



BC School Sports Aquatics  
Annual General Meeting / Coaches Info  
November 17, 2017 8:30am  
Watermania, Richmond, BC

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## AGENDA

8:30am Sign-In: Meeting Room A/B Watermania

8:40am AGM

1. Welcome and Introductions - Michelle Rapier
2. Adoption of Agenda and 2016 AGM minutes
3. Meet Information for Coaches - Mika Sato and Barry Parish
4. Treasurer's Report - Kris Hildebrand
5. Changes as per 2016 AGM
  - a. Tiering and banner changes
  - b. Eligibility changes for swimmers who competed with SNC number
6. New Business
  - a. Committee to put together policy and procedures manual
  - b. B swimmers competing in A events – same stroke
  - c. BCSS rezoning proposal
  - d. Motions:

**Motion #1: To eliminate the wording and allowing of (single gender schools may combine for the purpose of making a mixed relay team).**

**Proposed by:** David Nackoney of Penticton Secondary School.

**Seconded by:** Steve Grant Athletic Director of Penticton Secondary School

### **Rationale:**

My name is David Nackoney and I am a teacher at Penticton Secondary School. I have coached basketball for 30 years and work with the biggest hockey academy in Canada so I have a pretty good feel for sports.

I would like to suggest the above statement gives certain schools a distinct advantage over other schools. In all my time in sports I have never seen an advantage given to certain teams over others when they compete. Swimming is a sport of seconds or less. Provincial Champions can be decided by a single point. Everything matters !!

In this case private schools of the same gender get to combine with other private schools of the opposite gender. Points are split from mixed relays and brought back to their team. That is in itself is an advantage.

A few points I would like to make regarding the above topic.

- Schools have made the choice to become single gender. To change this for competition seems self-serving.

- Who decides what schools get to combine with others. Would it be fair for a school in Kelowna to combine with a school in Victoria. What about different sized schools. It seems like two of the best schools are combining for points. Who decides this?
- Many schools that may have the need to combine for various reasons do not get this concessions. Small schools may not have enough competitors to form a relay team. Do they now get to combine with other schools. Some schools do not have enough “b” level swimmers to form a relay team. Do they now get to combine with other schools? Can you imagine the implications this would make.
- BC school sports is supposed to establish a level playing field for all teams. How is it fair when it seems private schools have a distinct advantage over other schools? Some would argue they already have a distinct advantage in attracting top-level student athletes through recruiting and scholarships that public schools do not have.
- Is there any other sport in the Province that is allowed to combine with another school and compete at the Provincial level. Again in my 30 years of coaching I have not seen an advantage like this.

In the spirit of sport, I have to say that even if the advantage was available for a team I coached, I would never use it to my advantage. I am not sure how you can say you won a Provincial championship for your school when you were combined with another school. If you win a Provincial title should you not indicate that two schools were involved?

**Motion #2: To change the definition and wording of the A/B swimmer category to read as follows:**

**A Category:**

If a swimmer has competed in a winter meet between Sept 1st-April 30th with a SNC number then he or she is classified as an A category swimmer.

Any swimmer may compete in the A Category

No SNC number is required to swim in the A Category.

Swim Academy athletes are classified as A Category swimmers.

**B Category:**

Any swimmer not classified as an A category swimmer may compete in the B Category.

Any swimmer registered in an 'A' category event may not compete in the corresponding 'B' category event.

Any swimmer registered in an 'A' category relay may not compete in the corresponding 'B' category relay.

**Proposed by:** Kris Hildebrand, VanTech High

**Seconded by:**

**7. Date and Location for next two Aquatics Provincial Champs (tentative)**

- November 16,17 2018 Watermania, Richmond BC
- November 15,16 2019 Watermania, Richmond BC

**8. Nominations, Elections and Bursaries**

- Bursaries to be presented prior to finals Saturday
- Aquatics Commission as of 2016 AGM

**Commissioner: Michelle Rapier**

**President: Kerrie Turner**

**Treasurer: Kris Hildebrand**

**Secretary: Laurel Laturus**

**Member at large: Chris Read**  
**Member at large: Jenn Girard (Mc Math)**  
**Member at large: vacant**

- **Zone Reps for 2016/2017**
  - Fraser Valley: Heike Beer, Cecilia Rodriguez-Lang (Southridge)**
  - Kootenays: Deanna Holitzki**
  - North Central: Pete Jesperson**
  - NS/NS/Bur: Gerry Karvelis**
  - Van/Rich: Chris Read**
  - Van Island: Laurel Latusus**
  - Okanagan: Graham Gale**

**9. Any Other Business**

**10. Motion to Adjourn**