



## 8.3 Rules and Regulations

For clarifications on voting on resolutions, please see Bylaw 6.7.2: Resolutions to set membership fees or amend Competitive Rules & Regulations must be approved by a majority of registered votes at a general meeting.

*Agenda Item*    *Section III B1.1 Rules Prohibiting Recruiting*  
 8.3.1            **Whereas**, BCSS has long-standing and very clear regulations governing recruiting as outlined in B1.1 on page 39 of the BCSS Handbook, and headlined RULES PROHIBITING RECRUITING, and **Whereas**, section (b) on page 39 specifically states that “offering financial inducements of any kind, including...inducements or incentives concerning fees, accommodation or transportation” is strictly forbidden in connection with any student-athlete participating in BCSS sanctioned sports.  
 MOVED BY {BURNHAM (KITSILANO)/ WIEBE (KING GEORGE)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
**That any school that advertises, by any means, the offer of financial assistance or promises that possibility of scholarships and bursaries to prospective students be asked to provide a list of all students who receive any of these financial benefits. A cross-reference will then be made of registered student-athletes from that school playing in a sanctioned sport by the Eligibility Officer of BCSS. Any student who appears on both lists will be deemed ineligible. As a privacy safeguard, information regarding such students will remain confidential and shared only by the Eligibility Officer and the President and Commissioner of the affected sport. Appeals in cases of awarded monies or benefits will not be heard.**  
  
**Moreover, any school refusing to cooperate in this exercise will immediately be deemed ineligible for all BCSS sanctioned activities.**

**MOTION DEFEATED**

*Agenda Item*    *Section III C7.2 Sport Tier Classifications-Boys Basketball*  
 8.3.2            **Whereas**, The BCHSBBA added an additional tier (4A) in 2013  
**Whereas**, The two guiding principles of adding a fourth tier were to 1) Make sure that all four tiers were as equally balanced as possible and 2) That teams would be committed to these tiers for a two year period in order to help with consistency and scheduling.  
**Old Rule:**  
**BASKETBALL – BOYS**  
 AAAA - 284 or more boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 AAA - 185 - 283 boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 AA - 76 - 184 boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 A - 75 or fewer boys in Grades 11 and 12  
**New Rule:**  
**BASKETBALL-BOYS**  
 AAAA – ~~284~~ 267 or more boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 AAA - ~~185 – 283~~ 174 - 266 boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 AA - ~~76 – 184~~ 70 - 173 boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 A - ~~75~~ 69 or fewer boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 MOVED: {EBERHARDT (PALMER) / SOMERS (LAMBRICK PARK)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
**The following rule replace Sec III 7.2 BASKETBALL - BOYS:**  
  
**For the 2016-17 season the BCHSBBA will use the following numbers for tier breaks:**  
 AAAA- 267 and above,  
 AAA- 174 to 266,  
 2A- 70 to 173,  
 1A- 69 and below

**MOTION CARRIED**



**Agenda Item 8.3.3** *Section III C7.2 Sport Tier Classifications-Football*

**Whereas**, BC High School Football has been playing and scheduling its teams since 2013 using the 275 number as its basis for tiering AAA

**Whereas**, Our membership is trying to create more balance within the number of teams at each tier.

**Whereas**, the number of schools within BC High School Football that were AAA under the current number were dwindling thus the need in our minds to lower the number in order to create a more even number of teams playing at each level.

**Whereas**, it will allow some of our smaller programs to be able to better compete and thus help grow the game.

<p><b>Old Rule:</b>  <u>C7.2 Sport Tier Classifications</u>  <b>FOOTBALL – BOYS</b>          AAA - 275 or more boys in Grades 11 and 12          AA - 274 or fewer boys in Grades 11 and 12          * the above tiering numbers will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year</p>	<p><b>New Rule:</b>  <u>C7.2 Sport Tier Classifications</u>  <b>FOOTBALL – BOYS</b>          AAA - 275 or more boys in Grades 11 and 12          AA - 274 or fewer boys in Grades 11 and 12  <del>* the above tiering numbers will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year</del></p>
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MOVED: {GEMMELL (LORD TWEEDSMUIR) / BELL (WJ MOUAT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
**The following tiering numbers be used for Boys Football las per C7.2:**  
**FOOTBALL – BOYS**  
 AAA - 275 or more boys in Grades 11 and 12  
 AA - 274 or fewer boys in Grades 11 and 12

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Agenda Item 8.3.4** *Section III C7.2 Tier Classifications-Track and Field*

**Whereas**, presently most high school sports in BC have 2-4 tiers

**Whereas**, At least five provinces (with populations less than BC) have 3-4 tiers at their provincial high school track and field championships

**Whereas**, the structure of the championship does not have to change (only scoring)

**Whereas**, opportunity for smaller schools to win a track and field championship

MOVED: {TURNBULL (LAMBRICK PARK)/MCLEISH (ST. ANDREWS)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
**The following tiers be added to Section III C7.2 Tier Classifications**  
**Track & Field:**  
**AAA:** 421 or more students in grades 11 & 12  
**AA:** 126-420 students in grade 11 & 12  
**A:** 125 or fewer students in grades 11 & 12

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Agenda Item 8.3.5** *Section III C7.3 Sports Changing Tier Classification Numbers*

**Whereas**, Boys Basketball wants to biennially adjust their tiering numbers for each of their 4 tiers;

**Whereas**, Boys Basketball will biennially approve their new tiering numbers at their AGM;

**Whereas**, the Boys Basketball’s AGM occurs after the January 16 deadline for submission to BCSS Competitive Standards Committee (as per C7.3).

<p><b>Old Rule:</b>  <u>C7.3 Sports Changing Tier Classification Numbers</u>          A Commission wishing to change its tier classification based on enrolment must develop a rationale, with input from coaches, which must be submitted to the Competitive Standards Committee no later than January 16 of the current school year, with recommendations going</p>	<p><b>New Rule:</b>  <u>C7.3 Sports Changing Tier Classification Numbers</u>          A Commission wishing to change its tier classification based on enrolment must develop a rationale, with input from coaches, which must be submitted to the Competitive Standards Committee no later than January 16 of the current school year, with recommendations</p>
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C7.3.1 Boys Basketball Commission can biennially (every second year) submit an approved tiering numbers resolution directly to BC School Sports AGM starting in 2017.

C7.3.1 (a) Approved tiering numbers are subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Student Numbers used for tiering are provided by BC School Sports
- (ii) Must be approved biennially at the BC Boys Basketball Commission AGM as per their bylaws and Handbook (to be updated in 2016 to reflect this change).

(b) If above conditions are not met, no resolution may be presented directly at the BC School Sports AGM.

MOVED {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE)/MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule be added into Section III C7.3:**

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- (ii) Must be approved biennially at the BC Boys Basketball Commission AGM as per their bylaws and Handbook (to be updated in 2016 to reflect this change).

(b) If above conditions are not met, no resolution may be presented directly at the BC School Sports AGM.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**If 8.3.6 passes we will not vote on resolutions 8.3.7, 8.3.8, 8.3.9, 8.3.10, 8.3.11, 8.3.12, 8.3.13, 8.3.14, 8.3.15, 8.3.16, 8.3.17, 8.3.18, 8.3.19.**

*Agenda Item Section III D-Student-Athlete Eligibility & Transfers*

8.3.6 **Whereas**, BCSS has devoted a great deal of time and effort in order to control student eligibility and transfers, and

**Whereas**, a whole section in the BCSS handbook is devoted to Eligibility and Transfers (**Section III D**), and, **Whereas**, AD's and School Administrators end up spending lots of time on issues of eligibility and transfers, and

**Whereas**, in trying to control recruitment BCSS denies participation in our sporting community to many students that do not fall in the appeals parameters but are nevertheless legitimate transfers, and,

**Whereas**, BCSS can't really effectively control recruiting

MOVED {VEY CHILTON (VANCOUVER TECHNICAL)/LAND (GLADSTONE) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**BCSS remove Section III D from its handbook and place the responsibility of eligibility of all students on the school administrator (the principal) who is ultimately responsible for all students within their school. And, also BE it resolved that BCSS should be facilitating participation by BC's High School Students rather than limiting it with the exception of those students who are receiving incentives of any kind and have been actively recruited by the schools they are attending by means of incentives as outlined in the BCSS Handbook in section B1.1 on Page 39 of the BCSS Handbook, and headlined RULES PROHIBITING RECRUITING**

**MOTION DEFEATED**



**8.3.7 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D3: Student Athlete Age and Competitive Levels-Grade 7*

8.3.7

**Whereas**, BCSS currently does not have any regulations or policies regarding the participation of grade seven (7) student-athletes.

**Whereas**, The BCSS Eligibility Officer has requested the need for policy on the eligibility of grade seven (7) student athletes.

**Whereas**, The membership seeks clarification on the parameters of the eligibility of grade seven (7) student athletes.

**Whereas**, The BCSS Eligibility Officer has relied on precedent to govern the eligibility of grade seven (7) student-athletes

**Whereas**, There is a need for the participation of grade seven (7) student-athletes to field a team at the grade eight (8) or bantam level in some member schools.

MOVED {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE)/MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule be included in Section III D3 and the following sections be renumbered accordingly:**

**D3.5: GRADE SEVEN (7) STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION**

Grade 7 student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in BCSS sanctioned sport, restricted or unrestricted. 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)/ bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a team due to insufficient numbers.

D3.5.1 The Eligibility Officer will review the grade seven (7) eligibility application to ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

- A) Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school applying for the exemption.
- B) Grade seven (7) student-athletes can only participate on grade eight (8)/ bantam **TEAM** sports.
- C) 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.
- D) Grade eight (8)/ bantam student-athletes cannot be registered on the member school's more senior team for the requested team sport.
- E) Grade seven (7) student-athletes being allowed to participate in a grade eight (8)/bantam level teams is to allow a member school to field a grade eight (8)/bantam level team which otherwise would not happen due to an insufficient number of grade (8) student-athletes wanting to participate.
- F) The number of grade seven (7) student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the number of grade eight (8)/bantam level student-athletes.
- G) The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team. Refer to Section III F1.7.3

D3.5.2 Application and conditional acceptance of grade seven (7) student-athletes may be terminated by the Eligibility Officer if the above (D3.5.1) are not met.

D3.5.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes who play on a grade eight (8) or bantam team will declare that member school as their "home school".

D3.5.4 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).

D3.5.5 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

**MOTION CARRIED**



**8.3.8 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D3.6 Movement between Teams*

**8.3.8** **Whereas**, BCSS Rules and Regulations Section D3.6 Movement Between Teams states that a player may play up to a more senior team without restriction during league play. Then it states that once a player participates in playoffs at the higher level that player must stay up with the more senior team. However the word “playoffs” is not clearly defined. Most Local associations define playoffs as their Association or city playoffs to determine champions and berths into zones.

MOVED {BACH (VANCOUVER TECHNICAL)/ BURNHAM (KITSILANO) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**In order to be consistent throughout all the associations in the province that playoffs commence with association or city championships and NOT with Zone Championships which are totally different.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.9 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D3: Student Athlete Age and Competitive Levels*

**8.3.9** **Whereas**, the football commission has always felt that its member teams were exempt from the playoff portion and Moving up forms in Section III Rule D3.6 & D3.7 based in previous letters and discussion with BCSS as far back as 1988 and in 2007

**Whereas**, Football requires more players to field teams in order to be competitive more than any other sport  
**Whereas**, all coaches manage their rosters differently based in injuries and a variety of other factors and they need the flexibility to do so on a week to week basis.

**Whereas**, it is common practice for both of a programs junior and senior teams to be running the same defences and offences thus making it easier for players to transition up to the senior team on game days

**Whereas**, Playing up is part of the football culture and an accepted practice across all levels of scholastic football

**Old Rule:**

**D3.6 Movement Between Teams:**

A registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team during league play without restriction on the number of days. Once the player has participated in the playoffs the player must stay up with the more senior team, and a “Moving Player to a Higher Age Group Team Form” must be completed. Once approved, the student will be registered with the more Senior Team for the remainder of that season. If a school registers two (2) or more teams in the same age group in the same sport, there will not be any movement between those two (2) teams for restricted competition.

**D3.7 Individual student-athletes moving up at the end of their age group season:**

Student-athlete who is otherwise eligible and is registered on one of the school teams in the same sport, or is registered on one of the direct feeder school teams in the same sport, is eligible to join the more senior team in that sport after the completion of the lower age level team’s

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[D3.6.1 The exemption to this rule is the football commission where by student athletes registered on a lower level team may play for the higher level team at the same time without restriction during the playoffs.](#)

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restricted competition and playoff schedule. The student-athlete must be added to the appropriate Student-Athlete Registration Form for the more senior team before competing. The addition of the student-athlete is made by notification in writing to the BCSS office of the student-athlete's name, name of the team on which they were originally registered, and the signature of the coach and athletic director ( Use the "Moving Student –Athlete to ta Higher Age Group Team Form.")

sport after the completion of the lower age level team's restricted competition and playoff schedule. The student-athlete must be added to the appropriate Student-Athlete Registration Form for the more senior team before competing. The addition of the student-athlete is made by notification in writing to the BCSS office of the student-athlete's name, name of the team on which they were originally registered, and the signature of the coach and athletic director ( Use the "Moving Student –Athlete to ta Higher Age Group Team Form.")

[D7.3.1 The Football Commission is exempt from Rule D3.7 – Any registered student athlete within the Football Commission may play up to a more senior team during playoffs without restriction – including playing for both teams during the playoffs providing that the student athlete playing up on the more senior team is registered on a lower level team. No player registered as a senior varsity player with BCSS may play down at a lower level during playoffs regardless if their age falls within the age category of the lower level team.](#)

MOVED: { GEMMELL (LORD TWEEDSMUIR)/ BELL (WJ MOUAT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rules be added into Section III D3.6 & D3.7**

**D3.6 Movement Between Teams:**

A registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team during league play without restriction on the number of days. Once the player has participated in the playoffs the player must stay up with the more senior team, and a "Moving Player to a Higher Age Group Team Form" must be completed. Once approved, the student will be registered with the more Senior Team for the remainder of that season. If a school registers two (2) or more teams in the same age group in the same sport, there will not be any movement between those two (2) teams for restricted competition.

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D7.3.1 The Football Commission is exempt from Rule D3.7 – Any registered student athlete within the Football Commission may play up to a more senior team during playoffs without restriction – including playing for both teams during the playoffs providing that the student athlete playing up on the more senior team is registered on a lower level team. No player registered as a senior varsity player with BCSS may play down at a lower level during playoffs regardless if their age falls within the age category of the lower level team.

**MOTION CARRIED**





**8.3.10 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D5.1 Residency Requirement*

8.3.10

**Whereas**, the current section does not address the current residency situation of all students in British Columbia; and

**Whereas**, changes to a student’s residency is addressed in transfer policy, in particular Guardianship (D9.8.4(a)), Exchange Students (D9.8.9), International Students (D9.8.10 & 11) and Ward of the Province (D9.8.12); and

**Whereas**, student-athletes changing their residency situation can gain eligibility through transfer policies (D9.8); and

**Whereas**, changing this section will restrict Boarding School students-athletes from being eligible for those sports they played at their previous schools in the past 12 months.

**Old Rule:**

**D5.1 STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST FULFIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:**

- D5.1.1** Reside with a parent or parents,
- D5.1.2** Reside with a legal guardian – guardianship must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought,
- D5.1.3** Must be a ‘Ward of the Province’ and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children and Family Development,
- D5.1.4** Must be attending a non-public 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.

**New Rule:**

**D5.1 STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST FULFIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:**

- D5.1.1** Reside with a parent or parents [in BC](#),
- D5.1.2** Reside with a legal guardian [in BC](#)– guardianship must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which full eligibility is sought, [during the 12 month waiting period the student-athlete may play subject to Section III D9.](#)
- D5.1.3** Must be a ‘Ward of the Province [of BC](#)’ and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children and Family Development,
- D5.1.4** 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 full eligibility is sought. [During the 12 month waiting period the student-athlete may play subject to Section III D9-Student-Athlete Transfers.](#)
- D5.1.5** [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 to be eligible to participate in BCSS competition.](#)
- D5.2.1** [Any student-athlete who does not meet any of the residency requirements is subject to Section D9.8 TRANSFERS](#)

**D9.8.9 Incoming Exchange Student-Athlete:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school as an incoming exchange

**D9.8.9 INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT-ATHLETE:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school



student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school only if the conditions in either (a) or (b) are met:

**(a) Non-profit exchange program:**

**(i)** The student-athlete is registered as a student-athlete in a

BCSS approved exchange program and appropriate confirmation is submitted during online registration,

**(ii)** The student-athlete is only eligible for the duration of the actual exchange program,

**(iii)** The British Columbian (BC) family with whom the

student-athlete is residing is considered to be the family of record for the duration of the student-athlete's stay,

**(iv)** The student-athlete's exchange period in BC is of at least five (5) months or one (1)

semester's duration. The only exception will be for the BC Ministry of Education, Germany and Quebec exchanges,

**(v)** The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar,

**(vi)** The student-athlete has not graduated from the high

school program International Exchange, Student Travel Schools, World Youth in their home country or province. BCSS approved Exchange Programs are: AFS Interculture Canada, Cultural Homestay International,

Educational Foundation Exchange, Rotary Services and the Ministry of Education German and Quebec Exchange Programs.

*("Online Transfer Form" must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Student-Athlete Registration Form.)*

**(b) School-to-School Exchange Programs:**

**(i)** The school-to-school exchange agreement has been in place at least five (5) years prior to automatic eligibility status being conveyed, and the exchange program must go in both directions,

**(ii)** The appropriate registration confirmation is submitted during online registration,

**(iii)** The student-athlete is only eligible for the duration of the actual exchange program,

as an incoming exchange student is eligible to compete for the receiving school if the following conditions are met:

**(a)** The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of British Columbia and is not a resident of British Columbia,

**(b)** The Exchange Program is an established and recognized program by either provincial or federal governments,

**(c)** The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,

**(d)** The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,

**(e)** The school administrator or District Office shall verify in writing that:

**(i)** The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria,

**(ii)** That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school,

**(iii)** The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and

**(iv)** This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in any BCSS-approved sports.

**(f)** The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.





- (iv) The British Columbian (BC) family with whom the student-athlete is residing is considered to be the family of record for the duration of the student-athlete's stay,
- (v) The student-athlete's exchange period in BC is of at least five (5) months or one (1) semester's duration,
- (vi) The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.

**D9.8.10 Incoming International Student-**

**Athletes to a Public School District:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS public school member school as an incoming international student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) The student-athlete transfers into British Columbia from a country other than Canada or the United States,
- (b) The student-athlete is registered in a public school district as an "International Student-Athlete", and pays tuition to that school district as per established and published school district policy,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted by that school district on the basis of academic suitability,
- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five (5) month or one (1) semester period,
- (e) The superintendent of the school district or their district designate responsible for the international student program shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete and placement of the student-athlete in a particular school is based solely on academic criteria, and
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school district or a particular school, and
  - (iii) This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in restricted competition in BCSS-approved sports,

**D9.8.10 INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-**

**ATHLETE:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school as an incoming international student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) [The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada.](#)
- (b) The student-athlete is registered in a [member school](#) as an "international student", and pays tuition to that according to a published international student policy and fee schedule,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,
- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,
- (e) The [school administrator or District Office](#) shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria,
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school,
  - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and
  - (iv) This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in any BCSS-approved sports.
- (f) [The student-athlete is placed in a school dormitory or with a family home stay.](#)
- (g) The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.

*("Confirmation of Eligible Student-Athlete Transfer" form must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form. In addition, an incoming international student transfer form must be forwarded to the BCSS office within seven (7) school days of the online registration)*



- (iv) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the boarding school for at least five (5) consecutive months, or one (1) semester,
- (f) Guardianship has been established by school district personnel or the custodial homestay or the student-athlete has been assigned to the homestay family as the off-shore family designate,
- (g) The student-athlete has been placed in a homestay with a family who has been resident in the school district for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the homestay placement. *("Confirmation of Eligible Student-Athlete Transfer Form" must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form*

**D9.8.11 Incoming International Student-Athletes to a Non-Public School:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS non-public member school as an incoming international student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) The student-athlete transfers into British Columbia from a country other than Canada or the United States,
- (b) The student-athlete is registered in a member non-public school as an "international student", and pays tuition to that school according to a published international student policy and fee schedule,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,
- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,
- (e) The school administrator shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria, and
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school, and
  - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship,

**D9.8.11 INCOMING BOARDING SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE:**

A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school as an incoming boarding school student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from:
  - i. Outside of Canada: participate in any BCSS approved sports, or
  - ii. Inside of Canada: Ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he / she was registered for their previous school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer.
- (b) The student-athlete is registered in a member school as an "boarding student", and pays tuition according to a published boarding student policy and fee schedule,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,
- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,
- (e) The school administrator or District Office shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria,
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school,
  - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation,



bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and  
**(iv)** This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in restricted competition in BCSS-approved sports,

**(f)** The school or the board of the school has registered as the student-athlete's custodian (guardian) for the duration of the student-athlete's stay at the school, and provides a copy of the Letter of Custodianship,  
**(g)** The student-athlete is placed in a school dormitory or with a family who has been resident in the community for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the homestay placement.

*("Confirmation of Eligible Student-Athlete Transfer Form" must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form. In addition, an incoming international student transfer form must be forwarded to the BCSS office within seven (7) school days of the online registration)*

**(iv)** This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in any BCSS-approved sports, and  
**(f)** The student-athlete is placed in a school dormitory.  
*("Confirmation of Eligible Student-Athlete Transfer" form must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form. In addition, an incoming international student transfer form must be forwarded to the BCSS office within seven (7) school days of the online registration)*

MOVED {MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)/COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**Replace section III D5 with the following rule:**

**D5.1 STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST FULFIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:**

**D5.1.1** Reside with a parent or parents in BC,

**D5.1.2** Reside with a legal guardian in BC– guardianship must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which full eligibility is sought, during the 12 month waiting period the student-athlete may play subject to Section III D9-Student-Athlete Transfers.

**D5.1.3** Must be a 'Ward of the Province of BC' and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children and Family Development,

**D5.1.4** 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 full eligibility is sought. During the 12 month waiting period the student-athlete may play subject to Section III D9-Student-Athlete Transfers.

**D5.1.5** 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 to be eligible to participate in BCSS competition.

**D5.2.1** Any student-athlete who does not meet any of the residency requirements is subject to Section D9.8 TRANSFERS

**The following rule replace Section III D9.8.9**

**D9.8.9 INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT-ATHLETE** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school as an incoming exchange student is eligible to compete for the receiving school if the following conditions are met:

**a)** The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of British Columbia and is not a resident of British Columbia,



- (b) The Exchange Program is an established and recognized program by either provincial or federal governments,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,
- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,
- (e) The school administrator or District Office shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria,
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school,
  - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and
  - (iv) This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in any BCSS-approved sports.
- (f) The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.

**The following rules replace Section III D9.8.10 & D9.8.11 and the following sections be renumbered accordingly:**

**D9.8.10 INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school as an incoming international student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada,
- (b) The student-athlete is registered in a member school as an "international student", and pays tuition to that according to a published international student policy and fee schedule,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,
- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,
- (e) The school administrator or District Office shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria,
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school,
  - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and
  - (iv) This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in any BCSS-approved sports.
- (f) The student-athlete is placed in a school dormitory or with a family home stay.
- (g) The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.

*("Confirmation of Eligible Student-Athlete Transfer" form must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form. In addition, an incoming international student transfer form must be forwarded to the BCSS office within seven (7) school days of the online registration)*

**D9.8.11 INCOMING BOARDING SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE:** A student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS member school as an incoming boarding school student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (b) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from:
  - i. Outside of Canada: participate in any BCSS approved sports, or
  - ii. Inside of Canada: Ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he / she was registered for their previous school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer.
- (b) The student-athlete is registered in a member school as an "boarding student", and pays tuition according to a published boarding student policy and fee schedule,
- (c) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,



- (d) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period,
  - (e) The school administrator or District Office shall verify in writing that:
    - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria,
    - (ii) That a student-athlete’s possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school,
    - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation,
    - (iv) This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in any BCSS-approved sports, and
  - (f) The student-athlete is placed in a school dormitory.
- (“Confirmation of Eligible Student-Athlete Transfer” form must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form. In addition, an incoming international student transfer form must be forwarded to the BCSS office within seven (7) school days of the online registration)*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.11 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

*Agenda*

*Section III D9.8 Transfers*

*Item 8.3.11*

**Whereas**, the structure and timing of transitioning to a more senior school varies across this province;  
**Whereas**, the many educational programs of choice do not begin until after grade 8;  
**Whereas**, it is reasonable to assume that so few individuals at grade 8 are “elite” athletes;  
**Whereas**, the Eligibility Officer notes anecdotally that all transfers that he has allowed or not allowed would not upset the “competitive balance”;  
**Whereas**, the current rules around designating “home school” is more punishing than restrictive;

**Old Rule:**

**D9.8: Transfers**

Subject to Section III D11, a student-athlete who transfers from his / her “home school” after the first day of his / her first (1st) year of eligibility (Grade 8) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions in Section III D9.8.1 - Section III D9.8.13 is met.

In addition to completion of the transfer form as part of the online registration process, a Compliance and Authorization Form must be submitted and be signed by the administrators and athletic directors of both the leaving and receiving schools, and by the student-athlete’s parent or legal guardian.

**New Rule:**

**D9.8: Transfers**

Subject to Section III D11, a student-athlete who transfers from his / her “home school” after the first day of school in his / her second (2nd) year of eligibility (Grade 9) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer, (or if the transfer is in September the start of the next school year) ~~the first day of his / her first (1st) year of eligibility (Grade 8) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer~~ to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions in Section III D9.8.1 - Section III D9.8.13 is met.

In addition to completion of the transfer form as part of the online registration process, a Compliance and Authorization Form must be submitted and be signed by the administrators and athletic directors of both the leaving and receiving schools, and by the student-athlete’s parent or legal guardian.

MOVED {MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)/COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule replace Section III D9.8 Transfers**

**D9.8 Transfers**

Subject to Section III D11, a student-athlete who transfers from his / her “home school” after the first day of school in his / her second (2nd) year of eligibility (Grade 9) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer, (or if the transfer is in September the start of the next school year) to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he / she was registered for a member



school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions in Section III D9.8.1 - Section III D9.8.13 is met.

In addition to completion of the transfer form as part of the online registration process, a Compliance and Authorization Form must be submitted and be signed by the administrators and athletic directors of both the leaving and receiving schools, and by the student-athlete's parent or legal guardian.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.12 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 or 8.3.10 do not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D9.8.12-Student-Athlete Transfers*

8.3.12

**Whereas**, there is currently no explanation in the transfer section (Section III D9) for incoming North American boarding student-athletes

**Whereas**, other transfer students are required to complete the on-line transfer form and a compliance and authorization form.

**Old rule:**

D5.1.4 Must be attending a non-public 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.

**New Rule:**

D5.1.4 Must be attending a [BC member school](#) as a 'residing full-time boarding student' [The student athlete is ineligible for a period of twelve \(12\) months from the date of transfer to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport\(s\) in which he / she was registered for their previous school in the twelve \(12\) months prior to the date of transfer.](#)

MOVED: {RODFORD (ST. MICHAELS UNIVERSITY) / THORAX (GLENLYON NORFOLK)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule be included in Section III D9.8 and the following sections be renumbered accordingly:**

D9.8.12 Incoming North American Student-Athletes to a Non-Public School:

A Student-athletes who transfers into BCSS non-public member school as an incoming North American student-athletes is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (A) The student-athlete transfers into British Columbia from Canada or the United States,
- (B) The student-athlete is registered in a member non-public school as a "North American student", and pays tuition to that school according to the published North American student policy and fee schedule,
- (C) The student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability,
- (D) The incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five (5) months or one (1) semester period,
- (E) The school administrator shall verify in writing that:
  - (i) The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria and
  - (ii) That a student-athlete's possible participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school, and
  - (iii) The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and
  - (iv) This verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in restricted competition in BCSS-approved sports.
- (F) The student-athlete is residing in a dormitory as a full-time boarding student for the duration of their school stay.

**MOTION NOT REQUIRED**





**8.3.13 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

**If 8.3.13 passes we will not vote on 8.3.14.**

*Agenda Item Section III D9.8.3 Change of Principal Residence*

**8.3.13** **Whereas**, while BCSS has the Statutory Declaration by Parent form needed to be provided to BCSS to ensure that a student has actually moved principal residence and therefore transferred schools  
**MOVED {GRANT (ERIC HAMBER/ DERPAC (PRINCE OF WALES) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**  
**Whereas this form has good intentions, it also creates a financial burden on the student's parents or guardians to provide the form sealed and signed by a notary public. This is unnecessary since when the student registers at a school they transferred to proof of residence in the district and the catchment area. Thus the Statutory declaration form only needs to be signed by the Principal of the schools to which the student has now been enrolled in. This will ease the process at no cost to the student's parents of the school.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.14 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 or 8.3.13 do not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D9.8.3 Change of Principal Residence*

**8.3.14** **Whereas**, there are inconsistencies in the transfer and eligibilities policies of Section D of the handbook; and **Whereas**, the roles of the Eligibility Officer and the Executive Director are sometimes exchanged; and **Whereas**, the role of the Eligibility Officer is to review all other applications regarding eligibility

**Old Rule:**

**D9.8.3 Change of Principal Residence:**

The student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (see Definitions) have changed principal residence in the previous twelve (12) months. The change of residence must not be for the purpose of making the student-athlete eligible for restricted competition at a member school. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits to BCSS a statutory declaration by parent or legal guardian in a form acceptable to the Executive Director which attests to the details and reason for the change of residence (please also refer to Section III D5).

**MOVED {MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)/COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**To replace Executive Director with Eligibility Officer**

**D9.8.3 Change of Principal Residence:**

The student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (see Definitions) have changed principal residence in the previous twelve (12) months. The change of residence must not be for the purpose of making the student-athlete eligible for restricted competition at a member school. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits to BCSS a statutory declaration by parent or legal guardian in a form acceptable to the Eligibility Officer which attests to the details and reason for the change of residence (please also refer to Section III D5).

**New Rule:**

**D9.8.3 Change of Principal Residence:**

The student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (see Definitions) have changed principal residence in the previous twelve (12) months. The change of residence must not be for the purpose of making the student-athlete eligible for restricted competition at a member school. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits to BCSS a statutory declaration by parent or legal guardian in a form acceptable to the ~~Executive Director~~ **Eligibility Officer** which attests to the details and reason for the change of residence (please also refer to Section III D5).

**MOTION CARRIED**



### **8.3.15 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D9.8.8 Short Term Transfer and Return to Home School*

**8.3.15**

**Whereas,**

The current D9.8.8 policy is one that applies to all student athletes, regardless of their circumstance. However there are some athletes who find themselves in unique circumstances that suggest that an addendum to D9.8.8 will make a difference to our student athletes by further enhancing their opportunities to play sport.

**The new resolution being proposed is designed to take two things into consideration:**

- 1) to provide immediate clarity for the student athlete on their eligibility who has been asked by their school to leave (temporarily for 1 year), with the intent of returning the following year.**

Particularly if the child has been asked to leave the school for reasons other than sports (eg. disciplinary reasons), it seems reasonable to suggest that their eligibility to play sports not be affected for this short time frame.

The clarity that will result in accepting added provision D9.8.8b) will expedite the 'settling in' process for the student that suddenly finds themselves in a new school because:

- a) they will know their fate early,
- b) they will not be penalized from playing sports in the new school, nor will they be prevented from playing sports when they return to their original school
- c) they do not have to wait for the appeal process. At the moment, only the appeal process addresses this anomaly, and that leaves the child in limbo with uncertainty. A child who finds themselves in these circumstances requires stability.

- 2) to minimize inadvertent eligibility consequences towards the student athlete whose eligibility is in question because they are permitted to return to the previous school in one year.**

For any student who has been asked to change schools for behavioral or disciplinary reasons, this is a challenging proposition. For a child in this position to remain in limbo about their status in sports for the next year would impact that child from settling in, moving forward, and growing. The provision that is presented here can be a catalyst to allow the disciplined student to focus on moving forward, instead of worrying about whether they can or can't play sports.

A student athlete who finds themselves in this circumstance will find the notion of not playing sports (due to ineligibility) to be a stressful time for them. The notion of having them sit out of sports for the year, in addition to the consequence of having to change schools, is too much of a consequence, and counter-productive to their creating an environment for growth. For student athletes who are required to change schools, playing team sports is one the best ways to assimilate. (We all agree that playing sports is a very healthy way for young people to keep balance in their lives). Currently, the only provision within the BCSS policies for a student in this circumstance to return to their original school 'and play sports', is if they go through the appeal process. This appeal process is valuable. The downside of this aspect of the process is that it occurs late in the school year, leaves the student in limbo for most of their school year, which leaves the student's fate to chance. This anxious time for the student can be easily alleviated by introducing this new provision.

In short, this addendum to D9.8.8 is about providing a unique provision that currently does not exist in the current policy, and demonstrates compassion for some athletes who are well-intended to make improvements in their circumstance.

In the end, consistent with BCSS's Mission and Guiding Principles, we want to continue to promote student participation to play sports, and to support equity of opportunity to participate in athletics. The proposed resolution D9.8.8b) captures this spirit and will make a difference for some of our athletes who find themselves in unique circumstances.



**Old Rule:**

**D9.8.8 Short Term Transfer and Return to Home**

School: A student-athlete who transfers to another school for a period of one (1) school year or less, and who has not participated in interschool competition in any BCSS-approved sport while attending that school, will regain athletic eligibility upon transferring back to his /her home school.

*(An online transfer must be completed for the student-athlete before the student-athlete's name is added to the roster)*

**New Rule:**

**D9.8.8 Short Term Transfer and Return to Home School:**

A student-athlete who transfers to another school for a period of one (1) school year or less, and who has not participated in interschool competition in any BCSS-approved sport while attending that school, will regain athletic eligibility upon transferring back to his /her home school.

*(An online transfer must be completed for the student-athlete before the student-athlete's name is added to the roster)*

**D9.8.8(b) Short Term Transfer and Return to Home School:** A student-athlete who transfers, for disciplinary reasons, to another school for a period of one (1) school year or less, will regain athletic eligibility upon transferring back to his /her home school.

MOVED COHEE (ST. GEORGES) PRISSINOTTI (YORK HOUSE)/ : BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule be added into Section III D9.8.8**

**D9.8.8 Short Term Transfer and Return to Home School:** A student-athlete who transfers to another school for a period of one (1) school year or less, and who has not participated in interschool competition in any BCSS-approved sport while attending that school, will regain athletic eligibility upon transferring back to his /her home school.

*(An online transfer must be completed for the student-athlete before the student-athlete's name is added to the roster)*

**D9.8.8 (b) Short Term Transfer and Return to Home School:** A student-athlete who transfers, for disciplinary reasons, to another school for a period of one (1) school year or less, will regain athletic eligibility upon transferring back to his /her home school.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.16 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 does not pass**

Agenda Item Section III D9 Preamble

8.3.16

**Whereas**, BCSS has hired an Eligibility Officer to deal with eligibility appeals

MOVED {MACINNES (MAGEE)/MESICH (WINDERMERE)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The BCSS Eligibility Officer deal with ALL of the eligibility appeals including advance ruling, statutory declarations, Transfers ect. Without interference and prejudice from the BCSS executive or the BCSS executive officer thus simplifying appeals process and eligibility**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.17 will only be voted on if 8.3.6. does not pass**

Agenda Item Section III D10: Sport Specific Education Programs

8.3.17

**Whereas**, many students who take these programs are not elite athletes but rather students who have a high interest for the sport; and

**Whereas**, currently there are many different types of programs in which some students remain eligible while certain programs do not; and

**Whereas**, the additional credits are often in weight training, mental training, or sport nutrition, and these are courses, which can be taken by students outside of SSEP's, are available in many high schools or online or in the community—thus not creating a competitive advantage;



**Old Rule:**

**Sport Specific Education Programs: Section III D10**

A sport specific education program combines education with specific sport instruction / education for curriculum credit. The sport specific education program allows for sport specific training, instruction and / or competition; provides sport skills training in a targeted sport; provides other training / education such as, but not limited to, weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to support the targeted sport. A student-athlete is considered to be enrolled in a sport specific education program if:

**D10.1** A student-athlete is enrolled in a catchment / home school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives five (5) or more credits for educational courses of sports instruction (Compliance and Authorization Form must be submitted). These student-athletes would be ineligible to compete in that sport for their school-based team.

**D10.2** A student-athlete is enrolled in a non-catchment school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives four (4) or more credits for educational courses of specific sports instruction.

**D10.3 STUDENT- ATHLETE TRANSFERS FOR SSEP:**

**D10.3.1** Any student-athlete in their first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th), or fifth (5th) year of eligibility transferring into a sport specific education program is ineligible to participate in BCSS competition in the sport in which he / she receive specific sports instruction and is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in any BCSS competition in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in Section III D9 apply.

**D10.3.2** Any student-athlete transferring from a sport specific education program back to their home school is ineligible to compete in that specialized sport and in any BCSS competition in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in Section III D9 apply.

MOVED {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE)/MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)} BE RESOLVED THAT:

**Sec III D10 be removed.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.18 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 or 8.3.17 do not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III D10: Sport Specific Education Programs*

**8.3.18** **Whereas**, many students who take these programs are not elite athletes but rather students who have a high interest for the sport; and  
**Whereas**, currently there are many different types of programs in which some students remain eligible while certain programs do not; and  
**Whereas**, the additional credits are often in weight training, mental training, or sport nutrition, and these are courses, which can be taken by students outside of SSEP's, are available in many high schools or online or in the community—thus not creating a competitive advantage;



**Old Rule:**

**Sport Specific Education Programs: Section III D10**

A sport specific education program combines education with specific sport instruction / education for curriculum credit. The sport specific education program allows for sport specific training, instruction and / or competition; provides sport skills training in a targeted sport; provides other training / education such as, but not limited to, weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to support the targeted sport. A student-athlete is considered to be enrolled in a sport specific education program if:

**D10.1** A student-athlete is enrolled in a catchment / home school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives five (5) or more credits for educational courses of sports instruction (Compliance and Authorization Form must be submitted). These student-athletes would be ineligible to compete in that sport for their school-based team.

**D10.2** A student-athlete is enrolled in a non-catchment school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives four (4) or more credits for educational courses of specific sports instruction.

**D10.3 STUDENT- ATHLETE TRANSFERS FOR SSEP:**

**D10.3.1** Any student-athlete in their first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th), or fifth (5th) year of eligibility transferring into a sport specific education program is ineligible to participate in BCSS competition in the sport in which he / she receive specific sports instruction and is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in any BCSS competition in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in Section III D9 apply.

**D10.3.2** Any student-athlete transferring from a sport specific education program back to their home school is ineligible to compete in that specialized sport and in any BCSS competition in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in Section III D9 apply.

**New Rule:**

**Sport Specific Education Programs: Section III D10**

A sport specific education program combines education with specific sport instruction / education for curriculum credit. The sport specific education program allows for sport specific training, instruction and / or competition; provides sport skills training in a targeted sport; provides other training / education such as, but not limited to, weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to support the targeted sport. A student-athlete is considered to be enrolled in a sport specific education program if:

**D10.1** A student-athlete is enrolled in a catchment / home school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives five (5) or more credits for educational courses of sports instruction (Compliance and Authorization Form must be submitted). These student-athletes would be ineligible to compete in that sport for their school-based team.

**D10.2** A student-athlete is enrolled in a non-catchment school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives four (4) or more credits for educational courses of specific sports instruction.

**D10.3 STUDENT- ATHLETE TRANSFERS FOR SSEP:**

**D10.3.1** Any student-athlete in their first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th), or fifth (5th) year of eligibility transferring into a sport specific education program is ineligible to participate in BCSS competition in the sport in which he / she receive specific sports instruction and is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in any BCSS competition in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in Section III D9 apply.

**D10.3.2** Any student-athlete transferring from a sport specific education program back to their home school is ineligible to compete in that specialized sport and in any BCSS competition in which he / she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in Section III D9 apply.

**D10.4: EXEMPTIONS Student-athletes participating in swim academies.**



MOVED {ITO (WEST POINT GREY)/RYAN (BURNABY MOUNTAIN)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be added into Section III D10:

D10.4: EXEMPTIONS Student-athletes participating in swim academies.

MOTION NOT REQUIRED

8.3.19 will only be voted on if 8.3.6 or 8.3.16 do not pass

Agenda Section III D11: Eligibility Applications

Item 8.3.19 Whereas, the dates must be updated for 2016-2017 year;

Old Rule:

D11.22

Deadline for Submission (Wednesdays)

September 16, 2015

October 14, 2015

November 25, 2015

January 6, 2016

March 2, 2016

May 25, 2016

Meetings (Saturdays)

September 26, 2015

October 24, 2015

December 5, 2015

January 16, 2016

March 12, 2016

June 4, 2016

New Rule:

D11.22

Deadline for Submission (Wednesdays)

September 14, 2016

October 12, 2016

November 23, 2016

January 4, 2016

March 1, 2016

May 24, 2016

Meetings (Saturdays)

September 24, 2016

October 22, 2016

December 3, 2016

January 14, 2017

March 11, 2017

June 3, 2017

MOVED {McASKILL (GP VANIER)/ COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Eligibility Appeals Committee meets and accepts submissions as follows:

Deadline for Submission (Wednesdays)

September 14, 2016

October 12, 2016

November 23, 2016

January 4, 2016

March 1, 2016

May 24, 2016

Meetings (Saturdays)

September 24, 2016

October 22, 2016

December 3, 2016

January 14, 2017

March 11, 2017

June 3, 2017

MOTION CARRIED

If 8.3.20 passes we will not vote on resolution 8.3.21.

Agenda Item Section III E3: Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates

8.3.20 Whereas, the Competitive Standards Committee reviewed the resolution from last year and felt the need to re-introduce a resolution to address season of play requirements; and Whereas, adhering to season of play allows athletes to participate in more than 1 sport without conflict; and Whereas, adhering to season of play creates equal opportunity for every BCSS sanctioned sport; and Whereas, Boys basketball held all their championships in the 13th week in the 2015-16 season.

Old Rule:

Section III E3 Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates

E3.1 BASKETBALL:

E3.1.1 Basketball AAAA: The BC High School Boys Basketball Association AAAA Provincial

New Rule:

Section III E3 Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates

E3.1 BASKETBALL:





Championship may be held leading up to and including the twenty-sixth (26th) weekend of play during the school year.

**E3.2 FOOTBALL:**

**E3.2.1** A school team may meet another team or participate in a jamboree with several school teams on one (1) occasion between the date of the last provincial championship and the end of the school year. This should be done in conjunction with spring practice.

**E3.2.2** A provincial all-star team of student-athletes in Grade 12, under the direction and control of the BCSS Football Commission (BCSSFA) may compete at one (1) event with other all-star teams from outside the province of BC. This event is to occur between spring practice and the last day of school.

**E3.3 BOYS RUGBY:**

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.

**E3.4 TRACK AND FIELD:**

The BCSS Track & Field Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the thirty-eighth (38th) weekend of play during the school year.

MOVED: {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE)/ MISIAK (MARRIOTT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**E3.1, E3.2 and E3.4 be removed and the sections be renumbered accordingly.**

~~E3.1.1 Basketball AAAA: The BC High School Boys Basketball Association AAAA Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the twenty-sixth (26th) weekend of play during the school year.~~

~~E3.2 FOOTBALL:~~

~~E3.2.1 A school team may meet another team or participate in a jamboree with several school teams on one (1) occasion between the date of the last provincial championship and the end of the school year. This should be done in conjunction with spring practice.~~

~~E3.2.2 A provincial all-star team of student-athletes in Grade 12, under the direction and control of the BCSS Football Commission (BCSSFA) may compete at one (1) event with other all-star teams from outside the province of BC. This event is to occur between spring practice and the last day of school.~~

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~~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.~~

~~E3.4 TRACK AND FIELD:~~

~~The BCSS Track & Field Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the thirty-eighth (38th) weekend of play during the school year.~~

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.3.21 will only be voted on if 8.3.20 does not pass**

*Agenda Item Section III E3: Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates*

8.3.21

**Whereas**, the LEC is the only facility that can presently meet the needs of the BCHSBBA and the BCSSGBA

**Whereas**, There is a strong desire by member in both associations to use the LEC and have separate weeks to celebrate ALL of their association championships

**Whereas**, Presently this can only be accomplished by running one of the championships in the 12<sup>th</sup> week of play

**Whereas**, The BCHSBBA already has an exemption to run one tier (4A) in the 14<sup>th</sup> week of play

Old Rule:

Section III E3 Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates

New Rule:

Section III E3 Approved Exceptions to the Season of Play Dates



**E3.1 BASKETBALL:**

**E3.1.1** Basketball AAAA: The BC High School Boys Basketball Association AAAA Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the twenty-sixth (26th) weekend of play during the school year.

**E3.2 FOOTBALL:**

**E3.2.1** A school team may meet another team or participate in a jamboree with several school teams on one (1) occasion between the date of the last provincial championship and the end of the school year. This should be done in conjunction with spring practice.

**E3.2.2** A provincial all-star team of student-athletes in Grade 12, under the direction and control of the BCSS Football Commission (BCSSFA) may compete at one (1) event with other all-star teams from outside the province of BC. This event is to occur between spring practice and the last day of school.

**E3.3 BOYS RUGBY:**

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.

**E3.4 TRACK AND FIELD:**

The BCSS Track & Field Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the thirty-eighth (38th) weekend of play during the school year.

**E3.1 BASKETBALL:**

**E3.1.1** Basketball AAAA: The BC High School Boys Basketball Association AAAA Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the twenty-sixth (26th) weekend of play during the school year.

One of the BCHSBBA or the BCSSGBA be permitted to run their championships in the 14<sup>th</sup> week of play

**E3.2 FOOTBALL:**

**E3.2.1** A school team may meet another team or participate in a jamboree with several school teams on one (1) occasion between the date of the last provincial championship and the end of the school year. This should be done in conjunction with spring practice.

**E3.2.2** A provincial all-star team of student-athletes in Grade 12, under the direction and control of the BCSS Football Commission (BCSSFA) may compete at one (1) event with other all-star teams from outside the province of BC. This event is to occur between spring practice and the last day of school.

**E3.3 BOYS RUGBY:**

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.

**E3.4 TRACK AND FIELD:**

The BCSS Track & Field Provincial Championship may be held leading up to and including the thirty-eighth (38th) weekend of play during the school year.

MOVED: {EBERHARDT (RC PALMER/ WESTCOTT (SPECTRUM))} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**One of the BCHSBBA or the BCSSGBA be permitted to run their championships in the 14<sup>th</sup> week of play**

**MOTION NOT REQUIRED**

Agenda Item  
8.3.22

*Section III E6-Maximum Number of Playing Days*

**Whereas**, the D3.5-7 changed a few years back; and

**Whereas**, that policy change can significantly increase the number days that a younger athlete can play in a given sport; and

**Whereas**, that younger athlete could easily play more than maximum number of play days for a team;

**Whereas**, the current policy E6.2 only restricts the maximum number of playing days for a team

**Old Rule:**

E6.2 No member school shall, within the season of play for a sport, exceed the maximum number of playing days for that sport, which are:

**New Rule:**

E6.2 No member school shall, within the season of play for a sport, allow any student-athlete to exceed the maximum number of playing days for that sport, which are:



MOVED {MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)/COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Section III E6.2

E6.2 No member school shall, within the season of play for a sport, allow any student-athlete to exceed the maximum number of playing days for that sport, which are:

- Aquatics 15
- Mountain Biking 26
- Badminton 26
- Rugby 26
- Basketball 32
- Skiing 15
- Cross Country 15
- Soccer 26
- Curling 15
- Tennis 24
- Field Hockey 26
- Track & Field 15
- Football 15
- Volleyball 26
- Golf 15
- Wrestling 26
- Gymnastics 15

**MOTION CARRIED**

**If 8.3.23 passes we will not vote on resolutions 8.3.24 and 8.3.25.**

*Agenda*      *Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Provincial Championships*  
*Item 8.3.23*    **Whereas,** Many sports commissions are currently running "invitational" provincial championships;  
**Whereas,** Many sports commissions have interest in formalizing Junior Provincial Championships.

**Old Rule:**

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

BC High School Cross Country be granted to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

**New Rule:**

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

[Sport Commissions may apply to the Competitive Standards Committee to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported Junior Championships](#)

MOVED {MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)/COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace section III G and the additional rules are edited accordingly

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

**Sport Commissions may apply to the Competitive Standards Committee to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported Junior Championships**

**Section II A3.1 Member Schools**

Basic services for member schools will include:

- One (1) vote per member school at BC School Sports General Meetings
- Opportunity to participate in zone and championship competition for all BC School Sports approved sports at the senior or open level, and some BC School Sports approved at the junior level ( see section III G 3.1)
- Opportunity to apply for the BCSS scholarships,
- E-newsletters for coaches and other interested people,
- Issues of the e-newsletter are available on the website,
- Two ( 2) copies of the BC School Sports Handbook,
- One (1) copy of the annual BC School Sports Wall Calendar,
- Opportunity to have students participate in BC School Sports/partner regional Sport Camps,



- Sports Day in Canada,
- Opportunity to participate in the annual School Sport Week,
- Centralized administration/mailling/production services,
- Centralized advocacy services,
- Centralized services for regulatory issues,
- Centralized communication services.

### **Section II E1: Sport Commissions**

**E1.1** The sport commissions of BC School Sports are responsible for the organization and conducting of qualifying events leading up to approved junior and senior provincials championships, and responsible for the organization and conducting of the approved junior and senior provincial championships for sports as follows:

E1.1.1 BC Secondary Schools Badminton Association-senior boys and girls

E1.1.2. BC High School Boys Basketball Association-senior boys

E1.1.3. BC Secondary Schools Girls Basketball Association-senior girls

E1.1.4 BC Secondary Schools Cross Country Association-junior and senior boys and girls

E1.1.5 BC Schools Curling Association-senior boys and girls

E1.1.6 BC Secondary Schools Girls Field Hockey Association-senior girls

E1.1.7 BC Secondary Schools Football Association-senior boys

E1.1.8 BC Secondary Schools Golf Association-senior boys and girls

E1.1.9 BC Secondary Schools Gymnastics Association-senior boys and girls

E1.1.10 BC Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Association-senior boys and girls

E1.1.11 BC Secondary Schools Rugby Union-senior boys

E1.1.12 BC Secondary Schools Soccer Association-senior boys and girls

E1.1.13 BC Secondary Schools Ski Association-senior boys and girls skiing and snowboarding

E1.1.14 BC Secondary Schools Swimming Association-senior boys and girls swimming and synchronized swimming.

E1.1.15 BC Secondary Schools Tennis Association-junior and senior boys and girls

E1.1.16 BC Secondary Schools Track and Field Association-junior and senior boys and girls

E1.1.17 BC Secondary Schools Boys Volleyball Association-senior boys

E1.1.18 BC Secondary Schools Girls Volleyball Association- senior girls

E1.1.19 BC Secondary Schools Wrestling Association-senior boys and girls

### **Section III Definitions Restricted Competition:**

-For Grade 8, Grade 9, Junior, and Senior levels, all league games, playoffs, regional playoffs or championships in BCSS approved sports are restricted; provincial competition at the senior level in BCSS approved sports are restricted as well as the junior level for BCSS approved sports ( see Section III G3.1).

-All competitors must meet all of the BCSS eligibility requirements (see Section II E6).

-All restricted competition is included in a team's "playing days" calendar.

### **Section III F1 Definition of a Provincial BCSS Championship**

F1.2 The Championship is for school teams participating at the senior level of competition, **as well as teams** participating at the junior level of competition (see section III G 3.1 for approved sports).

Senior competition is defined as the highest level of school competition in British Columbia, and is open to student-athletes up to and including the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year of eligibility. Junior competition is open to student-athletes up to and including the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year of eligibility.

### **F4.4 Process for Sanctioning a Championship**

F4.4.1 Extension of Approved Sport Program ( adding a tier):

a) Notice of Intent to Make Application for a Championship:

(i) Notice of intent to make application for BCSS approval for an additional tier championship to be submitted to the Competitive Standards Committee at least one (1) year prior to the official application being presented to the membership.

(ii) The application must include the following information:

- Names of participating BCSS member schools in that sport,
- Proposed criteria for determining tier allocation,



- Growth plans for the sport for next five(5) years,
  - Contact people for further information
- (iii) The application must be submitted by the sport commission responsible for that sport.
- (iv) The sport classification criteria for the particular sport level being requested must be followed.

b) Organization of Provincial Invitational Events:

- (i) Sport Commissions must organize and conduct at least one(1) provincial invitational event, tournament, or meet prior to final application being made for approval,
- (ii) The competition must be at the senior level, or for BCSS approved junior level championships ( see Section III G 3.1),
- (iv) The sport commission will determine and advertise to all schools participating in that sport the qualification procedures to advance to the provincial invitation event tournament or meet,
- (v) The sport commission will submit a summary report to the Competitive Standards Committee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the provincial invitational, including a list of participating schools, results, financial statement and an overview of tournament organization.

c) Final Application for Championship Status:

- (i) Application for approval of a new championship must be submitted by the sport commission to the Competitive Standards Committee by January 16 of the year that the BCSS membership vote is to taken.
- (ii) The Competitive Standards Committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the BCSS Board of Directors.
- (iii) The application must include the following information:
- Name of participating BCSS member schools in that sport,
  - Proposed criteria for determining tier allocation,
  - A schematic showing the reconfiguration of the sport with the new tier system,
  - Pertinent dates and deadlines to be used for tier determination,
  - Growth plans for the sport for next five (5) years,
  - The qualification process to be used for championships,
  - Resolution to go to the Legislative Assembly,
  - Contact people for further information.
- (iv) Once approved, the invitational event becomes part of the official records of the sport.

**F4.4.2 Extension of Approved Sport Program (Existing Commission)**

(adding a gender or new sport):

a) Notice of Intent to Make Application for a Championship:

(i) Notice of intent to make application for BCSS approval for a new gender-specific or new sport championship to be submitted to the Competitive Standard Committee at least one (1) year prior to the official application being presented to the membership.

(ii) The application must include the following information:

- Names of participating BCSS member schools ( a minimum of fifty (50) schools),
- Names of coaches and sponsors,
- Length of time that each school has offered the program,
- Number of student-athletes involved at each school for last two (2) years,
- Growth plans for the sport for next five (5) years,
- Contact people for further information

(iii) This notice of intent must be submitted by an existing sport commission.

(iv) The sport classification criteria for the particular sport level being requested must be followed.

b) Organization of Provincial Invitational Events:

(i) Sport commissions must organize and conduct at least one (1) provincial invitational event, tournament, or meet prior to final application being made for approval. The Competitive Standards Committee may determine that more than one (1) invitational event must be organized.



- (ii) The provincial invitational event, tournament or meet must be conducted in accordance with current BCSS Competitive Rules and Regulations,
  - (iii) **The competition must be at the senior level, or for BCSS-approved junior level championships ( see Section III G 3.1),**
  - (iv) The sport commission will determine and advertise to all schools participating in that sport the qualification procedures to advance to the provincial invitational event, tournament or meet,
  - (v) The sport commission will submit a summary report to the Competitive Standards Committee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the provincial invitational, including a list of participating schools, results, financial statement and an overview of tournament organization.
- c) Final Application for Championship Status:
- (i) Application for approval of a new championship must be submitted by the sport commission to the Competitive Standards Committee by January 16 if the year that the BCSS Membership vote is to be taken.
  - (ii) The Competitive Standards Committee will review the application and make a Recommendation to the BCSS Board of Directors.
  - (iii) The application must include the following information:
    - Names of participating BCSS member schools ( a minimum of fifty (50) schools),
    - Proposed criteria for determining tier allocation,
    - A schematic showing the reconfiguration of the sport with the new tier system,
    - Pertinent dates and deadlines to be used for tier determination,
    - Growth plans for the sport for next five (5) years,
    - The qualification process to be used for championships,
    - A resolution to go to the Legislative Assembly,
    - Contact people for further information.
  - (iv) Once approved, the invitational event becomes part of the official records of the sport.

**F4.4.3 New Sport Programs (Under a New Commission):**

- a) Notice of Intent to Make Application for BCSS approval:
- (i) Notice of application for a new championship (new sport) to be submitted to the Competitive Standards Committee at least two (2) years prior to the official application being presented to the membership.
  - (ii) The application must include the following information:
    - Names of participating BCSS member schools (a minimum of fifty (50) schools),
    - Length of time that each school has offered the program,
    - Number of student-athletes involved at each school for last two (2) years,
    - Growth plans for the sport for next five (5) years,
    - Plans for the development of a new sport commission,
    - Contact people for further information
  - (iii) The notice of intent must be submitted by a group of at least ten (10) school coaches from BCSS member schools, actively coaching in the sport. Seven (7) of these coaches must be teachers or administrators working at BCSS member schools.
  - (iv) The sport classification criteria for the particular sport level being requested must be followed.
  - (v) After the application is submitted, a representative from the new sport organizers may be invited to attend the Council of Sport Commissioners meeting (two (2) per year) as an observer and at their own expense.
- b) Organization of Provincial Invitational Events:
- (i) The individuals taking on responsibility for the new sport (sport organizers) must organize and conduct at least two (2) provincial invitational, events, tournaments, or meets prior to final application being made for approval. The Competitive Standards Committee may determine that more than two (2) invitational events must be organized,
  - (ii) The provincial invitational events, tournaments or meets must be conducted in accordance with Current BCSS Competitive Rules and Regulations,
  - (iii) **The competition must be at the senior level, or for BCSS-approved junior level championships (see Section III G 3.1),**





- (iv) The sport organizers will determine and advertise to all schools participating in that sport the qualifications procedures to advance to the provincial invitational event, tournament or meet,
- (v) The sport organizers will submit a summary report to the Competitive Standards Committee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the provincial invitational, including a list of participating schools, results, financial statement and an overview of tournament organization.
- c) Final application for Championship Status:
  - (i) Application for approval of a new championship must be submitted by the sport organizers to the Competitive Standards Committee by January 16 of the year that the BCSS membership vote is to be taken.
  - (ii) The Competitive Standards Committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the BCSS Board of Directors.
  - (iii) The application must include:
    - Name of participating BCSS member schools (a minimum of fifty (50) schools),
    - Names of coaches and sponsors at each school,
    - Length of time that each school has offered the program,
    - Number of student-athletes involved at each school for last four (4) years,
    - Growth plans for the sport for next five (5) years,
    - The qualification process to be used for championships,
    - Resolutions for the Legislative Assembly, including the addition of a new sport commission to Article XII ( Committees of the Society) to the BCSS Bylaws,
    - Contact people for further information.
  - (iv) Representatives of the applying sport organizers will be asked to speak to the applicable resolutions at the Legislative Assembly.
  - (v) Once approved, the invitational events becomes part of the official records of that championship

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**8.3.24 will only be voted on if 8.3.23 does not pass**

*Agenda Item 8.3.24 Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Provincial Championships-Tennis*

**Whereas**, The BC High School Tennis Commission has run a successful Junior Championship in 2015 and will run another in 2016, that increased overall participation, but did not negatively affect Senior participation;

**Whereas**, BC High School Tennis has formally developed Junior provincial rules and Junior provincial berthing;

**Whereas**, BC High School Tennis voting members fully support a BCSS Junior Tennis Championship.

**Old Rule:**

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

BC High School Cross Country be granted to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

**New Rule:**

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

BC High School Cross Country and Tennis be granted to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

MOVED: McLEAN (BRENTWOOD COLLEGE)/WONG (COLLINGWOOD)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule be added into Sec III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

To allow Tennis to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

**MOTION DEFEATED**



**8.3.25 will only be voted on if 8.3.23 does not pass**

*Agenda Item* Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Provincial Championships-Track & Field  
8.3.25

**Whereas,** The BC High School Track & Field Commission has organized a Junior Invitational in Track and Field in 2014 and 2015. The feedback from coaches, athletes and parents has been very positive. Majority of feedback has emphasized the opportunity for greater participation in the championship event and an opportunity for younger high school athletes to compete at a provincial level. In 2015 approximately 235 schools participated in the invitational event and a total of 1200 athletes.

**Old Rule:**

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

BC High School Cross Country be granted to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

**New Rule:**

**Section III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

BC High School Cross Country and Track and Field be granted to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

MOVED: LENTON (THOMAS HANEY)/WRIGHT (WEST POINT GREY) BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

**The following rule be added into Sec III G: Grade 8, Grade 9, and Junior Provincial Championships**

To allow Track and Field to run a fully sanctioned and BCSS supported BCSS Junior Championship.

**MOTION DEFEATED**