

# The Grade 9 Girls' Volleyball Challenge Cup

For the past seven years, a group of us have operated a Grade 9 girls' volleyball "league" that gave these girls games and playoffs that they would not get otherwise. If you want to participate, you can control everything including the amount of money spent, the number of games played, the number of "on call" minutes used-everything.

## The League

Each participating school will be responsible for setting up its own regular season and playoff schedule based on its financial and "on call" limitations (if any). You could play all home games, all away games or a combination of that. You can play before school, during class, after school or weekends. You can play just in February or just until exams. You can play one game every two weeks or two games in one day. You can play just the teams close to you, travel around the region or whatever you wish. At the end of the season, teams that have played at least 4 matches on at least 2 playdates will be asked if they want to participate in the playoff tournament.

## The Playoffs

The playoff tournament will begin at the tail end of the ROPSSAA playoffs when there will be a better opportunity for gym availability (current proposed date is Thursday, February 21, 2019). We made a successful appeal to ROPSSAA to convert the old bantam girls' trophy to the one given to the champions of our league.

## The Rules

As we may have girls who will be playing for their junior team, we will use all of the playing regulations for the ROPSSAA junior girls with the only exception being the part about officials and game times. The competing schools only need to pre-arrange the number of games that will be played and the type of officiating. The host school may suggest a best 2 of 3 with an OVA official or 4 games straight with a senior student refereeing. This allows each school to spend what their budget and time will allow. Game times will be determined by the participants as well since they might be part of an all-afternoon tournament or an after-school match.

## The Administration

Once you determine your schedule, I put it on a master calendar. Score reporting (if necessary) is done via an email to me by the winning coach and I will send out results (if necessary) on a regular basis. Final deadlines for entering the league, reporting scores and declaring playoff intentions will be determined by me and communicated to you once I know how many schools plan on participating. The good news is that there are no fines or penalties but you also are waiving your right to appeal. If you have any questions, please see me after the pre-season meeting or contact me.