

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING PACKAGE 2



NOVEMBER 9-10

**DELTA HOTELS BURNABY
CONFERENCE CENTRE**

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**20
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2023 Annual Planning Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 9th

Time	Topic
10:00am	1) Introductions and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome & Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment b. Approval of Agenda and AGM meeting minutes c. Rules of Order
10:45am	2) Board of Directors Report 3) Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone • Committee • Partner Organizations
12:00-12:45pm	LUNCH BREAK
12:45pm	4) Executive Director Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Operational Highlights b. Financial Report
1:45pm	5) Discussion Topics
2:45-3:15pm	BREAK
3:15pm	6) Introduction of Motions Discussion Topics continued...
5:00pm	MEETING RECESSED

6:00pm: Cocktails
7:00 pm: Dinner
9:00-11:30pm Hospitality Suite

Friday, November 10

Time	Topic
8:30-9:15am	BREAKFAST
9:15am	Discussion Topics continued... Motions – discussion continued and voting
10:30-10:45	BREAK
11:00am	Discussion Topics continued... 7) Closing Remarks Annual General Meeting – May 12/13, 2023 @ Kelowna
1:00pm	LUNCH
	MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes from Annual General Meeting - DRAFT

May 12-13, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance: Refer to Appendix A

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Brent Sweeney.

1. WELCOME FROM BCSS PRESIDENT, BRENT SWEENEY

1.1. INDIGENOUS TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with an acknowledgement that the meeting was being held on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded shared territory of the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat nation we honour their language, culture, and history.

1.2. INTRODUCTIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING

President introduced BCSS office staff as well as members of the Board of Directors. The Robert's Rules of Order were reviewed by the President.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2022 APM

Updated attendance records to reflect that Gladys Fraser was in attendance on behalf of BCCPAC.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

President reflected on the challenges and difficult decisions that are required to be made by the members of legislative assembly. The president has served the last 7 years as a board member and has had to become comfortable with making difficult decisions made in the best interest of membership and student-athletes. President noted some of the success achieved by BC School Sports including the Provincial Basketball championships that were challenging in the beginning but the event itself was a success with the highest number of attendance and the quality of basketball. The LEC provided a fantastic event, further pointing out the difficult conversations the legislative assembly had leading up to the winter season of play. The President put the spotlight on the BCSS staff for all their hard work and encouraged the legislative assembly to continue to have difficult and productive conversations to allow the organization to evolve and grow.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

The Executive Director gave a verbal report beginning with the new governance structure and being at a point where the legislative assembly can look ahead to

the future. ED highlighted some of the positive work being done including the new BCSS medals and the partnership with KidSport who provides funds directly to schools. ED urged the LA to look for KidSport services to benefit their schools and community. The overall theme of this year has been the significant growth in participation as well as attendance to school games such as Boys and Girls Basketball attracting large crowds. Some highlights from the Fall & Winter seasons of play included host schools winning their championships, and the success seen by Merritt hosting AA Girls Volleyball. ED shared some areas of concern which included the growing number of behavioural, discipline, and code of conduct incidents. With the volume of these situations the ED felt hiring an discipline officer to investigate could help with workload and expediting the process. ED also advised he had spoke with districts and superintendents on the role and importance of Athletic Directors and how to provide them with more support.

The Executive Director shifted the focus to future projects being worked on including creating a new website, STARS system, and app. A small committee will work towards putting together a list of needs. ED shared the goal of the project is to create a central hub for all things BCSS. Further updates will come in November on what the new model will look like. ED highlighted the discussions that took place with surrey school district on creating a new pilot program. Another project the ED shared was to create a better streaming platform, not only for BCSS Championships but also to allow schools to stream their games.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Director reported this year being on track to a break-even budget. A huge development for BCSS has been the partnership with Playfly. ED reported budgeting for a fairly large deficit in the current year.

MOTION TO APPOINT INTEGER CONSULTING COMPANY AS BCSS AUDITOR FOR FY2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

Gladys Fraser from BCCPAC, a non-profit organization serving as the voice of parents gave a verbal report. Safety, education, health and well-being of students is the organizations top priority. Gladys noted more parents have begun reaching out to the organization and engaging with them. Gladys reminded the LA that over 500 youth will be attending the North American Indigenous Games and encouraged everyone to celebrate their athletes.

Tracy Loffler from BC School Trustees, representing all public school boards across the province gave a verbal report. Tracy reported advocacy and funding are being prioritized to improving student outcomes. Advocacy regarding child-care, climate change. diversity, equity and inclusion, and truth and reconciliation.

Sid Jawanda, BC Principals and Vice Principals, representing on behalf of principals and vice principals gave a verbal report. Sid began by thanking the legislative

assembly and appreciating the support of all the volunteers and those helping celebrate and provide opportunities to student-athletes.

Shawn Chisolm, Federation of Independent Schools, gave a verbal report. Shawn reported 94% of the independent schools of the province are represented by FISA. Shawn focused on truth and reconciliation and putting resource and support into mental health programs and initiatives. Putting efforts towards resilience and focusing on supporting kids, recognizing they will have challenges and how to best support them in that.

Andrew Holland, BC Superintendents gave a verbal report. Andrew touched on the evolution of the legislative assembly and moving forward as an organization strategically. Andrew thanked everyone for all their hard work in providing opportunities for student-athletes.

The President thanked the partner organizations for the voices they bring to the Legislative Assembly.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoel Thibault, Chair of the Winter Sports Rules Committee gave a verbal report. The biggest challenge has been learning how best to organize meetings. Last year the committee put forward the motion for the 30 second shot clock in Basketball which went through with no backlash reported to the committee.

Gary Atwal, Chair of the Fall Sports Rules Committee gave a verbal report. The committee had response from Cross Country in terms of tiering, it was felt that the proposed change was coming too quickly. Looking forward the committee will review and intends to have a motion next year on having the same ceiling rule for both Boys and Girls Volleyball.

Moreno Stefanon, Chair of the Spring Sports Rules Committee gave a verbal report. The committee is reviewing the policies in place in the handbook and looking to clean up policies if needed for Spring sports. The committee is working on a few motions to bring forward to the Annual Planning Meeting in November.

Jackie Snell, Chair of the Competitive Fairness Committee gave a verbal report. With Harp Sohi leaving to join the BCSS office Jackie stepped up to take on the Chair position and is keen to hear what the LA has to say regarding the multiplier and single gendered school topics.

Peter Westhaver, Chair of the Eligibility Appeals Committee was not present.

Mike Campbell, Chair of the Team Sports Rules Committee was not present. The Executive Director read his report. The committee is currently discussing changes to a number of sports and will work to get feedback on topics.

8. ZONE REPORTS

Bill Richards presented the verbal report for South Fraser Zone. The current theme has been the challenges of finding teachers to coach and the pressures felt by Athletic Directors. The zone has seen an increase in participation in tier 2 level of sports.

Darren Reisig presented the verbal report for Vancouver Island Zone. Challenge with the size of the zone and cost of travel and the resurgence of participation in spring sports.

Jay Goulet presented the verbal report for North Central Zone. The positives highlighted were the good showings by teams from the zone and the difference sport has made in student-athletes lives especially after experiencing winning a medal. Challenges highlighted by the zone were difficulties dealing with community coaches who are not familiar with rules and securing transportation.

Craig Percevault presented the verbal report for Fraser North Zone, who would like to see SAC recommendations listed on all motions and transparency on berthing.

Jake Mouritzen presented the verbal report for Eastern Valley Zone, who thanked the BCSS office for support. Some challenges from the zone included finding coaches and dealing with community coaches who don't know the rules and expectations. Issues with physical violence and behaviour disciplines especially surrounding basketball crowds. Schools in the zone that do not have strong Athletic Directors are seeing a drop in participation. Some positives highlighted from the zone were success of the zone website. The zone would like to see a similar experience to Athletic Directors as the CIAAA to support ADs and provide more training. Air quality clarifications and specific guidelines should also be sent to schools.

Claude Leduc gave a verbal report for the Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone. Began the report by thanking BCSS office for all of their work. Participation in the zone is healthy in a wide variety of sports. The zone would also like to see the SAC's having a greater voice and guidance. The increasing cost of transportation has been a big concern for the zone.

Ella Ringma gave a verbal report for the Northwest Zone. Began the report by thanking BCSS for support and quick feedback. Positives from the zone included having a good return of student-athletes. Concerns from the zone included lack of training for officials and recruiting to make opportunities available.

Mary Bartucci gave a verbal report for the Thompson-Okanagan Zone. The Zone brought forward the Gymnastics motion and spoke on the disconnect felt by athletic directors across the zone to this activity. Concerns from the zone included the increasing cost of travel and entry fees. Zone felt it is best at the meeting to extend the time motions are sent out to give more time for zones to discuss the motions at their zone meetings.

Joe Moreira gave a verbal report for the Kootenays Zone, who reminded the legislative assembly they are making decisions that affect the entire province and to be mindful that making these decisions may affect parts of the province differently.

The executive director clarified air quality guidelines being a school and district decision but as a decision making body they could make it policy.

9. LOOKING FORWARD DISCUSSIONS

9.1. PREP PROGRAMS/ACADEMIES

Executive Director opened the topic by reviewing the supplementary document that was distributed earlier on Prep Programs and Sport Academies. The room was divided into smaller groups to have further discussion. The consensus was that prep programs and sport academies must first be defined before placing any restrictions or further policies.

9.2. SINGLE GENDER SCHOOLS

The competitive fairness committee reviewed this topic and the major concern are the three sports that require both genders to compete. Single gendered schools have been allowed to compete by combining with other single gender schools to participate. Recommendations have been laid out to make changes to tennis and badminton. Championships would run together at the same venues. Ultimate has been widely embraced as a co-ed sport, no good option to separate genders. The policies would like be grand-fathered in. Policy will be drafted through the summer to allow for discussion and feedback before being presented at the APM.

9.3. MULTIPLIER CONCEPT

The multiplier will come forward at the APM, the competitive fairness committee and the board wanted more time for discussion and allow for communication to go out to membership before being voted on. A three-year tiering cycle would be proposed as it would give enough time to evaluate and would be applied to all sports. The numbers used would come from the ministry of education. Discussion was had surrounding schools still being able to apply to move up a tier and the use of international students.

9.4. SCHOOL TEAMS PARTICIPATING AS CLUB TEAMS

BCSS has policy 624.0 which provides distinction between school and club play and what was required by schools, districts, or clubs to make the difference clear and understood. The concern is spring league basketball in many areas of the province and the further popularity of running fall leagues. Furthermore issues have come up in football as teams are looking to play small-sided football in the spring in advance of the spring camp and jamboree. ED asked the legislative assembly to review the considerations on the discussion topic.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Each motion was introduced and explained. LA members were able to ask questions clarifying the intent and impact of each motion. Discussion was had on each motion before voting opened.

10.1. SMASC Term of Reference

MOTION CARRIED.

10.2. Scholarship Committee

MOTION CARRIED.

10.3. Online Learning and Alternate School Student-Athletes

MOTION CARRIED.

10.4. Jointly Sponsored Teams

MOTION CARRIED.

10.5. Maximum Days of Provincial Championships

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was recessed for the day at 4:30PM.

Meeting was called back to order by President, Brent Sweeney at 9:25AM. The meeting continued with voting on motions.

10.6. Volleyball Berthing

MOTION DEFEATED.

10.7. Gymnastics

MOTION CARRIED.

10.8. Field Hockey Tournament Structure

MOTION DEFEATED.

10.9. Field Hockey Facility Requirements

Requires an amendment from two (2) fields to four (4) regulation size fields.
MOTION CARRIED.

10.10. Limitation on Use of Provincial Invitational

MOTION CARRIED.

10.11. Bona Fide Academic

MOTION CARRIED.

10.12. E-Sports

MOTION DEFEATED.

10.13. Movement Between Teams

MOTION CARRIED.

10.14. Rugby

MOTION CARRIED.

10.15. 1A Girls Basketball

MOTION CARRIED.

10.16. Girls Basketball Berthing A

Amendment to separate berthing and wild card into two separate motions.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.17. Girls Basketball Berthing B

MOTION DEFEATED.

10.18. Boys Basketball Berthing

MOTION DEFEATED.

10.19. Change of Residence

MOTION CARRIED.

10.20. Cross Country

MOTION CARRIED.

10.21. Badminton Awards

MOTION CARRIED.

10.22. Football Discipline

MOTION CARRIED.

10.23. Football Tournament Structure

MOTION CARRIED.

10.24. Static Site Championship Fee

MOTION CARRIED.

10.25. Championship Entry and/or Participation Fee

Voting was not required due to the outcome of Static Site Championship Fee motion.

10.26. Housekeeping Motions

MOTION CARRIED.

11. CHAMPIONSHIP HOST BIDS

The bid for 2024 AA Boys Volleyball was reviewed.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2024 AA BOYS VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Voting took place for the approval of Board of Director nominees by acclamation.

Executive Director and President gave a special thank you to Rick Thiessen for his years of service to BC School Sports in his role as Past President of the board of directors.

13. 2024 AGM

Executive Director reviewed the future dates for the Annual Planning Meeting as well as the Annual General Meeting.

14. CLOSING REMARKS

Executive Director thanked the legislative assembly for their hard work over the past two days and contribution. ED also thanked the BCSS staff and board of directors.

President thanked everyone on the legislative assembly for their thoughtful discussion and commitment to student-athletes experience and thanked the staff and board of directors for their hard work and dedication.

15. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM. The next meeting will take place in November 9-10, 2023 for the Annual Planning Meeting at the Delta Hotels Burnaby.

***APPENDIX A**

Directors Present:

Brent Sweeney	President
Rick Thiessen	Past President
Lindsay Brooke	Director – A/AA School
Jim Lamond	Director – AAA/AAAA School
Gian Cavaliere	Director – Rural/Semi Rural
Rachel Romero	Director – Section 2 Representative
Rick Lopez	Director – Section 3 Representative
Bal Ranu	Director – At Large

Legislative Assembly Members Present:

Joe Moreira	Kootenay Representative
Keith Wood	North Central Representative
Jay Guillet	North Central Representative
Patti Dube	North Central Representative
Darren Reisig	Vancouver Island Representative
Nicole McRae	Vancouver Island Representative
Bill Richards	South Fraser Representative
Nik Nashlund	South Fraser Representative
Courtney O'Brien	South Fraser Representative
Allen Tsang	Fraser North Representative
Craig Percevault	Fraser North Representative
Kira Sinow	Fraser North Representative
Claude Leduc	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Deanna Schaper-Kotter	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Shauna Underwood	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Jill Voros	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Mary Bartucci	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Jody Vosper	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Ella Ringma	North West Representative
James Horner	North West Representative
Jake Mouritzen	Eastern Valley Representative
Colleen Sullivan	Eastern Valley Representative
Andrew Holland	BC Schools Superintendents Association
Tracy Loffler	BC School Trustees' Association
Gladys Fraser	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
Sid Jawanda	BC Principals and Vice Principals
Shawn Chisolm	Federation of Independent Schools
Jackie Snell	Competitive Fairness Committee Chair
Gary Atwal	Fall Sports Rules Committee Chair
Zoel Thibault	Winter Sports Rules Committee Chair
Moreno Stefanon	Spring Rules Committee Chair
Kaley Wasylowich	Individual Sports Committee Chair

Staff Present:

Jordan Abney
Karen Hum
Harp Sohi
Prabh Jauhal
Mike Apps
Julie Stevens
Danielle Starkman
Josie Delisa

Executive Director
Assistant Director, Membership & Operations
Assistant Director, Sports & Events
Administrative Assistant
Sport and Events Manager
Sport and Events Manager
General Manager, BCSS Properties
Graphic Design & Content Coordinator

Observers Present:

David Prissinotti

Athletic Director, York House

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Notices of Motion

Motion #	Resolution	Motion Brought Forward By:
1	Wrestling	Winter Rules Committee
2	Ski and Snowboard	Winter Rules Committee
3	Track and Field – Qualification Standards	Spring Rules Committee
4	Track and Field - Steeplechase	Spring Rules Committee
5	Track and Field – Verticals Starting Heights	Spring Rules Committee
6	Ultimate – Soft Cap	Spring Rules Committee
7	Ultimate – Joint Team Policy	Competitive Fairness Committee
8	Badminton – Rule Changes	Spring Rules Committee
9	Badminton – Single Gender	Competitive Fairness Committee
10	Tennis – Single Gender	Competitive Fairness Committee
11	Rugby – Metal Studs	Board of Directors
12	Aggregate Team Banners	Competitive Fairness Committee
13	Change of Residence	Federation of Independent Schools
14	Student Athlete Playing-Up & Movement Between Teams	Kootenay Zone

Notice of Motion #1

Winter Rules Committee

Wrestling

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): WRESTLING 1172.0 RULES, 1173.0 EQUIPMENT, 1175.3 SEEDING, 1175.4 DRAW, 1175.5 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE, 1175.6 WEIGH IN PROCEDURE, 1176.0 AWARDS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1172.0 RULES

The rules governing Wrestling shall be those of the Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) Cadet **U17** Rules as noted in the BCSS Wrestling Technical Rules.

~~1172.4 DOPING—Doping Control, with sampling both at competitions and during training periods, may be conducted on all participants in BCSS-sanctioned events or programs. Failure to provide a sample when requested to do so, constitutes a positive doping infraction.~~

1172.5 CALL FOR COMPETITORS - All competitors are required to arrive at the edge of the mat immediately upon being called;

- o **The Mat Officiating Team is responsible to inform the disqualified athlete’s Head Coach and the Chair of the Tournament Host Committee.** Chairperson in addition to Article 13; the Call of the Competitors

1172.6 INTERRUPTION DUE TO INJURY OR BLOOD

The entire suspension may be accorded at one time or accumulated at various times throughout the bout. In matches when a wrestler is injured/bleeding and requires attention from the First Aid Attendant, the injury time will not start until available medical attendant arrives at the mat. **The match will be suspended for 5 minutes for Blood, or 2 minutes for Injury time, before the match is forfeited.**

1172.9 ILLEGAL AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS HOLDS

- o Safety of the athletes ~~in~~ **is** the main concern
- o NO BACK SUPPLAYS; Definition; back bending throw cannot be initiated whilst the offensive wrestler has their chest on the opponent’s back. **Definition: Back bending throw from the front; chest to chest (belly to belly) A throw in direction offensive**

wrestler's back. Cannot be initiated while the offensive wrestler has their opponent's arms trapped in the double whizzer position. (Double Over Hook.) NO back bending throws are allowed, this is illegal in BCSS Wrestling.

- o NO FRONT **BACK** SALTOS; Back bending throw from the front cannot be initiated whilst the offensive wrestler has their opponent's arms trapped in the double whizzer position. (Double Over hook) **Definition: Back bending throw from behind; chest to back (belly to back). A throw cannot be initiated while the offensive wrestler has their chest on the opponent's back. A throw in direction offensive wrestler's back. NO back bending throws are allowed, this is illegal in BCSS Wrestling.**

1173.0 EQUIPMENT

Athletes will be able to compete in the following attire at the BCSS Zone and Provincial Championships:

- o A one-piece singlet primarily **60% or more** in the colour assigned to them (red or blue) and not a mixture of both.

or

- o ~~A close-fitting long,~~ **In special circumstances identified by the coach, a tight form fitting long sleeve shirt will be permitted however** short sleeved shirts combined with close fitting shorts or tights that:
 - A. Meet the aforementioned singlet colour requirements.
 - B. Are free of pockets, zippers or any other elements capable of causing injury or disrupting competition.

In the event that a mat official informs an athlete that their attire does not meet the above requirements, the athlete will be provided 5 minutes **(3 minute Call of Competitors plus 2 minutes extra to be properly attired/equipped)** to rectify or find alternative competition attire.

1175.3 SEEDING

The BCSS Wrestling Seeding Committee will be responsible for seeding the provincial championship based on the current season results (head to head matches) zone championship results(head to head matches) **and previous BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championship placings. Any BCSS wrestling coach may submit a Seeding Nomination Application to the Seeding Committee. Seeding nominations will be due the Monday (10 days) prior to the BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championship.** Seeding will be released the Wednesday (8 days) prior to the Provincial Championship. **Seeding Appeal Applications need to be submitted to the Seeding Committee for consideration no later than the Friday (6 days) prior to the BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championships. Seeding appeals should be sent to both the Seeding Coordinator and Zone designate attending the Seeding Appeals meeting.**

The Final Seeding meeting will occur on Thursday, the first day of the Provincial Championship, with changes release as soon as possible. **No changes to seeding will be considered once the Final Seeding Meeting has concluded.**

1175.4 DRAW

The tournament director, in conjunction with the BCSS Office **The BCWOA assigned head Pairing Master** will adapt the draw for weight classes with less than 32 participants, with the highest seeds obtaining byes where necessary.

1175.5 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

As per the WCL Rulebook - If the score at the end of a bout is tied, the wrestler who has the most higher value scoring actions in the following order will be declared the winner. The following criteria, in sequence, will be applied:

- **Most high point moves: 4 points, 2 points, 1 point**
- **Least number of cautions**
- **Last points scored in the match**

To provide the opportunity for the student athlete/coach to review a match sequence action, all matches will have mat side video review. The current WCL Challenge process procedure will be used throughout the **entire** BCSS Wrestling Championship. **Note:** If a challenge is lost no point will be awarded to the opponent.

1175.6 WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

Remember that the use of sauna suits or garbage bags is strictly prohibited. Athletes using these artificial weight loss techniques will be disqualified from the tournament. **Coaches who assist or promote this type of weight loss will be barred from the competition site for the remainder of the championships, with a BCSS discipline hearing to be scheduled if deemed necessary.**

1176.0 AWARDS

- Gold, silver and Bronze medals for the top 3 finishers in each event **weight class** (Boys/Girls)
- Awards for 4th-6th place in each category **weight class** (Boys/Girls)

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

1172.0- change Cadet to U17, in alliance with WCL definitions

1172.4- This is the only BCSS sport that mentions doping, the tournament does not set up infrastructure for testing

1172.5- clarity for competitor window to get to the mat for their bout

1172.6- Handbook currently unclear on exactly how much time is allowed for injury or blood related pause in the match before forfeiting.

1172.9- Definitions were incorrect in handbook

1173.0- Refining the parameters of what the referees require for a blue or red singlet Allowances for coverage of the arms for religious or other health related circumstances.
Clarification of how long an athlete has to change to accepted attire

1175.3- BCSS Wrestling can only use school based competition results for seeding at the Provincial Championship. It also clarifies how to submit a Seeding Nomination Application, and what the deadlines are.

1175.4- Correction of who determines the pairing for the Championship

1175.5- Greater clarity on how a tie is resolved, and assurance that match review is available via technology

1175.6- consequences for coaches that encourage and/or facilitate the use of sweat methods to drop weight before weigh in.

1176.0- clarity of language for awards

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

1172.0- update language to align with current WCL categories

1172.4 – update handbook with accurate doping information, in this case, none.

1172.5- wrestlers will be either on time or disqualified from the match within a specific period of time.

1172.6- Clarity of how long a match will be paused for before being forfeited, due to injury and/or blood

1172.9- Correct definitions of Back Supplay and Back Salto

1173.0- Greater visual clarity of who is representing blue, and who is representing red at a match. Respecting a competitor’s religious or health related unique situations doesn’t prevent a student – athlete from competing in the provincial championship. Providing a defined time frame to change into accepted attire will ensure the championship does not fall behind as an athlete changes into an appropriate uniform

1175.3- Separate club based tournaments from school based matches when seeding at the BCSS Provincial Tournament. Provide a timeline of the seeding procedure along with appeal steps.

1175.4- Correction of who determines the match pairings

1175.5- Greater detail on how a tie is broken at a match

1175.6- Identification of consequences if a coach supports heat suits to promote weight loss (water loss) prior to weigh in

1176.0- clearer language on what medals/ribbons are being awarded

Notice of Motion #2

Winter Rules Committee

Ski and Snowboard

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): Ski and Snowboard: 1112.0 RULES, 1113.0 OFFICIALS, 1114.0 COMPETITIONS, 1115.0 AWARDS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1112.0 RULES

The rules governing BCSS Ski and Snowboard shall be that of the Canadian Ski and Snowboard Association with no modifications.

The BCSS championships rules shall be that of Alpine Canada and Canada Snowboard under the Canadian Snowsports Association with the following modifications:

- **Terrain specifications and course setting for all events may vary based on race day conditions and the competition field strength.**
- **Snowboard giant slalom will be run as single rider timed event rather than a dual.**
- **Both ski and snowboard terrain giant slalom will be run as a single skier/ rider timed event.**

1113.0 OFFICIALS

All officiating and timing will be done through the Ski Hill contracted for the event.

BCSS will ensure the correct timing and officiating are in place for the championships.

1114.0 COMPETITIONS

1114.1 EVENTS

1114.1.1 The following events will be contested at the BCSS Ski & Snowboard provincial championships in both the Boys and Girls category:

- Snowboard: 2 run Giant Slalom (GS), 1 run Terrain Giant Slalom (TGS)
- Skiing: 2 run Giant Slalom, 1 run Terrain Giant Slalom

All Ski and snowboard athletes (boys & girls) will participate in a total of 3 runs at the championships. Racers will compete in 2 runs of giant slalom (GS) and 1 run of terrain giant slalom (TGS).

1115.0 AWARDS

A BCSS Blue Championship Banner will be awarded to the top boys, girls, and combined teams in both Ski and Snowboard (6 banners).

Individual

- **Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to athletes who finish in 1st through 3rd positions in all categories (both boys and girls) for both ski and snowboard events in GS.**

Team

- **Racers will score points based on their performance compared to the competition field. Each schools' cumulative points will be added up to determine the overall banner winners.**
- **A full break down of the team points scoring protocol will be provided in the official championships race package.**
- **Championship banners will be awarded to the top boys', girls', and combined teams in both ski and snowboard categories (a total of 6 banners).**
- **A total of 6 gold, 6 silver, and 6 bronze medals will be presented to the highest-ranking teams across all competition categories: boys', girls', and combined, for both ski and snowboard.**

Racers will score points based on their race performance compared to the competition field. These points will be added to determine the overall banner winners. A full break down of the team points scoring protocol will be provided in the official championships package.

Six (6) Blue Championship Banners will be awarded to the top boys, girls, and combined teams in both Ski and Snowboard. A total of 6 gold, 6 silver, and 6 bronze medals will be presented to the highest-ranking teams across all competition categories: boys', girls', and combined, for both ski and snowboard.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

Rules:

Governing body and NSO names and structures changed in 2005. The official rules are quite different than that used at the BCSS championships. The above suggestions are modifications for athlete safety at the championships.

Officials:

Current description has limitations for potential hosts. Update will provide more options for championship delivery.

Events:

Clarification of delivery.

Awards:

Documentation and clarification of awards presented at championships.

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

To provide clarity and consistency of delivery of events at championships

Notice of Motion #3

Spring Rules Committee

Track and Field – Qualification Standards

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): None

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1145.0 COMPETITIONS

Add qualification standards for athletes to qualify for the provincial championships in the following events:

- 1145.1.4 3000 Meters Qualification Standards**
- **Grade 8 - top 24 entries will qualify for the BC High School Gr. 8 Invitational section.**
 - **Junior Girls – 14:00 minutes**
 - **Junior Boys – 11:00 minutes**
 - **Senior Girls – 13:00 minutes**
 - **Senior Boys – 10:45 minutes**

- 1145.1.5 Steeplechase Qualification Standards**
- **Junior Girls (1500 m) – 6:50 minutes**
 - **Junior Boys (1500 m) – 5:45 minutes**
 - **Senior Girls (2000 m) – 8:30 minutes**
 - **Senior Boys (2000 m) – 7:45 minutes**

- 1145.1.5 Racewalk Qualification Standards**
- **Junior Girls (1500 m) – 10:15 minutes**
 - **Junior Boys (1500 m) – 9:45 minutes**
 - **Senior Girls (1500 m) – 10:00 minutes**
 - **Senior Boys (1500 m) – 9:30 minutes**

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

Meet Directors have expressed concerns about the challenges officials face when there is a significant time gap between the fastest and slowest racers. On a 400m track, some athletes are lapped multiple times, necessitating additional track officials to monitor each racer and ensure they complete the required distance for the event.

After the event concludes, the head official must verify the results before submitting them for scoring. This process can be lengthy, leading to idle times on the track and prolonging the duration of the event day. Additionally, in an event as large as the BCSS Championship, having one or two competitors on the track for 6-7 minutes after the lead pack finishes, leads to meets running behind schedule because of the very tight track schedule.

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

Setting qualifying times ahead of the zone championships provides athletes with time to prepare and modify their training to meet the criteria for qualification in the provincial competitions. Upon reviewing the timings of the 2022 and 2023 provincial meets, it was observed that only 1 or 2 athletes (out of up to 32 athletes in each event) in each event failed to meet the recommended qualifying standard. In some of the events, all athletes participating in the provincial championship met the qualifying standards.

These standards, were suggested by the Track and Field SAC. Moreover, these standards can alleviate concerns regarding the necessary number of officials required to officiate these events.

Notice of Motion #4

Spring Rules Committee

Track and Field – Steeplechase

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1143.0 EQUIPMENT

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1143.0. EQUIPMENT

Steeplechase Specifications

	Boys	Girls
Junior	1500m - 30" (0.762m) with water	1500m - 30" (0.762m) with water
Senior	2000m - 33" (0.84m) with water	1500m 2000m - 30" (0.762m) with water

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

Currently the boys distance increases from Junior to Senior by 500m, but the girls do not increase in distance. To facilitate a natural progression this would mean the Junior Girls would be 1500 and Senior Girls would be 2000, the same as the Boys.

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

Create gender equity of Junior and Senior Boys and Girls' Specifications. This also aligns with other provinces such as OFSAA as well as the age group (non-school) athletics distances.

Notice of Motion #5

Spring Rules Committee

Track and Field – Verticals Starting Heights

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1143.0 EQUIPMENT

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1146.2 VERTICAL STARTING HEIGHTS
Starting heights in each vertical discipline will be as follows:

HIGH JUMP

- Grade 8 Boys: 1.30m
- Grade 8 Girls: 1.20m
- Jr Boys: 1.40m
- Jr Girls: 1.30m
- Sr Boys: 1.50m
- Sr Girls: 1.35m

Bar will increase in 5cm increments.

POLE VAULT

- Jr Boys: 1.80m, 1.80m, 1.95m, 2.10m, 2.20m
- Jr Girls: 1.50m, 1.50m, 1.65m, 1.80m, 1.90m
- Sr Boys: 2.00m, 2.00m, 2.15m, 2.30m, 2.40m
- Sr Girls: 1.70m, 1.70m, 1.85m, 2.00m, 2.10m
- Additional jumps added in 10cm increments.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

Currently vertical events (high jump and pole vault) are starting at heights that are cleared by almost the entire field due to the starting height being based on the lowest qualifying height of the qualified jumpers. This slows down the competition greatly.

This only affects the starting height for the championship. An athlete may still qualify for a berth at heights lower than the starting height.

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

More efficient vertical competitions at BCSS championships, while still allowing all athletes that qualify a chance to participate.

Notice of Motion #6

Spring Rules Committee

Ultimate – Soft Cap

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1152.0 RULES OF PLAY

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1152.3 ~~HALF TIME –Games will have a “Mirror Half” after the first team reaches 7 in a normal game or 8 in a Championship game. There is no break at Half Time, but for the next pull teams will be the opposite (or mirror) of the pull that started the game. (i.e. If Red pulled to Blue from the North End zone at the Start of the game then Blue pulls to Red from the North End zone after Half Time).~~

HALF TIME - Games will have a “Mirror Half” after the first team reaches 7 points. There is a quick break at Half Time (maximum 5 minutes). For the next pull teams will be the opposite (or mirror) of the pull that started the game. (i.e. If Red pulled to Blue from the North End zone at the start of the game, then Blue pulls to Red from the North End zone after Half Time). If no team has reached 7 by 45 min after the scheduled start time of the game, Half Time will happen at the conclusion of the next point. Half time in Championship games will be taken after the first team reaches 8 points, or 55 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game.

~~1152.4 SOFT CAP – Games will have a Soft Cap 75 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. Soft Cap will be indicated by an Air Horn, but team Captains should be aware of the time and work with the opposing team to put the Soft Cap into place at the appropriate time. Official time will be that shown by a cell phone and not a wrist watch. After 75 Min, the current point is completed and a new Point Target is created by adding 1 to the highest current score. The first team to reach this new Point Target will win the game. Example – If the score is 10-8 when the Soft Cap happens, then the point that is in progress ends and if the score is 11-8, the new Point Target for the game is 12. A new point is considered to have started as soon as the previous point has concluded.~~

1152.6 **1152.5** CAPS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES - Final games will have a Soft Cap 90 Minutes and a Hard Cap 100 minutes after the scheduled start time.

1152.10 GENDER MATCHING PULL RULE - The player pulling the disc at the beginning of each point must be representing the gender which has 4 matching players on the field for that point.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

1152.3 The addition of a timed half time guarantees that half time will happen in low scoring games (ie: bad weather, lots of wind)

1152.5 Removing reference to Soft Cap

1152.10. Provides equal opportunity for female and male matching players

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

1152.3 Addition of a 5 minute break at half time allows players to get a brief rest during the game, lining up more closely to other team sports.

1152.4 Removing soft cap aligns with changes made by Ultimate Canada for their tournaments

1152.5 Removes reference to Soft Cap

1152.10 Aligns with Ultimate Canada and BC Ultimate's mixed ultimate rules

Notice of Motion #7

Competitive Fairness Committee

Ultimate – Joint Team Policy

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 844.3

Effective the 2028-2029 year, the policy will be enforced equally against all member schools, including those with only a single gender in their student body.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

BC School Sports has three sports which are classified as co-ed sports meaning that both genders are required to field a team. The CFC is recommending splitting badminton and tennis into gendered competition however the recommendation for the sport of ultimate is to keep the co-ed format. Ultimate requires both males and females to be on the field of play for the game to be played.

Any school, regardless of being independent or public, unable to assemble a team meeting the minimum player requirements specified in section 1000 for each sport, faces two options:

- a) simply don't have a team, and those students miss out or
- b) look to join with another school (create a joint team), but in most cases, will be ineligible for post-season play*.

* The Joint Team Policy (840.0) was updated approximately 5 years ago to be more inclusive however, to protect competitive balance, there was a limit added stating, while any schools could combine if their combined size was over a certain threshold as defined in the policy, they were ineligible for post-season competition. Meaning, they could have a team, and play a season, and play invitational tournaments, but once the regular season completed, that was it.

Single-gender schools have been allowed to create joint teams in ultimate while still qualifying for and participating in provincial championships. If Policy 840.0 were strictly enforced, these joint teams would be barred from post-season competition.

Joint team applications submitted by co-ed schools exceeding the enrollment threshold outlined in the policy might receive approval for league and exhibition play but would not be sanctioned for post-season participation.

The Competitive Fairness Committee (CFC) proposes retaining the co-ed competition format for the ultimate provincial championships. Single-gender schools will maintain

the privilege of forming joint teams and qualifying for provincial championships for the next four years. However, beginning in 2028 – 29, the enforcement of restrictions outlined in the joint team policy will come into effect.

Ultimate is a co-ed game, always requiring a combination of players from both genders on the field. Feedback from the ultimate SAC indicated that moving to single-gender competition would represent a significant philosophical shift and would harm the sport. The CFC recommends enforcing policy 844.0 for all teams but suggests allowing a grace period of four years for single-gender schools that have traditionally registered ultimate teams before enforcing the policy.

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

Ultimate has consistently maintained its co-ed nature, and any changes to this would inherently transform the fundamental experience of the sport. The recommended motion aims to align with existing policy while still affording current students at single-gender schools that participate in ultimate the opportunity to compete in the sport throughout their years at that school.

Notice of Motion #8

Spring Rules Committee

Badminton – Edits

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): BADMINTON 1022.0 RULES OF PLAY, 1023.0 EQUIPMENT, 1024.0 OFFICIALS, 1025.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1022.0 RULES OF PLAY

~~1022.1.4 Once a match is announced for play, players will have a total of five (5) minutes to get on court and complete a warm-up~~

1022.1.4 A match will begin 5 minutes after it has been announced for play, in which during the 5-minute period, the players can warm up.

1022.3 COACHES

~~1022.3.1 The coach designated on the Badminton Score Sheet Line up is the only coach that can address players during a game in-between points. The coach designated on the Badminton Score Sheet Line up must only coach in-between rallies and must not interfere with flow of the game~~

1022.3.1 Teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) head coaches and two (2) assistant coaches. All coaches must be designated on the score sheet and registered in STARS. Only designated head coaches as listed on the Badminton Score Sheet Line up are permitted to coach in-between rallies and must not interfere with flow of the game.

~~1022.3.2 Assistant coaches can only coach players during the two (2) minute break between games 1 and 2 and games 2 and 3. Assistant coaches can provide feedback to the coach during game play as long as the coach is the only individual directly addressing the players.~~

1022.3.2 Assistant coaches are permitted to coach players directly only during the two (2) minute break between games. Assistant coaches may provide feedback to the head coach throughout the match.

1022.4 Intervals at 11:

- o Players have the discretion to take a ~~30-second~~ **60-second** water break in any game when the first player reaches 11 points

~~1022.5 If a player is consistently serving illegally, and the breach is blatant, the coach noting the infraction is to speak to the player's coach, and request to warn the player. If in the opinion of a coach, the service rules continue to be breached, then a service ruling can be requested and organized by other neutral coaches/managers within that pool or playoff group~~

1022.5 The contact height of a shuttle and racquet during service should be below the lowest rib. If a player is consistently serving illegally, and the breach is blatant, the coach noting the infraction is to speak to the player's coach, and request to warn the player. If in the opinion of a coach, the service rules continue to be breached, then a service ruling can be requested and organized by other neutral coaches/managers within that pool or playoff group.

1023.0 EQUIPMENT

~~1023.2 Appropriate badminton attire that consists of a shirt and shorts. Team uniforms using school colours, or the official competition t-shirt is recommended.~~

1023.2 Players must wear appropriate badminton attire that consists of a shirt and shorts. Official school team uniforms or clothing are mandatory.

1023.4 Unless stated otherwise, the Yonex Mavis 300 will be the official shuttlecock of the championships.

1024.0 OFFICIALS

1024.5 Spectators must behave in a manner that does not interfere with any communication by officials and players on court.

1025.3 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

1025.3.2.1 Power Pool Structure as listed in the handbook is incorrect and needs to be updated.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

Rules:

- To create alignment with championships, zone play and other sport governing bodies.
- To ensure that the championships follow the posted game and tournament schedule.

Coaches:

- To ensure all coaches in the facility are registered and to ensure that all teams have equal opportunity to coaching at the championships.

Intervals at 11:

- To provide clarity on regulations to schools.

Equipment:

- To provide clarity and consistency.
- To ensure all schools are adhering to BCSS regulations.

Officials:

- To development an appropriate competition environment.

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

1. To update rules and regulations at the badminton championships.
2. To ensure are schools have current and relevant information concerning BCSS badminton rules and regulations.

Notice of Motion #9

Competitive Fairness Committee

Badminton – Single Gender

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1022.6

~~1022.6 Team Gender Requirements: Schools must have a minimum of five (5) girls and five (5) boys in order to compete prior to the start of Championships, coaches must submit the following:~~

Schools must have a minimum of five (5) girls OR five (5) boys in order to field a team in either respective gender.

~~Declare eligible players on the “Team Line Up” form~~

- ~~○ List male and female players in order of strength~~
- ~~○ Attach BCSS Roster to “Team Line Up” form~~

Declare eligible players on the “Team Line Up” form

- **List players in order of strength**
- Attach BCSS Roster to “Team Line Up” form

~~1022.1.7 — The following matches will be played during a tie (following the BCSS Badminton Score Sheet line up):~~

- ~~○ Match 1: Girls Doubles A vs B~~
- ~~○ Match 2: Girls Doubles B vs A~~
- ~~○ Match 3: Boys Doubles A vs B~~
- ~~○ Match 4: Boys Doubles B vs A~~
- ~~○ Match 5: Girls Singles~~
- ~~○ Match 6: Boys Singles~~
- ~~○ Match 7: Girls Doubles A vs A~~
- ~~○ Match 8: Girls Doubles B vs B~~
- ~~○ Match 9: Boys Doubles A vs A~~
- ~~○ Match 10: Boys Doubles B vs B~~
- ~~○ Match 11: Mixed Doubles~~

(IF PASSED, THIS MOTION WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR. AN UPDATED MATCH FORMAT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE AGM IN SPRING AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SPRING RULES AND TEAM SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES).

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

BC School Sports badminton provincials is currently classified as co-ed sports meaning that both genders are required to field a team. The competition format consists of matches with 11 different 'sets' contested. There are 5 sets for male athletes, 5 sets for female athletes and 1 set for mixed doubles. The first team to win 6 sets is deemed the winner of the match.

Any school unable to assemble a team meeting the minimum player requirements specified in section 1000 for each sport, faces two options:

- a) don't have a team, or;
- b) look to join with another school (create a joint team), but in almost every case, will be ineligible for post-season play*.

* The Joint Team Policy (840.0) was updated approximately 5 years ago to be more inclusive however, to protect competitive balance, there was a limit added stating, while any schools could combine if their combined size was over a certain threshold as defined in the policy, they were ineligible for post-season competition. Meaning, they could have a team, and play a season, and play invitational tournaments, but once the regular season is completed, that was it.

Single-gender schools have been allowed to create joint teams in badminton while still qualifying for and participating in provincial championships. The inclusion of single-gender joint teams in the badminton provincials predates the joint team policy (840.0) updates by decades.

The Competitive Fairness Committee (CFC) proposes altering the format of the provincial championships for badminton transitioning to single-gender team competitions, commencing from the academic year 2024 – 25.

Single-gender joint teams have a well-established history of participation in badminton. These teams have not been held to the same standards as teams from all-gender schools. The CFC believes that the proposed recommendations will not only ensure compliance with existing policies but may also increase the participation of student athletes in badminton. Responding to a survey, some all-gender schools indicated that they didn't register teams because they didn't have enough athletes from both genders to form a team. Shifting to single-gender competitions may provide more options to schools, including those that are all-gender schools.

Under this motion, both championships (female and male) would still be run concurrently at the same venue(s), as has been the practice historically, but the competitions would operate independently of each other. Schools could qualify teams in the female championship, male championship or both championships.

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

By altering the structure of the provincial championships for badminton, the CFC believes that there would be an overall boost in participation numbers across the province. The format of the provincial championships would remain consistent, with the primary focus on team results but separated into gender-specific competitions. In the case of badminton, despite already having strong participation, there is a sense that these numbers may further increase.

Notice of Motion #10

Competitive Fairness Committee

Tennis – Single Gender

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1132.2

~~1132.2~~ A team is to consist of a minimum of 5 boys and 5 girls.

113.2 A boys team must consists of a minimum of 5 boys; a girls team must consist of a minimum of 5 girls.

~~1132.8~~ Each match is made up of 11 sets. All matches will be played to completion (11 sets) unless otherwise determined by the tournament director;

~~1132.8.1~~ The matches will be played in the following order, the first team listed is designated as the home team;

- ~~○ Girls Doubles A vs B~~
- ~~○ Girls Doubles B vs A~~
- ~~○ Boys Doubles A vs B~~
- ~~○ Boys Doubles B vs A~~
- ~~○ Girls Singles~~
- ~~○ Boys Singles~~
- ~~○ Girls Doubles A vs A~~
- ~~○ Girls Doubles B vs B~~
- ~~○ Boys Doubles A vs A~~
- ~~○ Boys Doubles B vs B~~
- ~~○ Mixed Doubles~~

(IF PASSED, THIS MOTION WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR. AN UPDATED MATCH FORMAT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE AGM IN SPRING AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SPRING RULES AND TEAM SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES).

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

BC School Sports tennis provincials is currently classified as co-ed sports meaning that both genders are required to field a team. The competition format consists of matches with 11 different sets contested. There are 5 sets for male athletes, 5 sets for female athletes and 1 set for mixed doubles. The first team to win 6 sets is deemed the winner of the match.

Any school, regardless of being independent or public, unable to assemble a team meeting the minimum player requirements specified in section 1000 for each sport, faces two options:

- a) simply don't have a team, and those students miss out or
- b) look to join with another school (create a joint team), but in almost every case, will be ineligible for post-season play*.

* The Joint Team Policy (840.0) was updated approximately 5 years ago to be more inclusive however, to protect competitive balance, there was a limit added stating, while any schools could combine if their combined size was over a certain threshold as defined in the policy, they were ineligible for post-season competition. Meaning, they could have a team, and play a season, and play invitational tournaments, but once the regular season is completed, that was it.

Single-gender schools have been allowed to create joint teams in tennis while still qualifying for and participating in provincial championships. The inclusion of single-gender joint teams in the tennis provincials predates the joint team policy (840.0) updates by decades.

The Competitive Fairness Committee (CFC) proposes altering the format of the provincial championships for tennis transitioning to single-gender team competitions, commencing from the academic year 2024 – 25.

Single-gender joint teams have a well-established history of participation in tennis. These teams have not been held to the same standards as teams from all-gender schools. The CFC believes that the proposed recommendations will not only ensure compliance with existing policies but may also increase the participation of student athletes in tennis. Responding to a survey, some all-gender schools indicated that they didn't register teams because they didn't have enough athletes from both genders to form a team. Shifting to single-gender competitions may provide more options to schools, including those that are all-gender schools.

Under this motion, both championships (female and male) would still be run concurrently at the same venue(s), as has been the practice historically, but the competitions would operate independently of each other. Schools could qualify teams in the female championship, male championship or both championships.

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

By altering the structure of the provincial championships for tennis, the CFC believes that there would be an overall boost in participation numbers across the province. The format of the provincial championships would remain consistent, with the primary focus on team results but separated into gender-specific competitions. This transition could potentially benefit the sport of tennis, which currently has relatively low participation numbers.

Notice of Motion #11

BCSS Board of Directors

Rugby – Metal Studs

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1102.2 EQUIPMENT

1102.2. EQUIPMENT

~~1103.2.2 Cleats must not have metal studs~~

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

During the spring of 2023, the rugby Student Advisory Council (SAC) notified the BCSS staff that the prohibition of metal studs, as outlined in the sport policies as written in the BCSS handbook, was inaccurate. Metal studs are commonly used in the sport of rugby and are considered standard equipment. The Board of Directors was asked to pass a Board Motion for temporary usage which was done. As per policy, any ongoing motion from the Board, must be ratified by the Legislative Assembly at the next meeting of the Assembly.

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

Conform to the established norms in the sport.

Notice of Motion #12

Competitive Fairness Committee

Aggregate Team Banners

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): TRACK AND FIELD (1146.0), SKI & SNOWBOARD (1115.0), MOUNTAIN BIKING (1096.0),

TRACK AND FIELD

~~1146.0 AWARDS~~

- ~~BCSS Championship Banners will be awarded to:~~
- ~~o Overall School Winner (combined both genders); AA, AAA~~
 - ~~o Senior Boys Team Aggregate Winner; AA, AAA~~
 - ~~o Senior Girls Team Aggregate Winner; AA, AAA~~

SKI & SNOWBOARD

~~1115.0 AWARDS~~

~~A BCSS Blue Championship Banner will be awarded to the top boys, girls, and combined teams in both Ski and Snowboard (6 banners).~~

~~1096.0 AWARDS~~

- ~~The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Championship event:~~
- ~~o TEAM OVERALL The BCSS Provincial Championship award will be presented to the school team whose athletes earn the highest total number of points in both the All Mountain and Enduro disciplines. The overall team winning school will be presented with the BCSS Provincial Championship banner and the BCSS Mountain Biking Commission Championship Cup.~~

In order to be awarded the 'combined' aggregate banner (boys and girls), member schools must have athletes that compete in both genders at the Championships.

Note: (Sport Specific Regulations may contain further requirements for the Aggregate Banners.)

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

The wrestling sport commission (previous governance model) approved a comparable motion during their Annual General Meeting in 2014, mandating the scoring of points in both male and female championships.

The purpose of the combined aggregate banner is to acknowledge the school that achieves the highest combined score from both their boys' and girls' teams in the

competition. In previous instances, a single-gender school has secured the highest overall score and received the combined banner, even if they did not have any athletes from their school competing in the opposite gender category.

The combined blue championship banner is labelled with the title 'boys and girls champion'. A school that is exclusively one gender does not fulfill the criteria to be considered champions in both genders.

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

Recognize the school that has achieved the greatest aggregate score from both of its gendered teams.

Notice of Motion #13

Federation of Independent Schools

Change of Residence

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 923.0 CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

923.0 CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

A student-athlete has moved with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and changed their principal residence within the previous twelve (12) months. The change of residence must not be deemed to be with the intent of making the student-athlete eligible for competition in a BCSS activity at a member school. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits the required form that attests to the details and reason for the change of residence. The member school is required to provide evidence/documentation the student-athlete is residing in a new residence that satisfies the Eligibility Officer. The following must be met in all types of residence change applications (Change in Principal Residence, Parent-to-Parent, Move to Legal Guardian):

The student-athlete will remain eligible if they stay enrolled at their current school despite the change of residence.

The student-athlete may become eligible:

- If leaving a public school, the public school into whose catchment boundaries the family or student-athlete has moved to; or
- If leaving a French Immersion Program, at the nearest public school that offers a French immersion program if the student-athlete can provide documentation showing they were previously enrolled in a French immersion program at their leaving school; or
- If leaving an independent school, at the nearest independent school within the same FISA Member Association Groups, listed below, as the leaving school:
 - Association of Christian Schools International BC (ACSIBC)
 - Associate Member Society of FISA BC (AMS)
 - Catholic Independent Schools of BC (CISBC)
 - Independent Schools Association of BC (ISABC)
 - Society of Christian Schools BC (SCSBC)
- **If leaving an independent school, the nearest independent school that best aligns with the student-athlete's previous school's nature (faith-based, secular)**

Although a school district may allow out-of-catchment registration for a new-to-district student, this does NOT satisfy the criteria to be deemed athletically eligible.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

The following scenarios exist within FISA:

- Christian independent schools exist in three of the five FISA associations. If the closest Christian school is not in the same association the student-athlete would be ruled ineligible to compete.
- The Christian school that aligns with the family's faith observance may not be the closest independent school to the new residence (and may or may not be in the same FISA association).
- While more urban regions of the province have independent high schools from most, if not all of the five FISA associations, most rural and remote regions do not. Therefore, a student-athlete that transfers from a Catholic or ISABC school on Vancouver Island to Prince George/Campbell River/Cranbrook/Fort St. John (where there are no Catholic or ISABC high schools) would be ineligible if the family chose to continue to enroll their child in an independent or faith-based school that was not in the same FISA association as the independent school the student student-athlete transferred from.
- Some independent schools choose to belong to more than one FISA association, and the existing policy does not incorporate this reality.
- While some rural remote towns may have an affiliated school, the school itself may not be large enough to have sports teams.

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

No change in intent but the present policy can unintentionally negatively impact student-athletes due to the unique structure of the FISA member associations and the sparseness of independent school association high schools in many regions of the province. While these unique situations are often approved through an appeal process, the appeal process costs money, takes times for the appeals committee, and delays an athlete's ability to play sport in a season of play while the appeal is being processed.

Notice of Motion #14

Kootenay Zone

Student Athlete Playing Up & Movement Between Teams

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 818.0 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL'S TEAM

818.1 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 that they would normally attend, if by the roster registration deadline (see 832.3), they have approval of both member school’s administrators, athletic directors, students, and parent(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.

818.1.1 Member schools with Football and/or Rugby 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.

818.2 LIMITS TO PLAYING/MOVING UP

Student-athletes attending a middle school or junior secondary school cannot play or move up in the sports of aquatics, cross country, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling as the minimum number to form a school team in these sports are one (1) athlete.

818.2.1 The exemption to this rule is football whereby student-athletes registered on a lower level team may play for the higher level team at the same time without restriction during playoffs.

818.2.2 Member schools where the middle school (feeder school) and the senior school have the same grade levels (i.e. grade levels 7,8,9 at middle school and 9-12 at Senior School), the student-athletes attending the middle school cannot move up to the senior school’s teams.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The intention of the Middle/Junior School Playing Up Policy (818.1) is to support small senior schools in fielding teams.
- This policy allows students from the middle/junior feeder school to play on the senior school team when the senior school cannot field a team.
- Most middle/junior feeder schools do not have overlapping grades with the senior school.
- Example of overlapping grades:
 - Junior/middle feeder school - Grades K to 10
 - Senior school - Grades 7 to 12
- If the middle/junior feeder school and the senior have overlapping grades, the senior school can use junior players from the senior school instead of using players from the middle/junior school.

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

Spring 2025 Championship Host Bids

SPORT	CHAMPIONSHIP DATE	BIDS RECEIVED
1A Girls Soccer	May 30 – June 1, 2025	Duncan Christian School
2A Girls Soccer	May 30 – June 1, 2025	Notre Dame Regional Secondary
2A Girls Soccer	May 30 – June 1, 2025	Spectrum Community

SPRING 2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS WITHOUT CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS	
SPORT	CHAMPIONSHIP DATE
1A Golf	June 2-4, 2025
2A Golf	June 2-4, 2025
3A Golf	June 2-4, 2025
Badminton	May 29-31, 2025
2A Tennis	May 22-24, 2025
3A Tennis	May 22-24, 2025
Mountain Biking	May 23, 2025

*As per policy 734.4, Any School-Hosted Championship that does not have a confirmed host school on the first day of the Season of Play for that sport, will be cancelled for that season. Schools may still participate in league, zone championship, and exhibition events. Fall Season of Play Championship hosts must be confirmed prior to the last day of school in the preceding school year.