

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda

2023 BCSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA		
TIME	TOPIC	LEAD
Friday, May 12th – Legislative Assembly - Session #1		
10:30AM	Introductions and Welcome A. Welcome from BCSS President, Brent Sweeney a) Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement b) Introductions & Housekeeping c) Motion to approve the Auditor B. Approval of Minutes from November 2022 APM	Brent Sweeney
10:45AM	Board of Directors Report	BOD
11:00AM	Executive Director Report & Financial Report	Jordan Abney
11:30 – 12PM	Looking Forward Discussions a) Prep programs	BOD/Staff
12:45 – 1:45PM	A. Zone Reports B. Committee Reports C. Stakeholder Reports	Zone Delegates Committee Chairs Partner Org Reps
1:45 – 2:45PM	Notice of Motions – introduction and discussions	BCSS Staff & BOD
3:15 – 4:45PM	Notice of Motion continued	BCSS Staff & BOD
4:45PM	Meeting recessed	
6:00 – 7:00PM	Cocktails	
7:00 – 9:00PM	BCSS Awards Dinner	
9:00 – 11:30PM	Hospitality Suite	

Saturday, May 13 th - Legislative Assembly – Session #2		
9:15AM	Meeting reconvenes	Brent/Jordan
9:20AM	Notice of Motions -Voting	BCSS Staff
11:00AM – 11:15PM	Championship Hosting Bids	BCSS Staff
11:15 – 1:00PM	Looking forward discussions continued b) School teams participating as club teams c) Single gender schools	BCSS Staff/BOD
1:45-2:00PM	Introduction of incoming Board of Directors	Brent
2:00-3:00PM	Closing Remarks and Meeting Wrap Up Discussion regarding dates for 2024 AGM	Brent/Jordan
MEETING ADJOURNED		

Minutes from 2022 Annual Planning Meeting - DRAFT

November 14-15, 2022

Attendance: Refer to Appendix A

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

1.1. Welcome & Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement

President welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with an acknowledgement of indigenous land. Board of Director members were introduced as well as staff members. President reviewed the housekeeping notices; the breaks are set throughout the day and will be longer. Mics were encouraged to be used.

1.2. Approval of Agenda and AGM Meeting Minutes

No additions were made to the Agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

1.3. Rules of Order

All procedures will follow Robert's Rules of Order. President reviewed the updated rules of order that were circulated along with the APM package.

1.4. Roles and Responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

President reflected on the last meeting in May and reminded the legislative assembly to take off zone, coach, and/or athletic director hats and look at things from a broader perspective. President also highlighted the challenges that BCSS staff have faced with an unsustainable workload and adapting to constantly changing circumstances. President looked ahead at the prepared discussion topics and felt optimistic that the legislative assembly can have good discussion and the organization will move forward in a positive direction.

3. ZONE AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

3.1. Fraser North Zone

Fraser North Zone verbal report was presented by Craig Percevault, who highlighted the zone's concerns on quality of provincial championships medals, two motions being brought forward to cancel championships without a host and the junior cross country banner removal, and a concern for the future is continuing to bulk upload students which has raised some security questions.

3.2. Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety

The verbal report was presented by Mike Roberts. The committee discussed having qualified medical professionals attend provincial championships, implementing guidelines for emergency action plans, and environmental concerns.

3.3. Thompson Okanagan Zone

The verbal report was presented by Mary Bartucci. The zone is working towards concussion training, emergency action plans, and updating constitution. Concerns that came from the zone were athletic director turnover and onboarding more coaches.

3.4. BC School Trustees' Association

Verbal report outlining the association as an advocate for BCSS at the provincial level.

3.5. North Central Zone

The verbal report was presented by Louise Holmes and highlighted the concern of succession.

3.6. Competitive Fairness

The committee's report was presented by Harp Sohi who reflected on the discussion topic of single gendered schools and the committee's recommendations.

3.7. Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council

The verbal report was presented by Louise Ormerod who highlighted what ISPARC represents and the support they provide throughout the province.

3.8. Eligibility Appeals Committee

The representative of the committee was not present.

3.9. South Fraser Zone

The verbal report was presented by Nik Nashlund. The concerns coming from the zone were succession and athletic director turnover. The zone would like to continue discussions on travel subsidy and support for rural communities.

3.10. Fall Sport Rules Committee

Gary Atwal presented the verbal committee report which will meet at the end of the fall season.

3.11. Eastern Valley Zone

Jake Mouritzen presented the verbal report and highlighted the success of the Golf Provincials. Concerns from the zone included succession, transportation, and the need for more officials and coaches.

3.12. BC Teachers Federation

No representative was present.

3.13. Winter Sport Rules Committee

Zoel Thibault presented the winter sport rules committee verbal report and highlighted the zones work in the shot clock discussion and will be meeting soon.

3.14. Vancouver Island Zone

The verbal report highlighted similar concerns for coaches, funding, and transportation. The zone celebrated hosting cross country provincials.

3.15. Spring Sport Rules Committee

Moreno Stefanon presented the verbal report for the spring sport rules committee who outlined the status of the committee. No representation from Tennis and Golf on the committee. The committee has yet to meet but will be discussing sponsorship on jerseys, standard ball for rugby, and standardizing rules for age grades, berthing for mountain biking, badminton shuttle, and turf fields for rugby.

3.16. Federation of Independent Schools

The verbal report was presented by Shawn Chisolm who thanked BCSS and the Competitive Fairness committee on including and involving independent schools in the discussion on single gendered schools.

3.17. Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone

The verbal report was presented by Claude Leduc. The report highlighted the positivity of the beginning of the season. Concerns coming from the zone were spectator incidents and workload for association presidents.

3.18. BC Principals & Vice Principals

Verbal report was presented by Sid Jawanda who thanked everyone for all their hard work in making school sports great.

3.19. Team Sport Championships Committee

The verbal report was presented by Mike Campbell. The committee met once to put forward the soccer tie-breaking motion. The committee would like to meet in person.

3.20. Northwest Zone

The verbal report was presented by Ella Ringma. The beginning of school sports has been very positive. Some concerns that came from the zone included difficulty finding coaches, lack of certified officials, and high cost of travel.

3.21. BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

A verbal report was presented by Gladys Fraser who felt the new structure would have growing pains which is expected but the level of discussion had at the meetings was hopeful and would like to be an advocate for BCSS to parents of student-athletes.

3.22. Kootenay Zone

The Kootenay Zone report was presented by Darrin Moreira as no representative from the Kootenay Zone was present. Some concerns that came from the zone included burnout felt by athletic directors, zones not having succession plans in place, and the difficulty traveling.

3.23. BC Schools Superintendents

No representative was present.

3.24. Individual Sport Championships Committee

Darrin Moreira presented the individual sport championships verbal report as the representative of the committee was not present. Agenda items for the committee to review included size and berthing of mountain bike championships, size of golf championships, size and berthing for aquatics championships, and berthing policy for ski and snowboard.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

4.1. Operational Highlights

The executive director reported on the new agreement with KidsSport and highlighted the many benefits offered by the organization and urged the legislative assembly members to reach out to KidsSport for grants. Executive Director updated the legislative assembly on the feedback that was brought to the staff's attention regarding apparel and medals. BCSS sent out RFP's and received 6 responses for apparel. The ED introduced Rush Team Apparel as the new official apparel provider for BCSS who will offer pre-orders and be present on-site. The ED also presented to the legislative assembly the new BCSS medals which are larger and higher quality medals than the previous ones. Another announcement made by the executive director was the new ten-year agreement with Playfly, a large multimedia rights company who will handle sponsorship rights to our events. This agreement will bring in a guaranteed income in the scope of 2.9 million US in the span of the next two years. On the agenda the ED reported was creating a streaming platform for provincials as well as updating the BCSS website.

The executive director turned to operational challenges faced by the staff. Insurance cost remains an issue. The benefit to the structure is the insurance provides commercial general liability to coaches, volunteers, organizers at zone, association, and provincial level. ED reported that the underwriter has become increasingly difficult to work with stating they are requesting a waiver signed by every student-athlete in the province. The ED reported to the legislative assembly that this is an ongoing issue the ED remains in negotiations. The role of athletic director is becoming an increasingly difficult position to fill. ED called attention to the statistic that 70 – 80% of athletic directors are on their first or second year in the position. ED reported that the board of directors have ongoing discussions on how to support athletic directors. ED reminded the legislative assembly of athletic directors' membership to CIAAA and how that can be a valuable resource.

The staff continued to have challenges around attaining a host for championships. The same schools continue to host due to the lack of other bids received. ED felt it was worth a discussion to have zones put forward a bid to host championships. The executive director highlighted some benefits to hosting a championship. BCSS pays for operational expenses and handles all invoicing. On the revenue side there is a sponsorship target approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500, 25% of the target is given to the school. If the school was to raise sponsorship funds higher than the target, they would receive 50%.

The executive director brought attention to the increasing number of eligibility submissions. Many schools have been feeling pressure from parents to submit applications knowing it will not get approved. ED informed the legislative assembly on the current talks with Baden. The desire was to have a multi-ball deal with Baden. ED reminded committees that BCSS has the budget for one in-person meeting a year and encouraged committees to look into it.

The executive director ended the report by reminding the legislative assembly what we are all working towards which is improving the student-athlete experience.

4.2. Financial Report

The executive director presented the year-to-date financials and pointed out that the surplus is not common and may only be for this year. The championship event financials were also presented. ED informed the legislative assembly that the audited statements are still in draft and will come out to review at the annual general meeting in May. The auditor had recommended moving from an audit to a review.

5. Discussion Topics

5.1. Langley Event Centre

The executive director updated the legislative assembly on talks that happened with Jason from Ten Feet Sports at the LEC. Financials had not been received until mid-June. An operational plan has been drafted and presented to a group of long-time basketball coaches and those who had been a part of running the event. ED will contact Jason from LEC once more to talk more about having financial quotes before the event as various expenses changed year to year with little rational. Revenue that went into the event largely came from schools including entry fee and was supplemented with an additional \$14,000 by BCSS. ED stressed to the legislative assembly that there is no desire to move the event and recognized the basketball provincials as one of the best sporting events in Canada. The legislative assembly wanted a copy of the operational proposal after it had been sent to Jason and discussed.

5.2. Girls Basketball

A survey had been sent out to 'A' Girls' basketball schools. The survey showed 29% in favor of having a school host and 71% wanted it moved to the LEC. ED reminded the legislative assembly that changing the 'A' girls' basketball championships from school hosted to being hosted at the LEC would require a motion and not come into effect until next year. The pros and cons to both were discussed by the legislative assembly. The legislative assembly felt a consensus towards putting a motion in for the spring AGM.

The executive director informed the legislative assembly that the office had reached out to Jason at the LEC on what it would take to have the girls' basketball final in the arena bowl. Each table discussed the pros and cons of hosting the girls' championships in the arena bowl of the LEC. The legislative assembly felt open to having the girls play in the arena bowl and asked BCSS staff to open conversations with LEC.

5.3. Multiplier Concept

The executive director highlighted the intention and goal of the multiplier concept and the work the competitive fairness committee has done to put this together. ED explained the different categories used to create the multiplier. The goal of the committee is to bring back the multiplier concept in a more polished format to present at the Annual General Meeting in May.

5.4. Mandatory Apparel and Banquet

ED highlighted the concerns that came up from the cross-country provincials and providing t-shirts to every athlete participating. ED highlighted BCSS' efforts to keep costs into provincial championships as low as possible and the current BCSS policy 724.1 indicated that items such as apparel, souvenir programs, and banquets are not a mandatory element of the event registration fee. However, schools are still encouraged to attend to provide an experience to student-athletes. ED opened the floor for discussion.

Meeting was recessed for the day.

Meeting was called back to order by President, Brent Sweeney at 9:19AM and began with an Indigenous land acknowledgement.

5.5. Single Gender Schools

President allotted time to thoroughly read through the discussion document. Executive Director outlined the process and informed the legislative assembly that the chair of the competitive fairness committee and staff members met with single gendered schools to discuss the topic. Three sports were looked at that require both genders to participate. One option was to reinvigorate tennis as it is declining in participation. Badminton however is quite healthy in its current model and ultimate was designed as a co-ed sport. Discussion was had on how each sport would be affected. Legislative assembly felt some consensus around a compromise of enforcing the policy at a later date to allow the students who are currently participating to age out. The combined banners awarded at championships should have more clarity on having points from both genders in order to win the banner.

5.6. Travel Subsidy

Executive Director introduced Karen to present the discussion topic. The motion that had passed last year with the understanding that the staff would return with more data and options. The motion had passed to provide support to schools traveling great distances to static championships. Discussion was had on the different options provided. The executive director outlined the boards emergency powers to pass policy, however the board felt it necessary to have approval from the legislative assembly to pause this motion so that a new motion could be presented at the AGM and go into effect the next school year. President asked for a show of hands to support the board in passing a motion to put this policy on pause pending the approval of a new motion at the 2023 AGM. A poll was taken by show of hands, 20 for option A/C and 14 for option B. Staff will provide further details on the options.

5.7. Tournament Sanctioning

It had come to the attention of BCSS staff that different language was circulated on what sanctioning means. ED clarified that all BCSS members that play in invitational tournaments with other BCSS members are automatically sanctioned. A third-party hosting member schools requires sanctioning from BCSS office. When schools host tournaments with an out of province team or if the school is travelling outside the province for a tournament both require BCSS sanctioning.

5.8. Invitational Provincials

Executive director clarified that BCSS Provincial Championships are hosted for senior student-athletes. A “Junior Provincial” is an invitational event and does not adhere to the same berthing process or tiering. ED explained that calling them provincial championships does not make them recognized as BCSS Provincial Championships. Legislative Assembly felt it might be good to take the first step and create a policy that states a member school, and third parties cannot use the term Provincial Championship for Junior Provincials or any other invitational tournament that is not the recognized BCSS Senior Provincial Championships. This policy can be reevaluated in a couple years.

6. Motions

MOTION TO AWARD THE ‘AAA’ GIRLS SOCCER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ECOLE RIVERSIDE SENIOR SECONDARY.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.1. Soccer-Tie Breaking Procedure

Discussion took place.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.2. E-Sports

Discussion took place. Legislative Assembly would like clarity on policy surrounding e-sports such as which season of play it would fall under.
MOTION DEFEATED.

6.3. Championships without a Host

Discussion took place.
MOTION CARRIED.

6.4. Junior Cross Country Banner

MOTION CARRIED.

6.5. Legal Contingency Fund

MOTION CARRIED.

6.6. Middle/Junior Playing Up

Discussion took place. Clarification was provided on the implications the former policy that was passed at the 2022 AGM on schools.
MOTION CARRIED.

6.7. Travel Subsidy

The motion was removed by the zone.

7. Closing Remarks

The executive director provided an update on the new BCSS Awards that will be presented at the 2023 AGM. ED thanked the legislative assembly for their hard work and contributions to the great discussions had at the meeting.

President concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and contributing to the bigger picture, creating a better experience for our student-athletes.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

APPENDIX A

Directors Present:

Brent Sweeney	President
Rick Thiessen	Past President
Arnar Bernhardsson	Director – Section 1 Representative
Bal Ranu	Director – At Large
Rick Lopez	Director – Section 3 Representative
Lindsay Brooke	Director – A/AA School
Gian Cavaliere	Director – Rural/Semi-Rural
Rachel Romero	Director – Section 2 Representative
Jim Lamond	Director – AAA/AAAA School

Legislative Assembly Members Present:

Louis Holmes	North Central Representative
Keith Wood	North Central Representative
Jay Guillet	North Central Representative
Darren Reisig	Vancouver Island Representative
Nicole McRae	Vancouver Island Representative
James Messenger	Vancouver Island Representative
Bill Richards	South Fraser Representative
Courtney O'Brien	South Fraser Representative
Nik Nashlund	South Fraser Representative
Allen Tsang	Fraser North Representative
Craig Percevault	Fraser North Representative
Kira Sinow	Fraser North Representative
Deanna Schaper-Kotter	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Claude Leduc	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Shauna Underwood	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Jill Voros	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Mary Bartucci	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Jody Vosper	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Ella Ringma	North-West Representative
Joe Dominguez	North-West Representative
James Horner	North-West Representative
Jake Mouritzen	Eastern Valley Representative
Harp Sohi	Competitive Fairness Committee Chair
Mike Roberts	Sports Medicine and Athlete Safety

Gary Atwal
Zoel Thibault
Moreno Stefanon
Mike Campbell
Gordon Li
John Gaipman

Sid Jawanda

Shawn Chisolm
Louise Ormerod

Staff Present:

Jordan Abney
Karen Hum
Darrin Moreira
Julie Stevens
Prabh Jauhal

Committee Chair
Fall Sports Rules Committee Chair
Winter Sports Rules Committee Chair
Spring Sports Rules Committee Chair
Team Sports Rules Committee Chair
BC School Trustees' Association
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory
Councils
BC Principals and Vice Principals
Association
Federation of Independent Schools
Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and
Recreation Council

Executive Director
Manager of Membership Services
Manager of Sport
Manager of Sport
Administrative Assistant

Board of Directors Report

President's Report

The 2022-23 school year has brought the return of full competition and spectators back to the gyms and fields of our member schools. The flexibility and patience required of our organization, members, coaches, and athletes throughout the pandemic has made our full return all the more exciting. As an athletic director and coach, not having to worry about changing rules around playing and practicing and only being concerned about providing opportunities for student athletes to perform, is a relief that I know is shared Province-wide. We can look back on the sacrifices and decisions of the last few years with a resolve knowing that while they were necessary, the future of BC School Sports and its members is bright indeed.

As educators and coaches, we know that the relationships we build with our student-athletes outside of the classroom pays dividends in the academic performance of our players. The job of teaching certainly hasn't gotten any easier and there are unknown challenges that we will undoubtedly face in the future. But we need to remember that the reason we teach and coach isn't for awards. We don't plan lessons or practices so that we can sell them. We do what we do because of the difference that we know we are making in the lives of our students and players.

There has definitely been a trend in our Province where fewer and fewer educators are coaching and community-based coaches are becoming the norm in some programs or schools. But this trend isn't universal. There are member schools that successfully attract new to the profession teachers to coaching or sponsoring teams. Sometimes these individuals come into coaching because they have experience from their past. But for those who don't have that experience coaching or even playing certain sports, they can be sold on their participation through the stories and culture that we have in our buildings. This takes effort but the benefit to the person who takes up coaching and the benefit to the kids who get to play because they are there, is immeasurable. Many of the teachers that I know are not the types who long for the spotlight. We do our jobs so that others can be rewarded with attention and honours. But in order to attract people to coaching, we need to tell our stories and show in a real and practical way the benefits of being involved. This will not be with a raise in pay. It won't be with extra days off. But it will be with those intangible, difficult to describe moments where a player finally gets a skill they've been practicing or through kids simply being at school because it's a place that they want to be.

The past few years have seen much change at BC School Sports. Staff turnover as well as the growth of the staff of our organization to accommodate the running of

Provincial Championships has meant that it's been a bit of a hectic time for Athletic Directors to know who they should be contacting if they have questions. With that being said, the amount of work that the staff have done in order to run or assist member schools in running Provincial Championships this year has been incredible. As someone who is admittedly biased about the changes that have taken place, but also someone who has organized and participated in many Provincial Championships, I can say that things are moving forward for the better. There will be bumps and there will be decisions that are made that not all agree with, but our organization as a whole is better when we are all working together with a common goal in mind – creating amazing opportunities for our student athletes.

Our BC School Sports Awards have undergone a revamp this year and the response to those awards was fantastic. I'd like to offer my congratulations personally and on behalf of the Board of Directors for the service to our organization and to school sport to each of the award winners. From all across the Province in large and small schools and communities, independent and public, we have educators doing amazing things for school sport. These are the stories that we need to tell. And that we will tell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Sweeney', written in a cursive style.

I want to thank the Board of Directors and the membership for allowing me to serve as President of BC School Sports for this year and next. I look forward to continuing to move school sport in British Columbia forward and to serving the member schools with purpose.

Brent Sweeney

President
BCSS Board of Directors

Executive Director Report

I am happy to report that the 2022-2023 school year has been much more “normal” than any of the past number of years. As most pandemic-related restrictions lifted, schools returned to normal operations and while school sport returned last year, it was seriously affected by the fall storms and highway washouts, covid interruptions, and restarting a dormant system after far too long. The pace of this year has been one we are more accustomed to, and we’ve seen a big bounce back in participants and teams across the membership. We’ve seen a 4.6% increase in teams registered this year (Fall and Winter Seasons) vs the same period in 2019-2020 (pre-pandemic) and an 8.9% increase in student-athlete registration for the same comparable periods. We anxiously await our final numbers for Spring where we expect to see an even greater rebound as programs bounce back from the severely affected Spring season that missed two seasons before last year. BCSS is on track for its highest number of student-athlete registrations in 10-15 years.

Beyond the numbers, we’ve had some terrific events, at last year’s Track and Field Championships, despite two days of cold rain, we had amazing crowds and an all-time provincial record established in pole vault. We saw our first provincial championship with Rugby 7s and Rugby XVs both Boys and Girls. It was a great sight having 72 rugby teams from every corner of the province descend on Abbotsford for a 4-day celebration of high school rugby and some great play as well. Moving to this year, we saw more great events with an incredible venue at Royal Roads University on the ocean’s edge, under the shadow of Hatley Castle for our Cross-Country Championship, Not long after that saw Kelowna Secondary (3A Boys) and Okanagan Mission (4A Girls) each win their volleyball championships in their packed gyms as event hosts, and the town of Merritt fully embrace their hosting duties and put on a great show. Winter saw a great Ski/Snowboard event at Sun Peaks with a record number of qualifiers, and the towns of Terrace and Kitimat hosted our curling championships. Once again basketball championships were phenomenal as the Girls' Championship drew a near-record 2200 for the 4A girls’ final and saw long-time coach Paul Langford finally win his first championship after so many close calls. Just 7 days later, the first-ever all-Surrey Boys 4A championship brought 6700 to the LEC in an electric day of high school basketball that also saw the 1A final played later in the evening and King David win their first-ever BCSS provincial banner and bring the winter season to a close.

Off the field of play, BCSS entered the very first of its kind in Canada deal with a rights and sponsorship partner with Playfly, ushering in a new era for school sport in BC. This 10-year deal guarantees BCSS revenue for the next decade while looking to continue to increase offerings to our member schools and student-athletes. As a result, we have added Danielle Starkman to our office, who is our General Manager of BCSS Properties and handles sponsorship and partnership discussions on behalf of Playfly and BC School Sports. We will continue to look for ways to bring additional value to member schools while reducing barriers in whatever forms we can.

We recently partnered with the BCSSFA (the former football commission) who we have worked alongside brilliantly through the governance transition, and the BC Lions to host a one-day Football Coaches conference which saw just under 200 football coaches in attendance.

We look forward to expanding to offer more opportunities for both coaches and athletic directors development.

One noticeable change this year was an entirely revamped BC School Sports Provincial Championship medal. Feedback on the old medal, which hadn't been changed in over 30 years, was that it was small, felt cheap and wasn't commensurate with the achievement of winning a provincial championship. The new medal this year has been met with great feedback and praise as it's bigger, heavier, and with a stitched (Rather than glued) ribbon that has the year and sport sublimated on it, looks and feels immeasurably better.

Some of the challenges remain that our level of AD turnover is astronomically high, with nearly 70% of ADs across the province in either their first or second year. We are hopeful that some of this is pandemic related as the toll of leading through that phase required a break for many. We know this is a real challenge and it's a threat to school sports. It also places a massive strain on office resources, as you can imagine the amount of support required for a first or second-year AD is an order of magnitude more than those with a few years under their belt. Further, the inflationary pressures seen around the world continue to put pressure on a system with a lack of support and resources at the school level. BCSS continues to work to manage costs, but has seen some items increase significantly in price. Lastly, BCSS remains the only school sport governing body in Canada not core funded and supported by its provincial government. Despite additional efforts, and attempting different grant applications, BCSS remains unable to secure this funding. We are grateful though to receive gaming funds from the Province, although confusingly, we don't receive the maximum amount allotted despite being one of the largest organizations in the province.

We said farewell to Darrin Moreira this year in the office as he pursued other interests, but we were happy to add Michael Apps to our team in January as a Sport and Event Manager. We added 2 new roles, Josie Delisa who had worked for us for 2 summers as a seasonal student, finished her studies and joined us full-time as a graphic designer and content coordinator. Lastly, we were thrilled to be able to hire Harp Sohi as our new Assistant Director for Sport and Events. Harp spent 23 years as the District Athletics Coordinator at the Vancouver School Board and brings an absolute wealth of knowledge with him. We are thrilled to have him leading our Sport and Events team. Still with us are Julie Stevens, Sport and Events Manager, now in her second year. Prabh Jauhal is completing her 2nd year with us, and our longest-tenured staff member, Karen Hum, was promoted to Assistant Director, Member Services and Operations in her 8th year as a BCSS employee. Karen works tirelessly to support our schools, athletic directors, and student-athletes. I am so very lucky that each of these people are on our team, and I want to publicly thank them for their incredible dedication to the often-difficult tasks they face.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for another great year. They too were happy to have a more "normal" year but they continue to serve and represent our membership with dedication, empathy and responsibility. It truly is a great group of people, from all over the province who take their role seriously. The organization is extremely well served by them. I want to thank Brent Sweeney for his leadership in the first year of his Presidency, he has been a steady hand

providing guidance for staff and representing you with stakeholders. I also want to acknowledge Rick Thiessen as the AGM will be his final meeting as a member of the Board of Directors. Rick has been on the Board for 7 years, this being his final year as Past-president. Rick has stewarded our organization through one of the largest changes and most challenging times in organizational history, and has been calm and intentional throughout. I wish to personally, and publicly, thank him for his incredible servant leadership to the member schools and wish him well.

Looking ahead, we continue to transition from an operation that was almost entirely administrative to one that has a major component of event organization and logistics. I had estimated that it would likely take us 3 years to get a good handle on the 40+ events BCSS oversees each year, and I'm happy to report we are making good progress. With the support of many member schools as fantastic hosts, and countless other volunteers, I feel the quality of our events has been very good this year. With that stated, there is still much room for growth, and we are focused on meeting our own high standards as we move forward.

Outside of championships, there are five areas of growth we look to build on in the next 12-18 months. The five projects include a new website; the goal is that it is to become the central hub for all things school sports in BC. This will be a place for scores, standings, schedules, rankings, news and more. This won't be limited to just provincial championship information, but from local leagues, and zone championships and of course will have dedicated sites for each championship, negating the need for every host to create their own website. The second is a corresponding app, which will allow coaches and ADs easy access to input scores, and immediate access for consumers looking for easy access to results and other school sport information.

Third is a streaming platform, that provides more flexibility than YouTube, our goal is that not only will BCSS championships be broadcast to the platform, but that member schools choose to broadcast their exhibition, league or invitational tournament contests onto the portal, again, creating one common space where people come to watch their school sports.

Fourth and perhaps of most significance is the development of a new registration system. STARS is now 9 years old, and the underlying code is 12 years old. It's built on a programming foundation of Drupal 7 which is no longer supported. 12 years in coding language might as well be decades, and frankly, in the office, we feel we are trying to do our jobs with one hand behind our backs. The amount of time that is spent on tasks that could be automated or streamlined, is mind-boggling. We also know STARS can be very time-consuming for schools and athletic directors, so we are in discussions with school districts to pilot a data-sharing mechanism that would see only the appropriate and approved data transferred directly from the school district to BCSS, meaning almost no students would have to be entered into the system.

Lastly, working to provide more tangible support to our ADs and Coaches whether it be through seminars, webinars, resources or coach conferences. The more we can provide that support, the easier the job becomes, which helps retention and ultimately drives the student-athlete experience.

I close my report once again thanking our membership, stakeholders and partners for your trust and support. While this job often presents countless challenges, I truly feel it is the privilege of a lifetime to serve our schools and student-athletes in leading BC School Sports.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Abney'.

Jordan Abney
Executive Director

Eligibility Reports

Report from Eligibility Officer, Tom Dinsdale

I have acted in the capacity as an Eligibility Officer for B.C. School Sports since September 1, 2021. In accordance with BCSS Eligibility Policies, it is my responsibility to review and adjudicate Eligibility Applications.

As of April 15, 2023, I have reviewed 176 Eligibility Applications. Of these applications, 140 were denied as they did not meet the criteria for approval as outlined in Sections 800 and 900 of the Rules.

As per the provisions of Sections 819 of the Rules, 4 applications were approved, granting a 6th year of eligibility.

As per the provisions of Sections 926 and 933 of the Rules, 18 applications were approved as they met the criteria of a Bona Fide Academic Reason and/or a District Academic Program.

Under Section 935 of the Rules (Transfer because of Bullying), 18 applications met the criteria of this section and were approved.

A further 6 applications were approved under Section 934 (Financial Hardship) of the Rules.

To render decisions in eligibility the importance of Athletic Directors providing comprehensive information to support each application cannot be overemphasized. I have appreciated the time, effort, and consideration that the Athletic Directors devote to submitting comprehensive applications. I also appreciate the invaluable assistance and support of Karen Hum (Assistant Director, Membership and Operations) and Jordan Abney (Executive Director).

Report from Eligibility Officer, Geoff Davies

As an EO, my role is to adjudicate and process the Change of Residence and Notification of Transfer applications submitted by member schools. Each application is vetted through the BCSS Competitive Rules and Regulations to ensure that the policies are being adhered to.

As of April 15th, 2023, there were a total of 294 Change of Residence applications (12 were denied and 11 received partial eligibility) and 521 Notification of Transfer applications received and adjudicated.

A few requests of and reminders to Athletic Directors:

- Please download and utilize the up-to-date forms from the BCSS Website. Changes are made every year to streamline the process.
- When submitting a Change of Residence application, a reminder to include a copy of the documentation verifying the move. (eg. Lease, purchase documentation, etc.- as indicated on the form)
- When applications are submitted where the required information is handwritten (sometimes by the student/athlete) please ensure that it is legible, and that abbreviations are not used. Illegibly written forms slow down the process. Many schools word process all of the required student information, which is greatly appreciated.
- Please review all applications to ensure all required information has been entered/included.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all Athletic Directors for your cooperation and efficiency with the eligibility process and for all your efforts for the student-athletes of BC.

Report from the Eligibility Appeals Committee Chair, Peter Westhaver

BC School Sports Eligibility Appeals Committee Report 2023 Annual General Meeting:

The Eligibility Appeal Committee (EAC) met ten times throughout the year, the first in person, the remaining held virtually through TEAMS.

The purpose of the committee is to adjudicate appeals based on the decision of the Eligibility Officer(s) concerning a student-athlete's eligibility in accordance with eligibility and transfers rules as outlined in policy and bylaws found in the BCSS Handbook.

At the time of this report, the EAC reviewed 100 appeals (excluding May), which was significantly greater than previous years. Of these 100 appeals, 44 were **approved** and 56 were **denied**. Each appeal submitted to the BCSS office contained comprehensive documentation reviewed by the Eligibility Officer. Those appeals forwarded to the EAC were carefully reviewed and discussed. In some situations where more information was required, the EAC was provided supplementary documents on request. Once discussions were complete a vote was called, and a decision was made.

The EAC appreciates the extra efforts Athletic Directors spend compiling the necessary and sensitive documents in a timely manner for an appeal package.

This year the appeals ranged in nature from mental health concerns, family to family transfers, student-athletes seeking certain programs or different schools, to name a few. The EAC treated each file with confidentiality and the utmost respect.

The committee members tasked with serving on the EAC are Peter Westhaver, Saanich (chair), Susan Thorne Kootenay Lake, Alec Lewis N. Vancouver, Darren Rowell Maple Ridge, Ali Doerksen Victoria Independent, Todd Kuc Prince George, and Jill Voros Central Okanagan.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to extend a special thanks to Sue Thorne for her lengthy service on this committee. Sue has been an invaluable member of the committee and will be retiring this year. Congratulations on your retirement Sue!

2022-23 YTD Operating Statements (As of April 19, 2023)

BC SCHOOL SPORTS Budget vs. Actuals: BCSS 2022-2023 - FY23 P&L July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
4000 Membership		
4020 CIAAA	24,900.00	25,800.00
4040 Eligibility/Appeals	22,750.00	15,000.00
4100 Fines	19,450.00	35,000.00
4150 Member Schools Annual Dues	663,593.50	650,000.00
4155 Football Fees	64,540.00	55,000.00
4156 Football Travel Fund Fee	6,750.00	6,000.00
Total 4150 Member Schools Annual Dues	734,883.50	711,000.00
Total 4000 Membership	801,983.50	786,800.00
4200 Events		
4210 BCSS Championships		
4220 Apparel Sales	3,771.28	19,000.00
4230 Banquet Fees/Photography/Programs etc	83,979.00	63,700.00
4240 Gate/Ticket Sales	104,172.43	103,000.00
4250 Hosting Grant	21,750.00	10,400.00
4270 Medal & Banner Sales	628.00	264.00
4280 Registration Fees	305,420.88	420,900.00
4285 Revenue Sharing	4,260.50	
Total 4210 BCSS Championships	523,982.09	617,264.00
4400 Workshops/Clinics/Courses	48.00	500.00
4500 Sanctioning	8,831.62	12,000.00
Total 4200 Events	532,861.71	629,764.00
4600 Advertising/Sponsorship/Business Development		
4610 Advertising	6,125.00	
4630 Partnership/Sponsorship	292,657.11	211,250.00
Total 4600 Advertising/Sponsorship/Business Development	298,782.11	211,250.00
4700 Grant & Donations		
4710 Canada Summer Jobs	13,366.00	16,000.00
4720 Donations	500.00	20,000.00
4730 Gaming Grant		233,000.00
4740 Scholarship Funds	6,375.00	6,000.00
Total 4700 Grant & Donations	20,241.00	275,000.00
7000 Other Income		
7050 Admin Fees	1,125.00	1,000.00
7100 Interest	100.67	65.00
7150 Misc	1.00	35.00
Total 7000 Other Income	1,226.67	1,100.00
Total Income	\$1,655,094.99	\$1,903,914.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,655,094.99	\$1,903,914.00
Expenses		
6000 Program, Operations & Administrations	0.00	
6010 Salary/Benefits/Contractors/Development		
6020 Contractors		
6030 Bookkeeper	14,903.75	23,520.00

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Budget vs. Actuals: BCSS 2022-2023 - FY23 P&L

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
6040 Compliance Officer	15,825.95	33,000.00
Total 6020 Contractors	30,729.70	56,520.00
6045 Temporary Workers/Office Help	460.00	12,000.00
6050 CPP	15,768.02	18,800.00
6060 Employee Health Benefits	15,831.60	30,000.00
6070 Employee Salaries	345,525.89	453,000.00
6080 Employment Insurance	6,249.93	6,900.00
6090 RRSP Contribution	25,386.27	41,000.00
6100 Staff Development		12,000.00
6110 WCB	878.70	1,500.00
Total 6010 Salary/Benefits/Contractors/Development	440,830.11	631,720.00
6200 Programs and Operations		
6220 Affiliate Organization Membership	29,788.72	30,000.00
6230 Audit	930.00	15,000.00
6240 Bank Fees	272.48	500.00
6310 Office Equipment	5,937.15	15,000.00
6320 Insurance		10,000.00
6330 Lease/Rent/Maintenance	23,884.84	53,000.00
6340 Legal & Administrative Fees	16,002.89	25,000.00
6350 Legislative Assembly Meetings		
6351 Facility/Food/Hospitality	93,868.30	55,000.00
6352 Misc	5,679.02	8,000.00
6353 Travel	9,131.86	22,000.00
6354 TOC Costs	2,932.48	5,000.00
Total 6350 Legislative Assembly Meetings	111,611.66	90,000.00
6360 Board of Directors		
6361 Facility/Food/Hospitality	1,859.81	16,000.00
6362 Misc		1,500.00
6363 TOC Costs	3,656.57	16,000.00
6364 Travel	7,562.84	20,000.00
Total 6360 Board of Directors	13,079.22	53,500.00
6370 Committees		
6371 Facility/Food/Hospitality	796.54	15,000.00
6372 Misc		2,500.00
6373 TOC Costs		36,000.00
6374 Travel	1,831.53	20,000.00
Total 6370 Committees	2,628.07	73,500.00
6380 Merchandise and Recoverable	-556.68	
6400 Misc Expenses	1,016.12	2,500.00
6420 Office Supplies	5,620.28	12,000.00
6430 Payroll Fees (Sport BC Payroll Fees)	1,681.39	2,250.00
6440 Phone/Internet	7,101.33	10,000.00
6450 Postage	3,941.73	8,100.00
6460 Publications/Marketing/Branding/Promotions	27,231.91	20,000.00
6480 Software	3,138.12	8,000.00

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Budget vs. Actuals: BCSS 2022-2023 - FY23 P&L

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
6490 Staff Travel	13,962.80	18,000.00
6500 Website/STARS	3,779.17	13,000.00
Total 6200 Programs and Operations	271,051.20	459,350.00
Total 6000 Program, Operations & Administrations	711,881.31	1,091,070.00
6600 Events Expense		
6610 BCSS Championships		
6620 Apparel		19,000.00
6630 Awards, Trophies, Banners	84,336.49	67,600.00
6640 Banquet Expenses	94,263.66	76,700.00
6650 Equipment	11,934.95	53,023.00
6660 Event Management & Administration	73,534.66	124,950.00
6670 Facility Rentals	136,809.40	257,200.00
6680 Insurance	80,070.00	70,100.00
6690 Marketing, Promotion, Signage	6,767.75	25,200.00
6700 Medical Expense	8,562.62	23,100.00
6710 Officials	119,587.78	161,800.00
6720 Photography	5,308.58	13,300.00
6730 Programs	2,606.17	9,550.00
6735 Revenue Sharing	16,863.00	
6740 Teacher On Call		23,470.00
6750 Team Travel Grant	24,995.00	15,000.00
6760 Volunteer Recognition & Hospitality	13,128.41	27,150.00
6770 Webcast	10,410.26	46,250.00
Total 6610 BCSS Championships	689,178.73	1,013,393.00
6800 Awards and Recognition		
6801 BCSS Scholarships	10,750.00	28,000.00
6802 BCSS Awards		25,000.00
Total 6800 Awards and Recognition	10,750.00	53,000.00
6900 Volunteer Development (Workshop/Clinics/Seminars)		15,000.00
Total 6600 Events Expense	699,928.73	1,081,393.00
Total Expenses	\$1,411,810.04	\$2,172,463.00
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BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Burnaby, BC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of BC SCHOOL SPORTS:

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of BC SCHOOL SPORTS which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at June 30, 2022 and the Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets, and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of BC School Sports as at June 30, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of BC School Sports in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing BC School Sports' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate BC School Sports or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

(Continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of BC School Sports' internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on BC School Sports' ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause BC School Sports to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

INTEGER CONSULTING CORP.
Chartered Professional Accountant
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October 28, 2022



BC SCHOOL SPORTS
Exhibit A
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2022

	General	Capital Asset	Gaming	Other Funds	Total	
					2022	2021
REVENUES						
Fees and fines	\$ 754,916	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 754,916	\$ 248,165
Championships	754,717	-	-	-	754,717	-
Provincial government grants	29,007	-	433,308	-	462,315	12,682
Donations and sponsorships	183,337	-	-	12,475	195,812	5,110
Advertising and administrative	8,028	-	-	1,125	9,153	-
Interest	53	-	34	22	109	28,102
	<u>1,730,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,342</u>	<u>13,622</u>	<u>2,177,022</u>	<u>294,059</u>
EXPENSES						
Championships						
Administration	217,736	-	-	-	217,736	4,907
Banquet, awards and marketing	184,884	-	37,078	-	221,962	-
Event expenses	208,635	-	86,477	-	295,112	-
Insurance	70,100	-	-	-	70,100	-
Rent	11,247	-	200,848	-	212,095	2,068
Remuneration	80,565	-	58,901	-	139,466	10,501
Membership services						
Administration	91,610	-	3,251	-	94,861	54,042
Meetings	107,587	-	-	-	107,587	240
Merchandise	8	-	-	-	8	1,818
Public relations	1,544	-	11,906	-	13,450	-
Rent	17,591	-	-	-	17,591	16,544
Remuneration	188,308	-	34,881	-	223,189	84,012
Scholarships	-	-	-	43,375	43,375	27,152
Recognitions	-	-	-	-	-	12,727
	<u>1,179,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,342</u>	<u>43,375</u>	<u>1,656,532</u>	<u>214,011</u>
Net revenue before amortization	550,243	-	-	(29,753)	520,490	80,048
Amortization of equipment	-	(8,671)	-	-	(8,671)	(8,942)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses, to Exhibit B	\$ 550,243	\$ (8,671)	\$ -	\$ (29,753)	\$ 511,819	\$ 71,106

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Exhibit B

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended June 30, 2022

	General	Capital Asset	Gaming	Other Funds (Schedule 1)	Total	
					2022	2021
NET ASSETS						
Beginning of year	\$ 344,568	\$ 20,591	\$ -	\$ 198,476	\$ 563,635	\$ 492,529
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Expenditures, Exhibit A	550,243	(8,671)	-	(29,753)	511,819	71,106
Internal fund transfer (Note 6)	(67,114)	-	-	67,114	-	-
NET ASSETS, to Exhibit C	\$ 827,697	\$ 11,920	\$ -	\$ 235,837	\$ 1,075,454	\$ 563,635

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BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Exhibit C

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2022

	General	Capital Asset	Gaming	Other Funds	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and term deposits	\$ 767,870	\$ -	\$ 233,021	\$ 321,337	\$ 1,322,228	\$ 766,658
Accounts receivable	131,326	-	-	6,000	137,326	34,284
Government remittance	7,272	-	-	-	7,272	513
Interfund receivable (payable)	(10,000)	-	-	10,000	-	-
Inventory	541	-	-	-	541	541
Prepaid expenses	13,550	-	-	-	13,550	6,050
	<u>910,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,021</u>	<u>337,337</u>	<u>1,480,917</u>	<u>808,046</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT						
Computers	-	6,068	-	-	6,068	6,068
Furniture and equipment	-	27,773	-	-	27,773	27,773
Leasehold improvement	-	55,654	-	-	55,654	55,654
	<u>-</u>	<u>89,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,495</u>	<u>89,495</u>
Accumulated amortization	-	77,575	-	-	77,575	68,904
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,920</u>	<u>20,591</u>
	<u>\$ 910,559</u>	<u>\$ 11,920</u>	<u>\$ 233,021</u>	<u>\$ 337,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,837</u>	<u>\$ 828,637</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Payables and accrual	\$ 79,390	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,500	\$ 128,890	\$ 24,730
Deferred receipts	-	-	233,021	52,000	285,021	203,328
Deferred credit	3,472	-	-	-	3,472	3,472
	<u>82,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,021</u>	<u>101,500</u>	<u>417,383</u>	<u>231,530</u>
Deferred credit	-	-	-	-	-	3,472
Loan payable	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>82,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,021</u>	<u>101,500</u>	<u>417,383</u>	<u>265,002</u>
NET ASSETS (Exhibit B)						
Unrestricted	827,697	-	-	-	827,697	344,568
Internally restricted (Schedule 1)	-	-	-	235,837	235,837	198,476
Invested in capital assets	-	11,920	-	-	11,920	20,591
	<u>827,697</u>	<u>11,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,837</u>	<u>1,075,454</u>	<u>563,635</u>
	<u>\$ 910,559</u>	<u>\$ 11,920</u>	<u>\$ 233,021</u>	<u>\$ 337,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,837</u>	<u>\$ 828,637</u>

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Board Approval:



BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Exhibit D

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended June 30, 2022

	2022	2021
Cash flows generated from operating activities		
Membership, fundraising and grant receipts	\$ 2,152,092	\$ 481,418
Interest received	109	45
Membership and administrative expenses	<u>(1,566,631)</u>	<u>(249,693)</u>
	<u>585,570</u>	<u>231,770</u>
Cash applied to investing activities		
Acquisition of equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,068)</u>
Cash flows generated from financing activities		
Government loan	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>555,572</u>	<u>255,702</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>766,658</u>	<u>510,956</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,322,228</u>	<u>\$ 766,658</u>
Represented by:		
Unrestricted cash	\$ 767,870	\$ 361,104
Gaming and reserve funds	<u>554,358</u>	<u>405,554</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,322,228</u>	<u>\$ 766,658</u>

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OTHER FUNDS

For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Legal Contingency	Operational Reserve	Scholarships	Special Projects	Total	
					2022	2021
NET ASSETS						
Beginning of year	\$ 45,151	\$ 82,215	\$ 55,712	\$ 15,398	\$ 198,476	\$ 216,848
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Expenditures, Exhibit A	-	122	(29,875)	-	(29,753)	(18,372)
Internal fund transfer	14,849	17,663	-	34,602	67,114	-
NET ASSETS, to Exhibit C	\$ 60,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,837	\$ 50,000	\$ 235,837	\$ 198,476

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Note 1 GENERAL

BC School Sports provides leadership for and services to schools in the Province of British Columbia. The Society’s mission statement is:

“BC School Sports is a membership based organization of schools. We fulfill our mission by:

- promoting student participation in extra-curricular activities.
- assisting schools in the development and delivery of their programs.
- providing governance for inter-school competition.”

BC School Sports is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia as a not-for-profit society and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

Note 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Fund accounting

BC School Sports follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

The General Fund accounts for the Society’s program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and operating grants.

The Gaming Fund accounts for funding from the Province of BC, Ministry Responsible for Gaming, for program expenses as approved by the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.

The Capital Asset Fund reports the unamortized costs of capital assets.

The Legal Reserve accounts for levies internally restricted for legal expenses.

The Operational Reserve is internally restricted for capital asset replacements, special projects, and summer operation when cash flow is low.

The Scholarship Reserve is designated to provide support to qualifying candidates.

Cash equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments, which are readily convertible to cash with maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are accounted for at cost. Amortization is based on their estimated life using the following rates and methods:

Computer hardware	- 3 years straight line
Furniture and equipment	- 20 percent declining balance
Leasehold improvement	- 10 years straight line

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Note 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at cost, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Deferred contributions

BC School Sports follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Deferred contributions represent funds received for specific programs that were not expended by the end of the year.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant areas requiring management estimates and assumptions include the estimate of useful lives of equipment for calculating amortization and the determination of contingent liabilities.

Revenue Recognition

Membership dues and advertising are recognized as revenue in the year to which the related expenses are incurred. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue for the purpose intended and when is appropriately applied.

Unrestricted contributions, sponsorships and other revenues are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Contributed materials and services

Contributed materials and services used in the normal course of operations are recognized when a fair value can be reasonably estimated.

Volunteers contribute approximately 185,000 hours annually to assist the Society in carrying out its activities. The Society also received about \$21,250 of contributed goods during the year.

Contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements because of the difficulty in determining the fair value.

Note 3 COMMITMENTS

The Society has entered into an agreement for office space with a 10-year term that will expire on September 15, 2023, and a lease for a postage machine ending February 28, 2022. The minimum future payments are \$36,085 and \$6,014 in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

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Note 4 Government Assistances

The Society has met the criteria for Government assistances for current year's non-capital expenditures, \$36,612 (2021 - \$148,744) in wage and \$8,631 (2021 - \$16,793) in rent subsidies. These subsidies are presented as reductions in the specific expense category and as other receivable.

In addition to assistances in non-capital expenditures, the Society received a government guaranteed loan of \$40,000 in 2021, the Canada Emergency Business Account. This loan has been fully paid in the current year.

Note 5 INTERNAL FUND TRANSFERS

The board of directors resolved to restrict the following reserves and advances -

	2022	2021
Capital asset	\$ -	\$ 6,068
Legal	4,849	-
Operation	17,663	-
Special projects	34,602	-
	<u>\$ 57,114</u>	<u>\$ 6,068</u>

Internally restricted amounts may not be used for any other purpose without the approval of the board of directors,

Note 6 REMUNERATION OF DIRECTOR

The Executive Director, an employee of the Society, received a remuneration of \$121,000 which includes wages, employer paid benefits and RRSP contributions. The Society does not remunerate directors who are not employees of the Society.

Note 7 DEFERRED CREDIT

The Society received an improvement allowance from the landlord for \$34,720, which is being applied over the term of the lease from September 2013 to September 2023.

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Note 8 DEFERRED RECEIPTS

	2021	Current Year		2022
	Deferred	Receipts	Expenditures	Deferred
Gaming Commission	\$ 200,329	\$ 466,034	\$ 433,342	\$ 233,021
Canada Summer Job Grant	3,000	26,007	29,007	-
Bradley Foundation	-	50,000	-	50,000
	<u>\$ 203,329</u>	<u>\$ 542,041</u>	<u>\$ 462,349</u>	<u>\$ 283,021</u>

Note 9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets include cash, term deposits, accounts receivable, and government tax receivable and are measured at amortized cost as presented on the balance sheet. Financial liabilities include accounts payable, deferred credits and loan payable and are measured at amortized cost as presented on the balance sheet.

The Society, through its financial assets and liabilities, is exposed to various risks. The following analysis provides a measurement of those risks on balance sheet date.

i) Credit risk

Credit risk is that the Society will incur a loss due to the failure of debtors unable to meet their contractual obligation. Financial instruments that subject the Society to credit risk are:

Cash - the Society places its cash deposit in a reputable chartered bank.

Receivable – The Society has stringent credit terms and has not experienced material bad debts over the years.

ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Society will not be able to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Society maintains adequate levels of working capital to ensure that its obligations will be met when they fall due. Operational and legal reserves have been established for contingency purposes.

iii) Interest rate risk

The Society does not carry debt therefore is not exposed to risk in interest rate fluctuation.

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Notices of Motion

Motion #	Resolution	Motion Brought Forward By:
1	Volleyball Berthing	North Central
2	Gymnastics	Thompson-Okanagan
3	Field Hockey	Board of Directors
4	Field Hockey	Board of Directors
5	SMASC Terms of Reference	Board of Directors
6	Scholarship Committee	Board of Directors
7	Online Learning and Alternate School Student-Athletes	Board of Directors
8	Jointly Sponsored Teams	Board of Directors
9	Limitation on Use of Provincial Invitational	Board of Directors
10	Maximum Days of Provincial Championships	Board of Directors
11	Bona Fide Academic	Board of Directors
12	E-Sports	Board of Directors
13	Movement Between Teams	Board of Directors
14	Rugby	Board of Directors
15	1A Girls Basketball	Board of Directors
16	Girls Basketball Berthing	Board of Directors
17	Boys Basketball Berthing	Board of Directors
18	Change of Residence	Board of Directors
19	Cross Country	Board of Directors
20	Badminton Awards	Board of Directors
21	Football Discipline	Board of Directors
22	Football Tournament Structure	Board of Directors
23	Static Site Championship Fee	Board of Directors
24	Championship Entry and/or Participation Fee	Board of Directors
25	Housekeeping Motions	Board of Directors

Notice of Motion #1

North Central Zone

Volleyball Championships Berthing

Current Policy (Policy # and Name): 1175.1 Volleyball Championships Berthing

1175.1 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BERTHING

All genders and tiers (16 – team tournaments)

- Each of the nine (9) BCSS zones will receive one berth
- One berth is awarded to the host school, if applicable
- 3 additional berths will be allocated based on the percentage of active senior programs in each BCSS zone.

$$\frac{\text{Total Number Schools with (active) Registered Teams}}{\text{Number of available berths}} = \text{Berthing Ratio}$$

$$\frac{\text{Total Number Schools with (active) Registered Teams in Zone}}{\text{Berthing ratio}} = \text{Berthing Ratio}$$

- Remaining at-large championship berths will be awarded to zones at the discretion of the seeding committee based on the strength of the zone. This committee will meet virtually to decide on the berthing allocation no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the zone championships.

Proposed Policy: To Add To Remove To Amend

- Remove bullet 3 – “3 additional berths will be allocated based on the percentage of active senior programs in each BCSS zone.”
- Keep bullet 4 – “Remaining at-large championship berths will be awarded to zones at the discretion of the seeding committee based on the strength of the zone.”

Change it to:

1175.1 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BERTHING

All genders and tiers (16 – team tournaments)

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- One berth is awarded to the host school, if applicable

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$$\frac{\text{Total Number Schools with (active) Registered Teams in Zone}}{\text{Berthing ratio}} = \text{Berthing Ratio}$$

- Remaining at-large championship berths will be awarded to zones at the discretion of the seeding committee based on the strength of the zone. This committee will meet virtually to decide on the berthing allocation no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the zone championships.

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

Over the last 10-15 years there have been a number of top 10 ranked boys teams in particular that have not gone to provincials because of the current berthing structure that is only based on the number of teams in the zone, not on the quality of the teams. Because of the small number of schools in a zone but with the quality of volleyball in those zones, these teams are denied an opportunity to compete in provincials despite being a high caliber team. This is particularly true for boys teams at the AA level in Eastern Valley, Thompson-Okanagan and North Central, and for AAA in the South Fraser and Vancouver Island zones. The provincials should have complete provincial representation but should also be the best of the best tournament. We want to reward good programs and competition across the province.

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

The desired outcome is to ensure that the best teams are represented at provincials while still preserving representation from all parts of the province.

Board Recommendations: To Defeat To Approve No Recommendation

Berthing was changed last year after consultation with the volleyball advisory committee. It has had only one year; this is what the SAC has recommended, and the LA adopted which provide a balance between zones with the most teams and the perceived zone strength.

Impact

Budget: N/A

Operational: N/A

Membership/Student-Athlete: While this motion would ensure that all the top teams qualify, it is not consistent with the berthing structures of other BCSS championships.

Notice of Motion #2

Thompson-Okanagan Zone

Gymnastics

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name):

611.0 BC SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

Gymnastics is recognized as an official BCSS activity.

551.0 SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each BCSS Sport will have a Sport Advisory Committee.

731.3 DETERMINING A PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST

Gymnastics is listed as one of the championships open for bid by member schools.

1090.0 GYMNASTICS

Sport Regulations

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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611.0 BC SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

~~Gymnastics is recognized as an official BCSS activity.~~

Remove Gymnastics from all other relevant areas of the Handbook including:

~~551.0 SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE~~

~~731.3 DETERMINING A PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST~~

~~1090.0 GYMNASTICS~~

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

Gymnastics has moved away from being a school-based sport to a community-based sport. In the Okanagan Valley Athletic Association there is not a single school that runs gymnastics in their building. Because of this disconnect with the school, AD's are often not informed that students are part of the gymnastics "community" team. Registration is often incomplete and late, resulting in fines that the schools need to cover.

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

Gymnastics will continue to evolve in the community but will be taken removed as a recognized activity of BC School Sports.

Board Recommendations: To Defeat To Approve No Recommendation

An assessment was done on Gymnastics during the 2022-23 Winter Season of Play to demonstrate the disproportion between participation and athletes/teams throughout the zones.

2022	Athletes
EV	4
Fraser North	32
Kootenays	0
North Central	71
Northwest	0
South Fraser	86
Thompson-OK	34
Van Island	50
VS2S	176
Total:	453

2022	Teams
EV	4
Fraser North	3
Kootenays	0
North Central	10
Northwest	0
South Fraser	24
Thompson-OK	17
Van Island	17
VS2S	22
Total:	97

- Only 7/9 zones had at least one athlete participate in Gymnastics for the 2022-23 season.
- Out of 97 teams competing, 46 came from the VS2S and South Fraser zones.
- Out of 453 student-athletes, **39% (176)** came from the VS2S zone and **19% (86)** came from South Fraser.
 - **67% (298)** of all athletes who participated in Gymnastics came from the Lower Mainland.

274 out of 453 athletes (60%) and 73 out of 97 teams (75%) competed at the 2023 Gymnastics Provincial Championship.

- 53% (39) of those teams and 64% (176) athletes were from the Lower Mainland
- 93 athletes alone came from the VS2S zone

The overall participation of Gymnastics is heavily proportioned towards Lower Mainland schools and athletes. A larger representational disparity can be seen in the Provincial Championship participation statistics, with 34% of all athletes who competed coming from one particular zone (VS2S) and 64% of all athletes in the tournament originating from the Lower Mainland.

Team Registration by Year (all grades)							
Fall	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 Yr Avg Variance to Avg
FALL							
Aquatics	194	197	206		173	189	192 -1.5%
Cross Country	479	504	451		479	488	480 1.6%
Field Hockey	94	98	92		84	81	90 -9.8%
Football	96	97	88		86	87	91 -4.2%
Volleyball Boys	443	455	406		447	549	460 19.3%
Volleyball Girls	870	885	895		887	920	891 3.2%
Soccer Boys	354	336	323		284	322	324 -0.6%
WINTER							
Basketball - Boys	906	921	910		937	931	921 1.1%
Basketball - Girls	690	710	643		709	696	690 0.9%
Curling - Girls	33	34	43		27	30	33 -10.2%
Curling - Boys	59	41	51		26	34	42 -19.4%
Skiing	62	66	58		54	61	60 1.3%
Snowboarding	56	64	52		47	52	54 -4.1%
Wrestling - Female	86	107	98		90	99	96 3.1%
Wrestling - Male	121	144	144		126	139	135 3.1%
Gymnastics	84	109	107		93	97	98 -1.0%
SPRING							
Mountain Biking	63	71			93		
Ultimate	166	190			213		
Tennis	90	88			61		
Badminton	358	387			367		
Rugby 15's	175	178			243		
Girls Soccer	330	337			333		
Golf	191	167			258		
Rugby 7's (Demo)					145		
Track & Field	846	839			849		
Total	6846	7025	4567	0	7111	4775	

Participant Registration by Year (all grades)							
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 Yr Avg Variance to Avg
FALL							
Aquatics	2877	2953	2861		2265	2822	2756 2.4%
Cross Country	4110	4096	3982		3987	4299	4095 5.0%
Field Hockey	1823	1944	1825		1530	1464	1717 -14.7%
Football	2805	2683	2577		2754	2937	2751 6.8%
Volleyball Boys	5365	5364	4867		5656	6708	5592 20.0%
Volleyball Girls	11265	11388	11842		12108	12719	11864 7.2%
Soccer Boys	7109	6690	6491		5603	6553	6489 1.0%
WINTER							
Basketball - Boys	12312	12088	12455		13304	13165	12665 3.9%
Basketball - Girls	8788	8916	7632		9157	8991	8697 3.4%
Curling - Girls	219	226	266		144	183	208 -11.8%
Curling - Boys	266	265	312		167	227	247 -8.2%
Skiing	924	1038	1054		911	1122	1010 11.1%
Snowboarding	368	374	403		293	413	370 11.6%
Wrestling - Female	309	353	342		330	318	330 -3.8%
Wrestling - Male	878	891	903		870	1057	920 14.9%
Gymnastics	431	461	445		403	454	439 3.5%
SPRING							
Mountain Biking	666	777			1041		
Ultimate	3934	4338			3926		
Tennis	1389	1266			973		
Badminton	4531	4426			4833		
Rugby 15's	4914	4453			4675		
Girls Soccer	6932	6829			6357		
Golf	1719	1441			1948		
Rugby 7's (Demo)					2311		
Track & Field	10247	9323			9268		
Total	94181	92583	58257	0	94814	63432	

Impact

Budget: Immaterial amount of savings regarding banners, medals, and other related awards.

Operational: Reduces the load on schools, BCSS infrastructure and staff.

Membership/Student-Athlete: The removal of a sport within BCSS. However, it can still continue outside of BCSS as other sports do.

Notice of Motion #3

Board of Directors

Field Hockey

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1065.2 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

BERTHING

1065.1.1.4 Remaining berths will be awarded as a wildcard berths to the strongest non-qualifying teams at the discretion of the seeding committee using the historical strength of teams/zones.

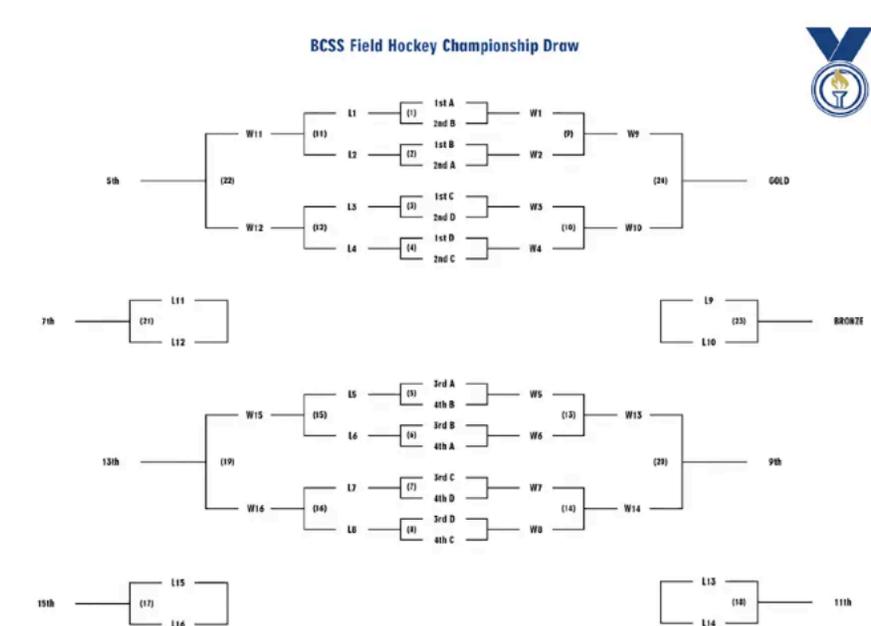
TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

1065.2.1 The AA and AAA Provincial Tournaments shall each consist of ~~sixteen (16)~~ teams divided into ~~four equal pools~~.

1065.2.2 At the conclusion of pool play, the top two teams from each pool enter the championship draw while the bottom two teams in each pool will enter the consolation draw as indicated below.

1065.2.3 The seeding for both the AA and AAA Girls Field Hockey Championship will be determined based on the strength and final zone placement of the qualifying teams no later than 2 days after the conclusion of the zone championships. The committee will use the following structure when determining the seeding.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
6	5	8	7
11	12	9	10
16	15	14	13



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Berthing

1065.1.1.4 Remaining berths, **dependent of number of zones with teams, will be distributed to the zones with the largest number of registered teams.**

Tournament Structure

1065.2.1 The AA and AAA Provincial Tournaments shall each consist of **eight (8) teams.**

The eight teams in each tournament will be divided into two equal pools of four teams.

1065.2.2 At the conclusion of **round robin play**, the top two teams in each pool will **cross over into a championship bracket semi-final, followed by gold and bronze medal games. The bottom two teams in each pool will play a consolation bracket for placings 5-8. Each team is guaranteed 5 games at the championship.**

If the number of zones with registered teams increases, beyond 7, the tournament will expand to 10 teams, to allow each zone champion and the host to participate in the championship. Any vacant berths will be handled as per section 1065.1.1.4. (berthing)

1065.2.3

Pool A	Pool B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

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

The established BCSS sport tiering criteria for 2 levels of championship recognition (AA/AAA) is 100 schools actively participating in 7 of 9 provincial zones. An assessment was carried out on the sport of field hockey from 2012 to 2022 to determine if it satisfied the predetermined standards. During that time period, there was a high of 79 teams (2013), an average of 67.9 teams per year and 63 teams in 2022 (4 schools had 2 teams that are accounted for in the total number of teams). For AA 7 out of 9 zones had teams participating, with 35% of teams coming from Vancouver Sea to Sky and 26% coming from Vancouver Island. For AAA 6 out of 9 zones had teams participating with 27% of teams coming from Fraser North and 24% of teams coming from Vancouver Sea to Sky.

Field hockey does not meet the established criteria for 2 (16 team) provincial championships. The prospects of this sport gaining almost 40% in team registration are remote but the sport has a rich tradition and history within the BCSS provincial championship calendar.

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

To offer a competitive field hockey championship, in accordance with general BCSS guidelines around percentage of teams in Championships.

Notice of Motion #4

Board of Directors

Field Hockey

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1066.0 CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITY HOSTING REQUIREMENTS

The host is required to have access to a minimum of ~~four (4)~~ regulation size fields. These fields do not need to be on a single site but must be relative in proximity to one another. ~~Zone and Provincial Championships may be played on a synthetic or a comparable quality grass field.~~

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The host is required to have access to a minimum of **two (2)** regulation size fields. These fields do not need to be on a single site but must be relative in proximity to one another. **The type of playing surface (synthetic turf vs. water) will be dependent on the facilities available to the school hosting the provincial championship. It is recommended that both fields in any championship are the same, however, where not possible, and one synthetic and one water field are used, every team must play at least one round robin game on both surfaces.**

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

Provide opportunity for more regions and schools to host by providing flexibility for the type of playing surface used.

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

Reduce size to align with goals around provincial championship size, while also making it easier to host, and provide more flexibility on playing surface. We have had a real challenge finding FH hosts, so this should make it much easier for schools to host.

Notice of Motion #5

Board of Directors

SMASC Terms of Reference

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 544.0 SPORT MEDICINE AND ATHLETE SAFETY COMMITTEE

544.0 COMPOSITION AND TERM OF APPOINTMENT

The Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety Committee will consist of 9 members as appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Executive Director with thought towards achieving the appropriate diversity and knowledge on the committee.

Members will serve two-year terms as follows:

- Committee Chair
- Football SAC – Safety Coordinator
- Athletic Association President
- Member School Principal
- BCSS Board of Director
- External – Athletic Therapist
- External – Sport Medicine Physician

Proposed Policy:	<u>To Add</u>	To Remove	To Amend
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544.0 SPORT MEDICINE AND ATHLETE SAFETY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION & TERM OF APPOINTMENT

The Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety Committee will consist of minimum of 7 members, up to a maximum of 12 members as appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Executive Director with thought towards achieving the appropriate diversity and knowledge on the committee.

The committee will be required to have:

- Committee Chair
- Football Representative
- **Rugby Representative**
- BCSS Board of Director
- External – Athletic Therapist
- External – Sport Medicine Physician
- External – Concussion Expert
- Others that may provide leadership or expertise in the area of school sport, sport medicine, mental wellness, or related area to support the work of the committee.

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

Adding Rugby as a specific role as one of our most high-risk sports but also being less prescriptive about the roles on the committee. Gives more flexibility to add those with a shared passion and expertise in the subject area.

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

Adding Rugby as a specific role as one of our most high-risk sports but also being less prescriptive about the roles on the committee. Gives more flexibility to add those with a shared passion and expertise in the subject area.

Notice of Motion #6

Board of Directors

Scholarship Committee

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 550.0 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

550.0 COMPOSITION & TERM OF APPOINTMENT

The committee is made up of 5 individuals who are all employed by a member school or school district and will be appointed by the Board of Directors at the recommendation of the Executive Director. Each committee member will serve a two-year term which can be reviewed up to three times.

The committee chair will be one of the five appointees.
BCSS will provide a liaison to work with the chair and committee membership.

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	<u>To Amend</u>
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550.0 COMPOSITION & TERM OF APPOINTMENT

The committee is made up of **one representative from each of the nine (9) BCSS zones who are appointed by their respective Zone Executive.** All representatives must be employed by a member school or school district. Each committee member will serve a one-year term. **If a zone fails to put forward a representative, that zone will not be eligible to receive a scholarship.**

The committee chair will be appointed by the BCSS Board of Directors.
BCSS will provide a staff liaison to assist the chair and committee in executing their duties.

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

It has been difficult to get people to sit on this committee, and enough diversity to avoid conflicts of interest. Given that every zone benefits from the BCSS Zone scholarship, it is reasonable to ask each zone to provide a person to assist in that process.

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

Build a fully operational committee that allows the workload of reviewing the scholarship applications to be spread around equally, resulting in good process and good recipients.

Notice of Motion #7

Board of Directors

Online Learning and Alternate School Student-Athletes

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 822.0 DISTRIBUTED LEARNING, AND ALTERNATE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

Online Learning and Alternate School Student-Athletes

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 822.0 DISTRIBUTED LEARNING, AND ALTERNATE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

~~822.1 Alternate school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:~~

~~822.1.1 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS~~

~~The student-athlete competes for the school they currently attend (alternate school) in individual sports.~~

~~822.1.2 TEAM SPORTS~~

- ~~a) The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or~~
- ~~b) If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.~~

~~**Note:** The administrators at both the receiving and alternate/distributed learning school must support the student's involvement on a sports team.~~

~~822.2 Distributed learning school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:~~

~~822.2.1 The student-athlete competes for their previously established home school; or~~

~~822.2.2 If the student-athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.~~

~~**Note:** A student enrolled at a Home Study, Distributed Learning or Alternate school is not eligible to compete in a relay event within an individual sport, (i.e. track, swimming) for any school other than the school in which they are formally registered as a student with the Ministry of Education.~~

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822.0 **ONLINE SCHOOL** AND ALTERNATE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

822.2 **Online and alternate school** student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:

822.2.1 TEAM SPORTS

- a) The student athlete competes for their previously established home school; or
- b) If the student athlete has not previously established a home school, they must compete for whose catchment area they reside.

822.2.2 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

A student-athlete enrolled at an online and alternate school must compete for the school they are registered at, in those BCSS activities identified as individual sports (Aquatics, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Skiing, Snowboarding, Wrestling, Mountain Biking, and Track and Field). If the student-athlete does not reside in the same zone where their online or alternate school is located, the student-athlete must qualify through the zone they reside in and it is the responsibility of their school to register them for zone championships.

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

The language for distributed learning has changed to online school, as identified by the Ministry of Education and districts.

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

Align language as used in Education and our policy.

Notice of Motion #8

Board of Directors

Jointly Sponsored Teams

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 840.0 JOINTLY SPONSORED TEAMS

843.0 Each Application must be made only for team sports and be submitted to the BCSS Office. The application shall:

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843.0 Each Application must be made only for team sports and be submitted to the BCSS Office **by the team registration deadline as outlined in 832.1. Applications received after the deadline are subject to a fine and will not be included in berthing allocations.** The application shall:

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

The berthing allocations are completed at the Team Registration deadline, allowing teams to join after may affect the berthing. By joining teams some schools tiering classification can change based on the combined tiering numbers of the two or more schools forming the joint team. This is not accounted for in berthing if the application comes in after the deadline.

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

Allow for those teams eligible in post-season play to be included when deciding on berthing.

Notice of Motion #9

Board of Directors

Limitation on Use of Provincial Invitational

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 721.4 BCSS Provincial Championship

N/A

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721.4 No member school may host, coordinate, or attend any invitational event in a BCSS activity using the terms, “Provincial Championship,” “BC’s” or anything that would have a similar interpretation in its title, marketing, or awards. Provincial Championship designations are reserved for those events recognized as such by BC School Sports.

721.4.1 Schools that have teams participate in an invitational event represented as a Provincial Championship, will be subject to a \$250 fine per team. Additionally, any team that participates in an event represented as a Provincial Championship will result lose 10% of playing days for the senior team of that same gender the following school year. Subsequent infractions will result in escalated penalties at the discretion of the Executive Director.

(i.e. If a junior boys basketball team plays in a invitational event presented as a provincial championship event, then the following year the Sr. Boys basketball team at that school will be reduced from 32 to 29 play dates).

721.5 No 3rd party will receive sanctioning to host an event in a BCSS activity, that uses the terms, or anything implying “Provincial Championship” in its title, marketing or awards.

721.5.1 Any 3rd party hosted sanctioned event that includes Provincial Championship language as per 721.5 will be refused sanctioning for the following year.

A lot of confusion around these invitational events and expectation for BCSS to solve issues related to berthing, unfairness, or other challenges.

Year-end invitational events will still happen at underclass levels, they are simply prohibited from being called provincial events.

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

This comes from discussion had at the Fall Meeting with the Legislative Assembly to achieve the following:

- Reduce confusion of schools, parents, and the general public that these individual events are BCSS championships, when in fact they are not, nor do they follow our berthing requirements, or other standards for championships.

- Reduce the pressure for schools and administrators to send teams to these events, that comes associated with provincial championships.
- Elevate the status and significance of BCSS Provincial Championships as true provincial championships

Notice of Motion #10

Board of Directors

Maximum Days of Provincial Championships

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 726.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

The Provincial Championship Calendar set by the Legislative Assembly 3 years in advance is created with the following objectives;

- 726.1 To minimize disruption to instructional time, cost and strain on human resources.
- 726.2 To recognize the number of school days involved
- 726.3 To ensure facility needs for specific events.
- 726.4 To ensure all Official BCSS Championships end on a Saturday unless otherwise stated on the calendar

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726.5 BCSS championships will not exceed four (4) days of competition, with a maximum of three (3) instructional (in-session) days at any championship.

Championships that include ancillary events such as coaches’ meetings, course familiarization, ceremonies or banquets will not exceed five (5) days with a maximum of four (4) instructional days. When possible, championships will incorporate ancillary events into a competition day.

Note: Provincial professional development days, and provincial statutory holidays are not considered instructional days; however, district pro-d days are considered an instructional day as not all districts across the province are out of session at the same time.

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

On occasion we hear of discussion to lengthen some championships. This will put a clear cap on all events, while many are much shorter (1-3 days) and do not need this amount of time, it places a maximum in place. The only championship that might currently have to make a small tweak to meet this is Curling as they have in some years used 5 days of competition, but there are simple changes available to remedy this.

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

Clear maximum to ensure all championships have clear parameters and ensure the educational priorities are maintained.

Notice of Motion #11

Board of Directors

Bona Fide Academic

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 933.0 STUDENT-ATHLETE HAS TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS FOR A BONA FIDE ACADEMIC REASON

“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 previous 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 for an Eligibility Application on the grounds of bona fide academic transfer;

Where an exemption is granted by the Eligibility Officer on the basis of a transfer for an academic reason, the exemption shall cease to have effect if the student-athlete withdraws from the program, group of courses or other academic offerings underlying the exemption, unless and until the Eligibility Officer on written application by the school, confirms the exemption.

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“Bona fide academic reason” is defined as a **minimum of twelve (12) credits (generally equates to three (3) full time courses) In a related program of study in which the student is registered in the current academic year.** The program of study is not available to the student-athlete at their previous 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 for an Eligibility Application, on the grounds of bona fide academic transfer.

Where an exception is granted by the Eligibility Officer on the basis of a transfer for an academic reason, the exemption shall cease to have effect if the student-athlete withdraws from the program, group of courses, or other academic offerings underlying the exception, unless and until the Eligibility Officer, on written application by the school confirms the exemption.

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

Some districts and schools are now offering 2-credit courses. Some have attempted to use it as a loophole, so clarifying the course count by credits. No change in intent of current policy.

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

Standardize credit requirements for use of Bona fide Academic Transfer.

Notice of Motion #12

Board of Directors

E-Sports

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name):

N/A

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611.1 Demonstration Activities

Demonstration activities are activities that are being explored by BCSS for consideration of future inclusion as a BCSS activity. The parameters for each demonstration activity are laid out at the time of the proposed addition. While demonstration activities may have championships, BCSS Championship Banners will not be awarded for demonstration activities.

611.2 Current Demonstration Activities:

- E-sports

1190. Esports is considered a demonstration activity. BCSS believes that while there are differences between our sports and esports, there are shared goals and values that add benefit to the school community with many parallels to the interschool aspect of much that BCSS governs.

1190.1 BCSS may partner with an Esports Provider from the gaming space to provide access, structure and support to schools participating in esports.

1191. Rules of Play

- The rules of play will be those established by the Game Publisher in partnership with the official e-sports provider
- Schools may field more than one team in any title

1192. Game Titles Offered

- BCSS will offer competition in BCSS member school leagues dependent on interest and demand from various schools. Games rated M-Mature, or A-Adult by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) will not be considered. Games rated T-Teen will be considered on a case-by-case basis

1193.0 Participant Requirements and Eligibility

1193.1 Registration

- **Students participating in esports must be registered in STARS and meet general eligibility requirements as found in the Eligibility and Registration section of the BCSS handbook.**

1193.2 Transfer

- **While a demonstration sport, transfer rules will not apply to esports. (i.e. If a student participates at school x in esports, then enrolls in school y, the student will be eligible immediately after the receiving school completing a Notification of Transfer.)**

1193.4 School Supervision

- **All interschool contests (matches) and practices must take place at the school, or the school designated 3rd party site, under the supervision and leadership of the school-designated coach/sponsor**

1194.0 Season of Play

- **There will be an exhibition season that runs from early October to early December. The competitive season will run from late January to April.**

1195.0 League

- **BCSS, with input from the esports advisory committee, and the esports provider will determine the league structure once the number of teams competing in each title is confirmed.**

1196.0 Playoffs and Finals

- **Playoff size will be scaled depending on the number of teams competing in each title, with a minimum of 4 teams, and a maximum of 32 teams in any one title.**

1197.0 Awards

- **No BCSS Championship Banners or medals will be awarded**
- **Small 2' x 3' white vinyl banners, appropriate for computer labs, will be awarded to the winner of each game title for the competitive season**

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

Esports has operated as a trial activity for the past 3 years with BCSS. We have seen slow but steady growth. In 22-23 we contested 2 seasons, with playing League of Legends (5v5) and Rocket League (3v3) offered in both fall and spring. In the spring season we also added Smash Bros to our game offerings and had 23 teams participate in that title this season. We had 13 teams in League of Legends, and 13 in Rocket League. In 22-23 we had over 300 students participate in Esports.

E-Sports is low-barrier and accessible as most schools will have what is needed in place to start a team. Esports is a different way to engage students in their school community and most

importantly gives opportunity to a different subset of students from those that play interschool sport.

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

To take a small step to add further validity to Esports. There would be little tangible change to the delivery from our current offerings but would add legitimacy and with continued growth may see it added to official activities at some point in the future. To add it as a full activity in the future (no set timeline) would still require another motion and approval from the Legislative Assembly, and this step **does not** imply or foreshadow any decision towards full activity status.

Notice of Motion #13

Board of Directors

Movement Between Teams

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 818.3 MOVEMENT BETWEEN TEAMS/818.4 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES MOVING UP AT THE END OF THEIR AGE GROUP SEASON

818.3 MOVEMENT BETWEEN TEAMS

A registered student-athlete may play up to a more senior team during league play without restriction on the number of days. Once the player has participated in playoffs, any competition following the conclusion of the regular season. The player must stay up with the more senior team and a Moving Player to a Higher Age-Group Team form must be completed in STARS. Once approved, the student will be registered with the more senior team for the remainder of that season.

~~818.4 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 818.1, 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).~~

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818.3 MOVEMENT BETWEEN TEAMS

A student-athlete who is otherwise eligible and is registered on the school team, may play up to the more senior team in that sport during league play without restriction. Any competition by a student-athlete on the more senior team following the conclusion of the more senior team’s regular season, requires the student-athlete to be ‘moved-up’ onto the more senior team.

The move-up of the student-athlete must be requested in STARS by submitting a Moving Up Form. Once approved, the student-athlete will be registered with the more senior team for the remainder of the season and is no longer eligible to play in any competition on the younger aged team.

Note: student-athletes who play up are still subject to the maximum-playing days within the season of play, as outlined in policy. The member school is responsible to be aware of playing days for any student-athlete that may be participating on more than one team.

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

No change in intent. Simplifying the redundant policy to reduce confusion as there were a few occasions this year where schools were incorrectly interpreting the current policy. Also, adding clarity that a student-athlete is still restricted to the number of competition days in a season of play, which has been practice, but not clearly stated in regards to a student-athlete playing up.

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

Reduce confusion, allow kids to play up as required, reduce compliance infractions.

Notice of Motion #14

Board of Directors

Rugby

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 611.0 Spring – Rugby (XV's & 7s)

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1110. Rugby will have two disciplines within BC School Sports, both contested in the spring season. 15-a-side (XV's) will be full-sided rugby with 15 players on the field of play for each team. 7s will be small-sided rugby with 7 players on the field of play for each team.

1110.1 Fielding teams in both disciplines

A Member School may register teams in either 7s or XV's or both provided that student-athletes are not listed on both rosters nor do they participate in both disciplines in the same academic year.

Student-athletes must be registered by the Spring roster deadline (section 832.3). However, a school may change their designated team from XV's to 7s by the Rugby Declaration date (generally around the 6th week of the season of play, as published by BCSS) without penalty.

1110.1.1 XV's teams may play one 7s tournament

XV's teams are permitted to play one 7s tournament prior to the Rugby Declaration date, using only athletes on their XV's roster. If a school has both a XV's and 7s roster, they can not be mixed for the 7s tournament.

1110.2 Transfer Implications

Playing either discipline of rugby is considered to have played interscholastic rugby, meaning transfer rules are fully in effect regardless if the sending or receiving school has XV, 7s or both programs.

(i.e. if a student plays 7s and transfers, they are ineligible in either XV's or 7s, unless approved by an Eligibility Officer or the EAC in accordance with BCSS policy.)

Note: As rugby 7's was a demonstration sport during the 2022-23 school year, transfer rules will not be applied for the 2023-24 school year.

Rugby 7's

Rules

Minimum Numbers – 9

Season of Play Spring

Maximum Contest Days – 26

Will follow World Rugby rules Laws of the Game, with the following exceptions:

- Teams may use up to ten (10) substitutions in any game.
- **Season of Play Exemptions:** Due to weather constraints, schools in the Northwest, North Central and Kootenay zones may play rugby in the fall and spring, as long as the combined number of weeks leading up to and including the BCSS provincial championship does not exceed thirteen (13) weeks

Equipment

- Wearing a mouthguard is mandatory
- Cleats must not have metal studs

Competitions

- Rugby 7's will contest a boys and girls championship and will be a single tier in each gender.

This will be revisited in the future with continued growth in the number of teams participating in Rugby 7s.

Berthing

- Each zone with at least one registered team will receive a berth for their zone champion to qualify for the provincial championship.
- Remaining at-large berths, including those from zones without registered teams, will be awarded to zones by the Seeding Committee, which will be appointed by the Executive Director, in consultation with the Rugby Advisory Committee Chair. These berths, awarded to zones, will be announced before zone championships commence. BC School Sports will publish these dates during the first 2 weeks of the season of play.

Seeding

- The Seeding Committee will meet once all 16 teams are qualified, and seed the tournament 1-16, using a basic serpentine draw.

Structure

- **The boys' and girls' Provincial Championships will each consist of sixteen (16) teams. Teams will play in 4 seeded pools, playing 3 round-robin games each, before the top two teams in each pool move on to an 8-team elimination bracket playing down in a single elimination format to crown a winner. Conversely, the bottom two teams in each pool will play in a 9-16 consolation bracket.**

Awards

- **Championship banners will be awarded to the winning teams in each of the recognized tiers**
- **16 gold, 16 silver and 16 bronze medals to the top three teams in each tier**

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

Rugby 7s has seen a great reception from our member schools last year and continued this year. It has allowed a lot of schools with interested kids, that may not have enough players for a XV's team to participate and compete.

In 21-22, in its first year, coming out of a 2-year pandemic interruption for spring sports, we had 181 7s teams (at all levels), with 2344 registered participants. This year, although not entirely finalized, we will have 148 7s teams, and 2,271 registered participants.

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

Add Rugby 7's as a full championship activity, in both boys and girls, providing more opportunities for student-athletes to participate, and more schools to offer programs.

Notice of Motion #15

Board of Directors

1A Girls Basketball

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 731.1 School Hosted Championships

● 1A Girls Basketball

Proposed Policy: To Add To Remove To Amend

(1A Girls Basketball Championship becomes a centralized event, hosted at LEC as part of the 1A-4A Girls Basketball Championships, as we do for all four tiers of boys basketball)

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

- Currently it is hard to defend the rationale why 1A boys is at LEC and 1A girls is not provided the same experience.
- Survey in September 2022, sent to all member schools that fielded 1A Girls' basketball programs solicited a 71% response rate in favour of moving to LEC
- Discussion has been had with LEC and they are informed and preparing for the change, pending successful approval of the Legislative Assembly
- Jr. Girls Invitational event would be moved to another date or away from LEC, and their host committee is working on (or already has) secured a host for that event

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

Provide a quality experience for all girls' basketball players by hosting at the LEC, and have equity across genders for the experience provided.

Notice of Motion #16

Board of Directors

Girls Basketball Berthing

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1035.2.2 Girls Basketball Berthing

1035.2.2 Girls Basketball Berthing

- Qualification for the tournament will happen at the zone level.
- Teams who win their Zone Championship will automatically have a spot in Provincials (9 teams), another berth will be awarded to the host school (1). The remaining six (6) at-large berths will be allocated as followed:
 - Two (2) berths based on participating numbers
 - Four (4) berths based on historical strengths of teams
- If a zone does not have any teams participating that berth will go back into the total number of eligible at-large berths
- The seeding committee in cooperation with BC School Sports will submit the total berths per zone shortly after the Winter Team Registration Deadline

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- Qualification for the tournament will happen at the zone level.
- Teams who win their Zone Championship will automatically have a spot in Provincials (9 teams), another berth will be awarded to the host school ~~(1)~~ **(if applicable)**. The remaining ~~six (6)~~ at-large berths will be allocated as followed:
 - Two (2) berths, to the two zones (one berth per zone) with the highest number of ~~participating numbers~~ **registered teams**
 - **If two or more zones are tied with the number of registered teams for the 2nd largest zone, each zone will receive a berth.**
 - ~~Four (4)~~ **Remaining berths** based on historical strengths of teams ~~we~~ **awarded at the discretion of the seeding committee based on evaluating each zone's team strength.**
 - **Wildcard/Challenge/Half Berths/Play-In games are not permitted, and the committee will only award full berths.**

If a zone does not have any registered teams in a particular tier, their berth will be awarded by the seeding committee.

BC School Sports will announce the zones that receive the berths based on registered teams shortly after the Winter Team Registration Deadline.

BC School Sports with the seeding committee will announce the remaining berth allocations in advance of zone tournaments commencing play (generally early-to-mid February).

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

To enhance transparency, the amended policy will provide a detailed account of the steps taken to distribute provincial tournament berths. In addition, the use of half berths and wild card games will be eliminated. These games potentially require teams to travel long distances and incur additional costs.

Girls basketball has an efficient system for ranking provincial teams within each tier, which is updated every two weeks. By utilizing the data and knowledge available to the berthing committee, challenge games can be avoided without compromising the strength of teams competing at the provincial championships.

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

Create a written policy to offer transparency and guidance to the girls' basketball berthing committee for distributing provincial tournament berths.

Notice of Motion #17

Board of Directors

Boys Basketball Berthing

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1035.2.1 Boys Basketball Berthing

1035.2.1 Boys Basketball Berthing

- Each of the nine (9) BCSS zones will receive one berth
- 7 additional berths will be allocated based on the percentage of active senior programs in each BCSS zone

$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{Total Number of Available Berths}} = \text{Berthing Ratio}$$

**If a zone does not have any teams participating that berth will go back into the total number of at-large berths*

$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{Team/Zone Berthing Ratio}} = \text{Number of Berths/Zone}$$

- Zones that, after receiving their zone champion berth, that do not have enough teams per the berthing ratio to receive a second berth, will be removed from the process, and the remaining berths will be allocated using a second ratio of only the remaining zones.

Proposed Policy: **To Add** To Remove To Amend

1035.2.1 Boys Basketball Berthing

- Each of the nine (9) BCSS zones will receive one berth
- 7 additional berths will be allocated based on the percentage of active senior programs in each BCSS zone

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**If a zone does not have any teams participating that berth will go back into the total number of at-large berths*

$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{Team/Zone Berthing Ratio}} = \text{Number of Berths/Zone}$$

- Zones that, after receiving their zone champion berth, that do not have enough teams per the berthing ratio to receive a second berth, will be removed from the process, and the remaining berths will be allocated using a second ratio of only the remaining zones.
- **If there is one unallocated berth and two zones have the identical berthing ratio, then the remaining berth will be awarded to the zone which in the previous year's championships had the highest finishing team.**

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

After working through the berthing formulae, it is not uncommon to have two zones with an identical number of team registrations vying for the final berth into a provincial championship. Various methods such as challenge games or previous tournament placings have been employed in the past, but there hasn't been a documented policy to direct the berthing committee.

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

Create a written policy to offer transparency and guidance to the boys' basketball berthing committee for distributing provincial tournament berths.

Notice of Motion #18

Board of Directors

Change of Residence

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 923.0 CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE/ 924.0 PARENT-TO-PARENT MOVE/ 925.0 MOVE TO LEGAL GUARDIAN

923.0 CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

The student-athlete has moved with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), who have changed their principal residence within the previous twelve (12) months. The change of residence must be bona fide. In order for change of residence to be considered bona fide, the following facts must exist:

- The change in residence must not be for the purpose of making the student-athlete eligible for competition in BCSS activity at a member school;
- The original residence must be abandoned as a residence; (i.e. sold, rented, or disposed of as a residence and must not be used as a residence by another member of the family)
- The entire family must make the change and take with them household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstance;
- The change must be made with the intent that it is permanent;
- The student is ineligible to compete for the receiving school until the actual change of residence has occurred.

~~923.1 If the new principal residence is not within the same public school district, the student-athlete may:~~

- ~~• Remain eligible by not transferring schools; or~~
- ~~• Become eligible at the public school into whose catchment boundaries the family has moved.~~

~~923.2 If the new principal residence is not within the same public school district, the student-athlete may:~~

- ~~• Become eligible at the public school into whose catchment boundaries the family has moved to; or~~
- ~~• 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~~
- ~~• 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~~
- ~~• 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.~~

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

923.3 The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits a Change of Residence Form by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in a form acceptable to the Eligibility Officer which attests to the details and reason for the change of residence.

Note: The member school may be requested to provide evidence/documentation that the family is residing in a new principal residence and that they have completely moved from the former residence.

924.0 PARENT-TO-PARENT MOVE

The student-athlete moves to reside with the parent with whom they have not been living and is required as a result of the move, to transfer schools. Only two (2) transfers to move from parent to parent are allowed after the first (1st) day of the student-athletes first (1st) year of eligibility. The move must not be to make the student-athlete eligible for competition in a BCSS activity at a member school. The residence of the student shall be that of the parent to whom custody was awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction. If no custody order has been entered, the residence shall be that of the parent who has custody immediately upon separation. If the move is to a parent:

924.1 Within the same school district, the student-athlete may:

- Remain eligible if the transfer is to the school within the catchment area the receiving parent resides, and the transfer must be to the same kind of school (i.e. independent to independent, public to public, etc.)

924.2 In a different school district, the student-athlete may:

- Be eligible at the public or independent school into whose catchment boundaries the family has moved.

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

925.0 MOVE TO LEGAL GUARDIAN

The student-athlete moves to reside with a legal guardian(s), and as a result is required to transfer schools. Only two (2) transfers for the purpose of moving to a legal guardian(s) are allowed after the first (1st) day of the student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility. Legal guardianship must be in place for twelve (12) months prior to when eligibility is sought.

925.1 Eligibility is only granted for the member school whose catchment area (public school) the guardian(s) resides or the nearest independent school.

925.2 If the student transfers to any other school, the receiving (new) school must submit an Eligibility Application.

925.3 The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits a Change of Residence Form by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in a form acceptable to the Eligibility Officer which attests to the details and reason for the change of residence.

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923.0 CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

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

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

The student-athlete may become eligible:

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

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

923.1 CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

In addition to satisfying criteria, as noted in 923.0, a change of principal residence must be bona fide. For a change of residence to be considered bona fide, the following facts must exist:

- The change in residence must not be to make the student-athlete eligible for competition in BCSS activity at the member school;
- The original residence must be abandoned as a residence; (i.e. sold, rented or disposed of as a residence, and must not be used as a residence by another member of the family)

- The entire family must make the change and take with them their household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstance;
- The change must be made with the intent that it is permanent;
- The student is ineligible to compete for the receiving school until the actual change of residence has occurred.

923.2 PARENT-TO-PARENT MOVE

The student-athlete must satisfy the criteria as noted in 923.0. Additionally, a parent-to-parent is defined as a student-athlete moving to reside with the parent with whom they have not been living and as a result of the move is required to transfer schools. Only two (2) transfers to move from parent-to-parent are allowed after the first (1st) day of the student-athletes first (1st) year of eligibility. The residence of the student shall be that of the parent to whom custody has been awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction. If no custody order has been entered, the residence shall be that of the parent who has custody immediately upon separation.

923.3 MOVE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN

The student-athlete must satisfy criteria as noted in 923.0, a move to the legal guardian is defined as a student-athlete moving to reside with a legal guardian(s), and as a result, is required to transfer schools. Only two (2) transfers to move to a legal guardian(s) are allowed after the first (1st) day of the student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility. Legal guardianship must be in place for twelve (12) months before when eligibility is sought.

923.3.1 If the student transfers to any other school, the receiving (new) school must submit an Eligibility Application.

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

- No change in intent from current practice
- cleaning up language to avoid confusion that some were having interpreting the policy
- reduce the likelihood of legal challenges based on misinterpretation or ambiguity
- improve understanding among member schools and families around the limitations of transferring
- Add in ISABC as a FISA member group, which was omitted previously

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

A clear understanding of the requirements to meet the change of residence policy allowing approval from the Eligibility Officer for participation immediately at receiving school.

Notice of Motion #19

Board of Directors

Cross Country

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1040.0 CROSS COUNTRY

Many aspects of cross-country policy are affected. The Motion is to move Cross-country to a tiered championship event, with races for each tier, and banners in all three (A, AA, AAA) tiers for both boys and girls, separately.

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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1045.1 Events

The BCSS Cross Country Championships will be comprised of 9 races:

- **Junior Boys (4.5-5.5km)**
- **Junior Girls (4.5-5.5km)**
- **Para (4.5-5.5km)**
- **1A Girls (4.5-5.5km)**
- **1A Boys (4.5-5.5km)**
- **2A Boys (4.5-5.5km)**
- **2A Girls (4.5-5.5km)**
- **3A Girls (4.5-5.5km)**
- **3A Boys (4.5-5.5km)**

1046.0 Awards

The BCSS Cross Country Provincial Championships is both tiered and gendered. BCSS will award six (6) banners which are: ‘A’ Girls Champions, ‘A’ Boys Champions”, ‘AA’ Girls Champions” and ‘AA’ Boys Champions and ‘AAA’ Girls Champions and ‘AAA’ Boys Champions”.

Ribbons for the **4th - 10th individual finishers in each race**
 Rosettes for the **4th - 6th placed finishing teams in each race**

637.0 Tiering

Based on total Grade 11 and 12 populations.
(Single gender schools multiply grade 11 and 12 population by 2)
A: 1-125
AA: 126-400
AAA: 401+

1045.4 Scoring

A: Maximum 5 runners on a team, score first 3 finishers.
AA: Maximum 7 runners on a team, score first 4 finishers.

AAA: Maximum 7 runners on a team, score first 4 finishers.

- **Student-athletes running with a qualified team will score for their team based on the criteria above. Student-athletes running with a qualified team that finish but do not score will displace scoring runners from other teams in the same race (tier).**
- Individual runners do not displace team runners, nor accrue points, and are simply judged on their finishing time for individual results.
- Scoring student-athletes on a qualified team will receive points equal to their placing of all team runners **in their tier**. The team with the lowest score amongst their scoring athletes is the team Champion **in their tier**.

1045.3 Berthing

Team Berths

- **15 team berths for 1A**
- **20 team berths for 2A**
- **24 team berths for 3A**
 - **The zone champion team in each tier will receive an automatic berth. Remaining berths will be awarded to the zones, based on the berthing ratio of the previous 5-year rolling average of teams competing at zone championships.**

Individual Berths

Individual berths are awarded for the highest finishing, non-team qualifying athletes in each tier.

- **27 Individual Berths 1A**
 - **Each zone automatically receives 2 individual berths, remaining 9 are distributed based on berthing ratio (5-year average at zones)**
- **36 Individual Berths for 2A**
 - **Each zone automatically receives 2 individual berths, remaining 18 are distributed based on berthing ratio (5-year average of total runners at zone race)**
- **45 Individual Berths for 3A**
 - **Each Zone automatically receives 3 individual berths, remaining 18 individual berths are distributed based on berthing ratio (5-year average of total runners at zone race)**

To ensure a minimum standard of competitive running, and to maintain the time schedule at provincial championships, all qualifying runners must complete their zone race in a pace of 6:15min/km (exact time set dependent on each zone course.)

For example, if the zone course is measured at 5.5km, the time required to qualify is 34:23 or better. If the course is measured at 4.5 km the pace the required time would be 28:08. Once the zone course is set, the qualifying time should be noted by the zone meet director prior to the race to all coaches and competitors.

1047.0 Championship Facility Requirements

- Start line should be straight and at least **fifty (50) meters** wide to accommodate 40 starting chutes of 1.25 meters wide
- The start and finish chute should be around the same area and should extend for at least **two hundred (200) meters** without narrowing, turning or ascending/descending a hill.
- The finish line should be five meters wide, and the finishing chute should narrow no sooner than 15m past the finish line, and should extend a minimum of 40m past the finish line.
- The course should be able to handle approximately **two-hundred and fifteen (215)** runners and should be wide enough for three athletes to run shoulder to shoulder or approximately 5m to allow for passing

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

There are more than enough teams registered (245 schools with senior teams in 2022/23) across the province to justify tiering. Each tier will get its own race. This has benefits such as increasing the number of runners that get to attend a championship, while also reducing the race size, which will allow more courses around the province to be used, as the width and length of the start chute required is a limiter currently.

Currently Single-A schools are at a severe disadvantage, as they require a minimum of 4 runners and must compete against schools that may have anywhere from 5-15x their enrollment. Last year only 4 of the 60 qualifying teams were single-A.

In this motion, the required numbers to have a team would be less for 1A teams, meaning a school could form a team and qualify with only 3 boys or girls, and with a direct chance to qualify against other like sized schools this would hopefully encourage more small schools to start programs in the coming years, especially given that XC is one of, if not the lowest barrier sport in BCSS.

The maximum race size currently is 300, and normally ends up 260-285 depending on the year. In this new format the maximum race size would be:

1A: 102

2A: 176

3A: 213

Race size being smaller increases safety of the races, with less congestion on the course, with more venues being able to host but also the total number of athletes racing goes from 600 seniors to 898 seniors (Again, assuming every team has the maximum racers).

The Cross-Country championships are always the last weekend of October/First weekend of November and happen prior to daylight savings time (if it even continues to happen). In Vancouver, Sunrise is 8:05am, with sunset at 5:46 with twilight to 6:19. In Kelowna this would be 7:52 sunrise and 5:30 sunset, with twilight extending to 6:04. I include twilight not that we would be racing that late, but to allow safe tear down and exit from the facility.

With races generally taking about 30 minutes, with 15 minutes to reset timing, marshal start line and begin next race, a 9:00 am start (as is current practice) sees a possible race schedule as:

- Jr Girls: 9:00am
- Jr Boys: 9:45am
- Para: 10:15
- 1A Girls: 11:00am
- 1A Boys: 11:45am
- 2A Boys: 12:30pm
- 2A Girls: 1:15pm
- 3A Girls: 2:00pm
- 3A boys: 2:45 pm

The last race completes around 3:15, with awards beginning at 3:30. Leaving time in case of injury or weather delay without much risk of running into nightfall.

It is also a lot of work, set up and cost to run the event for what is currently a half day event. This would extend the day, and the number of athletes that can attend, which would make the investment more worth it and would allow us to enhance the athlete experience at no additional cost.

At the zone level, a zone can still choose to run a single race, and simply score based on zones, or if they have the capacity and demand, they can run independent races for each tier. This remains at the discretion of the zone, and either is acceptable.

The qualifying times are intentionally meant to be very inclusive, but with expanding fields, we want to ensure that everyone can run the entire course, and that a basic minimum for safety and competitiveness is required. Looking at all finishers last year at provincial championships across all 5 races, only one racer out of 936 did not meet this standard. Any student-athlete who can run moderately the entire course should be able to meet this standard. An athlete who misses this standard due to injury or other extenuating circumstance may still apply for special exemption as found in the current process.

The tiering numbers proposed have the following breakdown of schools, note, only standard schools with senior grades are counted. Meaning no middle, junior, alternate or Online schools are listed, and all member schools are listed, not just those with a Cross Country program.

- A – 139 Schools
- AA- 113 Schools
- AAA – 119 Schools

We know that some single-A schools will have too few students to form a team, and as a result the number of schools in single-A is intentionally higher. Further the number of team berths is also representative of the participation rates in cross country, although we do hope to see more A and AA schools begin programs as a result of this motion.

Awards remain the same concept, but slightly adjusted as now running 6 senior races as opposed to 2. In the past the Top 25 individual finishers received ribbons, so now it moves to top 10 in each race, meaning 30 runners receiving ribbons now. The same approach will be used with Team Rosettes. Currently they are presented to 4th-10th place teams, and this now would change to 4th- 6th which will also see an increase in teams recognized from 14 teams to now 18 teams.

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

Increase the number of athletes that get to attend the XC championships, while also making it much more fair for all schools competing, especially the A sized schools. This will also make it easier for more venues to be used around the province, while increasing student-athlete safety.

Notice of Motion #20

Board of Directors

Badminton Awards

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name):

N/A

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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1026.0 AWARDS

- BCSS Blue Provincial Champion Banner
- 16 Gold, 16 Silver, 16 Bronze Medals provided to the top three teams
- Every team receives a placement plaque which includes their team photo
- Super 16 – MVP award for each team
- Sportsmanship Award (1 team)

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

The provincial championship award information was never included in the handbook as it is for all other sports.

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

Consistency in the handbook and across sports so there is clarity and understanding as to what is provided.

Notice of Motion #21

Board of Directors

Football Discipline

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1076.0 OPERATIONS/PROCEDURES

N/A

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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1076.8 Football Discipline

Because BCSS Football is the only sport operated through BCSS at a provincial level, the discipline process is also unique whereas all football-related incidents will be reviewed by the Football Discipline Committee. Notwithstanding, this does not prevent a school, school district, or local athletic association from conducting its process.

For this policy, where notification is required in writing, an email to the impacted parties is sufficient.

1076.8.1 Complaint Process

Complaints related to unsafe or dangerous play, unsportsmanlike behaviour or conduct inconsistent with the goals, values and expectations of interscholastic athletics, may be submitted by school officials, coaches, or game officials. No complaints will be accepted to attempt to change or overturn an official's decisions related to the outcome of a play or game.

Complaints must be received by the Chair of the Discipline Committee ("The Chair"), in writing, signed by the complainant who is required to be a Head Coach, Athletic Director or Administrator at a BCSS Member School. After review, the Chair may:

- a) Summarily dismiss the complaint
- b) Refer the complaint to another supervisory body such as the relevant school district, school administration or law enforcement
- c) Conduct an investigation directly or appoint a representative to conduct the investigation

The Chair may also initiate an investigation upon the receipt of an Officials Report.

The Chair will inform the Executive Director of BC School Sports of the complaint and the decision of the Chair relative to the appropriate course of action.

Depending on the content of the complaint, BC School Sports may also conduct a Code of Ethics investigation.

1076.8.2 Investigation and Ruling

The committee is permitted to request information from various coaches, team officials, school personnel, officials, spectators or student-athletes if they feel it will assist in the investigation. The committee is permitted to watch video(s) when evaluating an incident. Member schools and their representatives are expected to participate fully in any investigation as needed.

Upon completion of the investigation, the Committee will render their decision and will inform the Head Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal of the Member School(s), as well as the BCSS Executive Director in writing.

The ruling may include sanctions such as the suspension of a student-athlete or coach for portions or all of a game, including multiple games.

Any coach ejected from a contest automatically results in a minimum of a 7-day suspension for that coach, which may be further increased at the discretion of the Discipline Committee after review.

A suspension of a coach or team official means that the offending individual is prohibited from attending or participating in any team activities, including but not limited to film, practice, strength training or other team activity for the duration of that suspension. This also prohibits the offending individual from partaking in any football activities related to another team or different level.

A suspension of a student-athlete is specific to the games, for the duration as noted in a decision from the committee. The student may participate in team activities, with the permission of the coach and member school.

1076.8.3 Appeal

The member school may appeal in writing the decision of the Committee to the BCSS Executive Director. The appeal is subject to a \$250 appeal bond, of which \$150 will be refunded if the sanction is reduced, and the full \$250 returned to the school if the penalty is overturned.

The Executive Director, in their sole discretion, may increase the sanction, leave the sanction as assessed by the committee, reduce the sanction, or vacate it entirely. There is no appeal or further challenge to the Executive Director's decision.

1076.8.2 BCSS Football Discipline Committee

The committee will be made up of 3 representatives as appointed by the BCSS Executive Director. The Chair is also a member of the Football Advisory Committee. One alternate will be named to the Discipline Committee, which can step in should any member of the committee be in a conflict of interest, real or perceived.

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

The old Football Commission Handbook had a section on discipline and wasn't brought over to the handbook with the rest of the information. The Football Advisory Committee took the opportunity to review, and this was drafted with input and review from the Football Advisory Chair as well as the current Chair of the Football Discipline Committee. Updated for current practice and added appeal process to increase fairness and transparency. No significant changes in how things are currently done.

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

A clear, easily found and understood process for quickly handling football related discipline issues.

Notice of Motion #22

Board of Directors

Football Tournament Structure

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 1078.5 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & SEEDING

1078.4 BERTHING

1078.4.1 AA BCSS Football Provincial Championship Playoff Berthing

- The AA playoff consists of 12 teams
- The playoff teams will be determined by their placing in their conference based on regular season play
- The following conferences are awarded berths:
 - West Conference – 4 berths
 - East Conference – 4 berths
 - Interior Conference – 2 berths
 - North Conference – 2 berths

1078.4.2 AAA BCSS Football Provincial Championship Playoff Berthing

- The AAA playoff consists of 14 teams
- The playoff teams will be determined by their placing in their conference based on regular season play
- The following conferences are awarded berths:
 - Western Conference – 6 berths
 - Eastern Conference – 6 berths
 - Pacific Conference – 2 berths

1078.5 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & SEEDING

Playoff Bracket

Teams will playoff in their region/conference until the semi-finals. All regions will play regional games in QF week. Semi Finals: 2 teams from the Coast, 1 from Interior, 1 from North.

Coastal #1 and Coastal #2, Interior #1, North #1 receive a ‘bye’ to the QF. The bottom 2 teams from each conference will NOT qualify for playoffs. The remaining playoff teams will play in the Wild Card round. Coastal 3v6, Coastal 4v5, Interior 2v3, North 2v3.

Provincial semi-final matchups will rotate as follows:

2022/23, 2025/26:	Coastal 1 vs North, Coastal 2 vs Interior 1
2023/24, 2026/27:	Coastal 1 vs Coastal 2, North 1 vs Interior 1
2024/25, 2027/28	Coastal 1 vs Interior 1, North 1 vs Coastal 2

Proposed Policy: To Add To Remove To Amend

1078.0 SEASON STRUCTURE

Football will have two tiers for regular season competition:

- **AAA Tier**
- **AA/AAA Hybrid Tier**

The Conferences in each tier will be as follows:

AAA			
WEST	CENTRAL	EAST	
Vancouver College	St. Thomas More	GW Graham	
Notre Dame	Terry Fox	Kelowna	
Carson Graham	New Westminster	Mt Boucherie	
Handsworth	Seaquam	Rutland	
Mt. Douglas	South Delta	WJ Mouat	
Belmont	Centennial	Lord Tweedsmuir	
AA/AAA HYBRID			
WEST	EAST	INTERIOR	NORTH
Argyle	Earl Marriott	Vernon	College Heights
Ballenas	Holy Cross	South Kam	Duchess Park
John Barsby	Langley	Fulton	Nechako Valley
Windsor	Robert Bateman	Westsyde	Prince George
West Vancouver (AAA)	Mission (AAA)	Salmon Arm (AAA)	Shas Ti Kelly Road
Sullivan Heights (AAA)	Sardis (AAA)	OKM (AAA)	
Nanaimo (AAA)	Abby (AAA)	Pleasant Valley	

Postseason

Only AAA teams are eligible for AAA post season, only AA teams are eligible for AA post-season, except for North Conference teams, which regardless of size will play in the AA playoffs.

AAA Playoff

- **Will be a maximum of 16 teams with a minimum of 13 teams, dependent on how many teams meet the playoff requirements.**
- **Each of the three AAA Conferences will receive four (4) berths into the post-season**
- **All conferences will apply tie-break procedure before determining playoff berths**
- **The highest finishing AAA team, in the each conference of the AA/AAA Hybrid Tier will receive a playoff berth if they finish in the top two spots in their conference**
- **If fewer than 16 teams have qualified, 5th place teams in AAA conferences that have 2 league wins in weeks 4-9 (BCSS weeks 4-13) will receive a playoff berth. If more than one 5th place team, meets the criteria, priority will be based on overall conference records in week 4.**

- Teams will be seeded 1-16 by the Post Season Seeding Committee, and placed into traditional single-elimination bracket. Should the number of teams meeting post-season criteria be less than 16 the highest seeded teams will receive a bye in the first round.

AA Playoff

- Will consist of twelve (12) teams
- All conferences will apply tie-break procedure before determining playoff berths
- The highest finishing team in each conference will receive a bye to the quarterfinals
- The remaining 8 teams will play wildcard weekend in a regional crossover (North vs Interior, West vs East).
- The four conference winners will be placed on the same side of the draw based on the following rotation, assuming a semifinal match up of:

2023/24, 2026/27:	East 1 vs West 1, North 1 vs Interior 1
2024/25, 2027/28	East 1 vs Interior 1, North 1 vs West 1
2028/2029, 2025/26:	East 1 vs North, West 1 vs Interior 1

Wildcard	QF's	SF's	Finals	Champion
East 3				
West 2				
	East 1			
West 3				
East 2				
	West 1			
Interior 3				
North 2				
	Interior 1			
North 3				
Interior 2				
	North 1			

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

Every year the Football Advisory Committee reviews the teams, checks with each coach on their intention and tier, and looks to find the structure that will support the best experience for each team and student-athlete. This year changes were made in an effort to assist in reducing travel costs, and days of school missed.

This entire process has received much discussion by the Football Advisory Committee, as well as discussion with coaches affected most by changes. These are the changes as discussed, recommended, and requested by the Advisory Committee.

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

A strong and competitive football season for all teams, that provides good and safe competition while reducing costs as much as possible yet providing a great experience for the student-athletes.

Notice of Motion #23

Board of Directors

Static Site Championship Fee

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 724.3 CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY AND/OR PARTICIPATION FEES

~~724.3 Teams competing at centrally hosted team championships (not available for school bid), and remaining at the same venue for 3 or more years will be subject to a 'Static Site Travel Subsidy Charge.~~

~~Each team within a 1-hour drive (~80km) from the event venue will be subject to a \$1500 fee in addition to the tournament entry fee, which will go into a travel subsidy for those teams required to travel annually to the event. The exact boundaries for this area will be determined by the Board of Directors after events sites are confirmed. This policy will go into effect for the 2022-2023 year for events that have been static for 3 years or longer.~~

Proposed Policy: **To Add** To Remove To Amend

346.0 Each Member School, except for middle, junior, online, or alternate schools will annually pay a Static Site Championship Fee as detailed below.

Category	Annual Membership Dues	# of schools in category	Schools in LM/FV Zones	24%	Total Collected in LM	# schools outside LM	10%	Total Collected outside LM	Total
1	\$515	50	21	\$123.60	\$2,595.60	29	\$51.50	\$1,493.50	\$4,089.10
2	\$700	51	28	\$168.00	\$4,704.00	23	\$70.00	\$1,610.00	\$6,314.00
3	\$945	42	21	\$226.80	\$4,762.80	21	\$94.50	\$1,984.50	\$6,747.30
4	\$1,350	47	23	\$324.00	\$7,452.00	24	\$135.00	\$3,240.00	\$10,692.00
5	\$1,835	53	31	\$440.40	\$13,652.40	22	\$183.50	\$4,037.00	\$17,689.40
6	\$2,375	51	38	\$570.00	\$21,660.00	13	\$237.50	\$3,087.50	\$24,747.50
7	\$2,835	58	49	\$680.40	\$33,339.60	9	\$283.50	\$2,551.50	\$35,891.10
8	\$3,160	8	7	\$758.40	\$5,308.80	1	\$316.00	\$316.00	\$5,624.80
		360	218		\$93,475.20	142		\$18,320.00	\$107,796.10

346.1 Schools that meet the criteria in the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky, South Fraser, Fraser North, and Eastern Valley Zones will be charged 24% of their annual dues.

346.2 Schools in the Vancouver Island, Thompson-Okanagan, North Central, Northwest and Kootenay zones will be charged 10% of their annual membership dues.

346.3 The funds collected through the Static Site Championship Fee will be paid out at 100% each year to schools travelling to the championships as found detailed in Section 727.0

727.0 Static Site Championships

The Legislative Assembly will approve the list of events that qualify for the Static Site Championship subsidy. Generally, this will be where an event that is not available for host bidding, is in a fixed location for 3 years or longer. Staff will track championship venues and annually bring recommendations to the Assembly should an event be hosted for 3 years in the same location, or subsequently an event currently on the list is moved. If the venue changes but isn't in a materially different area of the province, the Assembly may choose to keep the event on the list to ensure the intent of the policy is applied.

727.1 The championship events that qualify for the Static Site Championship subsidy are as follows:

- AA Boys Soccer
- AAA Boys Soccer
- AA Girls Basketball
- AAA Girls Basketball
- AAAA Girls Basketball
- A Boys Basketball
- AA Boys Basketball
- AAA Boys Basketball
- AAAA Boys Basketball

727.2 Static Site Championship Travel Subsidy Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the Static Site Championship Travel Subsidy, a team must qualify for an eligible championship, and the school must be more than 100 km from the championship venue. Once an event is added to the list in 727.1 by the Legislative Assembly, the Board of Directors will confirm the boundaries for funding before the season of play.

Generally, those schools in the 4 zones in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley will not be eligible, but there may be some exceptions depending on the exact championship venue.

727.3 Static Site Payment

After the last championship identified in 727.1. The grant allocation to each eligible member school will be calculated by BCSS staff. The total amount collected for the Static Site Championship Travel Subsidy will be paid out annually and be prorated based on the number of days of each tournament and the distance travelled.

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

Teams from outside the immediate area, depending on where they are coming from, are paying anywhere from \$7000-\$25,000 per team on an annual basis to cover the costs of transportation, hotels, meals, and TOCs. Teams in the local area have minimal to no costs beyond the tournament entry fee.

This subsidy will cover nowhere near the total costs to those schools travelling but is intended to recognize and accommodate for the inequity and hardship caused by a fixed site event. Beyond the financial element, there is also the consideration that the local teams have the advantage of access to a much larger fan base at the events due to proximity as well.

In previous discussions with the Legislative Assembly, there was consensus on the concept and intent of this, however, it was difficult to come to an agreeable solution on the appropriate methodology, especially with discussion around whether all schools should pay into the travel subsidy, or whether schools outside the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley paying to subsidize

themselves made any sense. In this model, all schools are paying, but the amount of the contribution is considerably different.

It is impossible to know exactly how much each team will receive for attending a qualifying event as berths change from year to year. However, we know that historically, an average of 7 teams from those zones eligible for funding qualify for provincials. (Again, estimates, will vary from sport to sport, year to year). Given the 9 events currently, and the 7 teams per, that is 63 qualifying teams for an average of \$1767 per team. While it will be pro-rated, teams from the Island and Okanagan may see 1000-1200 to assist with travel costs, while those from farther away may see 2000-3000, depending on the year. We estimate that this subsidy will cover approximately 9-15% of the travel costs to these schools.

Note that Football is not included, as due to the different nature of Football, they have a travel subsidy for those teams playing at BC Place in the semi-finals and finals.

Zone Breakdown of teams that participated in Centrally located championships in 2022-2023					
Sport	Northwest	North Central	Thompson Okanagan	Vancouver Island	Kootenay
AA Boys Soccer	1	1	1	4	1
AAA Boys Soccer	0	1	1	2	0
AA Girls Basketball	0	1	1	3	2
AAA Girls Basketball	0	1	4	2	0
AAAA Girls Basketball	0	1	2	2	1
A Boys Basketball	1	3	3	3	1
AA Boys Basketball	1	1	2	3	1
AAA Boys Basketball	1	1	1	3	1
AAAA Boys Basketball	0	1	1	2	1
Totals per zone	4	11	16	24	8

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

To provide meaningful assistance, but not complete coverage to those schools that face constant inequities and challenges in funding travel to provincial championships for those events that are not available to bid nor move around the province.

Notice of Motion #24

Board of Directors

Championship Entry and/or Participation Fee

****ONLY VOTED ON IF MOTION #23 IS DEFEATED***

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name): 724.3 CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY AND/OR PARTICIPATION FEE

Teams competing at centrally hosted team championships (not available for school bid), and remaining at the same venue for 3 or more years will be subject to a 'Static Site Travel Subsidy Charge'

Each team within a 1 hour drive (~80km) from the event venue will be subject to a \$1500 fee in addition to the tournament entry fee, which will go into a travel subsidy for those teams required to travel annually to the event. The exact boundaries for this area will be determined by the Board of Directors after events sites are confirmed. This policy will go into effect for the 2022-2023 year for events that have been static for 3 years or longer.

Proposed Policy: To Add To Remove To Amend

Policy Removed.

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

After discussion with the support from the Legislative Assembly in November at the APM, the Board passed an emergency policy to remove this policy, with the intention of more information being brought forward for discussion and consideration. As per the Bylaws, any emergency policy from the Board of Directors requires ratification from the Legislative Assembly at the next called meeting. This motion is to remove the policy as per the BOD decision.

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

If motion is passed, the policy will not be in effect and is effectively null until a new policy is voted in by the Legislative Assembly. If this motion is defeated, the motion will be reinstated into policy and be in effect until otherwise modified in accordance with the Bylaws.

Notice of Motion #25

Board of Directors

Housekeeping Motions

Current Policy (Policy Number & Name):

N/A

Proposed Policy: To Add To Remove To Amend

Current Policy	Proposed Policy	Rationale
821.2.2 The student athlete may no switch genders within the season of play.	821.2.2 The student athlete may not switch genders within the season of play.	Correcting a typo.
1155.1.3 The following events will be contested in the Senior Invitational competition categories:	1155.1.3 The following events will be contested in the Senior competition categories:	
1112.5 Schools in the North Central District SSAA, the Northwest Zone SSAA and the two (2) Kootenay SSAA may play senior boys rugby during the Fall season of play, as long as the combined number of weeks in the Fall and the Spring leading up to and including the BCSS provincial championship week does to exceed thirteen (13) weeks of play.	1112.5 Schools in the North Central District SSAA, the Northwest Zone SSAA and the two (2) Kootenay SSAA may play senior rugby during the Fall season of play, as long as the combined number of weeks in the Fall and the Spring leading up to and including the BCSS provincial championship week does to exceed thirteen (13) weeks of play.	Removed boys from second line as the policy applies to both genders.

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

No change in policy.

Fall 2024-2025 Championship Host Bids

Sport: Volleyball **Gender:** Male **Tier:** AA **Year of Championship:** 2024

Name of School: Kalamalka Secondary School

Committee Chair Name: Maureen Rinn

Committee Chair Email: maureenrinn5@gmail.com

Committee Chair Phone: 250-260-0978

Has your school previously hosted any provincial championships?

Yes, 2005 and 2019 (girls).

Please describe the facilities that are available for hosting (including field of play availability and area, ceiling height, locker rooms, spectator capacity, etc.)

We will host out of 3 high schools in Vernon – all within 10 minutes of each other.

Kalamalka – ceiling height 29'4" – spec capacity 500, locker rooms, single court full serving space

Fulton – ceiling height 29'3 5.8" – spec capacity 500, locker rooms, single court serving space

VSS – ceiling height 31' 17/8" – spec capacity 600, locker rooms, double court, full serving space

How many potential host hotels are within driving distance?

Yes, we have at least 6 reliable, well rated hotels within driving distance (15 minutes) - Prestige Vernon Lodge, Prestige Vernon Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Sandman, Fairfield Inn & Suites

Is your school able to provide webcasting of the event? Yes / No (May need to rent cameras)

Do you have potential committee members available to support the event? Yes / No

Would there be any out-of-the-ordinary costs incurred by BCSS? Yes / No

Do you plan on hosting a banquet, breakfast or other social as part of the event? Yes / No

Would you design the championships logo or have BCSS provide one? BCSS / Host

Please use the space below for additional information you would like included for your bid. Feel free to include any explanation for your motivation to be a host, community support for the event, and potential sponsorship opportunities:

Vernon is a small community that rallies around local events. I believe hosting provincials for boys volleyball will allow us to revitalize athletics in our community after a tough few years with COVID. I am a new athletic director looking at fostering connections between our school and community members (businesses, etc.). Because we are a small community, local businesses are more than willing and able to be involved in the success of the event. We have a strong group of parents that will have their boys playing senior in the year we plan on hosting – 2024. This group of parents are excited about the prospect of hosting and putting on an event that brings people from all over BC to our amazing city. Our volleyball programs were extremely strong this year, with 3 teams heading to provincials, and our girls team winning! We want to continue fostering interest and buy in for athletics and believe an event like this shows students how celebrated they truly are!

Committee Responsibilities

I / We agree to the following requirements for hosting a Provincial Championships

- Reading and follow the Championships Hosting Handbook and Sport Specific Guidelines
- Confirmed the availability of facilities and accommodations for the event dates
- To abide by BCSS playing regulations
- To submit a Post Event Evaluation within 2 weeks of the final day of the championships
- To abide by all BCSS policies and procedures including using official retailers and sponsors where necessary.

By submitting this form, you are endorsing and supporting the bid to host a BCSS Championships

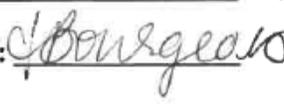
Administrator Name: Colin Mayer

Athletic Director Name: Jessie Bourgeois

Administrator Email: cmayer@sd22.bc.ca

Athletic Director Email: jbourgeois@sd22.bc.ca

Administrator Signature: 

Athletic Director Signature: 

Date of Application: December 8, 2022

Upon submission a BCSS staff member will contact the AD to discuss the bid.

Nominees for the 2023-24 Board of Directors

Position	Nominations	
Vice President	Lindsay Brooke, Athletic Director St. Michael's University School	By acclimation
Director at Large A/AA	Rick Lopez , Director of Instruction Vancouver School Board	By acclimation
Director at Large – Section 3	Deanna Schaper-Kotter, Athletic Director Notre Dame Regional Secondary	By acclimation