

March 5th, 2009

To: BCSS membership

From: Randy Semenoff (BCSS 1st Vice President)

Re: Questionnaire

BCSS would like to thank those schools that responded to the questionnaire. 105 schools responded to the questionnaire. The results of the questionnaire are as follows:

1. Do you agree with current tiering classification?

Yes - 58% No- 42%

2. Some commissions allow teams to change tier status. Some do not. Ex. Rugby allows teams to apply for change, while girl's volleyball does not.

Commissions **should have the flexibility** to change tier status? Yes- 96% No- 4%

All commissions **should not** allow teams to change tier status. Yes- 8% No- 92%

All commissions **should allow** teams to change tier status. Yes- 67% No- 33%

3. It was suggested that tiering classification could be based on **win/loss record** from year to year. Commissions would be responsible for creating tiers, with input from the membership, based on win/loss record. Would you support this proposal?

Yes- 32% No- 68%

4. Should BCSS have two Provincial Championships? One for Public schools and one for Independent/Private schools.

Yes- 38% No- 62%

5. Would you support the idea of creating tiers based on open vs competitive? Teams would have to declare in September, if they are open or competitive.

Yes- 44% No- 56%

March 4th , 2009

To: BCSS Membership

From: Randy Semenoff (BCSS 1st Vice President)

Re: Questionnaire

Summary of Comments

1. Do you agree with current tiering classification?

- I heard there were some concerns with numbers in golf.
- Change numbers A= 0-100 AA=101-200 AAA =201-more
- Too many private schools have club teams that make their school teams very strong in a particular sport. The imbalance drives coaches and players away from sport.
- Tiering should be based on ability and competitiveness and not just numbers.
- Population is the best option. There is no perfect system.
- I agree with the numbers, but disagree with the play-off format.
- We should go to 4(four) tiers in all sports like Alberta.
- Some "AAA" schools are almost twice the size of other "AAA" schools.
- Tiering should be based on numbers of students in grades 10-12 who participate in extra-curricular sports.
- Boy's rugby commission is an excellent example. Teams can appeal to change tier status.
- "AAA" schools should be able to choose where they play. Numbers are not the answer.
- "A" numbers should be 110 to allow public schools to compete against one sport private schools.
- Ideally tiers should encompass 33% of the membership. If there are three tiers. Does it?
- Basketball should have 4 (four) tiers.
- How old are the tiering numbers? 1980's when was the last time they were reviewed?
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2. Commissions should have the flexibility to change tier status?

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- Commissions should be given the flexibility to respond to direction provided by their members.
- If a school program is weak despite being a large school, they should be permitted to move down.

3. It was suggested that tiering classification could be based on win/loss record from year to year. Commissions would be responsible for creating tiers, with input from the membership, based on win/loss record. Would you support this proposal?

- Would be too hard to coordinate from year to year.
- I do not see any merit in this idea.
- It should be win lose record of WHO you play.
- This suggests a successful team must move up and an unsuccessful should move down. No teams should be forced to change.
- Too easy to get into a lower tier just to win.
- Being successful one year does not mean success the next year.
- Too hard to keep stats.

4. Should BCSS have two Provincial Championships? One for Public schools and one for Independent/Private schools.

- I'm tired of the recruitment and out of season play committed by schools. Overall, most schools play by the rules, but it is unfortunate that some schools break rules and do not care.
- The ability for private schools to offer scholarships allows them to recruit players. This creates an unequal playing field for schools who cannot offer scholarships.
- Create a super league or extra tier with private schools. Allow public schools to join if they want.
- Although recruiting is not supposed to happen, there are too many reasons students can claim for attending certain private schools that are not available for those attending public schools.
- Private and independent schools should play along side public schools in their proper classification (by size).
- Most schools who win consistently have dedicated coaches and good programs, not because coaches are being paid.
- "Recruiting" is done in both systems. We need to put more teeth in the rules or abandon.
- Schools should not be punished for running good programs.
- The exception would be where a private school has dominated over a period of time.

- The “A” tier includes private schools teams from large centres which have a larger pool to draw from. The “A” tier was created for small rural areas which private schools are not.
- This would increase costs and further segregate schools. Any school can get outside coaching.
- Some Independent schools have stricter entrance rules than public schools (CISVA).

5. Would you support the idea of creating tiers based on open vs competitive? Teams would have to declare in September, if they are open or competitive.

- If schools want to play in an open division they should try to organize exhibition games outside of league play.
- Some schools already play exhibition schedules.
- Maybe this would bring back the “casual” who is not so intent on winning.
- This could tap into a new source of recreational player. Increase participation.
- If teams want to be in non-competitive leagues, they should not have provincial finals.

6. Other comments.

- I think it is an issue of compliance. The way some schools skirt around the issues is wrong and it is making a lot of other schools look bad.
- What we need to do is train more coaches in the area of ethics.
- Some school expect great results from their schools, others do not.
- Rural schools should have their own championships. We struggle every year to have teams.
- Rural schools need funding to attend provincials.
- Some schools have active programs and recruit international students.
- BCSS should look into schools that run specialized sport programs. Should these schools be able to compete in BCSS Championships?