

OFSAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Events and/or Classifications:

There shall be three classifications of Championships - "A", "AA", and "AAA". Associations shall classify their school teams based on the criteria found in Regulation E, Section 2(b).

2. Championship Structure and Procedures:

- a. The Championship tournaments shall be modified elimination tournaments [twenty (20), eighteen (18), or sixteen (16) team draw] with winners and losers moving to both sides of the draw. Winners of each side of the draw shall meet to determine the OFSAA Champion. Runners-up on each side of the draw shall play in the bronze medal game. Draws are in the Sport Specific Directives on page D-7.
- b. Each team is guaranteed two (2) games. No team shall play more than two (2) games in one (1) day.
- c. The following procedures shall take place at each game:
 - i. At the beginning of the game all players and coaches shall be introduced and shall line up at mid-court. At the conclusion of these introductions players and coaches shall advance and shake hands with their opponents.
 - ii. At the completion of the game players and coaches shall again shake hands with all opponents.
- d. Registration materials will be given to the teacher accompanying the athletes upon receipt of the required entry materials as outlined on the OFSAA Basketball websites.
- e. The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

3. Entry:

- a. Entries will be accepted from Association Convenors or designates only.
- b. Entries must be received by the deadline as outlined in the coaches' information package on the OFSAA Basketball websites. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and an additional entry fee shall be charged.
- c. Each Association may enter one (1) team in each Championship.
- d. Additional entries to be determined by the OFSAA office (Regulation D, Section 10).

- e. Each team may register a maximum of eighteen (18) participants, which includes players and team personnel. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend Championship activities (Regulation D, Section 9)

Any suspensions or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competitions. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.

4. Expenses:

- a. Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their entry fee, their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- b. All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

5. Eligibility:

a. School/Team Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must:

- i. Conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of thirteen (13) practices during a minimum eight (8) week period and must be involved in eight (8) competitions in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.
- ii. Participate in an Association-approved league if one is held.
- iii. Participate in the Association Championship or qualifying event.
- iv. Use only eligible athletes in any competition during the school year or the school forfeits its right to participate in the Basketball Championships.
- v. In accordance with Rowan's Law, have all coaches and trainers confirm in writing on the OFSAA form provided, that they have reviewed the concussion awareness resource and OFSAA Concussion Code of Conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.

b. Individual Student Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:

- i. Be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which her school belongs.
- ii. Be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school.
- iii. Meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that she has not reached her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- iv. Be in Grades 9-12.
- v. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy
- vi. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9
- vii. Have signed the Rules of Behaviour Policy signature form for the competition.

- viii. Participate as a member of a 'bona fide' high school program as outlined in (a) above and attend the majority of practices and competitions.
- ix. No competitor is eligible for an OFSAA basketball championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet or who has played in a game for a team in the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) or the National Preparatory Association (NPA), after September 30th of the current school year.
- x. In accordance with Rowan's Law, confirm in writing on the OFSAA form provided, that they and their parent/guardian (if student is under 18 years of age) have reviewed the concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.
- xi. Any team using ineligible players in any competition during the school year forfeits the right to participate in the OFSAA Championship.

6. Rules and Officials:

- a. The current FIBA Rule book shall be the official governing rule book governing play at the OFSAA Basketball Championships with the following exceptions:
 - i. National Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available.
 - ii. National Federation game length will be used (including overtime).
 - iii. No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul (s) assessed to player(s)).
- b. There will be a minimum of five (5) hours for a team from the start of one game until the start of the next game.
- c. A technical foul shall be assessed against a team that crossed the half court line for the purpose of intimidating an opponent.

7. Uniforms and Equipment:

All requirements outlined in the OFSAA General Uniform Policy must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- a. **Sport Specific:**
 - i. Uniforms must be in accordance with either the National Federation Rule Book or the FIBA rule book.
 - ii. Teams should provide a second set of uniforms or a set of legally numbered markers of a different colour in case two opposing teams have the same colour uniforms.
 - iii. Students will be permitted to wear any athletic shoes. No flashing lights or other adornments are permitted.
- b. Game balls be provided by the Tournament Committee.

8. Awards:

- a. OFSAA gold, silver, bronze and antique bronze medallions eighteen (18) shall be

presented to the members of the top four (4) teams in each Championship.

- b. The school represented by the Championship team shall receive an OFSAA banner to be retained by the school.
- c. The winners of the Consolation rounds shall receive a plaque to be retained by the schools.

9. Supervision:

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- a. For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit...", a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- b. For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athletes(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

10. Deportment:

- a. Definitions:
 - i. A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
 - ii. A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- b. Codes of Behaviour:
 - i. All participants are expected to abide by the, Rules of Behaviour Policy for Participants to OFSAA Championships.
 - ii. Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
 - iii. Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the Rules of Behaviour Policy.
 - iv. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics Policy for Coaches to OFSAA Championships.
 - v. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Recruitment Policy.
 - vi. Spectators shall adhere to the Code of Behaviour Policy for Spectators.
 - vii. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Return to Play Policy.
 - viii. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing

drugs, medication and food supplements.

- c. No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championships.

11. Social:

- a. If a social event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.
- b. Participants are expected to wear “dress casual” attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.
- c. Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.

12. Medical:

Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band aids, ice packs) for their athletes.

13. Protest Committee:

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- a. The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest. Head official in some cases should be asked to sit on the Protest Committee.
- b. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- c. A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- d. The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
 - i. Officials’ decisions
 - ii. Eligibility of transfer students
- e. Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches’ meeting.
- f. The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event

due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).

- g. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.
- h. A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

Sport Specific Directives

1. Championship Structure and Procedure:

- a. Convenors requesting exceptions to the Playing Schedules must receive approval from the Chairperson of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Basketball in consultation with the OFSAA office.
- b. Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.

2. Entry:

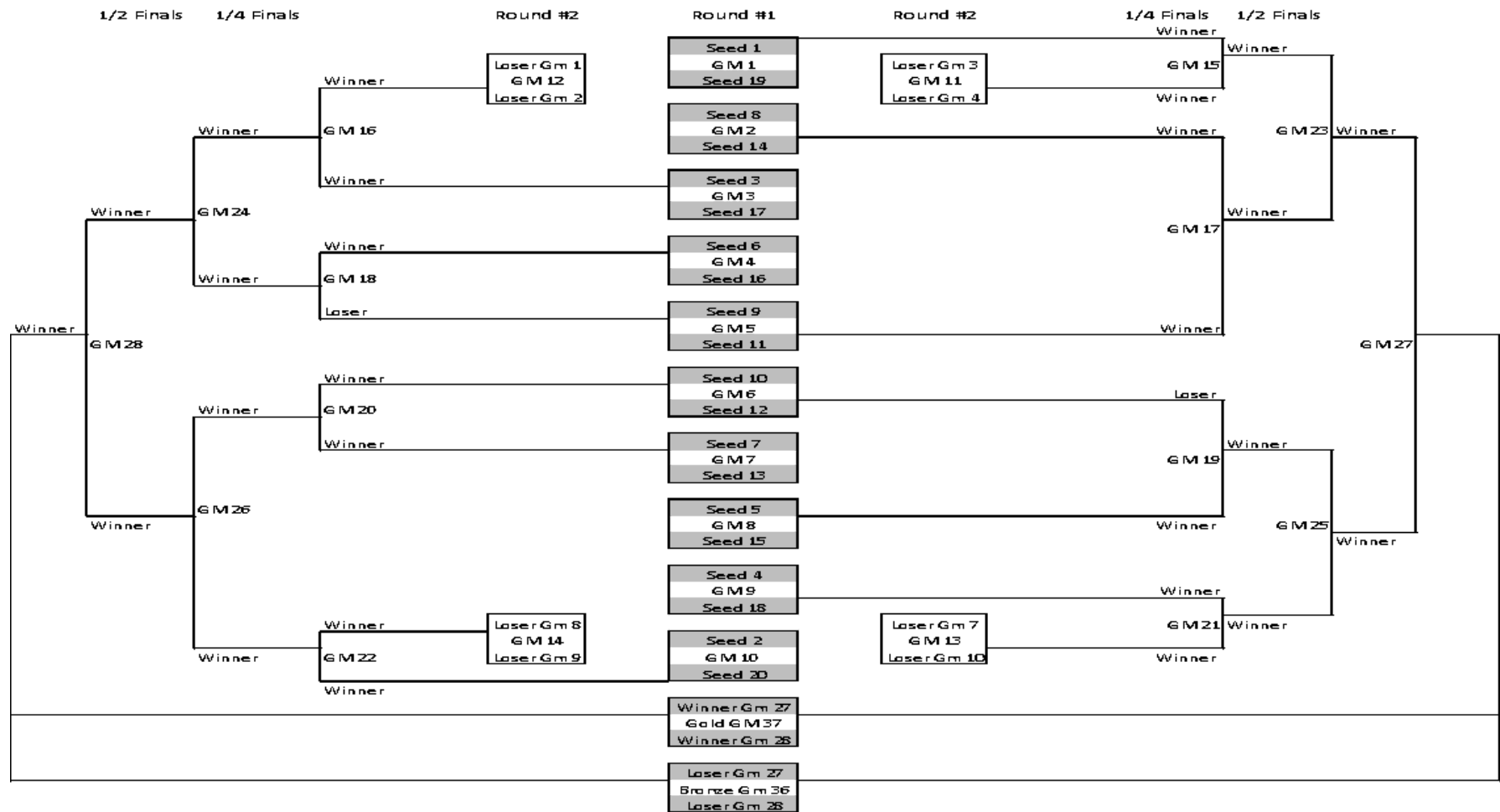
The host Association may have an additional entry as determined by the Association.

3. Seeding:

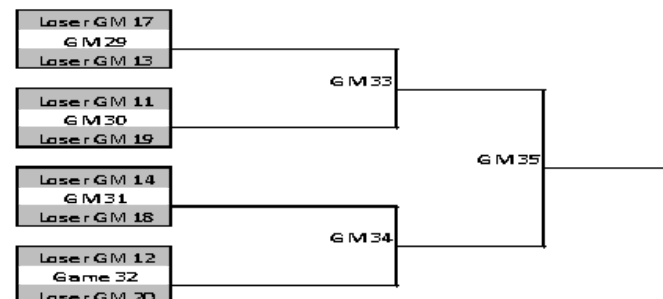
- a. For all Championships, the entire draw shall be seeded.
- b. The following criteria will be considered to determine a team's seed position:
 - i. Overall Record
 - ii. League Record
 - iii. Common Opponents
 - iv. Strength of Schedule
 - v. Previous Association Results
 - vi. Association Strength
 - vii. Strength of Roster
 - viii. Coach assessment of appropriate seed
- c. The convenor shall choose a committee for the purpose of seeding teams in consultation with the OFSAA liaison responsible for the event. Final approval shall be given by the OFSAA office and the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee before publishing the final seeding order.

- d. The seeded draw for a 20 team championship shall be as follows:

OFSA BASKETBALL 20 TEAM DRAW

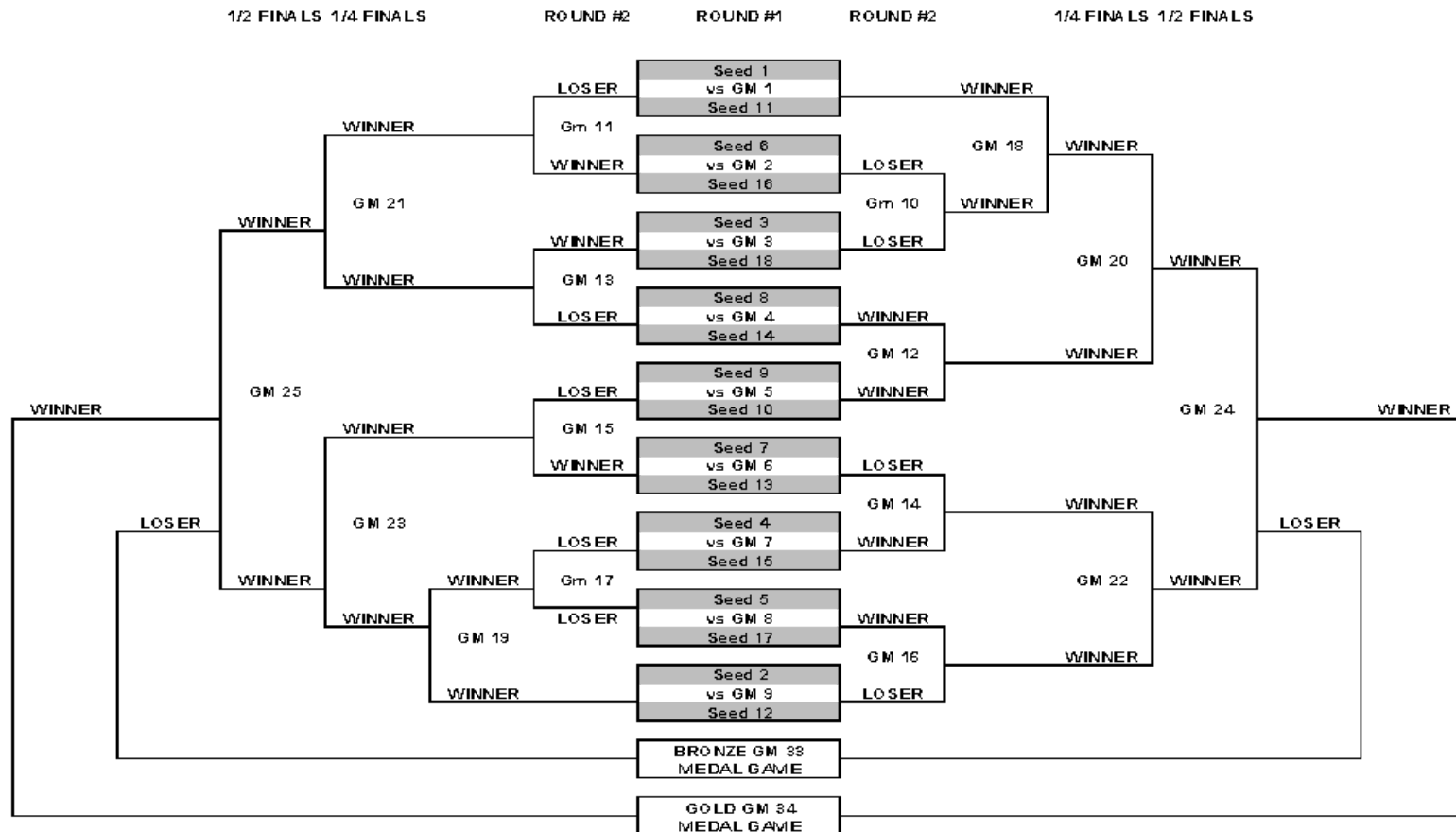


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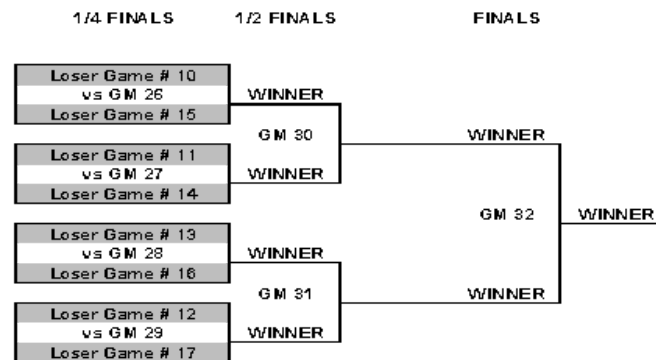


- e. The seeded draw for an 18 team championship shall be as follows:

OFSSA BASKETBALL 18 TEAM DRAW



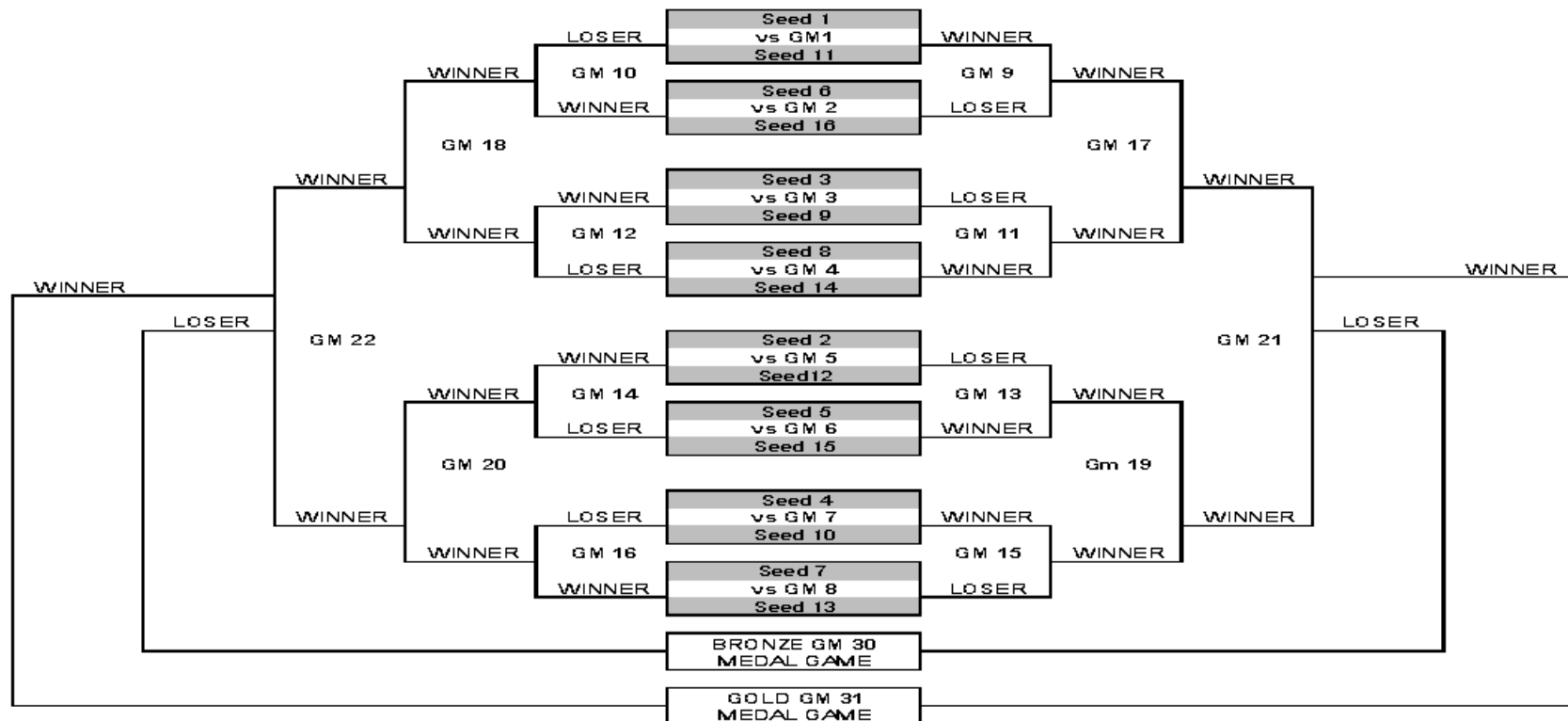
CONSOLATION ROUND



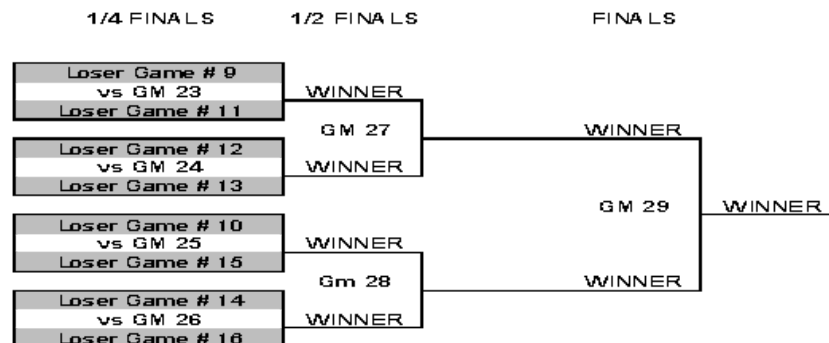
- f. The seeded draw for a 16 team championship shall be as follows:

OFSAA BASKETBALL 16 TEAM DRAW

1/2 FINALS 1/4 FINALS ROUND #2 ROUND #1 ROUND #2 1/4 FINALS 1/2 FINALS



CONSOLATION ROUND



4. Officials:

- a. Officials shall be selected as per the OABO agreement.
- b. OFSAA Championships shall be officiated by two-person teams of officials.
- c. Tournament Convenors shall be responsible for obtaining the best officials possible through the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials. Convenors of the OFSAA championships have the right to submit a list of officials to their local OABO board from which the required number of officials may be selected. Convenors are also responsible for supplying and training of minor officials (scorers, timers, etc.) prior to the start of the championship.
- d. The head official must attend the coaches' meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the first game, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

5. Facilities and equipment:

- a. For all OFSAA Championships gyms used must meet minimum court regulations of 84' in length and 50' in width. For "A" competition, application to use a smaller court may be made to the Sport Advisory Committee Chairperson if (a) such a court is to be used only up to and including the quarter-finals and in the event that (b) only one "regulation court" exists within the community or close (10 miles/16.2 km) surroundings.
- b. For all levels of competition, there must be a minimum of four feet (apron) between the end or side walls (bleachers) and the out-of-bounds line. All OFSAA safety guidelines (such as those dealing with protective wall coverings in the key area) must be followed. Any protrusions into this "apron" must be noted in the "Application to Host an OFSAA Event".
- c. It is preferable that the floors be of wood and the backboards of glass.
- d. Where the courts are of approximately equal "playing quality" but have significantly different seating capacity, the semi-finals and finals should be played in the gym with the larger capacity.
- e. Requests for an exemption to any of the aforementioned criteria should be made to the Sport Advisory Committee Chairperson through the Staff Liaison at least four weeks prior to the Representative Council Meeting at which the bid(s) will be considered. Written confirmation of such an exemption should accompany the bid.
- f. No game shall be scheduled earlier than 9:00am or later than 9:00pm.
- g. For the twenty (20) team draw, it is recommended that three (3) gyms are used in order to host the championship.
- h. Game balls shall be provided by the Tournament Committee.

6. Medical:

- a. Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate Policy on hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases.
- b. Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s).

***All Federation Championships/Festivals are non-smoking and non-vaping events.
This includes the use of all tobacco and vaping related products.***

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.

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