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 fine as outlined in the OUA Constitution, Unit II, Section 7.8.14.

In addition to timely uploading, the quality and length of the games must be in the required WMV format. Downloaded copies of game film will be in a WMV format. (This is a compressed file format which enables a faster transmission than normal files).

The Visiting Team will not be responsible for any uploads of games.

Teams will not be provided access to any game film until their most recent film has been uploaded.

In the case of catastrophic circumstances in which equipment is damaged, or completely unable to be used in the procedure, the home team will not be fined but will be required to provide in writing a description of the problem, in addition to a solution for the issue. This document MUST be signed by the athletic director verifying that is in good faith and submitted to the OUA Basketball Convenors immediately.

The home team should contact GameTape Xchange for customer support.

Dwayne Richards - [Dwayne@gametapeexchange.com](mailto:Dwayne@gametapeexchange.com)

(480) 710-2403

(480) 557-6800

(866) 306-6800

The visiting team must be contacted immediately and advise of the problem.