

Agenda 2015 AA Provincial Championships

1. Attendance – please sign-in. Secretary for the meeting: Tournament Chair Lindsay Brooke

Sarah MacDonald (Seycove) and Simon Bill (Seycove), Erin Hartfield (GW Graham), Lesley Nofle & Philomena Lang (SOSS), Brenda Rushton (TD), Doug Barnim (Southridge), Nancy Mollenhauer & David Kerr (SMUS), Kash Dhaliwal (South Kam) Andrew Schouten (CHS), Stephen Bissett (YHS), Bunny Hughes (GNS), Ashleigh Gold (Collingwood), Alanna Martin (BCS)

2. Introductions: Tournament Host: Nancy Mollenhauer and David Kerr;
Tournament Chair: Lindsay Brooke; Technical Director: Brenda Rushton, Head Umpire: Gillian Horgan

3. Motion to accept the Agenda

Move: Andrew Schouten (CHS)

2nd: Nancy Mollenhauer (SMUS)

Motion: passed

4. Minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept

- Alanna read through the minutes and will send out via email afterward
- reminder that all game times will remain equal, as pool play games are dependent on goals for.

Move: Leslie (SOSS)

2nd: Andrew Schouten (CHS)

Motion: passed

5. TD –tournament – Brenda Rushton

- schedule:

- general comments – CIS tournament limited game times. Cannot go beyond 3 pm

- water is #1 turf; next best turf is Field 3

- All games will be running with tech tables (2 per table). Timing will be done at all tech tables.

- scoreboard centrally located on fencing of water based turf

- colours allocated for all games

- rosters to be double checked

-entry forms – already checked.

- for jersey conflicts, higher ranking team gets to choose who wears the pinnies

Goalie jerseys should not be white and cannot be the same colour as opposing team

- Managers need to be seated closest to the tech table

- 3 m from table allowed for coaches

- Shin guards and mouth guards are mandatory

- 1st named team is the left of the table, if sitting at the tech table

- Managers are responsible for good conduct of the bench

- No negative comments to the umpires

- No one allowed to leave bench area without leaving
- Stick checks done during first couple of games
- Game times, currently allow roughly 20 min on pitch for warmup (last 5 min pull equipment in)
- Running time, unless major injury
- Beverages off pitch
- Blood subs happen immediately
- Subs happen 3 m to centre
- Halftime is 5 min
- Captains bands are given out
- Points and standings 3PTS win/1 PT Tie/0 PTS loss
- Tie break procedure for pool play was covered
- Consolation pool – has no overtime
- Confirmed 8 seconds for shootout
- Remind teams that captain is the voice on the field

6. Umpire – Gillian Horgan

- all questions or comments or concerns about umpires all directed to Gillian, please.
- CIS bringing lots of good officials to the game. There will be some younger, less seasoned officials.

7. Tournament Chair – Lindsay Brooke

Parking

Drop off

Venue – gate

Athletic Therapy

Team photos

Banquet – 5:45 for 6:00 pm Harbour towers (in your colours)

Vikes game – admission; 6:30 on Thursday night

8. Points of Discussion/Motions:

- a) Proposed Tie-breaking procedure (see document for discussion)
 - a. Schouten – if this is what FIH and down uses it, then he is all for it.
 - b. Rushton – all current high performance events uses it
 - c. Move (Ashleigh Gold, CSS); 2nd (Schouten); Motion: passed
- b) Game time: 4 x 15 minute quarters
 - a. Is this something we want to adopt in league play, playoffs?
 - b. Schouten – NS ran this in their league and it takes a lot longer. So, if schedules are tight, this is problematic. Also, helps the stronger teams, because you don't need to rest them.
 - c. Ashleigh – what is done at nationals? Internationals? Rushton – all U16/U18 still use 35 min halves.
 - d. Rushton – adds complexity to managing these games; can an umpire do this?
 - e. Decision was to leave things as they are.

- c) Overtime
 - a. Rushton – FIH goes straight to a shootout, no more overtime. The shootout is much more interactive; involves the goalie; helps with time (shortens game times)
 - b. Moved by Andrew (Schouten); 2nd (Mollenhauer) that we eliminate overtime and go straight to a shootout for all of our championship games if there is a tie; Motion: Passed
- d) Shorts and/or Skirts
 - a. Martin – it is a current issue (lawsuit). Do we want something in our rules and regs about shorts/skirts. Do we care?
 - b. Decision for status quo.
- e) Banquet compulsory
 - a. Martin – at some championships it is compulsory; others isn't as big an issue. For organizers it is difficult to plan.
 - b. Ashleigh/Schouten – difficult to make it mandatory because of cost
 - c. Erin – likes an early start to the banquet, as games are early the next morning.
 - d. Decision for status quo.
- f) Procedure for red cards
 - a. Martin – reference to a red card given out at AAA after the final game. Things weren't reported to Alanna until 2 months after. At this time, coach said that is the wrong kid. Bottom line, girl that swore at umpire did not have to do anything.
 - b. Martin – what is our policy in this scenario, i.e. cards given out after the game?
 - c. Rushton – recommends that there is not much that can be done at the end of the tournament, other than document; between games is easier to deal with.
 - d. Ruston – recommends that tournament chair and head umpire and (and TD if available) & Alanna have a quick meeting and call in the coach, as necessary. Everything needs to be handled in a timely fashion.
 - e. Martin – need to document red and yellow infractions better at a tournament
- g) Proposed Technical Regulations
 - a. Moved: Schouten; 2nd: David Kerr (SMUS) that we adopt the proposed technical regulations; Motion: passed
- h) Proposed Rules and Regulations
 - a. Move: Ashleigh; 2nd: Stephen Bissett (York House) that we adopt the new rules and regulations; Motion; passed
- i) Wildcards – Andrew Schouten
 - a. Schouten – suggests discussion of going to a 16-team tournament and eliminate the wildcard games. 4 pools; true 8-team final and 8-team consolation.
 - b. Martin – used to be an 8-team tournament, now 12. There are only 30 teams total

- c. Leslie – will this raise venue challenges; ie. Would we need to centralize? AAA has done it on 3 turfs before, assuming one has lights? Umpires may also be an issue.
- d. Erin – may see some different teams
- e. Move: Schouten – will put a motion together
- f. Process would be to email motion to all AA schools and conduct on-line vote.
- g. Martin – wildcard games are expensive
- j) Executive positions – everyone stays in their positions

9. Reports

- a) Fraser Valley – Erin Hartfield
- b) Kootenays – Donna Hebert
- c) Northshore Burnaby - Ashleigh Gold
- d) Okanagan – Lesley Nofle
- e) Vancouver Island – Nancy Mollenhauer
- f) Vancouver Richmond – Andrew Schouten

10 Provincial host for 2016 – rotation of tournament throughout zones

2008 LFA Van/Rich	2012 LFA Van/Rich	2016 _____
2009 BCS Island	2013 Collingwood NS/B	FV? Kootenays?
2010 BCS Island	2014 SOSS Okanagan	Van/Rich?
2011 GNS Island	2015 SMUS Island	

*LV will check with AD, Erin will check with FV teams; otherwise, Crofton will host at Tamanawis

12. AOB

Ashleigh:

- Discussion of premier league: mix of top AA & AAA schools (ex. Shawnigan).
- AA/AAA is determined as we always have. Suggestion that the AA winner and the AAA winner playoff in a corporate sponsored match?
 - o Discussion around travel, expense, who would look for sponsorship, timing (too long after season is already over?)
- Concerns about all the other club field hockey commitments. General question about what other zones look like in that regard? Outside club commitments are pulling the kids in too many commitments

David:

- Semi-finals should not have be played at the same time. In favour of best surface (over equal rest time).
 - o Schouten agreed, wondered if bot semis can be played on the water
 - o Lesley – reminder that all teams don't always play on the water; therefore, it is not the preferable surface for everyone when we have a venue with multiple surfaces
 - o Martin – also consideration of hotels and feeding kids for that early game. Reminder that there was a coin toss.

- Ashleigh – feels that BC's at this level should be played on the best surface (water).
- Martin – not fair for all schools who don't play on water ever.
- Hughes – reminder that this discussion happens at CIS

Coin Toss – will happen this year. Who is officiating the coin toss? Tech table will do the coin toss. Coin toss between teams, then cross field coin toss to determine allocations.

Adjourn: Move: Nancy Mollenhauer; 2nd – Erin Hartfield; Motion: Passed

Appendix:

Fraser Valley Zone Rep Report

Prepared by Erin Hartfield

Senior:

League Structure:

In the Fraser Valley, we had a AA league that did not interlock with AAA teams. We had six registered teams in our zone, and four that competed at the Fraser Valley Championship. In our zone, field hockey is doing well but most teams are AAA schools (there are 19 at this level) because we are a zone dominated by large schools. There are two leagues in our AA zone – one interlocking league in Maple Ridge that elected to not send a team to the Fraser Valleys, and our regular AA team, where teams played each other twice. Our league was very competitive with few blowouts this year, and our Fraser Valley final was decided in overtime, showing how evenly matched our teams are.

Playoff Results:

1. Southridge
2. GW Graham
3. Agassiz
4. North Delta

Other teams in our zone – Westview, Samuel Robertson (played in Maple Ridge League)

Concerns:

- Umpiring continues to be an issue, as we have trouble finding certified umpires who are available for an after school game.
- Grassroots development of players – most schools have no junior system, and as a result, the beginning players are often overmatched by some other teams they play (especially at the AAA level). It is my opinion that we need to work on developing the junior programs
- Lack of knowledgeable coaches – some schools are not fielding teams because they cannot find coaches.

Junior:

We have eight teams registered in the Fraser Valley this year – four in Fraser Valley East, two in Maple Ridge, and two in the West. We also have several Grade 7 development teams who play each other.

In the Fraser Valleys there were four teams that competed. GW Graham finished in first place in this tournament.

Kootenay Zone Rep Report

Prepared by Donna Hebert

North Shore Burnaby Zone Rep Report

Prepared by Ashleigh Gold

Sr. AA:

- 4 teams from North Shore:
 - Collingwood (1)
 - Seycove (2)
 - Rockridge (3)
 - Sutherland (4)
- 1 team from Burnaby:
 - Byrne Creek

Season summary – The NS teams all played each other twice. All games were on either field turf or water based turf. Sey, RR & Suth were all very equal and had some great games. Byrne Creek choose not to participate in any challenge matches for BCs. Collingwood was the only team to participate in any tournaments. (ISA's UBC & Bridgman Cup)

Sr. AAA:

- 5 teams from the North Shore
 - Argyle (1)
 - Handsworth (2)
 - West Vancouver (3 & playing in the wildcard game)
 - Sentinel (4)
 - Carson Graham (5)
- No Burnaby teams

Season Summary – The NS teams all played each other once. Argyle came out as #1 seed, Handsworth as #2 and WVSS will participate in the wildcard game. All games were played on either field turf or waterbased turf. Argyle, Handsworth, WVSS, Sentinel and Carson all participated in tournaments (Polar-bear, Bridgman, UBC)

Jr. Premier:

- 4 teams entered the prem league (Jr. teams can choose either Prem or Div 1)
 - WVSS (1)
 - Handsworth (2)
 - Collingwood (3)
 - Argyle (4)

Season Summary – all the teams were competitive. All games were played on turf. Playoffs are being held this week.

Jr. Div 1:

- 5 teams entered the div 1 league
 - Carson Graham
 - Handsworth Blue
 - STA
 - WVSS Red
 - Sentinel

Season summary – all the teams were competitive. All games were played on turf playoffs are being held this week.

Full Summary:

- 10 senior teams
- 9 junior teams
- all games played on turf
- we have 5 field turfs and 1 water based turf on the NS
- all games have at least 1 ref not affiliated with the team
- teams pay for turf & refs & umpire coordinator
- our umpire coordinator organizes all the ref.
- we also have Gerry Karvelis who is the Coordinator of Athletics for the North Shore Secondary Schools' Athletic Association (NSSSAA). He runs the leagues, makes the schedules, host the league organization meetings...
- Jr. teams can pick Div 1 or Premier
- Sr. teams are divided by size AA or AAA
- Carson Graham is AA sized but needed to stay up because they chose to play AAA last year.
- Sentinel is right on the boarder between AA/AAA and therefore flip-flops back and forth

Okanagan Zone Rep Report

Prepared by Lesley Nofle

- AA Okanagan Zone Report - October 31st 2015

- The Okanagan Zone had 5 teams registered in our league this year: Southern Okanagan, South Kamloops, Okanagan Mission, Princess Margaret, and Summerland. South Kamloops moved into AA from AAA. The top four teams entered Valley Championships, and South Kamloops and Southern Okanagan will represent our zone as #1 and #2 seeds, respectively, at provincials.
- Three of our league teams play and practice on grass. Two play and practice on field turf. For smaller communities to continue to play field hockey, and for field hockey to be accessible, our sport must continue to recognize and support the grass game as a viable path to love and enjoyment of the game.
- SOSS spent \$600 (\$1.00 per km) and traveled 6 hours to play a single league game in Kamloops this year. This is not something we're willing to do every year. One of the teams in our zone refused to travel to Kamloops, and the league had to work around this. Kamloops traveled even more than SOSS did, at great cost. When the wildcard discussion comes up again, we need to remember that the cost of travel and TOC time for a wildcard game puts the game financially out of reach of some teams. We will support the "numbers" scenario for provincial berths until there is a system that allows teams to plan for and/or afford qualification games.
- Our Valley Championships didn't occur until October 27th this year, two days after the "deadline." The situation we're facing here is that some schools have no idea whether they're going to have a team next year, so they need extra time in September to recruit new players and practice. Summerland didn't join until the beginning of October. Because of this, as well as the travel planning involved and competing volleyball schedules, we barely have enough time to get our games finished. We will try to begin earlier next year.
- Thank you to Alanna and all the zone reps for all the time and effort put into our provincial field hockey league!

Vancouver Island Zone Rep Report

Prepared by Nancy Mollenhauer

Vancouver Richmond Zone Rep Report

Prepared by Andrew Schouten

- 3 Teams in AA Registered in Senior A League (York House, Crofton House, Little Flower Academy)
- 4 AA Team Registered (YHS, CHS, LFA & Notre Dame)
- CHS ran away with the league. YHS & LFA has to get to a tie-breaker game to tell who would make provincials (tied each league game vs. each other)
- CHS, LFA and YHS participated in many tournaments (Polar Bears Cup (2), Friendship Cup (1), ISA's (2), UBC (3), Bridgman (1), Okanagan Tournament (1))
- Our zone teams are willing to travel to play games: three Island tournaments and the Okanagan (to play on grass no less)
- 7 teams registered in Senior B / Junior (3xLFA, 2xCHS, YHS, Notre Dame)
- Some of the teams entered various Jr. and UBC tier 2 Tournament, Adanac Tournament in West Vancouver

- Biggest problem is lack of external competition
- Play at Livingston, CHS and UBC – great fields
- Most coaches get umpires out
- Our zone is getting stronger, but we are in a tough position b/c we only have 4 registered AA teams and will only get two berths. Trying to find a way to see if we can change our zone to include more teams.