



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 *Definition – Member School Team Competition*

8.3.1

Whereas,

The BC School Sports Constitution and Bylaws do not allow for competition with non-member teams;

and

Whereas, the Competitive Rules and Regulations should reflect the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws

Old rule:

MEMBER SCHOOL TEAM

COMPETITION: Is any game, match, scrimmage, contest or event that occurs between student-athletes from a member school, representing that member school and participants from another school or a club, with one (1) or more coaches present.

Changes:

MEMBER SCHOOL TEAM

COMPETITION: Is any game, match, scrimmage, contest or event that occurs between student-athletes from a member school, representing that member school and participants from another school ~~or a club,~~ with one (1) or more coaches present.

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

The following definition replace the existing definition for “Member School Team Competition”:

MEMBER SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION: Is any game, match, scrimmage, contest or event that occurs between student-athletes from a member school, representing that member school and participants from another school with one (1) or more coaches present.

Agenda Item *Sec III DC7.1 – Girls Volleyball Tiering*

8.3.2

Whereas, all member schools have been asked to provide feedback regarding preference for 1701 numbers (current or previous year’s) to determine tiering; and

Whereas, at 2014 provincials 49 of 50 voted in favour of using the current 1701 numbers to determine tiering;

MOVED: {MOREIRA (MOUNT SENTINEL) / DROSDOVECH (IMMACULATA)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All senior high school volleyball teams compete in the tier designation that corresponds to the current year’s 1701 grade 11/12 girls’ school population. C7.1 (number calculation for girls’ volleyball tier classification) that member school population numbers will be determined using the current year’s 1701 grade 11/12 girls’ school population numbers.

Agenda Item *Sec III D3.6 – Playing Up (Part 1)*

8.3.3

Whereas,

In order to ensure that the integrity of league standings are not compromised, athletes are not subjected to burn-out by having to commit to more than one



team, and more senior athletes are displaced in order to accommodate more talented junior athletes

Old rule:

Sec III 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 playoffs, the player must stay up with the more senior team.

Changes:

Sec III D3.6 "Movement Between Teams" - With the exception for athletes whose senior team has been declared in Tier "A," a registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team ~~during league play without restriction on the number of days~~ a maximum of five (5) playing days of unrestricted play and one (1) day of restricted play. Once the player has participated in his/her sixth (6th) day or unrestricted play, second (2nd) day of league play, or first (1st) day of playoffs, the player must stay up with the more senior team for the remainder of the season.

MOVED: {THORNHILL (SUTHERLAND) / LEWIS (WINDSOR)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D3.6:

Sec III D3.6 "Movement Between Teams" - With the exception for athletes whose senior team has been declared in Tier "A," a registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team a maximum of five (5) playing days of unrestricted play and one (1) day of restricted play. Once the player has participated in his/her sixth (6th) day or unrestricted play, second (2nd) day of league play, or first (1st) day of playoffs, the player must stay up with the more senior team for the remainder of the season.

Agenda Item 8.3.4 Sec III D3.6 – Playing Up (Part 2)

8.3.4

Whereas,

In the event the resolution above ("part 1") is defeated: In order to ensure that the integrity of league standings are not compromised, athletes are not subjected to burn-out by having to commit to more than one team, and more senior athletes are displaced in order to accommodate more talented junior athletes

Old rule:

Sec III 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 playoffs, the player must stay up with the more senior team.

Changes:

Sec III D3.6 "Movement Between Teams" - ~~a any~~ registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team ~~during league play without restriction on the number of days~~ for a maximum of five (5) playing days of unrestricted play and one (1) day of restricted play. Once the player has participated in his/her sixth (6th) day of unrestricted play, second (2nd) day of league play, or first (1st) day of playoffs, the player must stay up with the more



senior team for the remainder of the season.

MOVED: {BODNARUK (SUTHERLAND) / BAUMANN (WINDSOR)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D3.6:

Sec III D3.6 "Movement Between Teams"- Any registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team a maximum of five (5) playing days of unrestricted play and one (1) day of restricted play. Once the player has participated in his/her sixth (6th) day of unrestricted play, second (2nd) day of league play, or first (1st) day of playoffs, the player must stay up with the more senior team for the remainder of the season

Agenda Item 8.3.5 *Sec III D2.1.1 – Playing Up (Part 3)*

Whereas,

(in the event the two resolutions above are defeated)
Athletes in sports such as boys and girls basketball and volleyball are able to participate in unlimited games for more than one team during that sport season.

And, as a result, these student-athletes receive an extended number of games and/or practices.

And, this is not equal to sports where some age divisions participate in the fall season while other age divisions participate in the spring season.

And, athletes who participate in sports that take place in more than one season are not offered the same playing opportunities as those athletes in sports where all levels play during the same season.

Old rule:

Sec III D2.1.1 an individual student-athlete is only eligible to compete in one (1) thirteen (13) week sanctioned season of play per sport in each school year

Changes:

Sec III D2.1.1 an individual student-athletes who participate in sports that take place in more than one season are ~~is only~~ eligible to compete in ~~one (1)~~ two (2) thirteen (13) week sanctioned seasons of play ~~per sport in each school year~~

MOVED: {THORNHILL (SUTHERLAND) / LEWIS (WINDSOR)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D2.1.1:

Sec III D2.1.1 Athletes who participate in sports that take place in more than one season are eligible to participate in two (2) thirteen (13) week seasons.

Agenda Item 8.3.6 *Sec III D6 – Joint Teams*

Whereas,

BCSS Eligibility Officer continues to receive requests from member schools for joint team status;
and

Whereas,

the current joint team rules (Section D.6) don't allow for these member schools to combine teams;
and



Whereas,

allowing joint teams will increase student athlete participation in sports;
and

Whereas,

most member schools applying for joint team status are not seeking a provincial championship opportunity;

Old rule:

Section III D6 Jointly Sponsored Teams

D6.1 There is merit in allowing student-athletes to participate in sports programs that are not offered at their home school due to insufficient numbers in small rural or isolated communities.

D6.2 Two (2) or more rural or isolated (see definitions) member schools may make an application to the Eligibility Officer to sponsor a joint team which will involve the participation of student-athletes from more than one (1) member school.

D6.3 Each application must:

D6.3.1 Be made for team sports only;

D6.3.2 Be made with regard to member schools that are located within close geographical proximity within the same zone;

D6.3.3 Be for a minimum period of one (1) year; and

D6.3.4 Be accompanied by a letter of request from the member schools' administrators, setting out the reasons for and in support of making the application.

D6.4 In deciding whether or not to grant an application for a joint team the Eligibility Officer shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:

D6.4.1 The goal of allowing joint teams is to increase the number of student-athletes that participate in activities by making activities available for student-athletes that would not otherwise be available if joint teams were not accepted

D6.4.2 It is preferable to combine smaller schools rather than having a small school combine with a larger school

Changes:

Section III D6 Jointly Sponsored Teams

D6.1 There is merit in allowing student-athletes to participate in sports programs that are not offered at their home school due to insufficient numbers ~~in small rural or isolated communities.~~

D6.2 Two (2) or more ~~rural or isolated (see definitions)~~ member schools may make an application to the Eligibility Officer to sponsor a joint team which will involve the participation of student-athletes from more than one (1) member school.

D6.3 Each application must:

D6.3.1 Be made for team sports only;

D6.3.2 Be made with regard to member schools that are located ~~within close geographical proximity within the same zone;~~ In the same Local Association

D6.3.3 Be for a minimum period of one (1) year; and

D6.3.4 ~~Be accompanied by a letter of request from the member schools' administrators, setting out the reasons for and in support of making the application.~~

Acknowledgement and support from the Member Schools' administration, Local Association president of the conditions of the application (see D6.5).

D6.4 In deciding whether or not to grant an application for a joint team the Eligibility Officer shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:

D6.4.1 The goal of allowing joint teams is to increase the number of student-athletes that participate in activities by making activities available for student-athletes that would not otherwise be



D6.4.3 Improving the quality of a team (i.e. better win / loss record) shall not be a criterion in deciding whether approval will be granted.

D6.5 When an application is granted, the tiering classification of the joint team will be determined by the combined population of the two (2) schools forming the joint team.

D6.6 The Eligibility Officer may terminate a joint team before the expiry of the one (1) year period in the following cases:

D6.6.1 Closure of one (1) of the participating schools, or

D6.6.2 Serious breach of the Bylaws, policies or Rules and Regulations of BCSS by any of the participants, or

D6.6.3 When, in the opinion of the Eligibility Officer, it is in the best interests of the student-athletes of one (1) or more schools.

D6.7 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

available if joint teams were not accepted

D6.4.2 It is preferable to combine smaller schools rather than having a small school combine with a larger school

D6.4.3 Improving the quality of a team (i.e. better win / loss record) shall not be a criterion in deciding whether approval will be granted.

[D6.5 An approved joint Team application may have restricted access to sanctioned events.](#)

[D6.5.1 Rural or isolated \(see Definitions\) Member Schools, who are approved for a joint Team will not have any restricted access to sanctioned events.](#)

[D6.5.2 With the exception of D6.5.1, joint teams may have conditions of play placed as agreed to in D6.3.4 which may include but not restricted to:](#)

[D6.5.3 access to local leagues, access to Tier II leagues, or access to local Championships or other restrictions agreed to by the member schools' administrations and Local Association](#)

[president in D6.3.4; however,](#)

[D6.5.4 no joint team that did not qualify under D6.5.1 will be able to participate in any post season play beyond a local or Tier II championship.](#)

[D6.6](#) When an application is granted, the tiering classification of the joint team will be determined by the combined population of the two (2) schools forming the joint team.

[D6.7](#) The Eligibility Officer may terminate a joint team before the expiry of the one (1) year period in the following cases:

[D6.7.1](#) Closure of one (1) of the participating schools, or

[D6.7.2](#) Serious breach of the Bylaws, policies or Rules and Regulations of BCSS by any of the participants, or

[D6.7.3](#) When, in the opinion of the Eligibility Officer, it is in the best interests of the student-athletes of one (1) or more schools.



D6.8 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

MOVED: {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) / THORNE (PRINCE CHARLES)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D6:

D6.1 There is merit in allowing Student-Athletes to participate in sports programs that are not offered at their home school due to insufficient numbers.

D6.2 Two (2) or more Member Schools may make an application to the Eligibility Officer to sponsor a joint Team which will involve the participation of Student-Athletes from more than one (1) Member School.

D6.3 Each application must:

D6.3.1 be made for Team sports only;

D6.3.2 be made with regard to Member Schools that are located in the same Local Association;

D6.3.3 be for a minimum period of one (1) year; and

D6.3.4 Acknowledgement and support from the Member Schools' administration, Local Association president of the conditions of the application (see D6.5).

D6.4 In deciding whether or not to grant an application for a joint Team the Eligibility

Officer shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:

D6.4.1 the goal of allowing joint Teams is to increase the number of Student-Athletes that participate in activities by making activities available for Student-Athletes that would not otherwise be available if joint Teams were not accepted;

D6.4.2 it is preferable to combine smaller schools rather than having a small school combine with a larger school;

D6.4.3 improving the quality of a Team (i.e. better win/loss record) shall not be a criterion in deciding whether approval will be granted.

D6.5 An approved joint Team application may have restricted access to sanctioned events.

D6.5.1 Rural or isolated (see Definitions) Member Schools, who are approved for a joint Team will not have any restricted access to sanctioned events.

D6.5.2 With the exception of D6.5.1, joint teams may have conditions of play placed as agreed to in D6.3.4 which may include but not restricted to:

D6.5.3 access to local leagues, access to Tier II leagues, or access to local Championships or other restrictions agreed to by the member schools' administrations and Local Association president in D6.3.4; however,

D6.5.4 No joint team that did not qualify under D6.5.1 will be able to participate in any post season play beyond a local or Tier II championship.

D6.6 When an application is granted, the tiering classification of the joint Team will be determined by the combined population of the two (2) schools forming the joint Team.

D6.7 The Eligibility Officer may terminate a joint Team before the expiry of the one (1) year period in the following cases:

D6.7.1 closure of one (1) of the participating schools, or

D6.7.2 serious breach of the Bylaws, policies or Rules and Regulations of BCSS by any of the participants, or

D6.7.3 when, in the opinion of the Eligibility Officer, it is in the best interests of the student-athletes of one (1) or more schools.



D6.8 The Eligibility Officer’s decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

Agenda Item 8.3.7 *Sec III D7 – Home School Designation (part 1)*

Whereas, BC School Sports is foremost described in our preamble as a cooperative agency, so let us find a way to work together to accomplish what is most appropriate for all in terms of setting a time to declare a student’s home school. For several reasons, the present date to determine Home school (grade 8) is not appropriate for the students in jurisdictions that have middle schools.

and

Whereas, using the first day of High School as the point that BC School Sports fixes a student’s eligibility is logical no matter what the grade configuration for schools is. In all Districts, the first day of High School coincides with the time that educational choices are being made by students. It is natural that the student should have their BCSS “home school” coincide with their choice of a High School. Using this point also supports the mandate of working with Ministry of Education Policies. “The alms and objectives of the Society shall be in complete harmony with the aims of education as set forth by the ministry of education”.

and

Whereas, BCSS rules should not unnecessarily limit participation in school sports in the early years and should not place limits on students who are making a transition at the appropriate time that may involve attending a nearby school that is in a different school district. Students would still not be in the senior age category leading to the provincial championships that BC School Sports operates. For decades grade 10 (3rd of 5 years of eligibility) was the accepted as the date that set a student’s home school and was accepted as the time students could be expected to be settled in an academic program. This proposed change is still setting an earlier time than grade 10.

and

Whereas, this change will honour the desire of the member schools who are configured as grade 8-12, and also create a fair situation for students of member high schools that do not begin in grade 8. The change would have no negative impact on fairness for BC School Sports provincial championships and lead up competitions. All students in every member school would be going through a very similar process to transition to arrive at their “home school” and begin their last phase for education and for participation in local and BC School Sports competition. Once the home school is established there would be no changes – a student would be subject to all eligibility rules.

Old rule:	Changes:
D9.7 STATEMENT REGARDING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S HOME SCHOOL: The school at which the student-athlete is registered on the first (1st) day of their first (1st) year of eligibility is the student-athlete's "home school" and is the school at which the student-athlete has athletic eligibility. The exception would be where a local district policy has prejudiced the student-athlete's	D9.7 STATEMENT REGARDING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S HOME SCHOOL: The school at which the student-athlete is registered on the first (1st) day of their first (1st) year of eligibility <u>high school</u> is the student-athlete's "home school" and is the school at which the student-athlete has athletic eligibility. <u>The “home school will be effective on the first day of school in the applicable</u>



ability to attend their new school on the first (1st) day of the new school year. A student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility is counted from the September of grade 8 entry, and starts on the first (1st) day of school in the applicable school year.

year as determined by the District where the student is enrolled. ~~The exception would be where a local district policy has prejudiced the student-athlete's ability to attend their new school on the first (1st) day of the new school year. A student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility is counted from the September of grade 8 entry, and starts on the first (1st) day of school in the applicable school year.~~

MOVED: {REISIG (CLAREMONT) / LOWE (BELMONT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D9.7:

D9.7 STATEMENT REGARDING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S HOME SCHOOL:

The school at which the student-athlete is registered on their first day of high school is the student-athlete's "home school" and is the school at which the student-athlete has athletic eligibility. The "home school will be effective on the first day of school in the applicable year as determined by the District where the student is enrolled.

Agenda Item 8.3.8 Sec III D7 – Home School Designation (part 2)

Whereas, BC School Sports is foremost described in our preamble as a cooperative agency, so let us find a way to work together to accomplish what is most appropriate for all in terms of setting a time to declare a student's home school. For several reasons, the present date to determine Home school (grade 8) is not appropriate for the students in jurisdictions that have middle schools.

and

Whereas, Using the first day of grade 9 as the point that BC School Sports fixes a student's eligibility will be less confusing and may be more acceptable to member schools, no matter what the grade configuration of the member school. It should be noted that there are a few member middle schools configured as grade 7-9 where this would not make good sense.

and

Whereas, BCSS rules should not unnecessarily limit participation in school sports in the early years and should not place limits on students who are making a transition at the appropriate time or making final decisions about their education path. For decades grade 10 (3rd of 5 years of eligibility) was the accepted as the date that set a student's home school and was accepted as the time students could be expected to be settled in an academic program. This proposed change is still setting an earlier time than grade 10.

Old rule:

D9.7 STATEMENT REGARDING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S HOME SCHOOL:
The school at which the student-athlete is registered on the first (1st) day of their first (1st) year of eligibility is the student-athlete's "home school" and is the school at which the student-athlete

Changes:

D9.7 STATEMENT REGARDING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S HOME SCHOOL:
The school at which the student-athlete is registered on the first ~~(1st)~~ day of grade 9 (second year of eligibility) ~~their first (1st) year of eligibility~~ is the student-athlete's "home school" and is



has athletic eligibility. The exception would be where a local district policy has prejudiced the student-athlete's ability to attend their new school on the first (1st) day of the new school year. A student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility is counted from the September of grade 8 entry, and starts on the first (1st) day of school in the applicable school year.

the school at which the student-athlete has athletic eligibility. The home school will be effective on the first day of the student's second year of eligibility and starts on the first day of school in the applicable school year. ~~The exception would be where a local district policy has prejudiced the student-athlete's ability to attend their new school on the first (1st) day of the new school year. A student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility is counted from the September of grade 8 entry, and starts on the first (1st) day of school in the applicable school year.~~

MOVED: {REISIG (CLAREMONT) / LOWE (BELMONT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D9.7:

D9.7 STATEMENT REGARDING THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S HOME SCHOOL:

The school at which the student-athlete is registered on their first day of grade 9 (second year of eligibility) is the student-athlete's "home school" and is the school at which the student-athlete has athletic eligibility. The home school will be effective on the first day of the student's second year of eligibility and starts on the first day of school in the applicable school year.

Agenda Item 8.3.9 Sec III D10 – Sport-Specific Education Programs

8.3.9

Whereas,

The purpose of the rules in Section III D10 are to limit unfair competition by student-athletes in Sport Specific Education Programs are, at this time, out-dated; and

Whereas,

many different types of school programs and community clubs that provide sport specific training are not under this rule; and

Whereas,

the vision of BCSS states that **"Students in British Columbia schools will benefit from participation in physical activity and sport"** it should not at the same time penalize and/or restrict participation based on a Sport Specific Education Program (SSEP) that award course credits in meeting that vision; and

Whereas,

the Mission of BCSS **"reflects the membership's drive for service excellence and a commitment to be student-centered"** is in contradiction by deeming student-athlete's ineligible to compete when participating in a program providing course credits in areas in which a student athlete excels and wishes to study in depth; and

Whereas,

the current BC Curriculum is **modernizing to create learning environments that are more personalized and more student-centered**; this will only lead to the creation of more SSEP's with varying elements;



and

Whereas,

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

and

Whereas,

students who participate in “club” activities are receiving the same amount of training, but are not restricted;

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:

Section III D10 Sport Specific Education Programs (SSEP):

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 they 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: {RYAN (BURNABY MOUNTAIN) / LEE (MOSCROP)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Sec III D10 be removed.

Sec III D11.3 – Eligibility Applications



Agenda Item
8.3.10

Whereas, the onus of making an Eligibility Application should be on the member school filing the application;

Old rule:

D11.3 THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN:

- A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application Form;
- If the ineligibility arises from a school transfer, a letter from the administrator of the student-athlete’s former school confirming that the school is aware of the exemption application and indicating whether the school supports or objects to an exemption, together with its reasons;
- A copy of the student-athlete’s personal record card (public schools), or report cards and transcripts (non-public schools);
- A list of the student-athlete's current courses;
- A copy of a primary source document showing the student-athlete’s date of birth (e.g. birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, permanent resident card, provincial identification card);
- A letter from the student-athlete’s parent or legal guardian supporting the application;
- Copies of relevant medical documentation where the application is based on medical grounds; and,
- Any other information or material the school wants the Eligibility Officer to consider.

Changes:

D11.3 THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN:

- A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application Form;
- ~~-If the ineligibility arises from a school transfer, a letter from the administrator of the student-athlete’s former school confirming that the school is aware of the exemption application and indicating whether the school supports or objects to an exemption, together with its reasons;~~
- Disclosure of the eligibility application to the leaving school including reference to the eligibility rule upon which the application is based;
- A copy of the student-athlete’s personal record card (public schools), or report cards and transcripts (non-public schools);
- A list of the student-athlete's current courses;
- A copy of a primary source document showing the student-athlete’s date of birth (e.g. birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, permanent resident card, provincial identification card);
- A letter from the student-athlete’s parent or legal guardian supporting the application;
- Copies of relevant medical documentation where the application is based on medical grounds; and,
- Any other information or material the school wants the Eligibility Officer to consider.

MOVED: {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) / THORNE (PRINCE CHARLES)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D11.3:

D11.3 THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN:

- A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application Form;
- Disclosure of the eligibility application to the leaving school including reference to the eligibility rule upon which the application is based;
- A copy of the student-athlete’s personal record card (public schools), or report cards and transcripts (non-public schools);
- A list of the student-athlete's current courses;



- A copy of a primary source document showing the student-athlete’s date of birth (e.g. birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, permanent resident card, provincial identification card);
- A letter from the student-athlete’s parent or legal guardian supporting the application;
- Copies of relevant medical documentation where the application is based on medical grounds; and,
- Any other information or material the school wants the Eligibility Officer to consider.

Agenda Item 8.3.11 *Sec III D11.13 – Eligibility Appeals*

Whereas, new information should be provided to the EAC when the decision of the Eligibility Officer is being repealed;

Old rule:

D11.13 THE APPEAL SHALL CONTAIN:

- A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application;
- Copies of all of the materials submitted to the Eligibility Officer;
- A cheque for \$200 which is refundable if the appeal is allowed; and,
- Any other information or material that the school wants the EAC to consider.

Changes:

D11.13 THE APPEAL SHALL CONTAIN:

- A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application;
- Copies of all of the materials submitted to the Eligibility Officer;
- A cheque for \$200 which is refundable if the appeal is allowed; and,
- ~~Any other~~ **New** information or material that the **member** school wants the EAC to consider.

MOVED: {COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE) / HYER (SD #67)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III D11.13:

New rule:

D11.13 THE APPEAL SHALL CONTAIN:

- A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application;
- Copies of all of the materials submitted to the Eligibility Officer;
- A cheque for \$200 which is refundable if the appeal is allowed; and,
- New information or material that the member school wants the EAC to consider

Agenda Item 8.3.12 *Sec III D11.22 – Eligibility Appeal Committee Dates*

Whereas, the dates must be updated for 2015-2016 year;

MOVED: {DINSDALE (BROCKLEHURST) / MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Eligibility Appeals Committee meets and accepts submissions as follows:

Meeting:

- Saturday September 26, 2015
- Saturday October 24, 2015
- Saturday December 5, 2015
- Saturday January 16, 2016
- Saturday March 12, 2016
- Saturday June 4, 2016

Submission Deadline:

- Wednesday September 16, 2015
- Wednesday October 14, 2015
- Wednesday November 25, 2015
- Wednesday January 6, 2016
- Wednesday March 2, 2016
- Wednesday May 25, 2016

Sec III E2.2 Grade 8 and 9 Seasons of Play



Agenda Item
8.3.13

Whereas,
Whereas Local Association can design their own season of play for Grade 8 and Grade 9 Sports.

Old Rule:

Season	Senior / Open and Age-Group Seasons	Locally Designated Age-Group Seasons Different than Senior / Open Seasons
Fall	Aquatics Cross Country Field Hockey Football Soccer - Boys Soccer - Boys Gr.8 / 9 (FVE) Volleyball	Rugby Gr. 8 / 9 (BNW, NSH, RIC, VAN)
Winter	Basketball Curling Gymnastics Skiing Snowboarding Wrestling	Volleyball Gr.8 (OCSSAA only)
Spring	Badminton Golf Mountain Biking Rugby Soccer - Girls Tennis Track & Field	Basketball Gr. 8 (NCDSSA only) Football Boys Gr. 8 (NS only) Volleyball Girls Gr.8 / 9 (FVE only) Volleyball Boys Gr. 8 / 9 (VAN only)

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

The following rule be included in Sec III E2.2:

E2.2 – grade 8 and 9 sports designate their own seasons of play with permission from the Board or its designates;

The individual exceptions to the Seasons of Play for grade 8 and 9 be removed.

Agenda Item
8.3.14

Sec III E3 – Seasons of Play Exceptions

Whereas, the BCSS Board of Directors instructed the CSC to 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;

Old rule:

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.



E3.2.3 Grade 8 Boys football on the North Shore can compete in the spring season 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 (MARIOTT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

E3.1, E3.2.3 and E3.4 be removed and the following sections be renumbered accordingly.

Agenda Item 4.2.15 *Sec III G – Junior Championships (part 1)*
Whereas,

BC High School Cross Country has run a successfully ran pilot BCSS Junior championships in 2013 and 2014 that increased overall participation, but did not negatively affect Senior participation; Whereas, BC High School Cross Country has formally passed Junior provincial rules and Junior provincial berthing by its voting members at the BC High School Cross Country; Whereas, BC High School Cross Country voting members fully and unanimously support a BCSS Junior championship

MOVED: {WORSLEY (ELGIN PARK) / LENTON (THOMAS HANEY)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Agenda Item 4.2.16 *Sec III G – Junior Championships (part 2)*
Whereas,

Re: Junior Provincial Championships Housekeeping

There is an existing rule that needs to be placed back in the handbook: i.e.:

“BCSS is philosophically opposed to Provincial School Championships below the senior level and will not sanction, sponsor or support events having the organization format of, or implied or designated as being Provincials Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Championships.”

and

Whereas,

a pilot project has been introduced by the Board and BCSS to run two team provincial championships and two individual championships at the junior level, but this pilot project does not nullify the existing rule.

and

Whereas,

The term of the pilot project has not been defined. As part of the pilot project report, information should be specifically gathered from the member schools as to their disposition toward BCSS sponsorship of junior provincial championships.

Practical aspects of member’s ability to support the junior championships should be measured as well as philosophical support

Old rule:

Section III G GRADE 8, GRADE 9 AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Changes:

Section III G GRADE 8, GRADE 9 AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:



BCSS will introduce a pilot project by running no more than four (4) junior provincial championships. Two (2) at the team level and two (2) at the individual sport level. After the pilot the Executive Director will report back to the membership with recommendations.

BCSS is philosophically opposed to Provincial School Championships below the senior level and will not sanction, sponsor or support events having the organization format of, or implied or designated as being Provincial Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Championships. However, BCSS will introduce a pilot project by running no more than four (4) junior provincial championships. Two (2) at the team level and two (2) at the individual sport level. After the pilot, and not later than January 2016, the Executive Director will report back to the membership **with recommendations.**

MOVED: {REISIG (CLAREMONT) / LOWE (BELMONT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III G:

Section III G GRADE 8, GRADE 9 AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: BCSS is philosophically opposed to Provincial School Championships below the senior level and will not sanction, sponsor or support events having the organization format of, or implied or designated as being Provincial Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Championships.

However, BCSS will introduce a pilot project by running no more than four (4) junior provincial championships. Two (2) at the team level and two (2) at the individual sport level. After the pilot project, and not later than January 2016, the executive director will report back to the membership.

Agenda Item 8.3.17 Sec III I – Sanctioning Procedure

Whereas, the BC School Sports sanctioning rules for member schools to travel out of province, to the United States, and internationally are not consistent;
and

Whereas, BC School Sports sanctioning rules should be in alignment with other provinces and states (e.g. National Federation of State High School Associations - NFHS);
and

Whereas, the requirement for sanctioning forms ninety (90) days in advance is much longer than necessary;
and

Whereas, the list of BC and Alberta border schools is inaccurate and maintaining a separate list would alleviate changes due to school closures or mergers;

Old rule:

Section III I SANCTIONING FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE TEAMS

Many BC schools host competitions with schools from outside of the province. To ensure that competition is conducted or approved by secondary school authorities and that competition

Changes:

Section III I SANCTIONING FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE TEAMS

Many BC schools host competitions with schools from outside of the province or travel out of province. To ensure that competition is conducted or approved by secondary school



is equitable and fair, sanctioning policies have been developed by all provincial school sport associations in Canada and state associations in the U.S.A. Sanctioning assures that competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned. The competition must be conducted by an educational institution or subject to the controls of school authorities. For sanctioning purposes, each BC school will guarantee that each student-athlete meets the eligibility requirements of BCSS.

The following procedure must be used for sanctioning of competition involving schools from outside the province. (Schools outside BC inviting teams from BC are required to follow the same procedures). Before leaving to attend an out of province competition, BC schools should check with the BCSS office to ensure sanctioning has been completed.

Section III I1 Canadian Schools

I1.1 Any member school hosting a team from another province must submit an Application for Sanction of an Interprovincial Athletic Competition to the BCSS Executive Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the event.

I1.2 Upon receipt of an application in Section III I1.1, the Executive Director will:

I1.2.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned.

I1.2.2 Complete and forward endorsement forms to the executive director of the provincial association from which schools have been invited to participate

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I1.3 Upon receipt of an application in Section III I1.1 ~~or I1.2~~, ~~the Executive Director~~ BCSS will:

I1.3.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted within BCSS rules and regulations and is in the best interests of the schools concerned.

I1.3.2 Complete and forward endorsement forms to the ~~executive director of the~~ provincial or state association(s) of the out of province



11.2.3 Upon return receipt of the endorsement in Section III 11.2.2, the BCSS staff will notify the host member school of the decision (approval or denial)

11.3 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 11.1 will be fined \$200.00 per instance.

11.4 BCSS and the Alberta Schools Athletic Association have endorsed a blanket sanctioning policy for member-schools situated near the Alberta – BC border:

11.4.1 Northwest Alberta – Northeast BC:

- (a) Northwest Alberta schools:
 - (i) Beaverlodge
 - (ii) Fairview
 - (iii) Grande Cache
 - (iv) Grande Prairie
 - (v) Hines Creek
 - (vi) Hinton
 - (vii) Jasper
 - (viii) Sexsmith
 - (ix) Silver Valley
 - (x) Spirit Creek
 - (xi) Worsley

(b) Northeast BC schools:

- (i) Bert Bowes
- (ii) Central Middle
- (iii) Chetwynd
- (iv) Dr. Kearney
- (v) McBride
- (vi) Peace
- (vii) South Peace
- (viii) Tumbler Ridge
- (ix) Upper Pine
- (x) Valemount

11.4.2 Southwest Alberta – East Kootenay BC:

- (a) Southwest Alberta schools:
 - (i) Banff
 - (ii) Canmore
 - (iii) Crowsnest
 - (iv) Lundbreck
 - (v) Pincher Creek

~~schools from which schools have been invited to participate~~

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11.4 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 11.1 ~~or 11.2~~ will be fined \$200.00 per instance.

11.5 BCSS and the Alberta Schools Athletic Association have endorsed a blanket sanctioning policy for member-schools situated near the Alberta-BC border: as posted on the BCSS website.

~~11.5.1 Northwest Alberta – Northeast BC:~~

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- (b) East Kootenay BC schools:
- (i) David Thompson Secondary
- (ii) Elkford Secondary
- (iii) Secondary
- (iv) Fernie Academy
- (v) Golden Secondary
- (vi) Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary
- (vii) Kootenay Christian
- (viii) Laurie Middle
- (ix) Mount Baker Secondary
- (x) Parkland Middle
- (xi) Prince Charles Secondary
- (xii) Selkirk Secondary
- (xiii) Sparwood Secondary

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Section III I2 United States Schools
 I2.1 Any member school hosting a tournament, meet, or event involving four (4) or more schools where one (1) or more schools are from the United States, must submit an Application for Sanction of an Athletic Competition Involving US School(s) to the BCSS Executive Director no later than ninety (90) days prior to the event.

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 I2.1 Any member school hosting a tournament, meet, or event involving ~~four (4)~~ two (2) or more schools where one (1) or more schools are from the United States, must submit an Application for Sanction ~~- Hosting of an Athletic Competition Involving US School(s) to the BCSS Executive Director~~ no later than ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days prior to the event.

I2.2 Upon receipt of an application in Section III I2.1, the Executive Director will:

I2.2.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned.

I2.2.2 Complete and forward endorsement forms to the executive director of the state association from which schools have been invited to participate

- (a) Tournaments, meets or events involving schools from three (3) or more states must also receive sanction from the National Federation of State High School Associations. This process requires:

I2.2 Any member school travelling to a tournament, meet, or event in the United States must submit an Application for Sanction – Travelling to BCSS no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

I2.3 Upon receipt of an application in Section III I2.1 or I2.2, ~~the Executive Director~~ BCSS will:

I2.3.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted within BCSS rules and regulations and is in the best interests of the schools concerned.

I2.3.2 Complete and forward endorsement forms to ~~the executive director of~~ the executive director(s) of the schools. ~~from which schools have been invited to participate~~

- (a) Tournaments, meets or events involving schools from three (3) or more states must also receive sanction from the National Federation of State



- (i) A \$75 processing fee sent ninety (90) days before the tournament, meet or event
 - (ii) A financial report sent within ninety (90) days after the tournament, meet or event
- 12.2.3 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 12.1 will be fined \$200 per instance.

Section III 13 International Contests and Cultural Exchanges

13.1 Any member school hosting or travelling to another country other than the United States must submit an Application for Sanction of International Athletic Competition to the Executive Director no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

13.2 Upon receipt of an application in Section III 13.1, the Executive Director will:

13.2.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned.

13.2.2 Notify the member school of the decision (approval or denial).

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High School Associations (NFHS). This process requires:

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13.2.2 Notify the member school of the decision (approval or denial).

13.3 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 13.1 will be fined \$200.00 per instance.

13.4 It is the responsibility of the member school to obtain approval(s) from the appropriate Provincial and/or National Sport Organizations (PSO/NSO) as required.

MOVED: {TRIGGS (KELOWNA SECONDARY) / HYER (SD #67)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule replace Sec III I:

Section III I

SANCTIONING FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE TEAMS

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that competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned. The competition must be conducted by an educational institution or subject to the controls of school authorities. For sanctioning purposes, each BC school will guarantee that each student-athlete meets the eligibility requirements of BCSS.

The following procedure must be used for sanctioning of competition involving schools from outside the province. (Schools in provinces and states outside BC inviting teams from BC are required to follow the same procedures).

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I1.1 Any member school hosting a team from another province must submit an Application for Sanction - Host to BCSS no later than thirty (30) days prior to the event.

I1.2 Any member school travelling out of province for a competition must submit an Application for Sanction – Travel to BCSS no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event

I1.3 Upon receipt of an application in Section III I1.1 or 1.2, BCSS will:

I1.3.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted within BCSS rules and regulations and is in the best interests of the schools concerned.

I1.3.2 Complete and forward endorsement forms to the provincial or state association(s) of the out of province schools

I1.3.3 Upon return receipt of the endorsement in Section III I1.3.2, BCSS will notify the member school of the decision (approval or denial)

I1.4 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III I1.1 or 1.2 will be fined \$200.00 per instance.

I1.5 BCSS and the Alberta Schools Athletic Association have endorsed a blanket sanctioning policy for member-schools situated near the Alberta – BC border as posted on the BCSS website.

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I2.1 Any member school hosting a tournament, meet, or event involving two (2) or more schools where one (1) or more schools are from the United States, must submit an Application for Sanction - Hosting to BCSS no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

I2.2 Any member school travelling to a tournament, meet, or event in the United States must submit an Application for Sanction – Travelling to BCSS no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

I2.3 Upon receipt of an application in Section III I2.1 or 2.2, BCSS will:

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I2.3.2 Complete and forward endorsement forms to the state association(s) of the schools

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(i) A processing fee, as determined by NFHS, sent ninety (90) days before the tournament, meet or event

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Section III 13 International Tours, Contests and Cultural Exchanges

13.1 Any member school hosting or travelling to another country other than the United States must submit an Application for Sanction - International to BCSS no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

13.2 Upon receipt of an application in Section III 13.1, BCSS will:

13.2.1 Ensure that the competition is being conducted within BCSS rules and regulations and is in the best interests of the schools concerned.

13.2.2 Notify the member school of the decision (approval or denial).

13.3 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 13.1 will be fined \$200.00 per instance.

13.4 It is the responsibility of the member school to obtain approval(s) from the appropriate Provincial and/or National Sport Organizations (PSO/NSO) as required.



8.4 Other Business

For clarifications on voting on other business, please see Bylaw 6.7.3: resolutions dealing with any other business of the association must be approved by a majority of votes in the room at the time of the decision, as long as the requirements for a quorum (7.6) are still met.

<i>Agenda Item</i> 8.4.1	<i>Operating Policies and Procedures for 2016</i> Whereas, Operating policies and procedures need to be updated as some detail from the newly revised Bylaws must be transferred to this document (examples: application to be a member, appeal/discipline/appeal process, info with parliamentarian). Also updates are needed to bring the document up to date with existing procedures, and improve transparency and understanding for member schools (example – process for submitting and getting approval for resolutions to go to members) MOVED: {DARREN REISIG (CLAREMONT) / KEN LOWE (BELMONT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board or its designates review and update the operating policies and procedures in time for the 2016 AGM.
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