

June 05, 2015  
McLeod Athletic Park, Langley

### **BC High School Track & Field Commission AGM**

12:15pm Meeting brought to order.

#### **Presentation of the financial statements.**

The BC Multi-Event Championships lose significant money annually, but with addition of gr. 8 & junior divisions the event deficit is cut down by approximately 50% in 2015. Commissioner stated that he believed the event would break even in 2016.

The commission in a strong financial position, moving into the 2015-16 year with a surplus of more than \$25,000 likely. Commissioner wanting to increase the reserve operating fund to \$50,000 over the coming years to cover pre-championship expenses.

Noted that championship entry fees have decreased per participant from previous years, that cap was set for total fees paid by any school at \$1200. In addition Gaming money from BCSS used to support travel expenses by Northwest, Northcentral, Kootenays, & Vancouver Island Zones totalling \$2500.

Commissioner expressed concern that commission needs to diversify revenue sources in coming years, and is heavily reliant on Subway sponsorship & championship entry fees revenue.

#### **Tiering Motion by Tom Turnbull, Lambrick Park.**

##### **Proposal-Motion**

To implement 3 tiers (A, AA, AAA) for Provincial Championships in Track & Field.

##### **Rationale**

- a) Presently, most high school sports in B.C. have at least 2- 4 tiers.
- b) At least 5 Provinces (with populations less than B.C.) have 3 - 4 tiers for their Provincial T&F Championships.
- c) The structure of the meet does not have to change (Only the scoring system).
- d) Opportunity for smaller schools to win a Provincial T&F Championship.

##### **Details**

- a) B.C. School Sports with more than 1 tier:
  - Basketball-Boys (4)
  - Volleyball-Girls (4)
  - Basketball-Girls (3)
  - Volleyball-Boys (3)
  - Golf (3)
  - Soccer-Boys (3)
  - Soccer-Girls (3)

- Football (2)
- Rugby (2)
- Tennis (2)

**b) Provinces smaller than B.C. with multiple tiers in Track & Field Provincial Championships:**

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| * B.C. Population | 4.5 Million (1 Tier)  |
| Alberta           | 4.0 Million (4 Tiers) |
| Manitoba          | 1.3 Million (4 Tiers) |
| Saskatchewan      | 1.1 Million (4 Tiers) |
| Nova Scotia       | 950,000 (4 Tiers)     |
| New Brunswick     | 750,000 (3 Tiers)     |

**c) Having Tiers will not change the structure or integrity of the meet.**

- The qualifying remains the same.
- The best still compete against the best of all tiers.

\* The only difference is separating schools into their proper Tiers for team scoring (Boys, Girls and Aggregate).

For example:

Overall Team Standings (with the present "One Tier" system)

1. Green High School (3A) - 100 pts.
2. Black High School (3A) - 95 pts.
3. Blue High School (2A) - 80 pts.
4. Purple High School (3A) - 75 pts.
5. Red High School (1A) - 72 pts.
6. White High School (2A) - 68 pts.
7. Orange High School (3A) - 60 pts.
8. Velvet High School (1A) - 58 pts.
9. Yellow High School (2A) - 50 pts.
10. Pink High School (1A) - 44 pts.
11. Grey High School (1A) - 40 pts.
12. Maroon High School (2A) - 35 pts.

\* The above can easily be divided into 3 Tiers (for boys, girls and aggregate banner winners).

For example:

Team Standings (with "3 Tier" system)

| 3A                  | 2A                  | 1A                  |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Green - 100 pts. | 1. Blue - 80 pts.   | 1. Red - 72 pts.    |
| 2. Black - 95 pts.  | 2. White - 68 pts.  | 2. Velvet - 58 pts. |
| 3. Purple - 75 pts. | 3. Yellow - 50 pts. | 3. Pink - 44 pts.   |
| 4. Orange - 60 pts. | 4. Maroon - 35 pts. | 4. Grey - 40 pts.   |

\* This proposal would give smaller schools a realistic chance of winning a Provincial Championship.

\* Why should B.C. be the only Province with a "One Tier" system for Track & Field?

I hope I can gain your support on this motion.

Thank you,  
 Tom Turnbull  
 Lambrick Park School

Discussion. Questions posed about 2 vs 3 tiers, year of implementation, costs of related banners. Questions raised about data. Tom responded that data was from examples across across Canada.

Suggested & agreed that tiering would be implemented in 2016 & reviewed. Tom to follow up with official request to the BC Championship Standards Committee to request tiering be allowed at BC Track & Field Championship.

Motion voted on & passed.

## **2016 Championship**

Decision made to hold championship event in 2016 in Nanaimo & 2017 in Langley. Discussion. Allen Johnston from Wellington secondary to act as on-site coordinator & liason for 2016 event.

## **Voting of 2015-16 Executive.**

The following persons were nominated for the 2015-16 executive. All voted in.

Andrew Lenton, Gillian Wright, Gary Lutes, Tom Turnbull, Allen Johnstone, Michael Sheffer, Angela McLeish, Laurier Primeau.

**Meeting adjourned**