

**2009-2010
OUA BASKETBALL - WOMEN
Rules and Regulations
Updated July 2009**

1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 See General Regulations

2. AWARDS

2.1 The team winning the OUA Championship shall receive the Championship Trophy.

2.2 Each member and the coach(es) of the OUA Championship team shall receive the OUA Gold Medal.

2.3 Each member and the coach(es) of the OUA second place team shall receive the OUA Silver Medal.

2.4 An OUA Banner shall be awarded to the institution winning the team championship.

3. INDIVIDUAL AWARD SELECTION FORMAT

3.1 All-Star Selection

An All-Star Team will be named in each division (West & East). Ten All-Stars will be listed in each division, with the both divisions specifying a First and Second Team. In the event of a tie, ties will not be broken. The player in each division receiving the most votes will be declared the division Player of the Year. Coaches will submit their nominations, in rank order, to the OUA office by the date outlined. Coaches may nominate, in rank order, up to 5 players from their team, for OUA All-Star consideration.

Coaches will rank all nominees, giving a ranking of 1 (one) for the candidate they believe is most deserving of an All-Star selection, 2 (two) for the second most deserving player, etc. This practice continues until ALL players have been ranked. Coaches will not vote for their own players. The 10 players in each division receiving the lowest total will be named to the OUA All-Star team.

3.2 Rookie of the Year

A Rookie of the Year will be named in each division. The highest ranked rookie selected to the All-Star team will be named Rookie of the Year. If no Rookie All-Stars are selected, the player receiving the most votes for the All-Rookie Team will be declared the Rookie of the Year in their respective division. 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.

3.3 All-Rookie Team

An All-Rookie Team will be named in each division. Coaches may nominate more than one rookie for his/her team for the All-Rookie team. Five All-Rookie Team members will be listed in each division. In the event of a tie, ties will not be broken.

To be nominated for the All-Rookie Team and Rookie of the Year, the athlete must be in her first year of eligibility in OUA/CIS basketball.

3.4 Defensive Player of the Year

A Defensive Player of the Year will be named in each division. Coaches may nominate one player from their team for the divisional Defensive Player of the Year award. Coaches will rank all nominees, giving a ranking of 1 (one) for the candidate they believe is most deserving of the award, 2 (two) for the second most deserving player, etc. The player with the lowest total will be declared the Defensive Player of the Year for their division.

3.5 Coach of the Year

A Coach of the Year will be named in each division. Coaches cannot nominate or vote for themselves. Coaches will rank all nominees, giving a ranking of 1 (one) for the candidate they believe

is most deserving of the award, 2 (two) for the second most deserving coach, etc. The player with the lowest total will be declared the Coach of the Year for their division.

3.6 Joy Bellinger Award

One Joy Bellinger Award winner shall be named for each division, should suitable candidates be nominated. This award shall be presented to a worthy candidate in each division for outstanding career contributions to OUA basketball. This award will be presented annually to a female student-athlete in recognition of outstanding service to the sport and to the advancement of university athletics (maximum of one award per division).

ELIGIBILITY: To be awarded to a graduating student-athlete that has maintained a "B" average in her graduating year (1st term marks to be used); has demonstrated good sportsmanship; and has contributed to the game of basketball in Ontario.

NOMINATION: At the same time as All-Star nominations.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: All coaches will vote on the nominee(s). If no suitable candidate is nominated, then the award need not be awarded.

3.7 A standardized nomination form for all OUA Awards shall be used (OUA All-Star, OUA All-Rookie Team, OUA Defensive Player of the Year, Joy Bellinger Award, and Coach of the Year).

All OUA All-Stars and Major Award winners will be appropriately announced and recognized at the OUA Divisional Finals. **Note: The All-stars and Major Award winners must have been released by the OUA Office prior to the OUA Divisional Finals for this to occur.**

Procedures for selection of OUA All-Stars and other OUA award winners will be circulated by the Conference Rep [OUA West – Angela Orton (Guelph); OUA East – Taffe Charles (Carleton)], and/or the OUA office.

3.8 For all individual awards, the following criteria will be followed:

- i) Coaches may nominate one player from their team, for the OUA Defensive Player of the Year and OUA Joy Bellinger Award.
- ii) Players are considered on performance and not by position (ie. guard, forward, post, etc.)
- iii) Players are judged on OUA league play only, not playoffs.
- iv) Coaches cannot vote for their own players.
- v) A completed Official Nomination Form must be submitted and circulated by the coach, for each nominated player, by the established timelines.
- vi) Once the vote sheet is compiled by the Conference Rep, and circulated, each Coach must fully complete the vote sheet, and must respect the rank ordering of the nominating coach for all players listed for All-Star purposes. The Vote Sheet must be returned to the Conference Rep by the established timelines.
- vii) Each Division reserves the opportunity to hold a division Coaches Meeting to discuss and ratify all awards. The West Division shall meet 7-10 days prior to the deadline for award winners to be named.

NOTE: OUA All-Star selections are done independently of the CIS selections.

4. DESIGN FOR COMPETITION

4.1 The competing teams shall be divided into two geographically based (East and West) divisions.

Changes from last year are highlighted.

4.2 East Division: Carleton, Laurentian, Ottawa, Queen's, RMC, Ryerson, Toronto, York

West Division: Brock, Guelph, Lakehead, Laurier, McMaster, Waterloo, Western, Windsor

4.3 STRUCTURE

4.3.1 Each team in the West Division will play a home and home schedule with all teams in their division. (14 games). The exception will be Lakehead where each team will play two games against Lakehead, with the sites alternating each year. They will also play a single game interlocking schedule with all teams in the East Division, with the sites alternating each year (8 games). All 22 games will count in league standings.

4.3.2 Each team in the East Division will play a home and home schedule with all teams in their division (14 games). They will also play a single game interlocking schedule with all teams in the West Division, with the sites alternating each year (8 games). All 22 games will count in league standings.

5. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

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

6. PLAYOFF STRUCTURE

6.1 West Division: Quarter Finals (6 @ 3, 5 @ 4)

Semi-Finals (winner of 5 @ 4) @ 1
(winner of 6 @ 3) @ 2

Finals (winner of semi-final 1) vs. (winner of semi-final 2) @ highest survivor

6.2 East Division: Quarter Finals (6 @ 3, 5 @ 4)

Semi-Finals (Lower ranked quarter-final winner) @ 1
(Remaining quarter-final winner) @ 2

Finals (winner of semi-final 1) vs. (winner of semi-final 2) @ highest survivor

6.3 OUA Championship Game: OUA West Winner vs. OUA East Winner
Hosted by Division Winners with alternating years

2009-2010 @ OUA East Winner

6.3.1 OUA Bronze Medal Game: If necessary, a third place game between the West and East losers of the Divisional Finals will be played to determine who will be granted the extra Ontario berth to the CIS National Tournament.

7. RULES

7.1 Competition shall be governed by FIBA rules.

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

7.2 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.

7.3 Any team wishing to videotape in another schools gym, when they are not involved in the particular game or tournament, must inform the host institution of their intention.

7.4 The host institution must provide a roster lineup sheet for both institutions at all league games.

Changes from last year are highlighted.

7.5 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]

7.6 **START TIMES**

For the West Division, start time for league games will be at 1:00 pm on Saturdays and 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, when the game involves a doubleheader with the men, except for games involving the University of Windsor for whom no game will begin before 2:00 pm unless mutually agreed upon by the two institutions. For all East/West Interlock games, start time will be 6:00 pm.

7.7 Where possible, one of the parameters for scheduling of women's basketball games be that there is a minimum 24-hour turn-around time from the previous game.

7.8 Women's Basketball league play and championships are required to provide court side computerized statistics.

7.9 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]

7.10 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]

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

8.0 **OFFICIALS**

Officials panels have been established for both the East Division and West Division.

All officials for league play, playoffs, and championship games/tournaments must be qualified OABO or CABO officials and members of their respective East or West Panels. Assigned officials can only be allowed to do one game on a given day unless prior permission is requested and granted by the supervisor.

a. Divisional Play

The assignor for the Panel shall secure qualified officials for all games. A three-person officiating crew shall be used for all games.

b. Playoffs and OUA Championship

A list of acceptable officials will be compiled by the respective East and West Conference Reps and supervisors with input from the member coaches, and league observers. The supervisor of the East and West panels are responsible for the designation and evaluation of officials in the playoffs and championships.

The two coaches involved in the Championship final game will be allowed input into the selection of the three officials being assigned to that game.

8.1 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.

9. **GAME SHEETS AND RESULTS**

OUA procedures for results reporting and statistics inputting shall be followed.

10. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF LEAGUE GAMES

- a. If an emergency situation arises, the host and Convenors are notified immediately.
- a) The game shall be delayed until such time as the opposing team arrives and proceeds with the game, or it becomes evident that the opposing team will not be able to reach the site.
- b) The host institution must make arrangements to reschedule the game at a mutually agreeable date and time as soon as possible. NOTE: the most important objective is to play the game. Both teams may lose some advantage (ie. home court, crowd support). However, the principle of what is best for the league will take priority.
 - i) Facility availability – if a time and date can be agreed upon, but the host facility is not available an appropriate alternate venue will be used (ie. high school or community college).
 - ii) Schedule congestion – this is an unfortunate complication for the individual teams involved, however, the completion of the league schedule must take priority. Forthcoming league games will have no bearing on the rescheduling of postponed games.

11. COST SHARING

OUA Constitution and By-laws govern cost sharing for Women's Basketball.

- a. The East and West Officials Panel are cost shared separately by all participating universities within each divisional alignment.

11.1 The OUA Championship team is responsible for the engraving costs of the trophy.

12. EQUIPMENT

The official ball of OUA women's basketball is the Wilson Evolution (size 6).

13. GAME TAPE EXCHANGE POLICY

See Appendix III

14. WOMEN'S ALL-STAR GAME

There will be an annual OUA Women's Basketball All-Star game held in conjunction with the Ontario Basketball Association in early May. Each of the first and second all-stars from both the East and West conferences will be invited to attend and participate in the game. If an All-Star is unable to attend the game, the spot(s) will be filled using the following order:

1. Defensive Player of the Year
2. Rookie of the Year
3. Joy Bellinger Award Winner
4. All-Rookie Team in order 2 – 5

[Added July 2009]

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 shot clock.
- 24 second shot clock should be placed in clear view of the visiting team's 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 should 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.
- 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

- a) Ensure that OUA league schedule will not compromise academic success
- b) 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

(480) 710-2403

(480) 557-6800

(866) 306-6800

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