

2019 BCSS AGM NOTICES OF MOTION



IMPORTANT NOTE ON BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

At the 2017 AGM, the Board of Directors introduced a “Board Recommendation” to accompany each motion. The rationale for this practice is that with over 450 voting members, this could be used as a tool to engage and educate Principals and Athletic Directors and to better inform them as to the intent and impact of each motion. In an effort to bring a more multi-sport and provincial wide approach to the organization, the Board felt making a recommendation was an appropriate way to provide some guidance for those who may not be as familiar with BCSS policy.

In response, the Board received both positive and negative feedback last year. Some were very appreciative of the guidance, and felt it was very useful in order to fully understand the potential implications of a particular motion. Others, however, felt that the Board recommendation had an influence on the outcome of the motions, and that it was inappropriate for the Board to do so.

Taking all this into consideration, the Board decided that, given the challenge of our governance structure with the sheer number of voting members, and the challenge for everyone to fully understand how a motion aligned with other BCSS policies and principles, it was important to provide that guidance. Moreover, the Board members frequently speak to various motions at the AGM, effectively providing this guidance. For those voting in advance of the meeting, this provides the same information.

To be clear, this is simply a recommendation from the Board and a bit of context as to why they made it. There is no requirement from any member school to follow the recommendation. It is natural that a school may disagree with the Board on occasion, and the Board wishes to make it explicitly clear that these are recommendations for those wishing to receive some guidance and further context; however, each school has the right to vote how they want, regardless of the Board recommendation.

- BCSS Board of Directors



BCSS Annual General Meeting, April 27, 2019

Agenda Item 6

APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

Appointment of the Auditor

Current:

Eva Lee Inc.

Proposed:

The firm of Eva Lee Inc. be appointed as the BC School Sports Auditor for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Management and Board are satisfied with the current relationship and process.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

Moved By: David Thompson (Lopez)

Seconded By: MEI (Thiessen)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

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BCSS Annual General Meeting, April 27, 2019

Agenda Item 7

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

Notice #1: 1.0.0 Categories of Membership

Current:

1.1.0 As per BC School Sports Bylaw 2.2 {Classes of Membership}, BC School Sports has one (1) class of membership:

MEMBER SCHOOL (voting) – A school in British Columbia that is accredited by the Ministry of Education as an elementary-junior secondary, elementary-secondary, middle school, junior secondary, senior secondary, distributed learning school, alternate school or non-public school in funding group classifications 1, 2 or 3, and includes full-time students in any or all of grades seven (7) through twelve (12), and fulfills the requirements of membership in BC School Sports.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

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Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Inconsistent with current practice, eligibility rules and graduation rules.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Eliminate conflicting policy.

Moved By: Kelowna Christian (Martens)

Seconded By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- This will not have any direct effect on grade 7 policy, and changes to those areas will be done in its own motion.
- BCSS has always been thought to be and operated as a grade 8-12 organization and this correction will eliminate confusion. Any change to the grade 8-12 structure can be entertained but would require significant exploration and discussion from the membership.

Notice #2: 2.0.0 Membership Registration

Current:

2.0.0 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2.1.0 MEMBER SCHOOLS – At the end of August each year, BC School Sports will send membership registration packages to all member schools from the previous year. The packages will be sent to the school athletic director of record. Contained in the membership registration package will be:

- Invoice for membership fee,
- Two (2) copies of the BC School Sports Handbook,
- Two (2) copies of the BC School Sports Wall Calendar.

Member school administrators will also receive a package containing a handbook and a wall calendar. Member schools must submit the membership fee by **September 30, 2018**. The membership year will run from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

2.0.0 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

2.1.0 SCHOOL REGISTRATION - In August, school administrators must declare their school's intent to become a member of BC School Sports for the upcoming school year. Once the school has declared membership, they will receive an invoice for membership fees.

2.1.1 The membership year will run from September 1 to August 31. Member schools must pay their membership fee to BCSS by **September 30th**.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Currently we assume membership every year, with no actual dialogue from the school, even when administration changes.
- New Administrators often have very little knowledge of BCSS rules or expectations, despite being ultimately responsible for the school programs.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Increased awareness and ownership of BCSS membership by school administrators.
- Efficiency for accounting by not creating invoices for schools who have no intention of joining.
- Increased efficiency operationally for invoicing and updating contacts.

Moved By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Seconded By: Kelowna Christian (Martens)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- BCSS will create a STARS profile for admin to complete and update the school contact information.

Notice #3: 2.3.0 BCSS Handbook

Current:

N/A

Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

2.3.0 BCSS HANDBOOK

The BCSS Handbook is published and mailed to member schools every year. The official and current copy of the Handbook shall be the version published on the [BC School Sports website](#).

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- On occasion, there are changes made to policy after printing the handbook.
- This policy is used in many other provinces. Some states are not even printing a Handbook any longer.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Understanding of where to find the most current copy of the BCSS Handbook

Moved By: MEI (Thiessen)

Seconded By: David Thompson (Lopez)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Recommendation

Comments:

- Changes to policy after an AGM are extremely rare, and always happen with a detailed memo to the membership which will continue to be the practice. However, where necessary, policy can be changed as required, and be found in the official version of the handbook.
- Any changes from the Board will be identified in the Handbook as such and are required to come to the next meeting of the membership.

Notice #4: 6.0.0 Membership Fees**Current:**

6.1.0 MEMBER FEES – Fees for member schools are charged on an annual basis. Schools receive invoices by September 1, 2018 and payment is due **September 30, 2018**. The school populations will be calculated from the Ministry of Education Headcount Reports for the previous school year, which was submitted by each school to the Ministry of Education. This information is taken from the following website for all member schools: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca>. Included in the headcount are all full-time students in grades eight (8) through twelve (12), plus the ungraded students at the secondary level. 2018-2019 membership fees per school population category are:

<i>Category</i>	<i>School Population</i>	<i>Sr. Grades</i>	<i>Jr. Secondary</i>	<i>Mid. School</i>
1	1400+	\$2,190.00	\$1,455.00	\$360.00
2	1000 - 1399	\$1,830.00	\$1,235.00	\$360.00
3	600 - 999	\$1,455.00	\$1,056.00	\$360.00
4	351 - 599	\$1,015.00	\$500.00	\$185.00
5	176 - 350	\$705.00	\$345.00	\$185.00
6	76 - 175	\$360.00	\$240.00	\$100.00
7	1 - 75	\$225.00	\$140.00	\$100.00
8A	Alternate Schools	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
8DL	Distributed Learning	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

An additional new school discount of \$35 (Category + 7 middle), \$50 (Categories 6 + 7 senior & junior), \$80 (all Category 4 + 5), or \$100 (all Category 1, 2 & 3) will be allowed for newly opened public schools for the first three (3) years of their existence, as assistance in getting their athletic program started.

32.3.0 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL'S TEAM – Middle/Junior member school athletes whose feeder school (senior school) has a Membership Category of five (5) or higher can apply to “play up” to the senior member school that they would normally attend if, by the roster registration deadline (see 27.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, athletic directors, students, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The middle/junior school must be a member in good standing. The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the appropriate form. Senior member schools must not register these student-athletes in STARS as an enrollee of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

35.0.0 JOINTLY SPONSORED TEAMS

35.4.0 To maintain the competitive balance and ensure a fair field of play, a joint school team may be approved but the ability for the team to compete in playoffs, zones and championships may be restricted based on the following:

- 35.4.1 Member schools who join together and have a combined “category” total of 11 or higher as found in Membership Fees (6.1.0) are eligible to compete in all competition in a BCSS activity (playoffs, zones and provincials);
- 35.4.2 Member schools who join together and have a combined “category” total of 10 or lower in the Membership Fees Categories (6.1.0) are not eligible to compete in any post season competition beyond a local or Tier II championship in BCSS activity.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

6.1.0 MEMBER FEES – Fees for member schools are charged on an annual basis. Schools receive invoices by September 1, and payment is due **September 30**. The school populations will be calculated from the Ministry of Education Headcount Reports for the previous school year, which was submitted by each school to the Ministry of Education. This information is taken from the following website for all member schools: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca>. Included in the headcount are all full-time students in grades eight (8) through twelve (12), plus the ungraded students at the secondary level. Membership fees per school population category are:

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<u>4</u>	176 - 350	\$705.00	\$345.00	\$185.00
<u>3</u>	76 - 175	\$360.00	\$240.00	\$100.00
<u>2</u>	1 - 75	\$225.00	\$140.00	\$100.00
<u>1A</u>	Alternate Schools	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<u>1DL</u>	Distributed Learning	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

An additional new school discount of \$35 (Category + 2 middle), \$50 (Categories 2 + 3 senior & junior), \$80 (all Category 4 + 5), or \$100 (all Category 8, 7 & 6) will be allowed for newly opened public schools for the first three (3) years of their existence, as assistance in getting their athletic program started.

32.3.0 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL'S TEAM – Middle/Junior member school athletes whose feeder school (senior school) has a Membership Category of four (4) or lower can apply to “play up” to the senior member school that they would normally attend if, by the roster registration deadline (see 27.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, athletic directors, students, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The middle/junior school must be a member in good standing. The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the appropriate form. Senior member schools must not register these student-athletes in STARS as an enrollee of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

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- 35.4.1 Member schools who join together and have a combined “category” total of eight (8) or lower as found in Membership Fees (6.1.0) are eligible to compete in all competition in a BCSS activity (playoffs, zones and provincials);
- 35.4.2 Member schools who join together and have a combined “category” total of nine (9) or higher in the Membership Fees Categories (6.1.0) are not eligible to compete in any post season competition beyond a local or Tier II championship in BCSS activity.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- This is a housekeeping motion, with no impact on actual application of the rule.
- By reversing the way the numbers work for school categories, it eliminates issues caused by three schools joining together under the joint team policy and having combined total of eleven or more allowing them to be eligible for post season play.
- More intuitive to have larger numbers with larger school sizes.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Eliminate a loophole where three teams forming joint teams would be automatically eligible for post season play.
- Make membership categories easier for everyone to understand.

Moved By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Seconded By: Kelowna Christian (Martens)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

- This is a housekeeping motion, there is not change in the intent of the policy.

Notice #5: 6.2.0 Legal Contingency Fund

Current:

6.2.0 In May 1997, the membership approved the establishment of a BC School Sports Legal Contingency Fund to be used in the event of legal action being taken against the association. The Legal Contingency Fund will be maintained at about \$50,000 with annual surcharges being added to membership fees as required.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

6.2.0 The Board of Directors, consistent with their responsibility to set dues for the membership, will apply a legal fund surcharge as required to maintain a Legal Contingency Fund specifically to handle the prevention or response to legal action taken against the organization. The target balance of this contingency is \$50,000. A levy in the amount greater than \$100.00 per school will require membership approval.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The last legal levy was in September 2017, in the amount of \$30.00 per school.
- The Board has the responsibility to set member dues, this is consistent with that process.
- The Premise of a Legal Contingency Fund, its target balance, or the uses of its funds remain unchanged.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Enables the Board to properly execute fiduciary responsibilities to the membership.

Moved By: MEI (Thiessen)

Seconded By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- Currently, if BCSS found itself receiving notice of legal action after the AGM, there would be no way for the legal levy to be approved.

Notice #6: 6.3.0 CIAAA Athletic Director Membership Fee

Current:

N/A

Proposed: To add To Remove To amend

3.0.0 BASIC SERVICES
• CIAAA Membership for one (1) Athletic Director at each member school

6.3.0 CIAAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP FEE
On an annual basis, member schools in membership categories 1-7 will be charged a \$50.00 CIAAA Athletic Director Membership Fee, which will provide CIAAA membership for the AD of record in STARS.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- AD's are one of the most critical positions in any school. Membership with CIAAA provides access to resources, support, training and more, while providing recognition to the role of AD.
- By including membership in BCSS fees, it provides great benefit to all members, encourages use of the resources, and eliminates the hurdle of opting in and requiring permission.
- This type of partnership exists with Alberta & Saskatchewan with great success.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Reduce turnover in the AD role as AD's will be more prepared to succeed in their roles.
- Recognition of the importance of AD's within a school setting.

Moved By: David Thompson (Lopez)

Seconded By: MEI (Thiessen)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

- The Board recognizes the hurdles in front of AD's, and has seen the success other provinces have had in providing support and resources to AD's through partnership with CIAAA.
- BCSS has worked hard to secure value for our schools with an agreement that every new AD will receive their first course for free (\$100 value). Additionally, their second year they will receive a course at 50% off, and then for every year after that they will receive a \$25 credit towards a course, workshop or conference.
- CIAAA offers 17 Leadership Training Courses (LTC) in three main areas:
 - Foundational Courses (Strategies & Methods, Legal, Philosophy)
 - Operation and Management
 - Leadership
- CIAAA offers a 3 level certification program as well as a partnership with Grace College for a Masters Degree that is recognized in BC. LTC courses can be used for course equivalency for the Masters Program.

Current:

10.2.0 ADMINISTRATORS' COMMITTEE

10.2.1 **COMPOSITION** – The BC School Sports Administrators' Committee will consist of one (1) representative from each of the designated zones of the Society. Zone administrator representatives will be appointed for a two (2) year term. The Administrators' Committee will be chaired by the appointed BC PVP Representative to the BC School Sports Advisory Committee.

10.2.2 **MEETINGS** – The Administrators' Committee will meet once per year, between September and February.

10.2.3 **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY** – The Administrators' Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the BC School Sports membership. The committee's recommendations will most likely be in the areas of:

- School timetables and extracurricular activities,
- Lost instructional time,
- Travel costs,
- Competitive schedules,
- District policies and support or withdrawal of support,
- Gender equity,
- Age group equity,
- Community coaches,
- School team supervision,
- Expectations of behavior for coaches and students,
- Requirements of membership.

The Administrators' Committee may submit resolutions directly to the Annual General Meeting, submit recommendations to the Board of Directors for consideration or refer an issue to a specific standing or ad hoc committee of BC School Sports.

10.3.0 COACHING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10.3.1 **COMPOSITION** – The BC School Sports Coaching Development Committee will consist of up to five (5) representatives from the membership. Applications will be solicited by the Board of Directors. Appointments to the committee will be made by the Board of Directors for a minimum two (2) year term. Committee members may be re-appointed.

10.3.2 **MEETINGS** – The Coaching Development Committee shall meet at least once per year.

10.3.3 **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY** – The Coaching Development Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the BC School Sports membership regarding the association's programming involvement in coaching development.

10.4.0 COMPETITIVE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10.4.1 **COMPOSITION** – The Competitive Standards Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members appointed by the BC School Sports Board of Directors from applications solicited from the membership. Appointment consideration shall be given to geographical representation and representation from both individual and team sports. At least one (1) member of the committee must be a current member of the Council of Sport Commissioners, and one (1) member should be a school-based administrator. Members of the Competitive Standards Committee shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, and be eligible for re-appointment. The Competitive Standards Committee shall elect a chairperson from amongst its members. The chairperson will be responsible to the membership through the Board of Directors, and shall be non-voting.

10.4.2 **MEETINGS** – The BC School Sports Competitive Standards Committee will meet as necessary. The committee may conduct their meetings by conference call or other means for expediency.

10.4.3 **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY** – The Competitive Standards Committee has three (3) areas of responsibility:

10.4.3.1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Make recommendations to the membership, and ensure the maintenance of regulations for standards and organizational excellence for all BC School Sports approved sport championships,
- Receive submissions and make recommendations to the Board of Directors and/or member schools in accordance with the championship standards regulations.

10.4.3.2 SEASONS OF PLAY

- Review the seasons of play regulations on a regular basis, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors and/or member schools for revisions, additions or deletions as necessary.

10.4.3.3 OTHER COMPETITIVE AREAS

- Make recommendations with reference to age group competition opportunities,
- Make recommendations with reference to competitive opportunities and sport development in school sport,
- Make recommendations regarding medical coverage at competitions and for other risk management issues, and
- Research and develop best practices documentation and information for competition organizers and participants.

10.5.0 DISCIPLINARY APPEALS COMMITTEE

10.5.1 **COMPOSITION** – The BC School Sports Disciplinary Appeals Committee will consist of ten (10) members:

10.5.1.1 At least one (1) member per BC School Sports designated zone, with a maximum of two (2) per zone, and appointed by the BC School Sports Board of Directors from applications solicited from the membership;

10.5.1.2 The chairperson is appointed by BC School Sports Board of Directors and is not included as a zone representative; and

10.5.1.3 The Appeal Hearing Panel, for any one hearing, will consist of a minimum of three (3) members, not including the chairperson who is non-voting. The chairperson will select the personnel for each Appeal Hearing Panel.

10.5.2 **MEETINGS** – An Appeal Hearing Panel will meet as needed, and in accordance with the Disciplinary Appeal procedures approved by the BC School Sports membership. The Appeal Hearing Panel may meet by conference call.

10.5.3 **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

10.5.3.1 The BC School Sports Disciplinary Appeal Committee will act as the only level of appeal for a disciplinary matter filed under 24.2.14.

10.5.3.2 The BC School Sports Disciplinary Appeal Committee will also act as the appeal body for any decision made by the Advisory Committee concerning a harassment matter (see 12.0.0 for harassment policy). The decisions made by the BC School Sports Disciplinary Appeals Committee are final and binding on all parties, and no decision, order, direction or ruling of the committee shall be questioned or reviewed in any court and no order shall be made or process entered or proceeding taken in any court whether by way of injunction, declaratory judgement, prohibition or otherwise to question, review, prohibit or restrain the committee or any of its proceedings.

10.6.0 ELIGIBILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

10.6.1 **COMPOSITION** – The BC School Sports Eligibility Appeals Committee consists of six (6) appointees of the Board of Directors of BC School Sports for a two (2) year term.

10.6.1.1 **CHAIRPERSON OR DESIGNATE** – If the Eligibility Appeals Committee Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, or declares a conflict of interest with a particular appeal, the chairperson may designate another member of the Eligibility Appeals Committee to chair the meeting or portion thereof. The individual assuming the position of chairperson is non-voting while in the chair.

10.6.1.2 **MINIMUM NUMBERS TO HEAR AN APPEAL** – No fewer than three (3) members of the Eligibility Appeals Committee must be in attendance in order that appeals can be heard.

10.6.1.3 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – No fewer than three (3) members of the Eligibility Appeals Committee must declare that they have no conflict of interest in a particular appeal for the appeal to be heard.

10.6.2 **MEETINGS** – The BC School Sports Eligibility Appeals Committee will meet as approved by the BCSS Board of Directors but no more than nine (9) times per academic year. The Eligibility Appeals Committee may meet by conference call or video conferencing if warranted by time and expense. The manner in which the Eligibility Appeals Committee will meet is the decision of the chairperson of the Eligibility Appeals Committee. Eligibility Appeals Committee dates and submission deadlines will be published in the handbook, calendar, and on the website annually.

10.6.3 **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY** – The Eligibility Appeals Committee hears appeals from decisions of the Eligibility Officer in accordance with 38.0.0.

10.7.0 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS COMMITTEE

10.7.1 **COMPOSITION** – The BC School Sports Scholarships and Awards Committee shall consist of up to three (3) members appointed by the BC School Sports Board of Directors from applications solicited from the membership. Appointments will be for a two (2) year term. Committee members may be re-appointed.

10.7.2 **MEETINGS** – The Scholarships and Awards Committee shall meet at least once per year.

10.7.3 **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY** – The Scholarships and Awards Committee shall be responsible for making selection recommendations to the BC School Sports Board of Directors for scholarships, student bursary award programs, and all other BC School Sports annual member awards.



Remove 10.2.0 - 10.7.0 and replace with:

The Board may create committees as detailed in the Bylaws. The Terms of Reference are accessible online as they are Board approved.

10.2.0 COMPETITIVE FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

To examine all issues related to BC School Sports policy as it pertains to the goal of maintaining competitive fairness and equity and make policy recommendations to the membership in an effort to provide equitable opportunity for success amongst all member schools.

MANDATE:

The Competitive Fairness Committee shall solicit feedback, engage in research and discussion with internal and external stakeholders with the goal of making informed recommendations to the membership. Areas of focus should include, but are not limited to the differences of rural vs urban schools, independent vs public schools, the effect of international students or boarding students on competitive balance, BCSS tiering structures and philosophy, and any other policy or absence of a policy that has an impact on the ability for all schools to have an equitable opportunity to succeed. This committee does not have the authority to change policy, but is tasked with making expert recommendations to the membership for changes they believe to be in alignment with the values and goals of BC School Sports.

10.3.0 ELIGIBILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

To hear the appeals of the decisions of the Eligibility Officer(s) concerning a student-athlete's eligibility in accordance with Eligibility and Transfer Policies.

MANDATE:

The Eligibility Appeals Committee shall read, understand, discuss and evaluate each appeal on an individual basis. The committee shall then consider the information in the application and shall approve or deny the appeal, having regard of the purposes, bylaws, policies and procedures and rules and regulations of BC School Sports. The committee is granted the authority to make exemptions to the policies of the organization. The Committee shall issue a ruling to the applicant school either approving or denying the appeal and containing a brief summary of the reasons for decisions. The decisions of the Eligibility Appeals Committee are final and binding and shall not be questioned or reviewed in any court or tribunal.

10.4.0 SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

Responsible for reviewing and selecting all BCSS scholarship and award recipients against the set criteria.

MANDATE:

The Scholarship and Awards Committee shall read, discuss and evaluate each scholarship application and award nomination against the pre-determined criteria set by the BC School Sports Board of Directors. The committee shall select scholarship and award winners.

10.5.0 SPORT MEDICINE & ATHLETE SAFETY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

To examine all issues related to athlete safety of participants in school sports and make policy recommendations to the membership accordingly.

MANDATE:

The Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety Committee is a committee appointed by and responsible to the Board of Directors that shall solicit feedback, engage in research and discussion with internal and external stakeholders with the goal of making informed recommendations to the membership. Areas of focus should include, but are not limited to safety standards and risk management for school sport events, concussion education and return to learn/play protocols, injury statistics and trend identification, research opportunities, best practices education related to overuse, sport specialization, and any other policy or absence of a policy that has the ability to increase student-athlete safety and well being. This committee does not have the authority to change policy, but is tasked with making expert recommendations to the membership for changes they believe to be in alignment with the values and goals of BC School Sports.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Many of the committees currently in the handbook have been inactive for many years.
- Needed to update policy with the correct active committees and proper context.
- Full terms of reference for these committees don't need to be in policy. They are board approved and will be available on the BCSS website.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Accurate policy for the membership to understand what committees are operating and what they are mandated to do.
- Clear understanding for the governance committee to identify gaps for their work in preparing a new governance structure and committees.

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- The Board supports a clear and defined committee structure with Policy that reflects its operations.
- The Board also encourages Administrators and AD's to consider where they can contribute within these committees.

Notice #8: 19.0.0 BC School Sports Activity

Current:

N/A

Proposed:

To add To Remove To amend

19.1.1 Rugby 7's would be approved for the 2019-2020 academic year, to be played in the spring season of play as a demonstration sport. The Board and Rugby Commission will bring forward a motion next year (2020 AGM) to allow the membership to formally consider adding Rugby 7's as a recognized BCSS activity.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The sport would fall under the Spring Season of Play.
- The BCSSRU has delivered an Invitational Provincial Championship for 7-a-side Rugby for over 35 years, involving regional qualification tournaments in recent years. This would be a formalization of the current tournament structures.
- 7-a-side Rugby has become a separate & distinct discipline from 15-a-side Rugby.
- 7-a-side Rugby is now a recognized Olympic Sport, 15-a-side Rugby is not.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- To allow existing tournaments to be formally approved as a BCSS Provincial Championship for Rugby (7-a-side)
- To allow schools with smaller student populations to undertake the development of a rugby program.

Moved By: St. George's (Kern)

Seconded By: Byrne Creek (Adland)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

- The Board supports the addition of Rugby 7's but wants to ensure it is done in a safe manner. The Board has worked with the Commission to explore various concepts (tournament dates, structures, safety limits, etc.) and feel its now appropriate to trial it for a year to work out the kinks as well as gauge the effect it has on Rugby 15s.

Notice #9: 24.1.0 Recruitment and Undue Influence

Current:

- 24.1.0 RECRUITING** – BCSS is strongly opposed to the recruiting of student-athletes. Recruiting runs contrary to BCSS’s longstanding commitment to the principle that interschool athletic competition best serves the overall interests of student-athletes by being fair and balanced.
- 24.1.1 A coach, administrator, athletic director or athletic coordinator shall neither directly nor indirectly, recruit a student-athlete.
- 24.1.2 For the purposes of these Competitive Rules and Regulations, to recruit is to encourage a student-athlete to attend a school other than the school into which the student-athlete’s school feeds, for the purpose of participating in interschool sport, whether or not the student-athlete eventually attends the school.
- 24.1.3 Without limiting the generality of 24.1.2, the following are deemed to be instances of recruiting:
- 24.1.3.1 Permitting a student-athlete who is not enrolled at a given school or whose current school does not feed into the school to participate in:
- a) Team practices, workouts, camps, competition, meetings, travel, or other team activities; or
 - b) Open gyms, workouts, or similar activities intended for student-athletes enrolled at the school, without the prior agreement of the student-athlete’s current school.
- 24.1.3.2 Offering financial inducements or incentives of any kind, including, without restricting the foregoing, inducements or incentives concerning fees, accommodation or transportation, to a student-athlete who is not enrolled at a given school or whose current school does not feed into the school, in connection with a transfer by the student-athlete to the school for the purpose of participating in interschool sport;
- 24.1.3.3 Encouraging a parent or legal guardian of a student-athlete who is not enrolled at a given school or whose current school does not feed into the school, to transfer the student-athlete to the school for the purpose of participating in interschool sport; or
- 24.1.3.4 Inviting student-athletes who are not enrolled at a given school or whose school does not feed into the school, or the parents or legal guardians of such student-athletes, to attend an information session, open house, fundraising meeting, or similar event of which the primary purpose is the promotion of the school’s interschool athletic team(s) or program(s).
- 24.1.4 Where a coach is approached by a student-athlete who is not enrolled at the coach’s school or at a school feeding into the coach’s school with inquiries concerning the school’s sports teams or programs, the coach is strongly advised to direct the student-athlete to the school administration.
- 24.2.0 PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS REGARDING RECRUITING** – Nothing in these Competitive Rules and Regulations prevents parties from attempting at any time to resolve complaints regarding recruiting through informal means, whether with or without the assistance of a mediator. BCSS may maintain a roster of persons available to act as mediators for the purpose of assisting parties informally to resolve complaints regarding recruiting. A member coach who is a member of a professional association and who believes a fellow member of that association has committed a recruiting violation is encouraged to consider his/her obligations to the fellow member, if any, under the rules of that association. In all cases, BCSS encourages the informal resolution of recruiting concerns through direct communication.
- 24.2.1 A complaint regarding recruiting may:
- 24.2.1.1 Be filed only by an administrator (“the complainant”) of a member school;
 - 24.2.1.2 Be filed against one or more coaches, administrators, athletic directors, or athletic coordinators (“the respondents”) of a member school.
- 24.2.2 Subject to 24.2.3, a complaint regarding recruiting shall not be considered unless it is received by BCSS within four (4) months of the event giving rise to the complaint.
- 24.2.3 A complaint received after the time provided in 24.2.2 must contain a detailed explanation of the reasons why the complaint was not submitted within that time and may only be considered if, in the sole discretion of the Executive Director, it would be in the interests of BCSS for the complaint to be considered.
- 24.2.4 Before submitting a complaint to BCSS, the complainant must deliver the complaint to his/her administrative counterpart at the school of the respondent(s).
- 24.2.5 In submitting a complaint to BCSS, the complainant must certify in writing that he or she has contacted his/her counterpart, naming the counterpart, and that:
- 24.2.5.1 The parties have been unable to resolve the complaint; or
 - 24.2.5.2 In the complainant’s opinion, the complaint is sufficiently serious to warrant a hearing by BCSS.
- 24.2.6 A complaint delivered or submitted under these Competitive Rules and Regulations must be submitted to the Executive Director and must:
- 24.2.6.1 Be in the form approved by BCSS;
 - 24.2.6.2 Name the respondent(s);

- 24.2.6.3 Where a deemed instance of recruiting is alleged, cite the specific deeming section under 24.1.3;
- 24.2.6.4 Contain particulars of the date(s), location(s), and individual(s) involved in the event(s) giving rise to the complaint;
- 24.2.6.5 Contain particulars of the alleged statement(s) or action(s) of the respondent(s); and
- 24.2.6.6 Contain a written statement with as much detail as reasonably possible by each person whose evidence the complainant wishes BCSS to consider in connection with the complaint.
- 24.2.7 Upon receipt of a complaint, the Executive Director shall review the complaint for compliance with these Competitive Rules and Regulations. The Executive Director may make inquiries of the complainant and may request that the complainant submit additional information.
- 24.2.8 The Executive Director may at any time dismiss a complaint where he/she is of the opinion that:
 - 24.2.8.1 The complaint does not fall within the jurisdiction of BCSS;
 - 24.2.8.2 The complaint does not contain sufficient information that, if true, would substantiate the complaint;
 - 24.2.8.3 The complainant failed to respond to the Executive Director's inquiries or requests under 24.2.7; or
 - 24.2.8.4 The complaint is frivolous, vexatious or made in bad faith.
- 24.2.9 Unless the Executive Director dismisses a complaint under Competitive Rules and Regulations, he/she shall deliver the complaint to the respondent(s) and to the administrator at the respondent(s)'s school referred to in 24.2.5, together with a statement of the respondent(s)'s obligations under Competitive Rules and Regulations.
- 24.2.10 Within fifteen (15) school days of receipt of the complaint from the Executive Director, the respondent(s) shall submit a response to the Executive Director containing the following:
 - 24.2.10.1 A statement either that the respondent(s) accepts or denies the complaint in whole or in part; and
 - 24.2.10.2 Where the respondent(s) denies the complaint or any part of it, a written statement with as much detail as reasonably possible by each person whose evidence the respondent(s) wishes BCSS to consider in connection with the complaint.
- 24.2.11 The Executive Director may make inquiries of the respondent(s) and may request that the respondent(s) submit additional information.
- 24.2.12 The respondent(s) may request from the Executive Director an extension of the time allowed for a response under 24.2.10.
- 24.2.13 Where the respondent(s) fails to provide a response within the time provided under 24.2.10 or 24.2.12, the complaint may proceed under 24.2.19 on the basis that the complaint has been proven.
- 24.2.14 Upon receipt of a response from the respondent(s) or upon the expiry of the time provided for a response, the Executive Director shall deliver a copy of the response, if any, to the complainant and shall appoint a Hearing Panel comprised of three (3) members of the BCSS Disciplinary Committee. If it is not possible to appoint three (3) members from the Disciplinary Committee, the Executive Director may appoint members from the BCSS Board of Directors.
- 24.2.15 The Hearing Panel may request written submissions from the parties at any time.
- 24.2.16 The Hearing Panel shall conduct a hearing into the complaint. A hearing may take the form of one or more of the following in the sole discretion of the Hearing Panel:
 - 24.2.16.1 A hearing in writing consisting of a consideration of the written complaint and response and written submissions, if any;
 - 24.2.16.2 A teleconference; or
 - 24.2.16.3 An oral hearing.
- 24.2.17 The Hearing Panel may make such rulings and give such directions as it considers appropriate in dealing with a complaint.
- 24.2.18 Following the hearing, the Hearing Panel will issue a ruling to the parties determining whether the complaint has been proven or not.
- 24.2.19 If the Hearing Panel determines that the complaint has been proven:
 - 24.2.19.1 The ruling shall be in writing and shall contain a brief summary of the reasons for the Hearing Panel's conclusions;
 - 24.2.19.2 The Hearing Panel shall request and set a schedule for the exchange and submission of written submissions on the appropriate sanction;
 - 24.2.19.3 Having regard to the subject matter of the proven complaint, the interests of BCSS and its participants, the written submissions, if any, of the parties, and the prior BCSS disciplinary record of the respondent(s), if any, the Hearing Panel shall either impose no sanction or impose one or more of the following sanctions on the respondent(s) in its sole discretion:
 - a) A letter of reprimand;

- b) A probationary period; or
 - c) A suspension of the respondent(s)'s coaching privileges for a duration and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Hearing Panel, and
- 24.2.19.4 Subject to the results of an appeal under 24.2.20, if the Hearing Panel acts under 24.2.19.3 a) to c) there shall be a fine against the respondent(s)'s school calculated as follows and payable within thirty (30) school days of a written demand being made by the Executive Director:
- a) \$1,000 if no recruiting fine against school in past five (5) years;
 - b) \$2,000 if one (1) recruiting fine against school in past five (5) years; or
 - c) \$3,000 if more than one (1) recruiting fine against school in past five (5) years.
- 24.2.20 Where a Hearing Panel acts under 24.2.19.3 a) to c), the respondent(s) may, within fourteen (14) school days of receipt of the ruling of the Hearing Panel by the respondent(s)'s school, appeal in writing to the BCSS President, who may in his/her sole discretion and with or without a hearing and with or without giving reasons dismiss the appeal, reduce the sanction under 24.2.19.3, or reverse the Hearing Panel's ruling, in whole or in part, under 24.2.19.1.
- 24.2.21 Where the Executive Director is unable to act under this section, his/her powers and duties may be exercised by a substitute appointed by the President.
- 24.2.22 Where the President is unable to act under this section, his/her powers and duties may be exercised by a substitute appointed by the Executive Director.
- 24.2.23 The decisions of the Executive Director (or substitute), the Hearing Panel and the President (or substitute) are final and binding on the parties and shall not be questioned or reviewed in any court or tribunal, and no order shall be made or process entered or proceeding taken in any court or tribunal whether by way of injunction, declaration, prohibition or otherwise to question, review, prohibit or restrain the proceedings. It is the intention of BCSS and its members that, to the extent permitted by law, all matters concerning its Competitive Rules and Regulations be private matters not subject to any form of adjudication by any court or tribunal.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

24.1.0 RECRUITMENT AND UNDUE INFLUENCE

A policy clearly prohibiting recruiting serves the interest of the organization by prioritizing academics over athletics; protecting young students from exploitation; ensuring an even playing field among competing schools; providing for equitable competition; discouraging adults from jeopardizing student's eligibility; and preventing misuse of athletic programs.

- 24.1.1 **RECRUITING** – BCSS prohibits the recruiting or inducement of student-athletes. Athletic recruitment undermines the priority of academic education for the student and promotes values that are inconsistent with those of BCSS. Stakeholders have a required duty to discourage an athletically motivated transfer. Failure to discourage a transfer that is athletically motivated constitutes recruitment. The fact that transfer eligibility has been approved in no way excuses recruitment.
- 24.1.2 Despite compliance with the other eligibility and/or transfer rules of BCSS, any student who attends a member school as a result of recruitment or undue influence is ineligible for a minimum of one-year. Violations under the policy may also result in sanctions to the school, athletic program, team or coach of the team.
- 24.1.3 Undue influence for the purposes of this rule is the attempt by any school related person (including but not limited to, coaches, teachers, administrators, students, alumni or parents) to induce a student through in-person contact, phone, text, social media, email, or the like, to attend a member school.
- 24.1.4 There are a broad range of behaviours that when considered alone, or in part are deemed to be recruitment. The facts of each allegation will be considered on a case by case basis. The following may indicate that a student has been recruited, but other actions not listed may still be considered:
- Initiating contact with any student who does not attend their school, or a school that as per School District procedures directly feeds into their school, in order to suggest, encourage or explain a transfer.
 - Encouraging any other person, including past and present players or parents of past or present players, to contact any student or their parents to suggest, encourage or explain a transfer to a different school.
 - Permitting a student who is not currently enrolled at a school to participate in team practices, participate in scheduled team activities (including travel to games, events, team meetings, or trips), attend "open gym", out-of-season practices, and camps specifically designated for enrolled students.
 - Engaging a student-athlete or parent when they inquire about the school's sports teams or athletic program. These inquiries must be directed to the school administration.
 - Offering or accepting financial assistance (including free or reduced tuition/fees) on the basis of a student's athletic potential or participation in a BCSS activity.
 - Offering or promising employment or other financial benefit to the student or any member of the student's family.

- Offering or accepting transportation assistance to a student, parent or guardian.
- Offering or accepting school privileges or considerations not normally granted to other students.
- Offering or accepting assistance in securing a post-secondary athletic scholarship.
- Suggestion or inducement of parents, guardians or students to change their location of residence for athletic reasons.
- Facilitating a change of guardianship for the purpose of changing the location of a student athlete's residence so that they can transfer schools is recruitment unless there are other compelling reasons for the change of guardianship (e.g. to protect the student from physical or emotional abuse).
- Discussion by a school related person in a club, community, or provincial team environment about their school, athletic program or team.

24.1.5 Any of the above listed or similar actions by a school related person are prohibited when targeted at any students, including those who haven't established a home school, as per BCSS policy.

24.1.6 If a person has knowledge of recruitment, as defined herein, he or she shall provide written notice of the allegation to the BCSS Executive Director.

24.1.7 BCSS recognizes that schools may need to attract students. Schools may advertise their athletics program offerings in a generic manner, no different than they would any other academic or co-curricular program. The advertising must be limited to the programs offered and not highlight the success of the program, qualifications of a coach or any other identifier that would increase the chance of enrollment from a prospective student. School advertising, where athletics are included, must not be targeted in any way towards potential students who may display athletic potential.

24.2.0 PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT RECRUITING

24.2.1 Recruiting or undue influence complaints shall be submitted to the BCSS Executive Director using the appropriate form as found on the BCSS website. Complaints submitted through any other submission method will not be accepted. The enrollment of a student at a school due to recruiting or undue influence must not have happened more than six (6) months prior to the complaint being submitted. The complaint must include:

- The name of the school allegedly having contravened the recruiting and undue influence policy;
- The name of the student(s) who have been targeted by the recruiting action;
- Some form of evidence to support the complaint. Evidence may come in the form of knowledge of or participation in a conversation, written documentation, or other forms of verifiable information. Hearsay, conjecture, rumour and the like will not be accepted.

24.2.2 The person making the complaint must disclose their name, and affiliation to a school (ie. admin, coach, student etc.) to BCSS. However, they may choose whether their name shall be attached to the complaint publicly, or if they wish to remain anonymous.

24.2.3 The Executive Director will review the complaint and determine whether the complaint warrants an investigation. The Executive Director may at his or her sole discretion, dismiss a complaint that:

- Is frivolous or made in bad faith;
- Does not contain the relevant required information to substantiate the complaint;
- Does not fall within the jurisdiction of BCSS.

24.2.4 Where the Executive Director dismisses the complaint, he/she will inform the complainant that the matter has been dismissed.

24.2.5 Where the Executive Director determines the allegation is worthy of investigation, he/she will inform the Principal of the respondent school that a complaint has been received, and a BCSS investigation is commencing.

24.2.6 Where BCSS discovers information through their normal course of business that indicates recruiting, the Executive Director, upon review of the information, may initiate an investigation without a complaint being submitted.

24.2.7 The Executive Director will conduct the investigation, and may make inquiries of any relevant party, including but not limited to, administrators, coaches, teachers, students, or parents.

24.2.8 Where the respondent fails to respond to the inquiries of the investigation, or chooses not to respond in ten (10) business days to these inquiries, the Executive Director may proceed on the basis the complaint has been proven.

24.2.9 Any information that is obtained that is not provided by the respondent school inquiries, shall be provided to the respondent

school for review and response.

24.2.10 The Executive Director, upon completion of the investigation will provide a ruling to the Principal of the respondent school, summarizing the findings of the investigation and if applicable, any sanctions. Sanctions will be determined by the Executive Director and may include part, or all, but shall not be limited to:

- An official letter of reprimand
- A sanction or combination of sanctions, that may include, but are not limited to,
 - The student-athlete in question
 - Period of ineligibly (minimum 1-year)
 - The member school
 - Suspension or Expulsion from BCSS Membership
 - Fine to a Maximum of \$3000
 - The member school athletic program
 - Suspension from zone or provincial play (team/sport specific, or school wide)
 - Mandatory Training for the AD or Administration
 - The specific team
 - Team ineligibility /Suspension of team
 - Forfeiture of games
 - Ban from post-season play
 - Reduction in maximum playing days in a season of play
 - The coach
 - Suspension from all coaching duties
 - Mandatory training

24.2.11 Once the ruling has been provided to the Principal, the school will have ten (10) business days to appeal the ruling. The appeal must be made in writing and be addressed to the Executive Director. The appeal will be heard by a minimum of three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The appeal will be heard by video-conference or in person, at the discretion of the President or their designate.

24.2.12 At the conclusion of the appeal, in their discretion, the Board may choose to:

- remove all sanctions;
- reduce or add sanctions;
- take no action, leaving, the Executive Director's ruling to stand.

24.2.13 The decision of the Board of Directors is final and binding on the parties and shall not be questioned or reviewed in any court or tribunal, and no order shall be made or process entered or proceeding taken in any court or tribunal whether by way of injunction, declaration, prohibition or otherwise to question, review, prohibit or restrain the proceedings. It is the intention of BCSS and its members that, to the extent permitted by law, all matters concerning its Competitive Rules and Regulations be private matters not subject to any form of adjudication by any court or tribunal.

24.2.14 Where the Executive Director is unable to act under this section, his/her powers and duties may be exercised by a substitute as appointed by the President.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Current policy was unclear in areas and provided a large barrier to initiating the complaint process, which minimizes the effect of the policy.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- To provide more clarity on what is and isn't permissible regarding recruiting and undue influence
- To lower the barriers to initiate a recruiting investigation
- To allow the complaint and investigation process to happen more quickly

Moved By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Seconded By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

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Notice #10: 29.0.0 Tiering Classification (Boys Basketball)

Current:

Basketball (Boys)

AAAA - 271 or more boys in grades 11 and 12

AAA - 178-270 boys in grades 11 and 12

AA - 75-177 boys in grades 11 and 12

A - 74 or less boys in grades 11 and 12

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

Basketball (Boys)

AAAA - 277 or more boys in grades 11 and 12

AAA - 188-276 boys in grades 11 and 12

AA - 67-187 boys in grades 11 and 12

A - 66 or less boys in grades 11 and 12

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Boys Basketball operates on a two year tiering cycle as recommended by the commission.
- Third time using the two year tiering cycle process.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Create 4 tiers that were as equally balanced as possible
- Teams are committed to their tier for two years to help with consistency and scheduling

Moved By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Seconded By: Semiahmoo (Johnston)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- This motion comes from the Boys Basketball Commission and is consistent with past practice.

Notice #11: 29.0.0 Tiering Classification (Track & Field)

Current:

Track & Field Tiering (Boys & Girls)

AAA - 421 or more students in grades 11 and 12

AA - 201-420 students in grades 11 and 12

A - 200 or fewer students in grades 11 and 12

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

Track & Field Tiering (Boys & Girls)

AAA - 401 or more students in grades 11 and 12

AA - 400 or fewer students in grades 11 and 12

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- To eliminate a non-competitive tier (A)
- To eliminate 3 of 9 banners currently awarded; move to 6 banner (3 for AAA and 3 for AA)

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Eliminate Number of banners (9 currently) to 6
- Have two competitive tiers; currently 1 athletes placing in 5th place in one event was 2nd place in A team competition.

Moved By: Maple Ridge (Connor)

Seconded By: Walnut Grove (Moorthy)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- This motion comes from the Track & Field Commission.
- The Board has concerns with Track & Field continuing to award both male and female banners as well as combined banners. As well as the lack of opportunity for small schools as a result of the event structure; however the Board feels this change is beneficial until other options can be explored and is working with the commission to find appropriate solutions.

Notice #12: 31.3.0 Full-Time Student-Athlete Status

Current:

- 31.3.0 FULL-TIME STUDENT-ATHLETE STATUS** - A student athlete must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of a sixty-two and a half percent (62.5%) course load. A one hundred percent (100%) course load is defined as thirty two (32) credits or eight (8) standard courses.
 - 31.3.1 Student-athletes must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of five (5) full time courses (20 credits) within the school year to be considered eligible and they must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of two (2) full time courses (8 credits) in each semester, if in a semester system school.
 - 31.3.2 Any student-athlete who completes his/her school graduation requirements mid-year (January) and does not continue to enroll in courses, is not eligible for the following season of play (spring). The student-athlete may complete the season of play they are currently in (winter).
 - 31.3.3 Student-athletes who complete graduation requirements during the current school year and continue to take courses, will remain eligible, should they continue to meet all other eligibility requirements.

Proposed:

- To add
 To Remove
 To amend

- 31.3.0 FULL-TIME STUDENT-ATHLETE STATUS** - A student athlete must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of a sixty-two and a half percent (62.5%) course load. A one hundred percent (100%) course load is defined as thirty two (32) credits or eight (8) standard courses.
- 31.4.0 LINEAR SCHOOL SYSTEM - Student-athletes must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of five (5) full time courses (20 credits) within the school year to be considered eligible.
- 31.5.0 SEMESTER SCHOOL SYSTEM - Student-athletes must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of two (2) full time courses (8 credits) in both semesters and a minimum of five (5) courses total within the school year to be considered eligible.
 - 31.5.1 A student-athlete who completes his/her school graduation requirements mid-year (January) and does not continue to enroll in courses, must have been awarded credit in a minimum of three (3) courses in the first semester to remain eligible for the conclusion of the winter season of play. The student-athlete is ineligible to begin a new season of play (Spring).
 - 31.5.2 Student-athletes who complete graduation requirements during the current school year and continue to take courses, will remain eligible, should they continue to meet all other eligibility requirements.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- There was confusion surrounding eligibility for student-athletes in a semestered school. Clarity was required.
- There is no change in the intent of application of the policy.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Clearly understand policy of what is required for semester students.

Moved By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Seconded By: MEI (Thiessen)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

- The intent of this policy is to allow students to compete with their school but also maintain a clearly understood policy about academic requirements to ensure the values of school sport are upheld.
- The required courses were lowered last year from 6 to 5. There is no change to that in the proposed policy.

Notice #13: 32.2.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition**Current:**

- 32.2.0 GRADE SEVEN (7) STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPETITION** – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in competition of a BCSS activity. A grade seven (7) eligibility application can be made to the Eligibility Officer for an exemption to allow a grade seven (7) student-athlete to play for a grade eight (8) or bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a team due to insufficient numbers.
- 32.2.1 The Eligibility Officer will review the grade seven (7) eligibility application to ensure that all of the following conditions are met:
- 32.2.1.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school applying for the exemption;
 - 32.2.1.2 Grade seven (7) student-athletes can only participate on a grade eight (8) or bantam team sports;
 - 32.2.1.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling;
 - 32.2.1.4 Grade eight (8) or bantam student-athletes cannot be registered on the member school's more senior team for the requested team sport;
 - 32.2.1.5 Grade seven (7) student-athletes being allowed to participate in a grade eight (8) or bantam level team is to allow a member school to field a grade eight (8) or bantam level team which otherwise would not happen due to an insufficient number of grade (8) student-athletes wanting to participate;
 - 32.2.1.6 The number of grade seven (7) student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the number of grade eight (8) or bantam level student-athletes; and
 - 32.2.1.7 The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 27.5.0).
- 32.2.2 Application and conditional acceptance of grade seven (7) student-athletes may be terminated by the Eligibility Officer if the 32.5.1 conditions are not met.
- 32.2.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes who play on a grade eight (8) or bantam team will begin their five (5) years of eligibility on the date they enter grade eight (8).
- 32.2.4 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

- 32.2.0 GRADE SEVEN (7) STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPETITION** – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are eligible to participate in BCSS competition provided that:
- 32.2.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school which is fielding the team
 - 32.2.2 Grade seven (7) student-athletes can only participate on a grade eight (8) or bantam team sports;
 - 32.2.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes may not take the place of any eligible student-athlete. (grade eight (8) student-athletes cannot be cut in order to use a grade seven (7) student-athlete)
 - 32.2.4 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling.
 - 32.2.5 Grade seven (7) student-athletes will begin their five (5) years of eligibility on the date they enter grade eight (8).
 - 32.2.6 The number of grade seven (7) student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the number of grade eight (8) student-athletes.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Grade 8 programs that struggle to field viable teams should be allowed to use grade 7 student-athletes to fill out grade 8 team rosters. The current rules are exclusive, restrict overall participation in sport, cause schools to turn away would-be athletes and are a detriment to team sports in this province. This is not about competitive advantage and does not negatively affect other schools who do not need to use Grade 7s, JV or Varsity programs. The stipulations in this language are meant to prevent unethical abuse of this policy. This proposed change also decreases pressure on the Eligibility officer.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- To allow school team sports more freedom in using grade 7 athletes to form viable Grade 8 teams
- To increase overall participation in school team sports.

Moved By: Hatzic Middle (Gabriele)**Seconded By:** Heritage Park Middle (Zefflie)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Recommendation

Comments:

- The membership has previously voted to remove similar policy for purposes inconsistent with the philosophy and values of school sport.
- BCSS is a grade 8-12 organization a change to that should required an in-depth membership conversation.
- The long standing intent of the Grade 7 policy is to provide relief to small schools who do not have enough students to field a team. The Board recommends approval of the next motion, Motion 14 also concerning the use of grade 7s, which is better aligned with the philosophy and values of BCSS.

Notice #14: 32.2.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition

Current:

- 32.2.0 GRADE SEVEN (7) STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPETITION** – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in competition of a BCSS activity. A grade seven (7) eligibility application can be made to the Eligibility Officer for an exemption to allow a grade seven (7) student-athlete to play for a grade eight (8) or bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a team due to insufficient numbers.
- 32.2.1 The Eligibility Officer will review the grade seven (7) eligibility application to ensure that all of the following conditions are met:
- 32.2.1.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school applying for the exemption;
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 - 32.2.1.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling;
 - 32.2.1.4 Grade eight (8) or bantam student-athletes cannot be registered on the member school's more senior team for the requested team sport;
 - 32.2.1.5 Grade seven (7) student-athletes being allowed to participate in a grade eight (8) or bantam level team is to allow a member school to field a grade eight (8) or bantam level team which otherwise would not happen due to an insufficient number of grade (8) student-athletes wanting to participate;
 - 32.2.1.6 The number of grade seven (7) student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the number of grade eight (8) or bantam level student-athletes; and
 - 32.2.1.7 The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 27.5.0).
- 32.2.2 Application and conditional acceptance of grade seven (7) student-athletes may be terminated by the Eligibility Officer if the 32.5.1 conditions are not met.
- 32.2.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes who play on a grade eight (8) or bantam team will begin their five (5) years of eligibility on the date they enter grade eight (8).
- 32.2.4 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

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 - 32.2.1.7 The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 27.5.0).
 - 32.2.1.8 Where all conditions outlined in 32.2.1.1 through 32.2.1.6 are met, schools in category 5,6,7 (as per 6.1) are not subject to 32.2.1.7 in the sports of basketball and volleyball. However, the roster size may not exceed twelve (12) if using grade sevens (7).
- 32.2.2 Application and conditional acceptance of grade seven (7) student-athletes may be terminated by the Eligibility Officer if the 32.5.1 conditions are not met.
- 32.2.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes who play on a grade eight (8) or bantam team will begin their five (5) years of eligibility on the date they enter grade eight (8).
- 32.2.4 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Small schools that currently house grade seven (7) students often struggle to field grade eight (8) teams in these two popular sports. The current provisions in 32.2.1.7 currently limit the size of these teams to six (6) for volleyball and seven (7) for basketball.
- Often, small rural schools are not able to use the option of jointly sponsored teams due to the distance between neighbouring schools and transportation logistics and cost issues.
- With the current rules limiting size of teams in these two sports, the ability to field a team that is viable to participate in league and/or tournament play is difficult. In the case of volleyball, should only 1 player be unable to play due to illness, injury, etc. there would not be enough players left to field a full team. The same issue presents itself in basketball should 2 players be unable to play for any number of factors.
- In terms of player safety, the current minimum numbers puts players on these teams in a difficult situation of having to play most of a game or match with, in the case of volleyball, no opportunity for substitution. This currently makes it challenging to take part in tournaments where a number of games/matches would be played over a short period of time.
- It is difficult, from a coaching perspective, to run viable practices with such low numbers in these two sports. Although it is theoretically possible to run a joint practice with other teams, it is not the most ideal option when trying to develop age appropriate skills in a practice setting.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Small secondary schools that house grade seven (7) students could field teams of up to 11 for volleyball and 12 for basketball. They would still have to adhere to all of the other provisions of 32.2.0 (with the exception of 32.2.1.7) but would have opportunity to now field teams large enough to allow for substitution during games and during tournaments without risk of not having enough players due to injury, fatigue, etc.
- It does not prevent small schools from fielding jointly sponsored teams under the rules, but does provide another option for the two most popular sports. Often in rural areas of the province the distance to travel to the next closest school for competition can be many hours. This option may create opportunity for more schools in these settings to field teams of their own, as opposed to a jointly sponsored team, which increases the number of teams to compete against in a given geographic area.
- Ultimately, the desired effect of this change is to provide small schools with the chance to field their own teams that are reasonable sized in these two sports which also addresses the area of student-athlete safety by reducing the prospect of fatigue and injury due to overuse during practices, games and in tournament settings.

Moved By: South Kamloops (Kirschner)

Seconded By: Barriere Secondary (Hembling)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

- The motion provides relief to smaller schools who cannot field a grade 8 team in Basketball and Volleyball.
- Consideration for other team sports can be explored if the membership feels it is necessary.
- These sports have been highlighted as they are the most common team sports for grade 8 play, whereas in other team sports, Grade 8's often play with Grade 9's on a junior team which would prohibit the use of Grade 7's.

Notice #15: 32.3.0 Individual Student-Athletes Playing Up to a More Senior School

Current:

32.3.0 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL'S TEAM – Middle/Junior member school athletes whose feeder school (senior school) has a Membership Category of five (5) or higher can apply to “play up” to the senior member school that they would normally attend if, by the roster registration deadline (see 27.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, athletic directors, students, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The middle/junior school must be a member in good standing. The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the appropriate form. Senior member schools must not register these student-athletes in STARS as an enrollee of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

32.3.0 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL'S TEAM – Middle/Junior member school athletes can apply to “play up” to the senior member school that the district identifies as the natural feeder school, by the roster registration deadline (see 27.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, athletic directors, students, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The middle/junior school must be a member in good standing. The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the appropriate form. Senior member schools must not register these student-athletes in STARS as an enrollee of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The movers feel this policy is discriminatory against school structures and creates a competitive advantage for grade 8-12 schools
- Many school structures divide middle school and junior schools at the grade 8 and 9 levels; thus student-athletes in those structures are prohibited from playing on more senior teams.
- Category of school should not determine whether a student-athlete should be ineligible to play on a more senior team. Many grade 8-12 schools are category 5 or higher and student-athletes are eligible in those school structures.
- The movers have been unable to field teams in some sports due to lack of players.
- Players in Salmon Arm are not able to access the same opportunities as students everywhere else in the Province.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Create equality for all student-athletes regardless of school structures to play on any level team.
- Address the competitive imbalance of that grade 8-12 schools have because of this policy.
- Allow for schools to field teams that could not because of the limitation policy.
- Our school would be able to field teams in sports we currently are unable to.
- Elite players in grade 10 would be able to gain the same experiences that grade 10 students get in every other school.
- As far as we have been able to establish, our grade 10 students are the only grade 10 students in BCSS who are impacted by this

Moved By: Salmon Arm (MacAulay)

Seconded By: JL Jackson (Cadden)

Moved By: Riverside (Bruneau)

Seconded By: Heritage Woods (Clerkson)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- The membership voted overwhelmingly last year to amend this motion and limit the ability to only the smallest schools, as in some areas it was being used for purposes inconsistent with school sport values.
- A core pillar and philosophy of BCSS is student-athletes must compete for the school they attend.

Notice #16: 32.3.0 Individual Student-Athletes Playing Up to a More Senior School

Current:

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Proposed:



To add



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To amend

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32.3.1 With the exemption to this rule for schools and school districts who have their High School grading systems from Grade 10-12. Student-athletes attending a middle or junior secondary feeder school who do not offer the privilege of participating in inter-school competition at the Junior level may have the option of joining their feeder school with no restrictions to season or post-season eligibility.

32.3.1.1 Application and playing Up (32.3.0 Application) must be made for only team sports and be submitted to the BCSS office.

32.3.1.2 Be made with regard to member schools being directly designated as feeder school.

32.3.1.3 Include acknowledgement and support from the member schools’ administration and district superintendent.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Student-athletes at the Grade 9 level being disqualified from the opportunity to play at the designated Jr level.
- Student-athletes are restricted in the opportunity to develop social, emotional, and physical skills from sport.
- Students in districts who are restricted by building sizes are un able to participate in fair and equitable competition.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Students to develop social, emotional, and physical skills from sport during the entirety of their educational career.
- Allow students fair and equitable competition.
- Limit the restrictions that allow student-athletes to participate in sports programs not offered at their home school.

Moved By: Mission Secondary (Pearce)

Seconded By: Hatzic Middle (Gabriele)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Recommendation

Comments:

- The proposed policy does not clearly identify what happens in districts where some schools are 10-12 while others are not.
- The proposed policy also allows for any grade 8 or 9 student to play up. The Board has concerns relative to Grade 8 middle schoolers especially being thrust into a 10-12 environment without a proper transition or without their peer group.
- The motion is in direct conflict as to what was passed by the membership at the 2018 AGM.
- There are opportunities for students to play in grade 9 leagues around the province.
- Two schools are welcome to submit a joint team application in team sports.
- There are 21 different member school grade configurations across the province. The Board is hesitant to have policy that deals with one specific school configuration.
- Many areas have grade 9 leagues or allow grade 9 teams to play in their junior league.

Notice #17: 32.3.0 Individual Student-Athletes Playing Up to a More Senior School (Football)

Current:

32.3.0 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL'S TEAM – Middle/Junior member school athletes whose feeder school (senior school) has a Membership Category of five (5) or higher can apply to “play up” to the senior member school that they would normally attend if, by the roster registration deadline (see 27.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, athletic directors, students, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The middle/junior school must be a member in good standing. The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the appropriate form. Senior member schools must not register these student-athletes in STARS as an enrollee of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

Proposed:

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To Remove

To amend

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32.3.1 Member schools with Football Programs may allow grade nine (9) student-athletes at their feeder school (middle school) to play up to the more senior school Junior Varsity (JV) team. Grade nine (9) student-athletes at a feeder school (middle school) may not play up to the senior school varsity team.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- There are three member schools that are grade 10-12 and field both JV and Senior Teams
- This policy was removed by the membership for all sports last year and it greatly affected three schools in Football
- Football Commission Members are in favour of this motion.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Allow schools in this situation to be able to adequately field teams at the JV Football level.
- Maintain levels of stability

Moved By: Lord Tweedsmuir (Smalley)

Seconded By: Kelowna Secondary (Labrie)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- This motion is coming from the Football Commission
- The Board authorized a one year exemption this year (2018-19) to those schools to allow for transition due to the timing of the motion being passed at the 2018 AGM and Spring Football jamborees/practice had already begun.
- The Board is hesitant to recommend exceptions like this for individual sports or a small number of schools; however, we recognize the unique nature and challenges presented by Football (safety, minimum numbers, high risk sport, etc.).
- There is no opportunity for grade 9 Football leagues as there is in many other team sports.

Notice #18: 33.1.4 Eligibility for Families Moving to British Columbia

Current:

33.1.4 **ELIGIBILITY FOR FAMILIES MOVING TO BRITISH COLUMBIA** – A student-athlete whose family is coming into British Columbia from another province or another country is eligible for five (5) years from their date of entry into grade eight (8) or the grade eight (8) equivalent in their previous place(s) of residence. If documentation is unavailable, a combination of age and grade level as determined by the school will determine the student-athlete’s year of eligibility.

Proposed:

To add To Remove To amend

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Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Operational challenges with students arriving from other countries with different education systems or a lower proficiency of English so they are being placed in a lower grade level than what age would dictate.
- Policy is intended to prevent abuse and confusion surrounding the rule.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Students are competing in age-appropriate level of play.

Moved By: Kelowna Christian (Martens)

Seconded By: David Thompson (Lopez)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

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Notice #19: 34.0.0 Residency Requirement**Current:**

The residency rule is intended to create an equitable environment in which its member schools can compete, and at the same time prevent those abuses that taint the goals on inter-scholastic athletics. Primarily the residency rule is intended to prevent athletic recruiting, prevent students from choosing schools for athletic reasons, and to promote families as the best environment for students to live while attending school. Deterring students from avoiding imposed discipline, protecting school programs by discouraging athletic transfers and protecting the opportunities for bonafide resident students to participate are also reasons for the residence rule.

34.1.0 Student-Athletes Must Fulfill One of the Following Residency Requirements

- 34.1.1 Reside with parent(s) in BC;
- 34.1.2 Reside with a legal guardian (see Definitions) in BC. Guardianship must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought.
- 34.1.3 Must be a 'Ward of the Province of BC' and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- 34.1.4 Must be attending a BC member school as a 'residing full-time boarding student' – this must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought; During the twelve (12) month waiting period, the student-athlete may play subject to 39.0.0; or
- 34.1.5 Must be attending a BCSS member school as an international student or exchange student and be recognized by the District Board or Independent School office as such – student-athletes must reside in BC and attend the member school for a period of five (5) months of be eligible to participate in BCSS competition.

34.2.0 Any student-athlete who does not meet the residency requirements is fully ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date they seek eligibility. At the completion of the twelve (12) months the student-athlete will become eligible if they meet the following:

- 34.2.1 The student-athlete maintains the same address and living situation throughout the twelve (12) months; and
- 34.2.2 The student-athlete must meet all other eligibility requirements as per the entirety of the Competitive Rules and Regulations.

Proposed:**To add****To Remove****To amend**

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- 34.2.2 The student-athlete must meet all other eligibility requirements as per the entirety of the Competitive Rules and Regulations.

34.2.3 For individual sports, if a student-athlete transfers to another school and does not meet the Residency Requirement, they should be able to compete as an individual, independent of any school.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- To allow student-athletes to participate in an individual sport as an “independent” if they don’t meet the Residency Requirement.
- The Residency Requirement is a “blanket rule” for Team Sports and there should be exemptions for individual sports.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- That student-athletes get to participate in an individual BC School Sport
- The Residency Requirement is to stop recruitment of athletes to schools teams and create an unfair competitive advantage. For individual sports, school members can earn points to win a school award. For team sports, an independent would not be able to compete. Individual sports could allow for an athlete to participate as an independent and not transfer any points to a school team. As an independent athlete does not create an unfair competitive advantage for any team to earn points, there is no just reason for these student-athletes to not compete in BCSS events. Allowing for participation of independent student-athletes who are still under the umbrella of BC School Sports and our educational system is the fair thing to do.

Moved By: Duchess Park (Karpenko)

Seconded By: Prince George (Manhas)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Recommendation

Comments:

- This proposal is not consistent with numerous principles and values of school sport, including student-athletes should represent a school.
- If a student does not meet residency, the school may appeal to the EAC which will consider extraordinary and exceptional circumstances. If denied by this committee, the student is ineligible.
- The membership passed a policy last year, as recommended by the Board that a student who doesn’t meet residency but maintains their living environment for a period of one year, then becomes fully eligible bringing this rule in alignment with our other eligibility related policies.
- If this proposed policy were to pass it would mean one less spot available for a student to represent their school and earn points for their team.

Notice #20: 36.0.0 Student - Athlete Gender

Current:

- 36.1.0** Female student-athletes may only play on a team designated as a girl’s sport, and male student-athletes may only play on a team designated as a boy’s sport. Both female and male student-athletes may compete on a team designated as a coed sport, in accordance with the sport-specific roster allocations.
- 36.2.0** Notwithstanding 36.1.0, a student-athlete may be permitted to participate in a sex-segregated sport inconsistent with his/her sex in the following circumstances:
 - 36.2.1** A female student-athlete may play on a boys’ team if her school will not offer a girls’ team in that sport (in a recognized BCSS activity or not) at the appropriate age level during the same school year. A letter from the administrator confirming a girls’ team will not be offered must be sent into the BCSS office. If a female student-athlete plays on the appropriate age level boys’ team, she may not play on the more senior girls’ team in a different season of play during the same school year.
 - 36.2.2** A student-athlete may participate with the opposite sex in a sex-segregated sport on the basis that doing so would be consistent with his/her gender identity if the student-athlete’s application under 36.3.0 is granted.
- 36.3.0** A student-athlete seeking eligibility pursuant to 36.2.2 must make an application to the Eligibility Officer.
 - 36.3.1** Each application under 36.2.2 must include the following:
 - 36.3.1.1** A written statement from the student-athlete and/or parent or guardian documenting a student-athlete’s consistent gender identification with the opposite sex;
 - 36.3.1.2** A professional opinion concerning the student-athlete’s gender identity from a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or other professional with experience in gender identity health care; and
 - 36.3.1.3** Any other information or documentation that may be pertinent to the Eligibility Officer’s decision and the application of the factors set out in 36.2.2.
 - 36.3.2** The Eligibility Officer shall consider the following factors together with any other factors that he/she considers reasonable when making a decision under 36.2.2:
 - 36.3.2.1** Flexibility, and the student-athlete’s privacy, will be prioritized in decision-making;
 - 36.3.2.2** The importance of fair and equitable competition for all students participating in the sport in which the student is applying to participate;
 - 36.3.2.3** Existing practices regarding female student-athletes’ participation on boys teams, as per 36.2.2, are to be preserved; and
 - 36.3.2.4** An environment where intersex, transitioning and transgender students can exist and thrive should be provided.
 - 36.3.3** The Eligibility Officer’s decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or judicially reviewed.
 - 36.3.4** Once a student-athlete has been granted eligibility under 36.3.0, his/her eligibility shall be effective for the duration of the student-athlete’s participation in the sport and does not need to be renewed every sport season or school year.
- 36.4.0** If there is a conflict between 36.1.0 or 36.2.1 and a bylaw, rule or similar provision of a sport commission, the bylaw, rule or similar provision prevails.

Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

36.0.0 STUDENT-ATHLETE GENDER

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- 37.0.0 GENDER IDENTITY** - A student-athlete may participate with the opposite sex in a sex-segregated sport on the basis that doing so would be consistent with their gender identity if the student-athlete’s application under 36.4.0 is granted.
 - 37.1.0** A student-athlete who does not identify as either binary gender or identifies as, “non-gendered”, or “gender neutral”, may participate with the sex in which they feel most comfortable.
 - 37.2.0** A student-athlete who identifies as “gender fluid”, may participate with the sex they identify with at the time of the season of play if the student-athlete’s application under 37.3.0 is granted. The student-athlete may not switch genders within the season of play. If they wish to identify as the opposite gender in a different season of play, a letter from the school administration must be submitted to the BCSS office.

- 37.3.0 A student-athlete seeking eligibility pursuant to 37.0.0 must make an application to the Executive Director.
- 37.3.1 Each application under 37.0.0 must include the following:
- 37.3.1.1 A written statement from the student-athlete documenting a student-athlete’s gender identification;
 - 37.3.1.2 A written statement from the principal confirming the student-athlete’s gender identity.
- 37.3.2 The Executive Director shall consider the following factors together with any other factors that he/she considers reasonable when making a decision under 37.0.0:
- 37.3.2.1 Flexibility, and the student-athlete’s privacy, will be prioritized in decision-making;
 - 37.3.2.2 The importance of fair and equitable competition for all students participating in the sport in which the student is applying to participate;
 - 37.3.2.3 Existing practices regarding female student-athletes’ participation on boys teams, as per 37.0.0, are to be preserved; and
 - 37.3.2.4 An environment where intersex, transitioning and trans-gender students can exist and thrive should be provided.
- 37.3.3 The Executive Director’s decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or judicially reviewed.
- 37.3.4 Once a student-athlete has been granted eligibility under 37.0.0, their eligibility shall be effective for the duration of the student-athlete’s school sport career and does not need to be renewed unless the gender identity changes as per 37.2.0.
- 37.4.0 If there is a conflict between 36.1.0 or 36.2.1 and a bylaw, rule or similar provision of a sport commission, the bylaw, rule or similar provision prevails.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- While the BCSS gender policy was quite progressive at the time of its original passing, it has become out of date in recent years, in both language and content.
- The current policy required language updates as well as provisions for gender fluid and non-gendered students.
- A student with a gender identity different from their sex does not have a medical issue so the proposed policy removes the required medical confirmation and simply requires the student and admin to confirm the students gender identity in writing.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- An inclusive and clear policy that provides opportunity for students that are trans or non binary to safely participate in school sport.
- Alignment with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) guidelines, stating the responsibility is on the governing and rules making bodies to provide safe and inclusive environments that provide opportunities for this marginalized population.

Moved By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Seconded By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Board Recommendations			
Recommended Action:	<input type="checkbox"/> To defeat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To approve	<input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

Notice #21: 37.0.0 Home Study, Distributed Learning, and Alternate School Student-Athletes

Current:

- 37.1.0** Home study and alternate school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:
- 37.1.1 **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS** – The student-athlete competes for the school they currently attend (home study or alternate school) in individual sports.
 - 37.1.2 **TEAM SPORTS**
 - 37.1.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or
 - 37.1.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.
- 37.2.0** Distributed learning school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:
- 37.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or
 - 37.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.
- Note: A student enrolled at a Home Study, Distributed Learning or Alternate school is not eligible to compete in a relay event within an individual sport, (i.e. track, swimming) for any school other than the school in which they are formally registered as a student with the Ministry of Education.*

Proposed: To add To Remove To amend

37.0.0 ALTERNATE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 37.1.0** Alternate school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:
- 37.1.1 **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS** – The student-athlete competes for the alternate school they are currently enrolled at.
 - 37.1.2 **TEAM SPORTS**
 - 37.1.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or
 - 37.1.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.
- Note: The administrators at both the receiving and alternate school must support the student’s involvement on a sports team.*

38.0.0 DISTRIBUTED LEARNING SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 38.1.0** Distributed learning school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:
- 38.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or
 - 38.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.
- Note: A student enrolled at a Distributed Learning or Alternate school is not eligible to compete in a relay event within an individual sport, (i.e. track, swimming) for any school other than the school in which they are formally registered as a student with the Ministry of Education.*

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- There has been instances of confusion around the different types of schools. The policy change is an attempt to clarify the different school types.
- There is no actual change in the intent of the motion.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- To provide a clear understanding for everyone based on the educational setting of the student.

Moved By: David Thompson (Lopez)

Seconded By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action: To defeat To approve No Recommendation

Comments:

- Home study students as they were known 20 years ago are now DL students.
- If a parent chooses to home school their child now, there not a set curriculum, nor is the child progressing to a dogwood, nor are they registered at a member school.

Notice #22: 38.0.0 International Students

Current:

37.14.6.2 Boarding Student-Athlete

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as a boarding student and pays tuition according to the published boarding student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete resides in a school dormitory;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into BCSS member school from:
 - Outside of Canada: The student-athlete can compete in any BCSS activity; or
 - Inside of Canada: The student-athlete is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to compete in any BCSS activity in any school sport in which he/she was registered for at their previous school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits compliance and authorization from to the Eligibility Officer for review.
- d) The student-athlete or their family does not receive any financial aid in bursaries, grants, scholarships, or 3rd party funding toward their tuition, food and or housing.

37.14.6.3 International Student-Athlete

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as an international student and pays tuition to that school district according to the published international student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete is placed with a home-stay family;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada
- d) The student-athlete or their family does not receive any financial aid in bursaries, grants, scholarships, or 3rd party funding toward their tuition, food and or housing.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

38.1.3.2 BOARDING STUDENT ATHLETE

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as a boarding student and pays tuition according to the published boarding student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete resides in a school dormitory;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into BCSS member school from:
 - Outside of Canada: The student-athlete can compete in any BCSS activity; or
 - Inside of Canada: The student-athlete is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to compete in any BCSS activity in any school sport in which he/she was registered for at their previous school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits compliance and authorization from to the Eligibility Officer for review
- d) The student-athlete must pay 100% of the posted rate as published by the district and/or school they are attending. Should a boarding student receive any form of financial aid, scholarship, bursary or any other form of third (3rd) party support, the student must pay a minimum of \$26,000 after any financial support in order to be eligible.

38.1.3.3 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETE

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as an international student and pays tuition to that school district according to the published international student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete is placed with a home-stay family, lives with parents or lives with family members who have custodial guardianship over the student-athlete;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada
- d) The student-athlete must pay 100% of the posted rate as published by the district and/or school they are attending. Should an international student receive any form of financial aid, scholarship, bursary or any other form of third (3rd) party support, the student must pay a minimum of \$26,000 after any financial support in order to be eligible.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- This amendment was implemented by the Board of Directors during the school year in response to the motion passed last year. It must come forward to the membership to approve or repeal.
- This came as a result of months of discussion with the independent schools.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

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Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- The Board arrived at this compromise after extensive discussions with many representatives from Independent Schools and found it reduced the number of student-athletes it affected. It provided balance for students receiving small sums of financial aid, while still preventing the behaviours many found troubling surrounding recruiting and the provision of large sums of financial aid along with it.
- This policy was in effect this year, and seems to have had the desired effect.
- The Board is also happy to report the dialogue and relationship with many of our independent members is stronger and more transparent as a result of this process.

Notice #23: 39.2.0 Five (5) Years of Eligibility

Current:

39.2.0 FIVE (5) YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY – A student-athlete has five (5) consecutive years of athletic eligibility that begins on their first (1st) day of grade 8.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

Remove Policy 39.2.0

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The content of this policy is listed in other places in the Handbook
- Policy still exists in the handbook in 33.1.0

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- More Streamlined Handbook, with less duplication of policy, and reduced chance of error in the future

Moved By: Kelowna Christian (Martens)

Seconded By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

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Notice #24: 40.9.3 Eligibility Officer Exemptions

Current:

N/A

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

40.9.3.3 The student-athlete has transferred schools because of bullying

a) “Bullying” is defined as unwanted aggressive behaviour that involves real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time. In order to be considered bullying, the behaviour must be aggressive and include:

- An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power-such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity-to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviours happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

For consideration by the Eligibility Officer, the leaving school must acknowledge in writing the student was subject to actions that meet the standards above while attending their school and believe the transfer to be in the best interest of the student’s overall health and well being.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Transfers come from students leaving school after experiencing bullying. Currently there is no ability for the Eligibility Officer to approve even when it is clear and corroborated leading to additional cost and time for all included while appealing.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Allow the Eligibility Officer, when in receipt of a letter from the sending schools administration acknowledging bullying of the student while in attendance or where not possible, corroboration from a psychologist/psychiatrist acknowledging treatment to the student for such issues.
- Where it is not clear to the Eligibility Officer, or the application does not contain the required information, cases will still be required to go to appeal.
- Decrease costs to the schools, decrease administration to schools, decrease the amount of appeals.

Moved By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Seconded By: David Thompson (Lopez)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

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Notice #25: 40.9.3 Sport Specific Transfers

Current:

N/A

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

40.9.0 If in the opinion of the Eligibility Officer, a student-athlete transfer is motivated by sport, and has previously established their home school, the Eligibility Officer may deny eligibility on those grounds.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- This has been a long standing application and understanding of the of BCSS rules; however, it is not explicitly stated although it is implied in other sections.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- It provides a clear ability for the Eligibility Officer to deny eligibility where he/she feels a transfer was motivated by athletic reasons.
- Discourages moves for athletic purposes.
- A more clear understanding and better education for students and families.

Moved By: MEI (Thiessen)

Seconded By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

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Notice #26: 42.0.0 Seasons of Play

Current:

N/A

Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

42.6.0 Playing Outside the Season of Play - BCSS member schools may only compete in a BCSS activity against other member schools within the designated season of play. BCSS recognizes some students will wish to continue to play their sport outside the school season of play. To do this, the student-athletes must compete on a club/community team. Ideally, club/community teams are an aggregate of players from the community and not identical to the school team. A club/community team may not:

42.6.1 Wear school uniforms, colours or apparel

42.6.2 Use the school name or mascot name

42.6.3 Use school transportation

42.6.4 Require a student to play on the club/community team to be a member of the school team

42.6.5 Advertise or promote the club/community program on school social media channels

42.7.0 In addition to the above, the club/community team must:

42.7.1 Be a member of the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO)

42.7.2 Have acknowledgement from the school administrator that the team is a club/community team and therefore is not a recognized school activity

42.7.3 Have a rental agreement for school gym time as a third party and the appropriate insurance. The rental costs may be reduced at the discretion of the school district or school.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Clarification surrounding member schools can only compete in a BCSS activity within the season of play
- Clarification on the difference between school sport and club/community sport

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- Member School teams are not permitted to compete in a BCSS activity outside the season of play
- Policy on how to create a club/community team

Moved By: MEI (Thiessen)

Seconded By: Walnut Grove (Juteau)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Recommendation

Comments:

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Notice # 27: 44.0.0 Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates

Current:

44.2.0 BOYS RUGBY

- 44.2.1 Schools in the North Central District SSAA, the Northwest Zone SSAA and the two (2) Kootenay SSAA may play senior boys rugby during the fall season of play, as long as the combined number of weeks in the Fall and the Spring leading up to and including the BCSS provincial championship week does not exceed thirteen (13) weeks of play.

Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

44.2.0 BOYS RUGBY

- 44.2.1 Schools in the North Central District SSAA, the Northwest Zone SSAA and the two (2) Kootenay SSAA may play senior boys rugby during the fall season of play, as long as the combined number of weeks in the Fall and the Spring leading up to and including the BCSS provincial championship week does not exceed thirteen (13) weeks of play.

- 44.2.2 A school rugby team may meet another team or participate in a jamboree with several school teams on one occasion between the date of the last provincial championship and the beginning of the BC School Sports Rugby Season. This should be done in conjunction with Spring Practices.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Rugby is a contact sport and a pre season jamboree allows for the gradual, safe introduction of contact prior to league play.
- This language and opportunity exists for other contact sports within BCSS
- There is a strong desire by the BCSSRU for this approach - to help reduce fears and injuries in the sport

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

- All students have opportunity to benefit from controlled exhibition for teaching and safety purposes.
- Coaches have the ability to be on the field and teach the game in a controlled setting.
- This would allow students to have some form of game play prior to league play.

Moved By: Lord Tweedsmuir (Smalley)

Seconded By: Earl Marriott (Davies)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- This motion is really more of an attempt to add an additional week to the season, unlike football who had a spring season opposite of the competitive season (ie: Fall/Spring), they are wanting to play the jamboree 2 weeks before the start of the season. Currently the season of play starts in the first week of March. Teams should be having 2-3 weeks of practice in a controlled environment before entering a game. This does not support that.
- Many areas of the province have trouble playing in the first month of the season of play as it stands. This would likely provide further competitive advantage to Lower Mainland teams.

Notice #28: 55.0.0 Provincial Championship Qualifying Process

Current:

55.0.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The objectives shall be:

- 55.1.1 To establish an opportunity for all member schools to qualify for provincial championships.
- 55.1.2 To establish a hierarchy of championship levels which reflect the enrollment of participating member schools, as well as other designated criteria.

55.2.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLOCATION OF BERTHS AND QUALIFICATION PROCESS

55.2.1 BCSS DESIGNATED ZONES

The seven (7) BCSS designated zones are defined in Schedule B of the Bylaws {Zones} as follows:

- Zone A: The two (2) Kootenay Secondary Schools Athletic Associations,
- Zone B: The four (4) Okanagan Valley Schools Athletic Associations,
- Zone C: The North Central District Secondary Schools Athletic Association,
- Zone D: The Northwest Zone Secondary Schools Athletic Association,
- Zone E: The two (2) recognized Vancouver Island Athletic Associations,
- Zone F: The five (5) Lower Mainland Athletic Associations,
- Zone G: The seven (7) Fraser Valley Secondary Schools Athletic Associations.

55.2.2 COMMISSION QUALIFICATION LEVELS

Sport commissions may establish regions for qualification within the BCSS designated zones.

55.2.3 ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

Within the parameters of established BCSS policies and procedures, sport-specific policies and procedures for the allocation of berths are within the jurisdiction of each individual sport commission.

Note: All sport commissions must ensure geographic representation at all approved provincial championships.

55.2.3.1 The Burnaby/New Westminster Secondary School Athletic Association schools may qualify through the (Zone G) Fraser Valley Zone playoffs for the sport of wrestling, as long as each school meets the wrestling affiliation requirements of the Fraser Valley Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

55.2.3.2 The Richmond Secondary Schools Athletic Association may join with the Delta Secondary Schools Athletic Association and the Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic Association to form a region for qualification for the boys curling championships and the girls curling championships.

55.2.4 QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Within the parameters of established BCSS policies and procedures, sport-specific policies and procedures as to how individuals and/or teams qualify for approved provincial championships are within the jurisdiction of each individual sport commission.

55.2.5 RANKING/TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Within the parameters of established BCSS policies and procedures, sport-specific policies and procedures for the ranking of individuals and/or teams, as well as the tournament format are within the jurisdiction of each individual sport commission.

Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

55.0.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The objectives shall be:

55.1.1 To establish a systematic, transparent, equitable and objective process for qualification into the Provincial Championships

55.1.2 To recognize schools from across the province as the best teams from their zone

55.1.3 To create an opportunity to celebrate BC School Sports, our zones, local associations, member schools and student-athletes, and the positive effects of education-based athletics.

55.1.4 To add significance and importance to zone championships

55.1.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLOCATION OF BERTHS AND QUALIFICATION PROCESS

55.1.1 BCSS DESIGNATED ZONES

All sports must qualify their teams using the nine (9) BCSS Zones as found in Schedule B of the Bylaws.

55.1.1.1 Recognizing the limited number of teams and the ability to only play safely one game per week, football will run a provincial league and qualification process, as indicated by the commission.

55.1.2 ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

Berths into a provincial championship are allocated by the BCSS Sport Commission. They must be allocated to a zone, and

not a specific athletic association, subgroup, or specific school, with the exception of those commissions that guarantee the host school a berth.

55.1.3 QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Each BCSS designated zone, shall have at least one berth into each provincial championship through a zone championship event. Zones may not have a team registered in a specific sport and tier, or are unable to fill a berth. Unfilled berths will be added to the number of at-large berths to be allocated in accordance with the applicable sport commission process.

55.1.4 RANKING/TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Each sport commission is responsible for establishing and executing the seeding and format of the provincial tournaments once qualified teams are identified.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Updating the berthing to be clear with the new zones.
- Assigning Championship berths will still remain the responsibility of the commissions.

Intended Outcomes of the Motion (What is the desired effect of the change):

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Moved By: South Delta (Sweeney)

Seconded By: Kelowna Christian (Martens)

Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Recommendation

Comments:

- Clarifying policy to be consistent with the guidelines provided in the re-zoning document.
- Summarized: Zone structure tournaments to fill berths to provincials as allocated by BCSS sport commissions. Sport commissions are responsible for tournament operation.