



**BCSS Annual General Meeting, May 12, 2018**

## Agenda Item 7

### APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

**Appointment of the Auditor**

**Current:**

Eva Lee Inc.

**Proposed:**

The firm of Eva Lee Inc. be appointed as the BC School Sports Auditor for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

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

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

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

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# Agenda Item 8

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

### Notice #1: Bylaw Article 7.3 Current:

#### 7.3 Qualifications of Directors

Pursuant to the Act, a Person may not be nominated, elected or appointed to serve (or continue to serve) as a Director if he or she:

- (a) Is less than 18 years of age;
- (b) Has been found by any court, in Canada or elsewhere, to be incapable of managing his or her own affairs;
- (c) Is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- (d) Has been convicted of a prescribed offence within the prescribed period, for which no pardon has been granted, all in accordance with the Act.

In addition to the foregoing, a Person may not be nominated, elected or appointed to serve (or continue to serve) as a Director if he or she:

- (e) Is not a teacher or administrator at a Member School;
- (f) Is not a non-instructional teacher or school district administrator paid by a school district; or
- (g) Is suspended or on a significant leave of absence from his or her position at his or her Member School.

### Proposed: To add    To Remove    To amend

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In addition to the foregoing, to be eligible to be nominated, elected or appointed to serve (or continue to serve) as a Director, he or she must:

- (e) A teacher or administrator at a Member School;
- (f) An active teacher on call (TOC) with more than ten (10) years' experience as a full-time teacher, and is not more than two (2) years removed from being a full-time teacher;
- (g) A non-instructional teacher or school district administrator paid by a school district; and
- (h) Is not suspended or on a significant leave of absence from his or her position at his or her Member School.

#### Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- There was no clarity in the Bylaws on the ability for TOC's to serve on the Board.
- BCSS legal counsel said the current Bylaws could be argued either way and suggested we provide clarity.

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

- To allow BCSS to leverage the expertise and time of retiring teachers who will remain on TOC lists but only for a limited window (2 years) to ensure they still are appropriately aware of what is happening within the school system.

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- It is getting harder and harder to recruit volunteers and there is an increase in teachers retiring but remaining TOC's, who have more time to dedicate to the organization.
- The same changes are suggested for Commissioners in Notice # 6.
- We recognize this was brought forward to seek clarification for our current President and has immediate ramifications but really is intended to strengthen the organization moving forward.
- Mike Allina recused himself from all board discussion on this notice.

**Notice #2: Bylaw Article 8.3**

**Current:**

**Bylaw Article 8.3: Policies & Procedures**

The Board may establish such rules, regulations, policies or procedures relating to the affairs of the Society as it deems expedient, provided that no rule, regulation, policy or procedure is valid to the extent that it is inconsistent with the Act, the Constitution or these Bylaws.

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

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In addition to the above, the Board has the authority to make editorial changes to the BCSS Handbook. Editorial changes may belong to but are not limited to, one or more of the following categories:

- (a) Correction of typographical errors
- (b) Changes in wording that reflect current interpretations
- (c) Change in the Canadian Human Rights Code & BC Administrative Tribunals Act
- (d) The result of a court order

Editorial changes may be incorporated into the subsequent year’s BCSS handbook until the print deadline.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- There are often typos or small contradictions found in policy. Previously the Board may have made small changes, but had really limited authority to do so. This provides a narrow ability to serve the membership best and correct errors when discovered.

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

- A better handbook for our members
- The proper ability for our Board to correct small errors as needed.

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- The above policy is borrowed from WIAA (Washington). Similar policy is common in other jurisdictions for the Board to have the ability to make editorial changes where necessary.
- The changes that can be made are editorial in nature, not in intent or substance.
- Any changes that are made will be brought to the attention of the membership.



**Notice #4: 3.1.0 - Basic Services**

**Current:**

3.1.0 MEMBER SCHOOLS – Basic Services for member schools will include:

- One (1) vote per member school at BC School Sports Annual General Meetings,
- Opportunity to participate in zone and championship competition for all BC School Sports approved sports at the senior or open level,
- E-newsletters for coaches and other interested people,
- Issues of the e-newsletters are available on our website,
- Two (2) copies of the BC School Sports Handbook,
- One (1) copy of the 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.

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

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- One (1) vote per member school at BC School Sports Annual General Meetings,
- Opportunity to participate in zone and provincial championship competition for all BC School Sports approved sports at the senior or open level,
- E-newsletters,
- A Copy of the BC School Sports Handbook, for both the Athletic Director & Principal
- A Copy of the BC School Sports Wall Calendar, for both the Athletic Director & Principal
- 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.
- Student-Athlete Scholarships
- Athletic Director Education
- Student-Athlete Leadership
- Participation on BCSS Committees

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Significant cost savings to send one hand book to the Athletic Director
- The Handbook is available online and is now interactive
- Where a school may have Co-Athletic Directors, they can request to have another one sent.
- Update services as provided

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

- Accurate reflection of member services

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Housekeeping motion to update to current practices and services.
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## Notice #5: 6.0.0 - Setting Membership Fees

### Current:

6.0.0 Setting Membership Fees

6.1.0 Fees are established by the BC School Sports membership at an Annual General Meeting. Any change in membership fees can only be made with the approval of the membership, and with at least one (1) full membership year's notice.

### Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

6.0.0 Setting Membership Fees

6.1.0 Fees are established by the BC School Sports Board in June, after the BC School Sports Annual General Meeting. Any increase in membership fees by twelve percent(12%) and greater can only be made with the approval of the membership at an Extraordinary Meeting called by the Board of Directors.

### Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Membership based organizations motions are made at the AGM without knowledge of how they affect the annual BCSS operating budget
- Any member school can submit a Notice of Motion to the AGM which could have budget impacts, so approving fees at the AGM without knowing what is passed leaves the organization open to financial risk.

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

- To allow the BCSS board to assess membership fees each school year based on the actions of the membership at the AGM.

Moved By: MEI (Thiessen)

Seconded By: David Thompson (Lopez)

### Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Fees will be determined after assessing what is passed at the AGM, and the financial implications on the organization.
- An Example of when membership decisions have an impact on the organizational budget: At the 2016 AGM when a motion was passed to hire an additional Eligibility Officer to adjudicate school declarations and compliance and authorization forms, the financial impact was not discussed or considered. There was no room in the budget to make the hire as the budget is set based on the fees currently established at the AGM.
- Any significant changes (greater than 12%) will still require membership approval.
- Allows the Board to serve its membership and meet its fiduciary responsibility for the financial health of the organization.

**Notice #6: 10.1.1 Sport Commissioner**

**Current:**

10.1.1 Sport Commissioner - Must be a teacher or administrative officer assigned to a public member school, or be a non-instructional teacher or school district administrator paid by a school district (public school), or be a teacher or administrator at a non-public member school, and who is not on a personal leave of absence from a school district or non-public member school for more than five (5) months of the term to be served.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

- 10.1.1 Sport Commissioners must:
- 10.1.1.1 Be a teacher or administrative officer assigned to a BCSS member school; or
  - 10.1.1.2 Be a non-instructional teacher or district administrator paid by a school district or BCSS member school; or
  - 10.1.1.3 Be an active teacher on call (TOC) with more than ten (10) years experience as a full-time teacher and is not more than two (2) years removed from being a full-time teacher.
- 10.1.2 Sport Commissioners must not be on a personal leave of absence from a school district or member school for more than five (5) months of their term to be served.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- There is an increase in retiring teachers working as TOC's who now have more time to dedicate to school sport.
- It is becoming more difficult to find teachers who will take on the commissioner role.

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

- Be able to leverage the expertise and time of teachers as they transition to TOC'ing but only for a limited window to ensure they still are appropriately aware of what is happening within the school system.

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- To match the proposed policy for Board Members (Notice 1).
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**Notice #7: 15.1.0 - Annual General Meeting**

**Current:**

15.1.0 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in May on a Saturday, with appropriate cost effective travel and accommodation arrangements being made for delegates.

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

15.1.0 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on a Saturday in April or May, with appropriate cost effective travel and accommodation arrangements being made for delegates.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Provides more options to avoid major conflicts
- May only has two (2) available weekends with the long weekend not being a suitable option and championships are usually on the final weekend in May.

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

- Potentially allow better attendance and engagement of the membership
- Allow more dates to be explored when setting the date of the AGM.

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Intent is still to remain in May whenever possible, but allows flexibility if conflicts are present.
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**Notice #8: 15.4.0 - AGM Policy Changes**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

15.4.0 Any motions passed at the Annual General Meeting will come into effect on August 1st of that year, unless otherwise stated in the motion. Eligibility Applications for the next school year cannot be ruled on until new policies come into effect.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- This is current practice, but is not written in policy.

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

- Clarity on when motions become effective and how eligibility applications received over the summer are to be handled.

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

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**Notice #9: 19.1.0 - Ultimate as an official BCSS Sport**

**Current:**

19.1.0 BC School Sports officially recognizes and therefore governs the following as BCSS interschool activities:

Team Sports	Individual Sports
Badminton	Aquatics
Basketball (Boys/Girls)	Cross Country
Curling	Gymnastics
Field Hockey (Girls)	Mountain Biking
Football	Skiing
Golf	Snowboarding
Rugby (Boys)	Track and Field
Soccer (Boys/Girls)	Wrestling
Tennis	
Volleyball (Boys/Girls)	

26.5.1 Member schools are required to register a minimum number of students on the STARS team rosters as per 26.2.1 Team Registration Deadlines. Minimum roster numbers are as follows:

Aquatics	1	Mountain Biking	1
Badminton	5	Rugby	18
Basketball	7	Snowboarding	1
Cross Country	1	Skiing	1
Curling	4	Soccer	11
Field Hockey	11	Tennis	5
Football	19	Track and Field	1
Golf	4	Volleyball	6
Gymnastics	1	Wrestling	1

**41.2.0 Seasons of Play by Sport and Area**

Senior Seasons of Play		
Fall	Aquatics	Cross Country
	Field Hockey	Football
	Soccer (Boys)	Volleyball
Winter	Basketball	Curling
	Gymnastics	Skiing
	Snowboarding	Wrestling
Spring	Badminton	Golf
	Mountain Biking	Rugby
	Soccer (Girls)	Tennis
	Track and Field	

45.2.0 No member school shall, within the season of play for a sport, allow a 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	Snowboarding	15
Cross Country	15	Skiing	15
Curling	15	Soccer	26
Field Hockey	26	Tennis	24
Football	15	Track and Field	15
Golf	15	Volleyball	26
Gymnastics	15	Wrestling	26

47.1.7.4 All BCSS approved sports shall lead to one (1) of the defined types of championships:

- Aquatics (boys team; girls team)
- Badminton (coed team)
- Basketball (boys team; girls team)
- Cross Country (boys team; girls team)
- Curling (boys team; girls team)
- Field Hockey (girls team)
- Football (boys team)
- Golf (open team)
- Gymnastics (coed team)
- Mountain Biking (coed team)
- Rugby (boys team)
- Skiing (boys team; girls team)
- Snowboarding (boys team; girls team)
- Soccer (boys team; girls team)
- Tennis (coed team)
- Track and Field (boys team; girls team)
- Volleyball (boys team; girls team)
- Wrestling (boys team; girls team)

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

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Football	Skiing
Golf	Snowboarding
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Soccer (Boys/Girls)	Wrestling
Tennis	
Ultimate	
Volleyball (Boys/Girls)	

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Badminton	5	Snowboarding	18
Basketball	7	Skiing	1
Cross Country	1	Soccer	11
Curling	4	Tennis	5
Field Hockey	11	Track & Field	1
Football	19	Ultimate	9
Golf	4	Volleyball	6
Gymnastics	1	Wrestling	1
Mountain Biking	1		

#### 28.4.0 Sport Tier Classifications

##### **Ultimate (Coed)**

AAA: 301 or more students in grades 11 and 12

AA: 300 or less students in grades 11 and 12

#### 41.2.0 Seasons of Play by Sport and Area

Senior Seasons of Play		
Fall	Aquatics	Cross Country
	Field Hockey	Football
	Soccer (Boys)	Volleyball
Winter	Basketball	Curling
	Gymnastics	Skiing
	Snowboarding	Wrestling
Spring	Badminton	Golf
	Mountain Biking	Rugby
	Soccer (Girls)	Tennis
	Track and Field	<u>Ultimate</u>

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Curling	15	Tennis	24
Field Hockey	26	Track & Field	15
Football	15	<u>Ultimate</u>	<u>26</u>
Golf	15	Volleyball	26
Gymnastics	15	Wrestling	26
Mountain Biking	26		

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- Football (boys team)
- Golf (open team)
- Gymnastics (coed team)
- Mountain Biking (coed team)
- Rugby (boys team)
- Skiing (boys team; girls team)
- Snowboarding (boys team; girls team)
- Soccer (boys team; girls team)
- Tennis (coed team)
- Track and Field (boys team; girls team)
- Ultimate (coed team)
- Volleyball (boys team; girls team)
- Wrestling (boys team; girls team)

#### Rationale (**Why this motion is being put forward**):

- BC Ultimate was running a high school Provincial Championship with little regulation or consistency from an eligibility standpoint.
- Member schools approached BCSS asking to add Ultimate as a BCSS sport.
- To try and engage new students and schools into a new, low cost, co-ed team sport.
- 105 member schools already had teams in 2016-17 registered with the PSO.
- With Ultimate becoming an official BC School Sport (pending approval), tiering numbers are needed.
- These tiering numbers are the same numbers being used for the 2017-18 school year Ultimate "Demonstration Sport"

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

- To adopt Ultimate as an official BC School Sport
- A two tiered Ultimate Provincial Championship will be played in the Spring each school year, consistent with BCSS policies.

## Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- There will be small financial implications to the organization with the addition of a sport (medals, banners, etc.)
- Tiering will be re-evaluated after year one, after seeing the number of schools who participate.
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**Notice #10: 26.0.0 - Athlete Code of Conduct**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

26.0.0 Athlete Code of Conduct

26.1.0 BC School Sports, School Boards and your school consider it to be a privilege to represent your school in an athletic competition. Therefore, certain behavioural expectations come with this selection. This Athlete Code of Conduct is to inform you and your parents what the expectations of student-athletes are:

- 26.1.1 Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- 26.1.2 Embrace the highest ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 26.1.3 Show respect and give courtesy to opponents, officials, volunteers, teammates, spectators and coaches at all times.
- 26.1.4 Uphold the rules of the sport, spirit of such rules and encourage other athletes to do the same.
- 26.1.5 Represent yourself, your parents, your school and your community with proper conduct at all times on or off the playing field.
- 26.1.6 Respect other athletes' dignity and acknowledge that verbal or physical behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
- 26.1.7 Participate in a manner that ensures the safety of fans, athletes, coaches and officials also participating in the game.
- 26.1.8 Accept decisions of officials without dispute.
- 26.1.9 Never criticize or use social networking to criticize or threaten another school team, coach, player, game official, or BCSS.
- 26.1.10 Demonstrate that it is a privilege to represent your school.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- There is no athlete code of conduct currently in the handbook, as it appears to have been accidentally removed in the early 2000's.

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

- A standard for BCSS member schools to hold their student-athletes to when representing their schools, as we do with coaches and spectators.

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

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**Notice #11: 26.1.2 - Team Eligibility and Tiering Classifications**

**Current:**

26.1.2 A member school team is prohibited to compete against non-member school teams, club teams and community teams in BCSS activity.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

26.1.2 - A member school team is prohibited to compete against non-member school teams, club teams and community teams in a BCSS activity, with the exception of Gr. 8 school teams where non-member BCSS middle school leagues exist. This exemption is only valid for league contests and does not apply to tournaments or other exhibition play.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- This policy prevents the Grade 8s of BCSS schools (K-12 or 8-12) from participating in middle school athletic leagues, where the middle schools (Gr. 6-8) are not registered with BCSS.
- For example, in Victoria the majority of the middle schools are Grades 6-8 and the senior schools are Grades 9-12. Middle schools have their own athletic association (Lower Island Middle School Athletic Association) and the schools are not registered with BCSS. All Grade 8 leagues are run through LIMSSAA. This puts the K-12 or 8-12 schools that are registered with BCSS in the position where their Grade 8s are ineligible to play in middle school leagues.

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

- To allow Gr. 8s in BCSS schools to play in middle school leagues where participants are not BCSS members.

**Moved By:** Glenlyon Norfolk (Doerksen)

**Seconded By:** St. Margaret's (Glasgow)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- The member schools (K-12, 8-12) would still be required to register grade 8 teams and student-athletes as per BCSS policy.
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**Notice #12: 26.5.0 - Minimum Number for BC School Sports Rosters**

**Current:**

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Basketball	7	Snowboarding	1
Cross Country	1	Skiing	1
Curling	4	Soccer	11
Field Hockey	11	Tennis	5
Football	19	Track and Field	1
Golf	4	Volleyball	6
Gymnastics	1	Wrestling	1

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

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Badminton	5	Rugby	18
Basketball	7	Snowboarding	1
Cross Country	1	Skiing	1
Curling	4	Soccer	11
Field Hockey	11	Tennis	5
Football (11 man)	19	Track and Field	1
Football - (9 man)	16	Volleyball	6
Golf	4	Wrestling	1
Gymnastics	1		

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Smaller Teams
- 9 man leagues
- Development

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

- Allow for 9 man ball with small rosters

**Moved By:** Lord Tweedsmuir (Gemmell)

**Seconded By:** WJ Mouat(Bell)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Motion has come from the Commission.
- Some schools are fielding a Senior team with students from grades 9 -12, but have a separate grade 8 team for safety and development purposes. To ensure they can field teams, the commission is playing 9-man football at grade 8.
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**Notice #13: 28.3.0 - Girls Volleyball Tiering**

**Current:**

28.3.0 Girls Volleyball will use the current school year's September 30th grade eleven (11) and grade (12), and secondary ungraded numbers as submitted to the Ministry of Education on the 1701 form.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

Remove Section 28.3.0 from the BCSS Handbook.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- To be consistent with tiering methods for ALL other sports
- The current model causes unnecessary work for ADs, zone reps, and record clerks submitting the current year's numbers.
- Numerous schools are extremely late forwarding their enrolment numbers to the commission, further delaying the ability to plan.
- Only a very small number of schools tiering designation are changed when using the current year's enrolment numbers.

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

- Schools, leagues, and zones can all prepare well in advance knowing the tiering designation of all schools

**Moved By:** Windsor (Lewis)

**Seconded By:** Carson Graham (Kerluck)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

**Notes:**

- This motion was not submitted by the Commission.
- The Board understands and is comfortable with both sides of this motion and takes no opinion, it is up to the membership to decide what their preference is.

## Notice #14: 28.4.0 Sport Tier Classifications - Girls Basketball

### Current:

#### 28.4.0 Sport Tier Classifications

##### **Basketball (Girls)**

AAA – 226 or more girls in grades 11 & 12

AA – 81 – 225 girls in grades 11 & 12

A – 80 or less girls in grades 11 & 12

### Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

#### 28.4.0 Sport Tier Classifications

##### **Effective in the 2019-2020 academic year, Girls Basketball contest four (4) tiers of competition.**

AAAA – 263 or more girls in grades 11 & 12

AAA – 163 – 262 girls in grades 11 & 12

AA – 79 – 162 girls in grades 11 & 12

A – 78 or less girls in grades 11 & 12

##### **Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- During the past three years the number of B. C. School Sports member schools which field a senior girls basketball team has fluctuated between 240-250 teams
- The current three tiers (A, AA and AAA) present inequities which hinder fair and reasonable competition
- The establishment of four tiers (A, AA, AAA and AAAA) would provide greater opportunity for student athletes and schools to experience success, including their participation in a provincial championship tournament
- The most equitable competition includes an equal tiering structure whereby each tier has an equal number of teams
- The creation of a fourth tier of competition would not necessitate any changes in league structures because leagues can include more than one tier in their competition as is the case in parts of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island,
- Four tiers of competition would provide more opportunities for student athletes to compete for a BCSSGBA provincial championship
- The addition of another tier of competition will allow more student athletes to compete for the opportunity to reach their zone playoffs and potentially to earn a berth in a provincial championship tournament and give more teams the ability to claim a successful season because they went further in their zone playoffs and provincial playoffs; this subsequent success may keep more female student athletes involved in the game through to the end of their eligibility in grade 12 rather than quitting due to a lack of team success
- The addition of another tier of competition will allow more teams to compete at a similar level and to achieve success making student-athlete transfers less likely to take place
- The addition of another tier of competition will create a fairer system for tier placement and qualification for provincial tournaments than we currently use; for the 2016-2017 season of play, there were 60 A schools, 99 AA schools and 80 AAA schools registered with B. C. School Sports; the fairest system is to have the same number of competing schools in each tier; based upon a split of 25% of the total number of schools per tier, the possible female population splits resulting in about 62 schools per tier would be as follows:  
A = 1-78, AA = 79-162, AAA = 163-262, AAAA = 263+  
these proposed break points are not meant to be exact as they do not take into account any schools moving to a higher level of play nor schools not running a program for that season
- The addition of another tier of competition will give all teams in each tier the same percentage opportunity of qualifying for their zone playoffs and their B. C. championship tournament; all tiers would have about 25% of their participating teams able to qualify for a B. C. championship tournament where currently A has 27% while AA has only 16% and AAA has only 20%; for the 2017-2018 season of play, only 20% of eligible teams will qualify to compete in a provincial championship tournament this season
- The addition of another tier of competition will allow more teams to complete something approaching a full season of play rather than end a short season quickly; if a school has a successful volleyball season, the basketball program loses many of its student athletes until the second week of their season as the fall season of play is completed; this late start is bookended with the start of zone playoffs as early as the first week of February; this potential short seven-week season is also interrupted by the winter break; this additional tier of competition will give more student athletes the opportunity to play their sport of choice for a time period approaching a true full season of play
- The addition of another tier of competition takes into consideration the changes in the number of schools in some areas of the province like Surrey and Vancouver Island where new schools are being opened and others are being reopened as a result of the Supreme Court decision relating to class size in B. C. schools; the last time the BCSSGBA added a tier was 1988 and there have been considerable changes in school numbers since that year and there will continue to be more changes to these numbers in future years
- The addition of another tier of competition is supported by the province's high-school girls basketball coaches; the BCSSGBA conducted a survey this past fall with the question of supporting a fourth tier of competition or not being sent out through the BCSS office and our executive; the association received responses from 141 individual schools with 123 votes (87.2%) in support of the motion to add a fourth tier and only 18 votes (12.8%) against the motion; multiple responses from the same school were only counted once

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

- More opportunities for female student athletes to compete for a BCSSGBA championship
- More student athletes to compete for the opportunity to reach their zone playoffs and potentially a berth in a provincial

championship tournament and give more teams the ability to claim a successful season because they went further in their zone playoffs and provincial playoffs; this subsequent success may keep more female student athletes involved in the game through to the end of their eligibility in grade 12 rather than quitting due to a lack of team success

- More teams to compete at a similar level and to achieve success making student-athlete transfers in search of successful programs less likely to take place
- More teams will be able to extend their season of play rather than end a short season quickly; if a school has a successful volleyball season, the basketball program loses many of its student athletes until the second week of their season as the fall season of play is completed; this late start is bookended with the start of zone playoffs as early as the first week of February; this potential short seven-week season is also interrupted by the winter break; this additional tier of competition will give more student athletes the opportunity to play their sport of choice for a time period approaching a true season of play
- Creating a fairer system for tier placement and qualification for provincial tournaments than we currently use; for the 2017-2018 season of play, there were 60 A schools, 99 AA schools and 80 AAA schools registered with B. C. School Sports; the fairest system is to have the same number of competing schools in each tier; based upon a split of 25% of the total number of schools per tier, the possible female population splits resulting in about 62 schools per tier would be as follows:

A = 1-78, AA = 79-162, AAA = 163-262, AAAA = 263+

these proposed break points are not meant to be exact as they do not take into account any schools moving to a higher level of play nor schools not running a program for that season

- In order to help establish continuity within tiers, the break points would be established for up to a five-year period using the BCSS female student population numbers and the berthing school numbers for the year prior to the first season of implementation; the goal is each tier will be comprised of ¼ of the registered schools as determined by the BCSS list of schools ranked by the size of the female population in grades 11-12
- Given schools have been traditionally been allowed to play at a higher tier than the school's population would dictate and the BCSSGBA intends to continue this flexibility while retaining consistency in league play and playoffs, schools could choose to compete in a higher tier than their school population would normally dictate for a minimum of two years
- We would create a high-school girls basketball championship week with the majority of our championship events taking place at the Langley Events Centre; with the building of a new school with two full-sized gyms on the grounds behind the LEC and the fact the Township of Langley is helping to fund this construction, the LEC would be able to host this extra tier's championship as part of a larger girls basketball event; the BCSSGBA has already started discussions to confirm this arrangement for the 2019-2020 season when the school construction is scheduled to be completed; our intent is we would not move any tier championship which is already hosted at the LEC to another hosting site or community
- This tier, if the motion is passed, would come into effect for the 2019-2020 season; this date for implementation would allow the BCSSGBA sport commission to reorganize its zones playoff structures after the BCSS's zone reorganization for the 2018-2019 season is completed and allow the construction of the new school next to the Langley Events Centre to be completed so it can act as part of the LEC's hosting gym sites

**Moved By:** Spectrum (Westcott)

**Seconded By:** St. Thomas More Collegiate (Farano)

#### Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Motion has come from the commission.
- If passed, there would be a small financial impact to the organization (insurance, banner, etc.)
- Girls Basketball meets the required number of teams to have four tiers as per BCSS policy.

**Notice #15: 28.4.0 - Sport Tier Classifications - Track & Field**

**Current:**

28.4.0 Sport Tier Classifications

**Track & Field**

A: 125 or fewer students in grades 11 and 12  
AA: 126 - 420 students in grades 11 and 12  
AAA: 421 or more students in grades 11 and 12

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

28.4.0 Sport Tier Classifications

**Track & Field**

A: 200 or fewer students in grades 11 and 12  
AA: 201- 420 students in grades 11 and 12  
AAA: 421 or more students in grades 11 and 12

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- The original tier numbers were based on data from other sports with 3 tiers. We needed to see the results from our Championship meet in order to have a better idea of what adjustments had to be made.
- The adjusted numbers should now make each tier's registered schools relatively equal for Track & Field.
- This motion to adjust tier numbers was unanimously passed at the 2017 AGM for Track & Field.

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

- This new proposal will offer greater competition at each of the tiers.
- It provides an equal opportunity for all schools to win a Championship.
- It should also "open the door" for a greater number of smaller schools to register.

**Moved By:** Lambrick Park (Turnbull)

**Seconded By:** Maple Ridge (Lenton)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Motion has come from the Commission
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**Notice #16: 28.5.2 - Sports Changing Tier Classification Numbers**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

28.5.2 The Girls Basketball Commission can every five (5) years submit tiering numbers resolution directly to the BCSS AGM.

28.5.2.1 Approved tiering numbers are subject to the following conditions:

- a) Student numbers used for tiering are provided by BCSS; and
- b) Must be approved every five years at the Girls Basketball Commission AGM as per their bylaws and Handbook.

28.5.2.2 If the above conditions are not met, no resolution may be presented directly at the BCSS AGM.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- The Girls Basketball AGM happens after the January date to submit tiering request resolutions to the Competitive Standards Committee.
- To allow input from the Girls Basketball Community at their AGM in March in regards to tiering numbers

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

- Allowing Girls Basketball to submit a tiering resolution to the BCSS AGM, by the submission date, after consultation from their membership.

**Moved By:** Spectrum (Westcott)

**Seconded By:** St Thomas More Collegiate (Farano)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- The motion has come from the Commission.
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**Notice #17: 31.0.0 - Student - Athlete Age & Competitive Levels**

**Current:**

- 31.1.0 SENIOR COMPETITION - To compete in a senior competition, student-athletes must be under nineteen(19) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year, and be in no more than their fifth (5th) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 1998 or earlier are not eligible for any competition in 2017-2018. Grade eight (8) entry date must be September 2013 or later).
- 31.2.0 GRADE TEN (10) OR JUNIOR COMPETITION - To compete in a grade ten (10) or junior competition, student-athletes must be under seventeen (17) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year, and be in no more than their third (3rd) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 2000 or earlier are too old for junior competition in 2017-2018. Grade eight (8) entry date must be September 2015 or later).
- 31.2.0 GRADE NINE (9) OR JUVENILE COMPETITION - To compete in grade nine (9) or juvenile competition, student-athletes must be under sixteen (16) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year, and be in no more than their second (2nd) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 2001 or earlier are too old for grade nine (9) competition in 2017-2018. Grade eight (8) entry date must be September 2016 or later).
- 31.4.0 GRADE EIGHT (8) OR BANTAM COMPETITION - To compete in a grade eight (8) or bantam competition, student-athletes must be under fifteen (15) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year, and be in their first (1st) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 2002 or earlier are too old for grade eight (8) competition in 2017-2018. Grade eight (8) entry date must be September 2017).

**Proposed:**

- To add    
  To Remove    
  To amend

31.1.0 Student-Athlete Age & Competitive Levels

To be age-eligible to compete in competition of a BCSS activity student-athletes must meet one of the age and grade eight (8) entry dates as outlined below:

Competitive Level	Age	Grade 8 Entry Date
Grade 11 & 12 (Senior)	Student-athlete must be under nineteen (19) years or age as of December 31 of the current school year	2014 or later
Grade 10 (Junior)	Student-athlete must be under seventeen (17) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year	2016 or later
Grade 9 (Juvenile)	Student-athlete must be under sixteen (16) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year	2017 or later
Grade 8 (Bantam)	Student-athlete must be under fifteen (15) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year	Must be 2018

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Clarification and clean-up of student-athletes age and competitive levels.
- No change in intent of the policy.
- Removal of reference to eligibility to remove duplicate information in the handbook.

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

- Clear student-athlete ages and competitive levels.
- Separation of competitive age levels and eligibility.

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:    
  To defeat    
  To approve    
  No Opinion

Notes:

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## Notice #18: 31.5.0 - Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition

### Current:

31.5.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in competition of a BCSS activity. A grade seven (7) eligibility application can be made to the Eligibility Officer for an exemption to allow a grade seven (7) student-athlete to play for a grade eight (8) or bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a team due to insufficient numbers.

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

31.5.1.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school applying for the exemption;

31.5.1.2 Grade seven (7) student-athletes can only participate on a grade eight (8) or bantam team sports;

31.5.1.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling;

31.5.1.4 Grade eight (8) or bantam student-athletes cannot be registered on the member school's more senior team for the requested team sport;

31.5.1.5 Grade seven (7) student-athletes being allowed to participate in a grade eight (8) or bantam level team is to allow a member school to field a grade eight (8) or bantam level team which otherwise would not happen due to an insufficient number of grade (8) student-athletes wanting to participate;

31.5.1.6 The number of grade seven (7) student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the number of grade eight (8) or bantam level student-athletes; and

31.5.1.7 The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 26.5.0).

31.5.2 Application and conditional acceptance of grade seven (7) student-athletes may be terminated by the Eligibility Officer if the 31.5.1 conditions are not met.

31.5.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes who play on a grade eight (8) or bantam team will begin their five (5) years of eligibility on the date they enter grade eight (8).

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

### Proposed:

To add

To Remove

To amend

31.5.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition - Grade seven (7) student-athletes are eligible to participate in BCSS competition provided that:

31.5.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school which is fielding the team

31.5.2 Grade seven (7) student-athletes may not take the place of any eligible student-athlete (grade eight (8) student-athletes cannot be cut in order to use a grade seven (7) student-athlete).

31.5.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field and or wrestling.

31.5.4 Grade seven (7) student-athletes will begin their five (5) years of eligibility on the date they enter grade eight (8).

### Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- With the ever-changing landscape of district configuration and Middle Schools, many programs face the reality of needing grade 7s to form viable teams in various sports. The current rules are exclusive and cumbersome. Currently the policy of only allowing grade 7s to participate up to the minimum roster number is limiting at best and unsafe at worst. Fielding a basketball team with 7 players is undesirable and fielding a football team of 19 players is unsafe. With 1 or 2 sick/absent/injured players teams end up forfeiting games or folding teams; placing stresses and inconvenience on leagues, schedules, officials, and other teams. The current rules restrict overall participation in sport, cause schools to turn away would-be athletes and are a detriment to team sports in this province.

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

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

Moved By: Hatzic Middle (Kapyt)

Seconded By: Heritage Park Middle (MacDonald)



## Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:



**To defeat**



**To approve**



**No Opinion**

Notes:

- The policy that is currently in place provides safety for younger student-athletes, while allowing rare exceptions through an application process.
- BCSS is a grade 8 - 12 organization, by designation of the membership. Moving that from grades 7-12, or 9-12 is an option but should be after a comprehensive investigation and discussion of the membership. Currently the belief has been we are a secondary school focused organization and participation at the grade 7 level should be focused on locally organized leagues and not in province wide tournaments and competition.

## Notice #19: 31.5.0 - Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition

### Current:

31.5.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in competition of a BCSS activity. A grade seven (7) eligibility application can be made to the Eligibility Officer for an exemption to allow a grade seven (7) student-athlete to play for a grade eight (8) or bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a team due to insufficient numbers.

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

31.5.1.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school applying for the exemption;

31.5.1.2 Grade seven (7) student-athletes can only participate on a grade eight (8) or bantam team sports;

31.5.1.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling;

31.5.1.4 Grade eight (8) or bantam student-athletes cannot be registered on the member school's more senior team for the requested team sport;

31.5.1.5 Grade seven (7) student-athletes being allowed to participate in a grade eight (8) or bantam level team is to allow a member school to field a grade eight (8) or bantam level team which otherwise would not happen due to an insufficient number of grade (8) student-athletes wanting to participate;

31.5.1.6 The number of grade seven (7) student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the number of grade eight (8) or bantam level student-athletes; and

31.5.1.7 The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 26.5.0).

### Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

31.5.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in competition of a BCSS activity. A grade seven (7) eligibility application can be made to the Eligibility Officer for an exemption to allow a grade seven (7) student-athlete to play for a grade eight (8) or bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a reasonably functional team due to insufficient numbers.

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

31.5.1.1 Grade seven (7) student-athletes must be registered as a student at the school applying for the exemption;

31.5.1.2 Grade seven (7) student-athletes can only participate on a grade eight (8) or bantam team sports;

31.5.1.3 Grade seven (7) student-athletes cannot participate in the individual sports of aquatics, cross country, gymnastics, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, track and field, or wrestling;

31.5.1.4 Grade eight (8) or bantam student-athletes cannot be registered on the member school's more senior team for the requested team sport;

31.5.1.5 Grade eight (8) or bantam student-athletes must not have been 'cut' from the team;

31.5.1.6 The minimum number of grade eight (8) or bantam level student-athletes on the given team must be at least HALF of the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 26.5.0) ; and

31.5.1.7 The maximum number of student-athletes on the given team must not exceed the BCSS minimum numbers required to field the team (see 26.5.0), with the following exceptions: Basketball - 10 and Volleyball - 10.

### Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Small schools, especially rural schools, struggle to have sufficient numbers to run grade 8 programs. Only allowing enough grade 7's to make BCSS minimum numbers for sports creates a situation where teams do not have other players to help run an effective practice (example: 6 players in volleyball). Also, it can be dangerous for players to have to play the whole time (possibly multiple games in a tournament day). Further, if someone gets injured or can't make it to a game, teams are having to be faced with forfeiture and fines, so schools are reluctant to put in teams with the current rules. This is leading to students not getting the chance to play. In one zone alone, more than 5 schools were faced with this problem. Distance also often makes jointly sponsored teams not an option at this age.

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

- Small schools will feel comfortable fielding a team that can have effective practices and provide enough players to not only play in games but also have substitutes as needed. This will allow schools to start rebuilding programs in areas where student participation has been dwindling.

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

**To defeat**

**To approve**

**No Opinion**

Notes:

- The policy that is currently in place provides safety for younger student-athletes, while allowing rare exceptions through an application process.
- BCSS is a grade 8 - 12 organization, by designation of the membership. Moving that from grades 7-12, or 9-12 is an option but should be after a comprehensive investigation and discussion of the membership. Currently the belief has been we are a secondary school focused organization and participation at the grade 7 level should be focused on locally organized leagues and not in province wide tournaments and competition.

**Notice #20: 26.5.0 Minimum Number for BC School Sports Rosters**

**Current:**

Basketball - 7

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

**NOTE: The author only wishes this motion to be brought to the floor if Notice 19 is carried. Should Notice 19 be defeated, this motion will be withdrawn.**

Basketball - 5

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Technically a team only needs 5 players to run a team. Why would we not allow a team with 5 or 6 players to not play if they were comfortable doing so?

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

- A basketball team of 5 or 6 players could register and participate with in BC School Sports.

**Moved By:** Vernon Christian (Reedyk)

**Seconded By:** Charles Bloom (Lockhart)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- This did not come forward from the commission
- Adjusting minimum numbers based on the grade seven rule is a flawed premise for a motion, as the two are mostly unrelated, and lowering the minimum numbers to allow more grade 7's is not consistent with the goals of the organization.
- The minimum numbers are set by the membership to balance the safety of student-athletes, while encouraging as many schools to participate as possible. Generally, this comes as a recommendation from the Commission to the membership.

**Notice #21: 31.5.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition & 37.2.0 Five (5) Years of Eligibility**

**Current:**

31.1.0 Senior Competition – To compete in a senior competition, student-athletes must be under nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31 of the current school year, and be in no more than their fifth (5th) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 1998 or earlier are not eligible for any competition in 2017-2018. Grade eight (8) entry date must be September 2013 or later).

**AND**

31.5.0 Grade Seven (7) Student-Athlete Competition – Grade seven (7) student-athletes are not automatically allowed to participate in competition of a BCSS activity. A grade seven (7) eligibility application can be made to the Eligibility Officer for an exemption to allow a grade seven (7) student-athlete to play for a grade eight (8) or bantam team where the member school would not otherwise be able to field a team due to insufficient numbers.

**AND**

37.2.0 Five (5) Years of Eligibility – A student-athlete has five (5) consecutive years of athletic eligibility that begins on their first (1st) day of grade 8.

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

31.1.0 To compete in a senior competition, student-athletes must be eighteen (18) years of age as of September 1 of the current school year, and be in no more than their sixth (6th) year of eligibility.

**AND**

31.5.2 - Grade seven (7) student-athletes can participate in all level of high school in small rural districts;

**AND**

37.2.0 Six (6) Years of Eligibility - A student-athlete has six (6) consecutive years of athletic eligibility that begins on their first (1st) day of grade 8.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Many small rural districts/schools do not have enough senior players to make a team
- Limits rural schools participation in team sports
- Teams recently have been disqualified from attending provincials and its seen as recruiting
- Provincial Government measures school graduation success on a six (6) year graduation completion rate.
- Realize that some students require 6 years to complete graduation

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

- Allow rural communities and schools to be able compete and form teams
- To not have our grade 7's lose a year of eligibility if they move up to a higher age category
- 31.6.2 allows football players on a lower level team to play for higher level (what about other sports?)
- Increased self-esteem and self-worth in students
- Returning students will be leaders and captains on their teams, instead of feeling neglected an opportunity to play school sports.
- Sports have a huge positive impact on the overall health and mental wellness of our students

**Moved By:** Acwsalcta (Hughes)

**Seconded By:** Sir Alexander Mackenzie (Boileu)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- Inconsistent with the philosophy of grade 7 use within BCSS.
- Joint teams can be formed and applied for when there are not enough students at a single school.
- Author has not provided a definition or context for what would be considered a "small rural district", and similar wording was removed from the handbook two years ago, as it was a very ambiguous term with no clear definition available to it.
- Enrollment of students is primarily based on the year students are born, December 31 is a standard age measure in BC schools.
- Impact on the rest of the school sport system across the province will be substantial, if all students are given six years of eligibility.
- There is currently a policy and process for students to apply for a 6th year or eligibility in some circumstances.
- Our 5 years of eligibility is consistent with beginning in Grade 8. If students are requiring 6 years to complete basic graduation requirements, more focus may be needed on academics, rather than athletics.

**Notice #22: 31.6.0 - Individual Student - Athletes Playing Up to a More Senior School's Team**

**Current:**

31.6.0 Individual Student-Athletes Playing Up to a More Senior School's Team

Middle/Junior member school athletes can “play up” to the senior member school that they would normally attend if, by the registration date (see 26.2.0 and 26.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, both member schools’ coaches, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the Middle/Junior school, who is a member in good standing. Senior member schools must not be registering these student-athletes in STARS as part of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible (see Competitive Rules and Regulations Definitions for Playing up and Moving Up).

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

31.6.0 Individual Student-Athletes Playing Up to a More Senior School

Middle/Junior member school athletes whose feeder school (senior school) has a Membership Category of five (5) or higher can apply to “play up” to the senior member school that they would normally attend if, by the roster registration deadline (see 26.2.0 and 26.3.0), they have approval of both member schools’ administrators, athletic directors, students, and parents(s) or legal guardian(s). The middle/junior school must be a member in good standing. The local athletic association, the district superintendent, and BCSS must be notified by using the appropriate form on the BCSS website (see 37.3.1). Senior member schools must not register these student-athletes in STARS as an enrollee of their school. BCSS will place the middle/junior school student-athletes on the senior member schools STARS team roster when the form is received and approved. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- The original intent of this policy was to allow smaller schools to have the opportunity to move up middle/junior school athletes when absolutely necessary to field a team.
- Large member schools are taking advantage of this rule and moving up junior school students to enhance their team, or use it as a recruitment tool to get grade eight students into their programs.
- The competitive balance of the teams are changing and students who currently attend the school are getting bumped from the team or seeing reduced playing time due to unnecessary inclusion of a student-athlete who does not attend a school.
- Language Clarification & clean-up of policy

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

- To respect the core pillar of BCSS policy, that student-athletes compete for the school they attend.
- Encourages large schools to build inclusive programs, promote participation and source athletes from their current student body.

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Student-athletes must compete for the school they attend.
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**Notice #23: 31.8.0 Individual Student-Athletes Moving Up at the end of their Age Group Season**  
**Current:**

31.8.0 Individual Student-Athletes Moving Up at the end of their Age Group Season

A student-athlete who is otherwise eligible and is registered on one (1) of the school teams in the same sport, or is registered on one (1) of the direct feeder school teams in the same sports, is eligible to join the more senior team in that sport after the completion of the lower age level team’s league competition and playoff schedule. The student-athlete must be added to the appropriate STARS roster 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-athletes 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 a higher Age-Group Team form.

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

31.8.0 Individual Student-Athletes Moving Up at the end of their Age Group Season

A student-athlete who is otherwise eligible and is registered on one (1) of the school teams in the same sport, or is eligible as per 31.6.0, may join the more senior team in that sport after the completion of the lower age level team’s league competition and playoff schedule. The student-athlete must be added to the appropriate STARS roster for the more senior team before competing. The addition of the student-athlete is made by notification in STARS to the BCSS office with the student-athletes name, the name of the team on which they were originally registered and the team they would like to move up to (submission in STARS - Moving Up Form).

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Provides clarity and consistency, when moving student-athletes up at the end of their season.

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

- Consistent language in the handbook, student eligibility.

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:  To defeat  To approve  No Opinion

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## Notice #24: 33.0.0 Residency Requirement

### Current:

#### 33.0.0 Residency Requirement

##### 33.1.0 Student-Athletes Must Fulfill One of the Following Residency Requirements

- 33.1.1 Reside with parent(s) in BC;
- 33.1.2 Reside with a legal guardian (see Competitive Rules and Regulations Definitions) in BC. Guardianship must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought. During the twelve (12) month waiting period the student-athlete may participate subject to 37.0.0
- 33.1.3 Must be a 'Ward of the Province of BC' and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- 33.1.4 Must be attending a BC member school as a 'residing full-time boarding student' – this must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought. During the twelve (12) month waiting period, the student-athlete may play subject to 37.0.0; or
- 33.1.5 Must be attending a BCSS member school as an international student or exchange student and be recognized by the District Board or Independent School office as such – student-athletes must reside in BC and attend the member school for a period of five (5) months of be eligible to participate in BCSS competition.

32.2.0 Any student-athlete who does not meet any of the residency requirements is subject to 37.0.0.

### Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

#### 33.0.0 Residency Requirement

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

##### 33.1.0 Student-Athletes Must Fulfill One of the Following Residency Requirements

- 33.1.1 Reside with parent(s) in BC;
- 33.1.2 Reside with a legal guardian (see Definitions) in BC. Guardianship must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought.
- 33.1.3 Must be a 'Ward of the Province of BC' and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- 33.1.4 Must be attending a BC member school as a 'residing full-time boarding student' – this must have been in place for twelve (12) months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought; During the twelve (12) month waiting period, the student-athlete may play subject to 37.14.6.2; or
- 33.1.5 Must be attending a BCSS member school as an international student or exchange student and be recognized by the District Board or Independent School office as such – student-athletes must reside in BC and attend the member school for a period of five (5) months of be eligible to participate in BCSS competition.

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

32.2.1 The student-athlete maintains the same address and living situation throughout the twelve (12) months; and

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



**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Clarification on what happens when a student-athlete does not meet the residency policy.
- Current practice allows student athletes to participate if they have sat out twelve months from all sports, policy needed to be written to reflect current practice.
- Adds preamble to provide reasoning of why the rule is important.

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

- Student-athletes who do not meet any residency requirements, can sit out for twelve months without moving and be eligible for the following school year.
- Clarification for students who do not meet residency

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- Similar to the WIAA policy (Washington), and is common in other governing bodies.
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**Notice #25: 34.3.2 - Jointly Sponsored Teams**

**Current:**

34.3.2 Indicate which specific team sport and identified time period; a minimum period of one (1) year, up to a maximum of three (3) consecutive years; and

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

34.3.2 Indicate which specific team sport; and

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Minor correction to the joint team policy, to correct an error in drafting last year, that allowed joint team applications to be applied to for multiple years.
- In recent history we have not had member schools join for more than a one year period

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

- Schools will need to re-apply each year to have a joint team, as enrollment numbers change each year.

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #26: 35.2.1 - Student-Athlete Gender**

**Current:**

35.2.1 A female student-athlete may play on a boys' team if her school will not offer a girls' team in that sport at the appropriate age level during the same school year. A letter from the administrator confirming a girls' team will not be offered must be sent into the BCSS office. If a female student-athlete plays on the appropriate age level boys' team, she may not play on the more senior girls' team in a different season of play during the same school year.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

35.2.1 A female student-athlete may play on a boys' team if her school will not offer a girls' team that sport (in a recognized BCSS activity or not) at the appropriate age level during the same school year. A letter from the administrator confirming a girls' team will not be offered must be sent into the BCSS office. If a female student-athlete plays on the appropriate age level boys' team, she may not play on the more senior girls' team in a different season of play during the same school year.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Clarification on If there is a girls team in any sport, BCSS activity or not, girls are not eligible to play on the boys team.
- Currently applied this way, but there was no policy that specifically addressed sports that do not fall under BCSS jurisdiction (ie. girls rugby)

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

- Clarification on when girls are allowed to play on boys teams
- Girls may still play on a boys team, as is currently in policy, but not when a female team is offered.

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #27: 36.1.0 - Home Study, Distributed Learning and Alternate School Student-Athletes**

**Current:**

36.1.0 Home study and alternate school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:

36.1.1 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS – The student-athlete competes for the school they currently attend (home study or alternate school) in individual sports.

36.1.2 TEAM SPORTS

36.1.2.1 The student-athlete competes for the last member school they were registered as a full-time student; or

36.1.2.2 If the student-athlete has not been previously registered at a member school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.

36.2.0 Distributed learning school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:

36.2.1 The student-athlete competes for the last school they were registered as a full-time student; or

36.2.2 If the student-athlete has not been previously registered at a member school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.

**Proposed:**

To add

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36.1.2 TEAM SPORTS

36.1.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or

36.1.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.

36.2.0 Distributed learning school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:

36.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or

36.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Clean-up of language to be consistent with policies throughout the handbook.
- No change to the intent of the rule

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

- Clearer and consistent application of the rule by use of common language.

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

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**Notice #28: 37.1.0 - Student-Athlete Transfer To Prep/Elite School Programs**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

37.1.0 Student-Athlete Transfer to Prep/Elite School Programs

37.1.1 A student-athlete who transfers from their home school to a prep/elite team within or affiliated with a school, and returns to his/her home school, or any other BCSS member school, is considered to have participated in that sport and must seek eligibility through 38.0.0. as a transfer student. Members of a school prep/elite team are considered to have participated in competition of a BCSS activity.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Student-athletes are transferring to prep schools and are returning from the prep schools. There is currently no policy that deals directly with these student-athletes.

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

- Returning student-athletes from prep schools will be subject to transfer rules as any other student-athletes who transfers.
- Member schools, coaches, and student-athletes will clearly know the implications for their transferring to and from prep schools, when making their personal decisions.

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- Establishes equity between all students.
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**Notice #29: 37.1.0 - Student-Athlete Transfers**

**Current:**

37.1.0 Transfer occurs whenever a student-athlete who is registered at any school (within or outside of BC) transfers and is registered at a different school. A transferring student-athlete who competes on a team at the new school changes the competitive balance that would have been in place prior to the transfer. Consequently, the BCSS membership has developed regulations governing the eligibility of student-athletes who transfer schools and wish to participate in extracurricular school sport .

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



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37.1.1 Students in small remote rural schools should be allowed to transfer to another district without penalty. Students who transfer into small remote district should be able to play without penalty.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Gifted athletes from small remote areas should be given the opportunity to play in a more competitive setting than is available at their home school
- Many athletes in small remote schools only get the opportunity to play a sport a few times a year in tournaments a travel and completion is a great distance away (one way) 6 hours drive
- When a family makes a decision to move a student, often at a high cost to the family, and a great distance in order to give them the opportunity to play at a higher level of competition it is unfair to deny a child this opportunity
- Remote districts do not have the ability to recruit players. School sports is often the only form of sport in a community, to deny an athlete to participate in sports in district is denying them the opportunity to participate in any sport activity.

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

- To provide an athlete who resides in small remote communities the opportunity to compete in a sport at a higher level than is available to them
- To give students in small rural communities the opportunity to participate in an activity.

**Moved By:** Acwsalcta (Hughes)

**Seconded By:** Sir Alexander Mackenzie (Bioleu)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- Motion is not consistent with BCSS philosophy.
- Students can apply for eligibility through the Eligibility Officer and Eligibility Appeals Committee.
- Author has not provided a definition or easy solution to identify small rural schools provided within the motion.

**Notice #30: 37.1.1 - One Submission per School Year**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

37.1.1 A member school may only submit one school declaration or eligibility application per academic school year per student-athlete.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Member schools trying to find a reason for a student-athlete’s eligibility to be approved, are using multiple applications for the same student, with varying rationales.

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

- Schools are only allowed to submit one application for eligibility (school declaration or eligibility application) for each student-athlete per year. Schools may then still complete and submit an Appeal on the ruling they receive.

**Moved By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #31: 37.3.1 - Establishing a Student-Athletes Home School**

**Current:**

37.3.1 A student-athlete plays up to a Senior School (31.6.0) and is listed on a grade nine, junior, or senior teams roster OR;

NOTE: If a student-athlete participates on or plays up to a senior school and is registered only on a Grade 8 roster, this does NOT establish a home school

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

Remove 37.3.1 & the note below 37.3.2

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Current ambiguous policies that contradict and treat Grade 8 student-athletes differently. Handbook references practice without policy.
- Policy may be left over from change to Grade 9 home school declaration (from Grade 8)
- Does not discriminate between athletes in schools with a grade 8 playing up to a more senior teams and a grade 8 playing to a school to be on a more senior team.
- Simplification of policies

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

- Clarification and simplifications of policies
- Allows all grade 8 student-athletes to establish home schools (1st day of grade 9) at same time (without bias)

**Moved By:** Riverside (Colombo)

**Seconded By:** Heritage Woods (Viveiros)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- If a student makes a decision to play up for a more senior school, they are choosing their home school (which is acknowledged by the parents on the form at the time of application).



**Notice #32: 37.4.0 - Transfers**

**Current:**

37.4.0 TRANSFERS – Subject to 38.0.0, a student-athlete who transfers from his/her home school after the first day of his/her second (2nd) year of eligibility (grade 9) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer. Student-athletes are ineligible to participate in any competition in a BCSS activity in which he/she was registered at for the previous twelve (12) month prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions in 37.5.0-37.16.0 is satisfied.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

37.4.0 TRANSFERS – Subject to 38.0.0, a student-athlete who transfers after a home school has been established, is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer. Student-athletes are ineligible to participate in any competition in a BCSS activity in which he/she was registered at for the previous twelve (12) month prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions in 37.5.0-37.16.0 is satisfied.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Minor clarification on when transfer rules come into effect which has always been aligned with home school establishment.
- Home school is determined on the first day of grade 9 or when a student-athlete plays up to a senior school and is listed on their grade 9, junior or senior roster.

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

- Clarity and consistency of handbook policies.

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #33: 37.4.1 - Compliance & Authorization**

**Current:**

37.4.1 A Compliance and authorization form must be signed and submitted by the principals and athletic directors of both the leaving school and receiving school, and the student-athletes parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the transfer to be completed.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

37.4.1 A compliance and authorization form must be signed and submitted by the principal and athletic director of the receiving school and the student-athletes parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the transfer to be completed.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Removes a step from the paperwork process for Athletic Directors, allowing the forms to be completed faster
- STARS has accurate information to verify if what is on the form is correctly submitted, and is often more accurate than the memory of an Athletic Director.

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

- Faster response rate to determine eligibility rulings
- Less work for Athletic Directors.

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #34: 37.4.2 - Multiple Compliance & Authorization Transfers**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

37.4.2 A student-athlete who transfers from one school to another school shall not have the right to subsequently transfer to a second school or to subsequently transfer back to his/her original school and still be eligible for competition in a BCSS activity in the same academic year, without an Eligibility Application.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Compliance and Authorization forms are being used by schools whereby the student attends school A and plays Football and then transfers to school B after Football is over and plays basketball. The next year the student then transfers back to school A for Football.
- BCSS currently has no rule to prohibit this from happening

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

- Students can use 1 compliance and authorization form per school year – stopping students from athletically motivated transfers.

**Moved By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- This sort of action is not in the academic best interests of any student and is clearly motivated by athletics.
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**Notice #35: 37.5.2 - Student- Athlete Advancing to a More Senior School**

**Current:**

37.5.2 Notwithstanding 37.5.0, a student-athlete graduating from a middle school or a junior secondary may proceed to any other public school in the same district, as long as district policy is followed, and the administrators and athletic directors on the two (2) schools involved are in agreement.

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

Remove section 37.5.2 from the BCSS Handbook.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Clarification of policy where students must attend their feeder school
- Rule is in conflict with rules passed at the 2017 BCSS AGM

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

- Consistent application of policy and clear understanding from stakeholders
- Only affects students who have established a home school, those who have not (virtually all grade 8 students) can still choose their school for the first day of grade 9.

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

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**Notice #36: 37.7.0 - Change in Principal Residence**

**Current:**

37.7.6.2 If the new principal residence is in a different public school district, the student-athlete may:

- a) Become eligible at the public school into whose catchment boundaries the family has moved to; or
- b) Become eligible at the nearest independent school to the new residence

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

37.7.6.2 If the new principal residence is in a different public school district, the student-athlete may:

- a) Become eligible at the public school into whose catchment boundaries the family has moved to; or
- b) Become eligible at the nearest public school that offers a French immersion program if the student-athlete can provide documentation showing they were previously enrolled in a French immersion program at their leaving school; or
- c) Become eligible at the nearest independent school within the same FISA Member Association Groups, listed below, as the leaving school:
  - Association of Christian School International
  - Associate Member Group
  - Catholic Independent Schools International Society Committee
  - Society of Christian Schools BC
- d) Become eligible at the nearest independent school to the new residence if the leaving school does not belong to any of the above named FISA Member Association Groups.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Rule passed at the 2017 AGM resulted in students going from French to French or Catholic to Catholic schools, as an example, having to go to appeal.

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

- Allow the Eligibility Officer to approve transfers in obvious cases where a family is not cherry picking a school, and the transfer is to the nearest like school.
- Maintain equity between Independent and Public without requiring needless appeals.

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #37: 37.10.3 - District Academic Programs**

**Current:**

37.10.3 Student - athletes who are enrolled in the district academic program, TREK, for a period of one (1) school year and are returning to their original home school immediately upon the conclusion of the program will remain eligible to compete for their home school.

37.10.3.1 If the student-athlete wishes to participate in competition in a BCSS activity for the school hosting the TREK program, the school must file an Eligibility Application in accordance with 38.0.0. If the student-athlete is approved and participates for the host school in a BCSS activity, they will not be eligible at their original school upon return after the conclusion of the district academic program and will be subject to the transfer rules in 37.0.0.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

37.10.3 Student - athletes who are enrolled in the district academic program, TREK or the NVSD Outdoor Education Academy, for a period of one (1) school year and are returning to their original home school immediately upon the conclusion of the program will remain eligible to compete for their home school.

37.10.3.1 If the student-athlete wishes to participate in competition in a BCSS activity for the school hosting the TREK or the NVSD Outdoor Education Academy program, the school must file an Eligibility Application in accordance with 38.0.0. If the student-athlete is approved and participates for the host school in a BCSS activity, they will not be eligible at their original school upon return after the conclusion of the district academic program and will be subject to the transfer rules in 37.0.0.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- North Vancouver School District has created a new one year program for grade 10 students at Sutherland Secondary
- The program is essentially identical to the Vancouver School District’s TREK program.
- Will only have one cohort this year with a maximum of 28 students
- Given that some students already attend Sutherland, we do not anticipate many students if any, applying for an Eligibility Application.
- We appreciate the option for students to maintain their team connections and play for their home school during their grade 10 year in the Academy, but realize that most won’t do this due to the logistics of travel.

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

- Student-athletes can continue to play sports for their home school while enrolled in the NVSD Outdoor Education Academy at Sutherland.
- If students wish to play for Sutherland they must seek eligibility through an Eligibility Application.
- We do want to ensure that students who return to their “home” schools are able to compete in their grade 11 and 12 years.

**Moved By:** Sutherland (Jonat)

**Seconded By:** Argyle (Hockley)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- Motion was discussed with the school district principal.
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**Notice #38: 37.11.0 - Designated Special Education Schools**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**

**To add**     **To Remove**     **To amend**

37.11.0 A student-athlete who transfers to a designated Special Education Independent School (as per the Independent School Act and the Ministry of Education) will become eligible at any other designated Special Education Independent Schools regardless of the catchment area in which they reside. If the student-athlete transfers to a school that is not designated as a Special Education Independent School the student-athlete will be subject to Section 37.7.0 Student-Athlete Transfers.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- There is currently no rule that relates to special education students transferring schools to meet their educational needs

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

- Students who transfer to attend special education independent schools will be able to be approved by the Eligibility Officer and will not need to go to Appeal.

**Moved By:** Fraser Academy (Hill)

**Seconded By:** St. John's (Kinman)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

**To defeat**     **To approve**     **No Opinion**

Notes:

- There is a small published list by the Ministry of Education identifying which schools would qualify.
- Expect this to have a minimal impact with likely 5 or less students effected any given year.
- Students still need to satisfy transfer requirements if they leave a Special Education School and transfer to a non-Special Education School.

**Notice #39: 37.14.0 - International Students**

**Current:**

- 37.14.0 International Students – For International Students (Boarding, Exchange & International) to become eligible to participate in a BCSS activity, the school Principal or District Office shall verify in writing and submit to the BCSS office that:
- 37.14.1 The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria;
  - 37.14.2 The student-athletes is enrolled at the receiving school for at least five (5) consecutive months or one (1) semester;
  - 37.14.3 That a student-athlete’s participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school;
  - 37.14.4 The student-athletes is not receiving a scholarship, bursary, or financial awards resulting from or relating to student-athlete participation;
  - 37.14.5 The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.
  - 37.14.6 In addition to the above, International Students must meet the criteria in one of the following International Student Designations to be deemed eligible for BCSS activity:
    - 37.14.6.1 Exchange Student-Athlete
      - a) The Exchange Program is an established and recognised program by either the federal or provincial government;
      - b) The student-athletes transfers into the member school from outside British Columbia and is not a resident of British Columbia;
    - 37.14.6.2 Boarding Student-Athlete
      - a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as a boarding student and pays tuition according to the published boarding student policy and fee schedule;
      - b) The student-athlete resides in a school dormitory;
      - c) The student-athlete transfers into BCSS member school from:
        - Outside of Canada: The student-athlete can compete in any BCSS activity; or
        - Inside of Canada: The student-athlete is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to compete in any BCSS activity in any school sport in which he/she was registered for at their previous school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits compliance and authorization from to the Eligibility Officer for review.
    - 37.14.6.3 International Student-Athlete
      - a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as an international student and pays tuition to that school district according to the published international student policy and fee schedule;
      - b) The student-athlete is placed with a home-stay family;
      - c) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada

**Proposed:**

- To add     To Remove     To amend

- 37.14.0 International Students
- 37.14.1 The BCSS member school in which the student-athlete first registers and seeks eligibility will become the student-athletes home school and where their eligibility is tied. Any subsequent transfers from the student-athletes home school are subject to 37.0.0 Student-Athlete Transfers.
- 37.14.2 International Students’ (Boarding, Exchange & International) eligibility and competitive age level will be determined by their birthdate prior to becoming eligible to participate in a BCSS activity, the school Principal or District Office shall verify in writing and submit to the BCSS office that the International Students meet the following:
- 37.14.2.1 The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria;
  - 37.14.2.2 The student-athletes is enrolled at the receiving school for at least five (5) consecutive months or one (1) semester;
  - 37.14.2.3 The student-athlete has not graduated from a high school program;
  - 37.14.2.4 That a student-athlete’s participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school;
  - 37.14.2.5 The student-athletes is not receiving a scholarship, bursary, or financial awards resulting from or relating to student-athlete participation;



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

37.14.3 In addition to the above, International Students must meet the criteria in one of the following International Student Designations to be deemed eligible for BCSS activity:

37.14.3.1 Exchange Student Athlete

- a) The Exchange Program is an established and recognised program by either the federal or provincial government;
- b) The student-athletes transfers into the member school from outside British Columbia and is not a resident of British Columbia;

37.14.3.2 Boarding Student-Athlete

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

37.14.3.3 International Student-Athlete

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as an international student and pays tuition to that school district according to the published international student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete is placed with a home-stay family, lives with parents or lives with family members who have custodial guardianship over the student-athlete;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- There have been issues and abuse related to the competitive level at which international students can participate, often there is quite a difference between their age and grade level of courses taken.
- Not all international students are boarding or home stay students, allows for parental or custodial guardianship to apply.
- Students cannot have graduated in their home country before coming to BC.

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

- Clear policy surrounding the competitive age level of International Students.
- Allow home stay students to include familial living arrangements.

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- Establishes equity to other student-athletes, while maintaining the ability for international students to have equitable access to inter-school athletics.
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## Notice #40: 37.14.6.2 - Boarding & International Student-Athletes

### Current:

#### 37.14.6.2 Boarding Student-Athlete

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

#### 37.14.6.3 International Student-Athlete

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as an international student and pays tuition to that school district according to the published international student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete is placed with a home-stay family;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada

### Proposed:



To add



To Remove



To amend

#### 37.14.6.2 Boarding Student-Athlete

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

#### 37.14.6.3 International Student-Athlete

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

### Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Schools are masking athletic scholarships as academic scholarships
- Schools should not have a competitive advantage based on their financial capabilities.
- There have been significant challenges in boys rugby and boys basketball. Schools with the means have taken recruiting to an entirely new level by hiring staff who can travel the world to recruit for their schools. Provincial championships, which are supposed to be a showcase event for the students in British Columbia are having a few schools dominate in one or two sports with players that are not from BC.

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

- Create a level playing field where a school with money for scholarships can't gain an unfair edge.
- Stop athletic scholarships in boys rugby & basketball and to discourage the practice in other sports.

Moved By: Lambrick Park (Baker)

Seconded By: Mount Douglas (Ball)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

- A process for verification will be established and implemented by staff if the motion is carried.
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**Notice #41: 38.9.3.1 - Bona Fide Academic Transfer Reason**

**Current:**

38.9.3.1 The student-athlete has transferred schools for a bona fide academic reason;

- a) "Bona fide academic reason" is defined as a minimum of three (3) courses in a 'related program of study' not available to the student-athlete at their prior school;

Appendix 1: Definitions - Bona Fide Academic Reason - a minimum of three (3) courses in a 'related program of study' not available to the student-athlete at their prior school.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

38.9.3.1 The student-athlete has transferred schools for a bona fide academic reason;

- a) "Bona fide academic reason" is defined as a minimum of three (3) courses in a 'related program of study' not available to the student-athlete at their prior school. Courses that are directly related to Sport or Human Performance, where credits are being issued for the execution of sport training activities, either in a multi-sport, or sport-specific application will not be eligible for consideration when evaluating the merits of an Eligibility Application on the grounds of a bona fide academic transfer;

Appendix 1: Definitions - Bona Fide Academic Reason - a minimum of three (3) courses in a 'related program of study' not available to the student-athlete at their prior school. Courses that are directly related to Sport or Human Performance, where credits are being issued for the execution of sport training activities, either in a multi-sport, or sport-specific application will not be eligible for consideration when evaluating the merits of an Eligibility Application on the grounds of a bona fide academic transfer.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- A memo was sent out to the BCSS membership on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 clarifying the definition of a bona fide academic transfer, the same clarification is now proposed as policy.

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

- Students will be unable to use courses involving Sport or Human Performance (ie. academy courses, training/fitness courses, PE specialty courses) as a course to meet the standards of a bona fide academic transfer.

**Moved By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Seconded By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

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**Notice #42: 38.10.1 - Eligibility Applications & Appeals**

**Current:**

- 38.10.0 The Eligibility Officer shall issue a written ruling to the applicant school (to the attention of the administrator and the athletic director) either approving or denying the application, and containing a brief summary of the reasons for the decision.
- 39.10.0 The EAC shall issue a written ruling to the applicant school (to the attention of the administrator and the athletic director) either approving or dismissing the appeal, and containing a brief summary of the reasons for the decisions.

**Proposed:**

To add     To Remove     To amend

- 38.10.0 The Eligibility Officer shall issue a written ruling to the applicant school (to the attention of the administrator and the athletic director) either approving or denying the application, and containing a brief summary of the reasons for the decision.  
  
38.10.1 After a ruling where eligibility is approved and where subsequently the Executive Director receives new information pertaining to the student-athlete in question that he/she deems credible and has the potential to affect the original decision, the Executive Director may request the Eligibility Officer to review the ruling in light of the new information, and if they deem necessary, issue a new ruling.
- 39.10.0 The EAC shall issue a written ruling to the applicant school (to the attention of the administrator and the athletic director) either approving or dismissing the appeal, and containing a brief summary of the reasons for the decisions.  
  
39.10.1 After a ruling where eligibility is approved and where subsequently the Executive Director receives new information pertaining to the student-athlete in question that he/she deems credible and has the potential to affect the original decision, the Executive Director may request the EAC to review the ruling in light of the new information, and if they deem necessary, issue a new ruling.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Additional information has been brought forward after a ruling is made and there is no avenue to explore additional information.

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

- If additional information is brought forward after a ruling has been made the Executive Director can request the Eligibility Officer and/or EAC to review the new information and determine if the ruling needs to be changed.

**Moved By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Seconded By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- This is not a frequent occurrence, but will provide an avenue for when critical information comes to light after the fact.
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**Notice #43: 39.2.0 - Eligibility Appeals**

**Current:**

39.2.0 An appeal under 39.1.0 shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the BCSS office for forwarding to the Eligibility Appeals Committee (EAC) three (3) full days before the next scheduled meeting of the EAC.

39.3.0 The Appeal shall contain:

39.3.1 A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Appeal Form;

39.3.2 Copies of all materials submitted to the Eligibility Officer;

39.3.3 The member school appealing will be invoiced \$250 upon the receipt of the appeal;

39.3.4 \$200 of the appeal fee is refundable if the appeal is accepted;

39.3.5 New information or material that the member school wants the EAC to consider.

**Proposed:**

To add

To Remove

To amend

39.2.0 An appeal under 39.1.0 shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the BCSS office by 2:00pm (PT) for forwarding to the Eligibility Appeals Committee (EAC) three (3) full days before the next scheduled meeting of the EAC.

39.3.0 The Appeal may contain:

39.3.1 A completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Appeal Form;

39.3.2 Copies of all materials submitted to the Eligibility Officer;

39.3.3 The member school appealing will be invoiced \$250 upon the receipt of the appeal;

39.3.4 \$200 of the appeal fee is refundable if the appeal is accepted;

39.3.5 New information or material that the member school wants the EAC to consider.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Time was omitted from this policy was passed at the 2017 AGM.

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

- Clarity for the membership as to the deadline time

**Moved By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Seconded By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:

To defeat

To approve

No Opinion

Notes:

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**Notice #44: 40.3.0 - Seasons of Play**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

40.3.0 No member school shall participate in scrimmages (see Appendix 1 Definitions) outside the seasons of play defined in 41.0.0 – 44.0.0.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Member schools are participating in out of season scrimmages as a way of avoiding the seasons of play policy.

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

- Member schools compete within the season of play, as intended by the philosophy of BCSS and encouragement of multi-sport participation.

**Moved By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Seconded By:** MEI (Thiessen)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

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## Notice #45: 49.3.0 -Championships

### Current:

N/A

### Proposed:

To add     To Remove     To amend

49.3.0 The various sport commissions offer 2 or more provincial championships "All schools" public/private and public only. Also to add more berth allocations to public schools attending provincial championships in both the junior and senior division.

### Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Public schools are increasingly not able to qualify for provincials due to the large representation of private schools in each zone (Northwest Zone, North Central Zone, SouthEast, Island, Kootenay etc)
- In each zone at least 1 berth minimum should be awarded for the top public school in a zone championship (A, AA, AAA) if there are 2 berths (1 should go to the top public school).
- Each sport commission should offer either a rural championships (similar to Ontario, Alberta, Manitoba) or at the very least a public schools only provincial championships.
- 9 of the top 10 places in the soccer A provincials 2017 were all private schools
- Increasingly the playing field is not level with private schools (funding, paid coaches, ability to recruit)
- There is wide support from a number of member schools and athletic directors from public schools on this motion.
- Many athletes are overlooked in rural communities, and do not reach their potential without the support and opportunities to play at the highest level. Private schools and training academies are increasingly winning provincial and Olympic berths, who can afford to register into these schools or programs? What if we had two streams and in the future we could be developing a larger talent pool to feed our Provincial and National teams. Australia, France, Norway are good examples of inclusionary sports models for all classes and schools.

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

- Level the playing field between private and public schools
- Allow rural and smaller schools and students an opportunity to showcase their skills/talents at the provincial level
- Potentially access funding for travel to zones/provincials for rural or smaller schools (more grants/scholarships/donations)
- For teams to register for 1 provincial and zone championships (public or all schools). Teams will not be able to compete in both zones/provincials for "All Schools" or "Public Schools only" but could still play each other in other tournaments and possibly a best vs best tournament

Moved By: Sir Alexander Mackenzie (Boileau)

Seconded By: Nakusp (Bass)

### Board Recommendations

Recommended Action:

To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- The Board understands there is concern in this area and has begun work to address the issue.
- Doubling Championships will have massive financial and organizational impacts on both BCSS and the Sport Commissions.
- Would require going from 62 provincial championships to nearly 130.
- Membership fees would likely require a 100% increase.
- Commissions would require venues for twice as many championships.



**Notice #46: 52.3.3 - Blanket Exemptions - Wrestling**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

52.3.3.7 The BC Secondary Schools Wrestling Association is granted an exemption from 52.3.1 for the Wrestling Championships, provided that the Championships event starts on a Sunday and end on a Tuesday.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- The size of the Championships limits the availability of appropriate venues.
- The best venue (LEC) has committed dates with other Championships. No weekends available.
- BCSSWA AGM has voted to go to a permanent site to promote the sport and Championships.

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

- Single site to promote our sport and the Championships.
- Establish a tournament committee to ensure high quality Provincial Championships.
- Promote our sport more effectively through the media and venue's amenities.

**Moved By:** Vancouver College (Vass)

**Seconded By:** Terry Fox (Trunkfield)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- This motion has come forward from the commission.
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**Notice #47: 60.3.0 - Non-member Event Sanctioning**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**

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60.3.0 Non-Member Event Sanctioning

60.3.1 Colleges, Universities, other institutions, companies, organizations, or individuals hosting high school events must apply for sanctioning using the 3rd Party sanctioning form.

60.3.2 The form must be submitted to BCSS at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the event. A \$200 late sanctioning fee will be assessed to the host school or institution, if the sanctioning form is not submitted on time. Refusal to pay the fine will result in the loss of sanctioning.

60.3.3 Schools not listed on the sanctioning form will not be able to participate without approval of BCSS. If non-school teams and BCSS member school teams are participating at the same tournament they must compete in separate categories/divisions/events etc.

60.3.4 In the event of individual sports, high school athletes belonging to club teams should compete only as a member of their High School and only compete against High School athletes.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- BCSS is the only jurisdiction in Canada that does not require 3rd party organizers to sanction their high school tournaments.
- BCSS does not know when Universities are hosting tournaments, or if teams participating are following BCSS policies.
- Member schools can only play other member schools – no club teams are permitted

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

- BCSS will be notified when Universities/Colleges are hosting high school events
- Sanctioning guidelines for member schools will be followed

**Moved By:** David Thompson (Lopez)

**Seconded By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:     To defeat     To approve     No Opinion

Notes:

- There are many College/University events that have club and high school teams competing against each other, and they are unaware of BCSS policies for member schools.
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**Notice #48: Definitions - Scrimmages**

**Current:**

N/A

**Proposed:**



To add



To Remove



To amend

**Appendix I: Definitions**

Scrimmage – Any organized gathering with multiple student-athletes and/or teams present, under the supervision of coaches from the same school, where officials may or may not be present, while participating in a BCSS activity.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- Varying interpretations around the province on what a scrimmage is.

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

- Provide a clear understanding of what a scrimmage is

**Moved By:** South Delta (Sweeney)

**Seconded By:** Vancouver Technical (Allina)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



To approve



No Opinion

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## Notice #49: Zones

### Current:

### Replace Schedule B in its entirety with the following EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2019:

Schedule B

#### ZONES

BC School Sports will consist of nine (9) geographical zones.

Each zone will consist of the member public schools from the stated School Districts, and those member independent schools who are located inside the boundaries of the applicable School District. All member schools must be a member of a local athletic association, as per section 2.3 of these Bylaws.

#### KOOTENAY ZONE

- School Districts #: 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 50

#### THOMPSON-OKANAGAN ZONE

- School Districts #: 19, 22, 23, 53, 58, 67, 73, 74, 83

#### ISLAND ZONE

- School Districts #: 47, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 79, 84, 85

#### NORTH CENTRAL ZONE

- School District #: 27, 28, 57, 59, 60, 81, 91

#### NORTH-WEST ZONE

- School Districts #: 49, 50, 52, 54, 82, 87, 92

#### TO BE DETERMINED

The alignment and name of the final four (4) zones will be determined by the membership at the 2018 AGM after a recommendation from a working committee formed of representatives from the affected school districts. These districts are:

- School Districts # (Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley): 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 48, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 75, 78

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

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

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

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

**For implementation in the 2019-2020 School Year**

Schedule B

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Each zone will consist of the member public schools from the stated School Districts, and those member independent schools who are located inside the boundaries of the applicable School District. All member schools must be a member of a local athletic association, as per section 2.3 of these Bylaws.

1. Kootenay Zone
  - School Districts #: 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 50
2. Thompson-Okanagan Zone
  - School Districts #: 19, 22, 23, 53, 58, 67, 73, 74, 83
3. North Central Zone
  - School District #: 27, 28, 49, 57, 59, 60, 81, 91
4. North West Zone
  - School Districts #: 50, 52, 54, 82, 87, 92
5. Vancouver Island Zone
  - School Districts #: 47, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 79, 84, 85
6. Fraser Valley East
  - School Districts #: 33, 34, 35, 75, 78
7. Fraser River South
  - School Districts #: 36, 37, 38
8. Fraser River North
  - School Districts #: 40, 41, 42, 43
9. Vancouver-Whistler
  - School Districts #: 39, 44, 45, 46, 48

53.2.1 BCSS Designated Zones – The nine (9) BCSS designated zones are defined in Schedule B of the Bylaws {Zones}.

**Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):**

- 9 Zones were passed at the December 2019 Extraordinary meeting, a working committee with representation from all affected districts (approved by the board) was tasked with determining the new make up of the 9 zones.
- The committee met for over five hours over the span of six weeks and formally recommended this alignment to the membership as an option for the new zone re-alignment.

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

- While achieving perfect balance isn't possible, the proposed zones represent significantly more balance in the sizes of zone by school and student-athlete population and should provide a longer season of play for more student athletes, and provide a consistent pathway to provincial championships in all sports.
- New zone implementation for September 2019.

Moved By: MEI (Thiessen)

Seconded By: David Thompson (Lopez)

**Board Recommendations**

Recommended Action:



To defeat



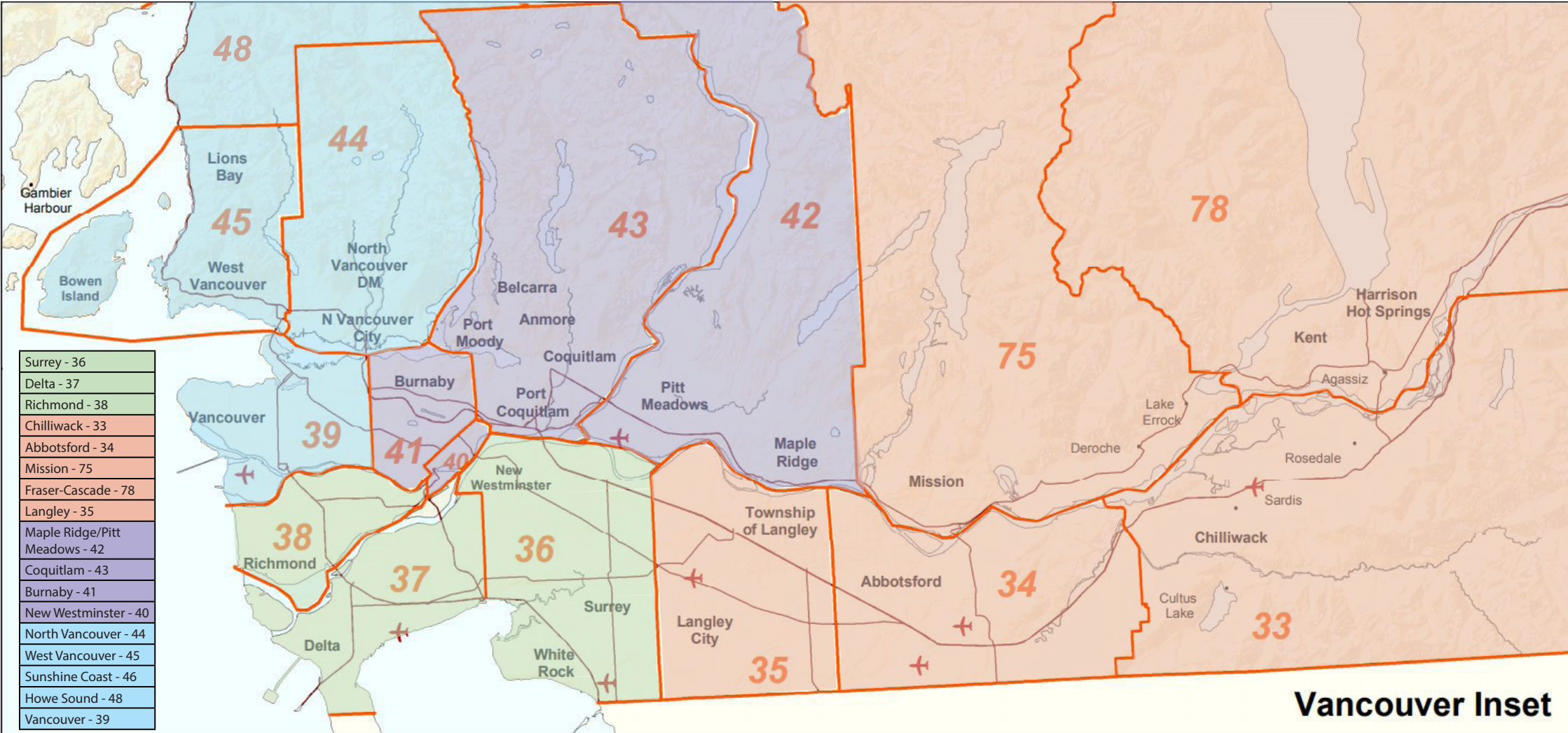
To approve



No Opinion

Notes:

- The board, in listening to the concerns of the membership, struck a committee to investigate the options for re-zoning. Each district affected was invited to participate so that all viewpoints could be considered.
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Surrey - 36
Delta - 37
Richmond - 38
Chilliwack - 33
Abbotsford - 34
Mission - 75
Fraser-Cascade - 78
Langley - 35
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows - 42
Coquitlam - 43
Burnaby - 41
New Westminster - 40
North Vancouver - 44
West Vancouver - 45
Sunshine Coast - 46
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