



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 10-11 KELOWNA

2024



PACKAGE 2

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2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 10	
10 AM-5 PM	Legislative Assembly Session #1
6-7 PM	Cocktails
7-9 PM	BCSS Awards Dinner
9-11:30 PM	Hospitality Suite

Saturday, May 11	
8:30-9:15 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM-4 PM	Legislative Assembly Session #2
MEETING ADJOURNED	

Minutes from 2023 Annual Planning Meeting - DRAFT

November 9-10, 2023

Attendance: Refer to Appendix A

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

President welcomed the legislative assembly members to the Annual Planning Meeting. President introduced the staff members and thanked everyone for their time and participation in what is hoped to be a constructive two days. The intent behind this meeting is to make decisions and have discussions that will move school sport forward for the betterment of all member schools and students.

a. INDIGENOUS LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The President began with a land acknowledgement, the meeting took place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Coast Salish, Tsleil-Waututh, Sto:lo, Qayqayt, Musqueam, Kwiwetlem, and Stz'uminus Nations who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AN AGM MINUTES

- i. No additions were made to the Agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. ICE BREAKER

- i. In order to set the tone for the meeting ice breaker questions were introduced. Feedback taken from the questions included extending the AGM to three days to allow for shorter days and more thoughtful discussion and reviewing past approved motions to discuss if the intention of the motion was achieved why or why not.

2. RULES OF ORDER

President reviewed the rules of order and introduced Board Member Jim Lamond who would be facilitating the meeting.

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The President gave a verbal report, highlighting the recent success of the cross-country championships which allowed smaller schools to attend and compete for the title of Provincial Champions. The President asked the Legislative Assembly to continue to have a broad perspective and remove the lens of your specific zone. The President ended the report by thanking all members of the legislative assembly for their time and contributions.

4. REPORTS

a. ZONE

South Fraser report was presented verbally by Courtney O'Brien who highlighted that participation in her zone is steadily increasing and some improvements they would like to see made are more consultations when major changes are being proposed. A positive note is that the APM provides a space to engage in dialogue and see the passion all members bring.

Eastern Valley zone report was presented verbally by Jake Mouritzen who thanked the office staff for their timely responses to phone calls and emails. A positive note is that the growth and opportunity of sports for students has increased. A challenge presented by the zone was that girls participation numbers are down and the challenge faced with spectator and student behaviour at events. A major issue brought forward was that transportation costs continue to be an issue as well as field availability.

Vancouver Sea to Sky zone report was presented by Claude Leduc who thanked the office for their work. Positives from the zone included participation and playing opportunities for students, communication with athletic directors has improved and the addition of Harp Sohi in the office and his hard work has been appreciated. A challenge faced by the zone is transportation costs. An area of growth the zone would like to see is committee selection and execution and more guidance from BCSS with the involvement of the SAC.

Vancouver Island zone report was presented by Blake Gage who reported that the championships hosted by the Vancouver Island zone schools are running smoothly. Some challenges seen by the zone include the geography of the island and the rising transportation costs and availability. The new governance model is seen as a positive by the zone and areas the zone would like to see grow are continuing to find ways to engage the SACs more consistently.

Fraser North zone report was presented by Craig Percevault who echoed what others have said.

North Central zone report was presented by Keith Wood who thanked BCSS for their work. Areas of growth the zone would like to see is more communication on what the role of the Legislative Assembly is and how

much time and thought is put into making decisions and policy. A positive note was the training and resources given to new Athletic Directors. A challenge seen by the zone is the rising behavioural issues with new coaches and spectators.

Thompson Okanagan zone report was presented by Mary Bartucci who reported that her zone now consists of new executives and presidents. The report went on to thank staff and the level of security they provide members. Area of positive growth seen by the zone are the new webinars released by BCSS and the support Athletic Directors are receiving. Areas the zone would like to see continued work is moving the dates for the Annual Planning Meeting so it does not coincide with Remembrance Day and setting meeting dates for the SAC, for example having a meeting at the end of the season of play and having a meeting if any motions are being presented concerning that sport.

Northwest zone report was presented by James Horner whose zone saw an increased number of participation especially from single A schools. Struggles seen by the zone are some schools are shouldering more responsibilities than others and officials are centralized in only a few communities. A positive note was the zone appreciated the time taken by BCSS on rolling out such a big change like the multiplier.

Kootenays zone report was presented by Joe Moreira who thanked BCSS for their work and time.

b. COMMITTEE

Fall Rules Committee report was presented by Gary Atwal who now has a representative from every sport on the committee except for Aquatics. The committee will meet in December for the end of the season. A positive note was seeing a small single A school win their first ever banner at cross-country, a championship that they wouldn't have been able to compete at before.

Winter Rules Committee report was presented by Zoel Thibault who would like the committee to have representation from all sports. The committee has two motions coming forward at the meeting and is looking forward to speaking on those.

Spring Rules Committee was presented by Chris Ellett who is new to the legislative assembly and excited to get involved. The committee is planning on meeting before and immediately after the spring season of play.

Team Sports report was presented by Mike Campbell who spoke on the difficulty of getting committee members together for a meeting. Some topics the committee is reviewing include rugby structure, basketball

berthing consistency, size of gold provincial championships, sport tiering and evaluation, and curling mixed doubles format. Discussions continue to take place and data-driven decisions is something the committee reviews as well.

Individual Sports committee report was presented by Mark Fenn who is new to the legislative assembly and excited to get started however getting committee members to meet has been a struggle.

Competitive Fairness committee update was presented by Jackie Snell whose committee has put forward four different motions, three pertaining to single gendered issue and the aggregate banner motion. The committee looks forward to later discussing the multiplier.

Sports Medicine committee report was presented by Mike Thompson who has seen a challenge with getting committee members involved. The committee feels that BCSS should have prepared statements on a variety of different sport safety issues such as air quality.

Eligibility Appeals Committee report was presented by Peter Westhaver who was excited to report that the EAC continues to be a fantastic and engaged committee even when faced with making difficult decisions. Including an indigenous policy is something that the committee will discuss.

c. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

BC School Trustees' Association report was presented by Tracy Loffler who advocated for public education and making school sports safe and inclusive for everyone.

ISPARC report was presented by Louise Ormerod who reported that 535 athletes participated in Halifax and BC came in second. Louise also thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

Federation of Independent Schools report was presented by Shawn Chisolm who thanked BCSS for their work and on providing opportunities for schools and athlete participation.

BCCPAC report was presented by Cheryl Blondin who is the newly appointed treasurer to provide the parents perspective and excited to learn and work together.

BC Schools Superintendents Association report was presented by Andrew Holland who thanked BCSS for their council when needing to share information with other superintendents. Andrew was glad to hear that everyone was prepared to bring a provincial perspective to the meeting and stressed the importance of the partner organizations to

advocate on behalf of school sports to the ministry of education to provide funding for better experiences and opportunities for student-athletes. Andrew ended his report by thanking everyone their hard work and leadership.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The executive director began his report by thanking everyone for their attendance and contributions to what is hoped to be a meeting with healthy discussion.

a. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The executive director went over the key role the legislative assembly plays and the importance of taking back the information and discussion had here to their respective communities, associations, and zone.

The biggest challenges faced by the office continued to be discipline and code of ethics issues. The ED reminded everyone that the message to schools is that crowd management and supervision is the responsibility of the school. More parents are approaching our office for eligibility answers, ED noted that we can only outline the policy but we always direct them back to the school to discuss their child's specific situation. ED thanked the eligibility appeals committee for all of their work. ED accepted the feedback from the legislative assembly on working with getting committees running. Almost every SAC has met, the difficulty remains having full SACs.

ED welcomed Danielle to the organization and highlighted some of the great work being done with Playfly especially the partnership with Uber and other high-profile partnerships such as BC Dairy signing on again and some other smaller partners. ED reminded the legislative assembly that KidSport is committed to focusing on school sport and has had a large increase in requests for funding, schools may apply for a KidSport provincial fund.

Projects the office is currently focused on include the Website/STARS. The current STARS program is about 10 -12 years old. Staff have begun looking at a better system for staff and an easier experience for athletic directors. Ongoing discussion on looking at how to build getting quantitative data on how school sport is progressing in the province and the benefits of our organization will help with our position with the ministry. The office has a new ticket program called TicketSocket which will help with tracking spectators, even if an event is free.

Executive Director highlighted some positive moments which included Track and Field Championships which had 2,400 plus athletes. The Rugby Championships ran both 7s and 15s which was the largest rugby event in Canada. Cross Country was a positive event which saw 60 more

schools represented. The travel subsidy motion passed at the last AGM and has come into effect this September. The office has collected 109K that will be given back to the schools. At the AGM the ED will provide a breakdown of transferred funds from the subsidy. The office has worked to increase communication to athletic directors through monthly newsletter, the weekly Monday Morning Update emails, and AD training and resource videos. ED recommended that all athletic directors watch the videos as a refresher. The office will continue to work on creating more resources for schools. The office released a press release on BCSS registration numbers. The pandemic really highlighted the significance of school sports. Participation jumped from 108K to 117K, a ten-year high. Across the board the trend is that team sports rebounded very quickly whereas individual sports saw growth in the last year.

b. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Executive Director received the financials from the auditor and informed the LA that we have a clean audit. The office had budgeted to run a deficit, ended the year with a surplus of 170K. ED highlighted that this year some special projects will use these funds including new website and STARFS system. ED also reminded the LA that this year the membership dues were not increased and based on the financial position the organization will likely run a deficit but are in a healthy financial position.

6. DISCUSSION TOPICS & NOTICES OF MOTION

a. BERTHING

Executive Director clarified that volleyball recently came together. The group broke up into smaller groups to discuss at each table. Each group discussed 'rep by pop' but understanding that every sport is different and the importance of having each zone represented. It was suggested that our current system of ranking requires more oversight. A piece that should be considered adding as a clause or statement to the berthing process is addressing zones that might only have one school in the tier, having them present at championships might not make sense.

Executive Director summarized the direction the Legislative Assembly would like to take. It is unrealistic to say we should have one approach to all sports, too much diversity exists between sport, region, tier, and number of teams. In volleyball and basketball there is an appetite to look at a hybrid method in these sports. The use of 'rep by pop' would require a lot of game data which wouldn't work for ultimate or soccer but could work well with basketball and volleyball. ED wanted to keep in mind the office is working towards developing a new website and STARS system that could have something to support this built in. LA felt there might be flaws in handing over the decision making to a computer program as it might not consider all the nuances. On the other side it was noted that

human error could play into this as well as people might not report enough or at all.

The executive director will takeaway from this discussion that the office will come back in the spring with more recommendations. Team Sports Committee will head this with the inclusion of the SAC.

b. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Each motion was opened to the floor for questions, discussion took place and when the LA members felt comfortable in their understanding on the motion the motion was opened to vote.

1. Wrestling

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Ski and Snowboard

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Track and Field – Qualification Standards

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Track and Field – Steeplechase

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Track and Field – Verticals Starting Heights

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Ultimate – Soft Cap

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Ultimate – Joint Team Policy

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Badminton – Edits

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Badminton – Single Gender

***MOTION TO TABLE THE VOTE UNTIL DAY 2 OF THE MEETING
(NOVEMBER 10, 2023)***

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Tennis – Single Gender

***MOTION TO TABLE THE VOTE UNTIL DAY 2 OF THE MEETING
(NOVEMBER 10, 2023)***

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Rugby – Metal Studs

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Aggregate Team Banners

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Change of Residence

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was recessed for the day at 4PM.

Meeting was called back to order by President, Brent Sweeney at 9:15AM. The meeting began with a discussion topic.

7. DISCUSSION TOPIC & NOTICE OF MOTIONS

a. Multiplier/Sustained Excellence Adjustment

ED confirmed that this will be brought forward at the AGM for implementation for Fall of 2025. ED opened the floor for questions on clarification of the process of the multiplier/SEA and asked for feedback on what is most effective. The legislative assembly felt comfortable with the threshold and with the fine-tuning and expect to see this come forward in May. Some concerns mentioned were to lower the independent/public broad multiplier concept but keep the urban/rural and then look to implement the sustained excellence adjustments and having a different threshold for independent and public. The LA would like to see a couple more examples shown for different sports.

b. Insurance

ED clarified that officials are covered if they are allocated by the officials' association and the proper process is followed. Organizers and volunteers are also covered. ED stressed that zones will have to begin report numbers at zone championships to give accurate numbers for insurance.

c. Prep Schools/Academies

Legislative Assembly had concerns on the eligibility when transferring and developing the right language for policy. Some academies are for skill development or for educational purposes. The prep school piece requires a definition. A takeaway from the discussions were that the definition and language needs to be clear and defined and if policy is to be implemented then the educational piece needs to be distributed to allow for student-athletes to make an informed decision.

14. Student Athlete Playing Up & Movement Between Teams

MOTION TO TABLE THE VOTE UNTIL THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOTION FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP & MOVEMENT BETWEEN TEAMS.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Badminton – Single Gender

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Tennis – Single Gender

MOTION CARRIED.

d. Mountain Biking

Executive Director brought up the concerns of Mountain Biking. Since the participation has grown significantly in the sport it has brought up some issues. The event is considered open and it is currently too big to operate in its current format. The skill level of participants at the championship is not monitored, neither is equipment. Questions raised were what are the skillset of athletes, do they have the correct equipment and experience to handle the courses. Currently no standards are set in place, mostly due to the rapid growth of the sport in the last number of years. If mountain biking continues to be a school sport then changes need to be made around safety, risk management, training, and certifications. In order to make sure students participating at provincials have the appropriate skill set a qualifying piece such as standards need to be set. Coaching licences need to be checked or the course setting benchmarks.

ED confirmed that the office has been in contact with Cycling BC and the possibility of bringing in a third party for education to coaches and establishing a criteria before competitions such as course selection requirements and equipment requirements. It is incumbent on athletic directors to understand the risk before signing up teams. The office will bring forward data to show how many zones are represented at provincials. It was suggested having zone championships or berthing to reduce the size of the provincial championship. ED believes that there needs to be an element of informed consent at the Provincial level.

e. Ball Adoption

ED answered questions on distribution and the capacity for prospective partner Molten. ED will provide price points at the AGM. Soccer, volleyball and basketball moving to molten had the consensus and agreement from the LA.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2025 'A' GIRLS SOCCER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO DUNCAN CHRISTIAN.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2025 'AA' GIRLS SOCCER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2025 'AAA' GIRLS SOCCER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO SPECTRUM COMMUNITY.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

President, Brent Sweeney thanked everyone for their passion, energy and conversation brought to the last two days and felt that it was a good representation that brought value to discussions.

9. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM. The next meeting will take place on May 10-11, 2024 for the Annual General Meeting in Kelowna.

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APPENDIX A

Directors Present:

Brent Sweeney	President
Lindsay Brooke	Vice President
Rick Lopez	Director – A/AA School
Jim Lamond	Director – AAA/AAAA School
Gian Cavaliere	Director – Rural/Semi Rural
Rachel Romero	Director – Section 2 Representative
Deanna Schaper-Kotter	Director – Section 3 Representative
Bal Ranu	Director – At Large

Legislative Assembly Members Present:

Joe Moreira	Kootenay Representative
Keith Wood	North Central Representative
Steve Wilson	North Central Representative
Phil Ohl	Vancouver Island Representative
Blake Gage	Vancouver Island Representative
Nicole McRae	Vancouver Island Representative
Bill Richards	South Fraser Representative
Nik Nashlund	South Fraser Representative
Courtney O'Brien	South Fraser Representative
Craig Percevault	Fraser North Representative
Amber Norris	Fraser North Representative
Claude Leduc	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Pat Lee	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Shauna Underwood	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Brian Tommasini	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Mary Bartucci	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Greg Gartell	Thompson Okanagan Representative
James Horner	North West Representative
Jake Mouritzen	Eastern Valley Representative
Sean Wicker	Eastern Valley Representative
Colleen Sullivan	Eastern Valley Representative
Andrew Holland	BC Schools Superintendents Association
Tracy Loffler	BC School Trustees' Association
Cheryl Blondin	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
Louise Ormerod	ISPARC
Shawn Chisolm	Federation of Independent Schools
Jackie Snell	Competitive Fairness Committee Chair
Gary Atwal	Fall Sports Rules Committee Chair
Zoel Thibault	Winter Sports Rules Committee Chair
Chris Ellett	Spring Rules Committee Chair
Mark Fenn	Individual Sports Committee Chair
Peter Westhaver	Eligibility Appeals Committee Chair
Mike Campbell	Team Sports Committee Chair
Mike Thompson	Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety Chair

Staff Present:

Jordan Abney
Karen Hum
Harp Sohi
Prabh Jauhal
Mike Apps
Julie Stevens
Danielle Starkman
Josie Delisa

Executive Director
Assistant Director, Membership & Operations
Assistant Director, Sports & Events
Administrative Assistant
Sport and Events Manager
Sport and Events Manager
General Manager, BCSS Properties
Graphic Design & Content Coordinator

Observers Present:

John Garinger

Athletic Director, West Point Grey Academy

DRAFT

Minutes from March 13 Extraordinary Meeting – DRAFT

March 13, 2024

ATTENDANCE: SEE APPENDIX A.

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: PRESIDENT BRENT SWEENEY

The meeting, held virtually, was called to order at 3:30PM by President, Brent Sweeney. The President began with a land acknowledgement from his location South Delta where he was conducting the meeting from. The President acknowledged that this meeting was taking place on the shared, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the scəwáθən (Tsawwassen), xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), and other Coast Salish Peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

2. CONSENT OF AGENDA

Purpose of the meeting is to vote on the motion regarding ball adoption.

3. BALL ADOPTION

ED began with a comprehensive review of each ball and presented the deal with Molten and Nike. President opened the floor for questions. After questions and debate were exhausted, the question was called.

MOTION TO ADOPT MOLTEN AS OFFICIAL BCSS BALL FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, AND NIKE FOR FOOTBALL.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. CONCLUSION

President ended the meeting at 4:18PM and thanked everyone for their time and commitment to school sports and looked forward to seeing everyone in Kelowna for the Annual General Meeting.

Board of Directors Report

President's Report

As I finish my second and final year as the President of BC School Sports, I reflect not only on the outstanding year of competition and sportsmanship that has taken place, but also the continued positive direction that our organization is moving in. As is typically the case, our student-athletes have outdone themselves this year in displaying their passion and abilities on the courts, in the gyms, and on the fields of our member schools. Providing opportunities for our athletes to grow as individuals and leaders in a changing world continues to be core to the beliefs that we hold as school sport educators.

As we are aware, BC School Sports has undergone many changes over the past several years. I firmly believe that these changes, which our member schools have approved, have set BCSS up for continued success moving forward. As an example, the discussion, debate, and decision surrounding the selection of our approved game balls has highlighted this. This involved a spirited conversation in many areas of the province that examined what would best serve not only our member schools, but also the student-athletes that will be competing. The process that was undertaken to come to this decision followed the rules that have been set by our legislative assembly. While not all may agree with the final decision, I hope that those who disagree can accept that the process was fair.

Moving forward, all of us involved in school-based athletics have a responsibility to protect what we know is so important: the opportunity for our students to continue to compete for their schools as so many of us have. The banners that hang on the walls of our membership can never be recreated in community or club-based sport. The legacy that they represent is unparalleled. For those of us lucky enough to have won a zone or provincial banner, as an athlete or coach, and to see that banner hanging on the wall in the school that they attend, that perhaps their parents attended, and that maybe their children will attend is a feeling that simply cannot be duplicated by club sports. We have something special. It is important that we continue to promote and recognize what we have established, and that it is something that we must continue to protect.

I would like to thank the many volunteers throughout our province who allow what we know is so amazing to continue. BC School Sports is nothing without the amazing volunteers who coach our students in schools, run the leagues that they compete in, and give their time to provide provincial championship opportunities year after year to our membership. School-based athletics cannot run without those individuals in schools giving up their time. Teacher coaches are becoming fewer and fewer each year and I implore all of us associated with BCSS to encourage new educators to become involved in coaching and supporting student-athletes. The life lessons students-athletes learn through competition and participation in team and individual school sports set them up for success later in life. Being a part of that process adds so much to the experience of teacher coaches despite the time and sacrifices that they will make.

Furthermore, I would like to thank Jordan and the staff of BC School Sports for the work that they have done this year and last during my time as President. Throughout my time on the Board of Directors, stability in our staff has not always been possible for a number of reasons. The organization that we are building now is so much better suited to face the future than the one I joined 9 years ago. Our staff are passionate about the job that they do and the events that they put on and I am excited to see where we will go. I give a heartfelt thanks to them for

their work this past year. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors for their efforts over the last twelve months. It is not easy making decisions that we know will not be popular by all, but that we feel that will move our organization forward. The time that they have given in Board and committee meetings, as well as in conversations with coaches and members of their zones in explaining the rationale behind decisions made cannot be discounted. Many times, this is a thankless job, however this board has risen to the occasion in spirited discussion and deliberation. I want to formally thank them for their work this past year and I would like to wish the best of luck to our incoming President Lindsay Brooke. She is a formidable and talented educator who I know will lead BCSS well during her term over the next two years.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as President of BC School Sports. It has been an honour to lead not only this board, but also our member schools during these past two years. I am grateful for your support in taking on the challenges that we faced during my term.

Brent Sweeney

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

President
BCSS Board of Directors

Executive Director Report

The 2023-2024 year has marked another milestone in our journey towards excellence in school sports across the province. As we move further from the pandemic's challenges, our community's resilience and passion have led to inspiring achievements, including record-high student participation, innovative programs to recognize our dedicated volunteers, and significant advancements in our digital outreach. This summary will highlight these accomplishments, underscoring our commitment to enhancing the athletic and personal growth of our student-athletes. Join us as we review the strides we've made and set the stage for continued success in the coming years.

We introduced a revamped awards program at the end of last year to better recognize the many dedicated people that make school sport happen. Just a few years ago we were asking schools to submit nominees, and now we have more nominations of great leaders than we can even recognize in one year. We are now recognizing coaches, athletic directors, administrators and officials, and the important role they play in school sport. We look forward to another great slate of award winners at the Awards dinner in May.

BCSS introduced a new scholarship this year for indigenous student-athletes. This award recognizes one male and one female student-athlete for their excellence both on the field of play and off it. It's a great addition to our broad offering of scholarships that sees BCSS offer more than \$30,000 annually to graduating student-athletes.

The 23-24 year was the first year with the static site travel subsidy, which saw travel subsidy for 9 championships this year that have been in one location for several years. BCSS collected and then distributed to those schools over \$117,000 this year to assist with the travel costs to one of the static site championships.

BCSS continues to try and elevate the BCSS brand and awareness of school sport. We have spent the last 2 years with a highly engaging social media campaign featuring our schools, student-athletes and events. The BCSS Instagram following has gone from 2400 followers in the Fall of 2022, to now over 17,000 and continually growing.

We continue to work through the early stages of development for a new website, registration system, streaming portal and mobile app. BCSS is working with a business analyst to assess our product needs and we will be going to market this summer looking for development partners to build a system that will provide better service to member schools while reducing administrative load and making life easier for everyone in school sports.

We had some incredible events this year, our Cross Country Championship was bigger than ever and was the first year as a tiered championship which saw more A and AA runners than ever before. There is no reason that every single BCSS member school should not have a cross-country team, as there is absolutely no barrier to participation. With the new tiered structure there is far more equity and opportunity for our smaller schools to now compete against similar sized schools and provide their students and incredible experience. Our girls' basketball championship had one of the greatest days ever with four incredible and highly competitive championship games, before capacity crowds throughout the day that exemplified the excellence of our student-athletes and member schools. It was also great to see the Sir Alexander Mackenzie (Hagensborg) Sr. Girls win the Bronze Medal with some incredible performances in the 1A Girls tournament, and Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay (Haida Gwaii) win the Silver Medal in the 1A Boys tournament, just barely missing a 3-point shot at the buzzer to push the game into overtime. These teams were great inspiration and despite the challenges they

face being in remote locations with limited competition and high costs exemplified tremendous skill and perseverance in rising to the highest levels of excellence.

The Board of Directors has also been working on the next strategic plan for BCSS. The last plan was enacted in 2017 for 5 years but was paused for a few years due to COVID-19. The Board will be releasing the next plan before the end of this year.

The staff have been leading a Ball Adoption process for approximately 18 months, evaluating options for the official balls to be used during competition. After a long process and much evaluation and negotiation, the Legislative Assembly adopted Molten as the new official Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer ball of BCSS starting next year. Nike has also been adopted as the Championship football.

Much time has been spent this year working with the Competitive Fairness Committee working on finalizing the multiplier concept that has been examined over the past few years. After some final pivots and tweaks to end up at a reasonable effect, the committee has unanimously supported the Sustained Excellence Adjustment proposal that is coming forward at the AGM. I want to thank Chair, Jackie Snell, as well as all the committee members for their perseverance and commitment to getting it right as we explored numerous options and variables.

I want to thank the Board for their incredible commitment and dedication to BCSS. Our membership has been extremely well represented and they take their responsibility very seriously. A special thank you to Jim Lamond, who completes his 3-year term on the Board, and to Brent Sweeney, who will remain on the Board for 1-year as Past President, but is passing on the leadership reigns to Lindsay Brooke after a very strong term as President.

I also want to thank the staff at BCSS. It can often be a difficult job when constantly being criticized, or having to make unpopular decisions, but the team works relentlessly despite the challenges to ensure our schools have the support they need and to elevate experiences for our student-athletes. I tip my cap to them and thank them for their tireless efforts.

Lastly, I thank the Legislative Assembly, member schools and stakeholders across the province for the trust placed in me as your Executive Director. It truly is the honour of a lifetime and a privilege I am grateful for.

With Gratitude,

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

Jordan Abney
Executive Director

Eligibility Reports

Report from Eligibility Officer, Tom Dinsdale

As the Eligibility Officer, it is my role to review and adjudicate applications for those seeking their eligibility to take part in school sports under the governance of B.C. School Sports.

As of April 16, 2024, I have reviewed 163 applications seeking eligibility as per Sections 800 and 900 of the Rules. Of those applications, 47 were approved and 116 were denied.

As per Section 819 of the Rules, 2 applications were approved, granting a 6th year of eligibility.

As per the provisions of Sections 926 and 933 of the Rules, 24 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), 10 applications met the criteria of this section and were approved.

A further 11 applications were approved under Section 934 (Financial Hardship) of the Rules.

In order to render decisions using the most comprehensive information and supporting documentation available, it is incumbent upon Athletic Directors to gather and submit such documentation on behalf of the student-athletes. Their efforts to do so are acknowledged and appreciated. The Eligibility Officer also relies upon, and is appreciative of, the communication and support of the leadership and staff of B.C. School Sports in providing the necessary resources to ensure the necessary information and support is readily available when required.

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 18th, 2024, there were a total of 280 Change of Residence applications (10 were denied and 22 received partial eligibility) and 475 Notification of Transfer applications received and processed.

I take this opportunity to provide a few 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 or parent) please ensure that it is legible, and that abbreviations are not used. Illegibly written forms slow down the process. Many schools digitally enter all of the required student information, which is greatly appreciated.
- Please review all applications to ensure all required information has been entered/included prior to submitting.

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.

Geoff Davies
Eligibility Officer

Report from the Eligibility Appeals Committee Chair, Peter Westhaver

BC School Sports Eligibility Appeals Committee Report 2024 Annual General Meeting:

The Eligibility Appeal Committee (EAC) meets 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 transfer rules as outlined in policy and bylaws found in the BCSS Handbook.

At the time of this report, after 9 meetings, the EAC reviewed 83 appeals, which was down slightly from last year. Of these 83 appeals, 42 were **approved** and 41 were **denied**. Each appeal submitted contains comprehensive documentation that was 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 treats each file with confidentiality and the utmost respect.

The committee members tasked with serving on the EAC are:

- Peter Westhaver, Saanich (chair)
- Alec Lewis, North Vancouver
- Darren Rowell, Maple Ridge
- Ali Doerksen, Victoria
- Todd Kuc, Prince George
- Casey Murray, Maple Ridge
- Harjot Ghuman, Surrey

2023-24 YTD Operating Statements (As of April 18, 2024)

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Budget vs. Actuals: BCSS 2023-2024 - FY24 P&L

July 2023 - June 2024

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
4000 Membership		
4020 CAAAA	24,240.00	24,600.00
4040 Eligibility/Appeals	18,300.00	20,000.00
4100 Fines	28,260.00	28,000.00
4150 Member Schools Annual Dues	672,380.00	660,000.00
4155 Football Fees	65,640.00	62,000.00
4156 Football Travel Fund Fee	6,750.00	6,500.00
4180 Travel Subsidy	117,254.70	110,000.00
Total 4150 Member Schools Annual Dues	862,024.70	838,500.00
Total 4000 Membership	932,824.70	911,100.00
4200 Events		
4210 BCSS Championships		
4230 Banquet Fees/Photography/Programs etc	52,180.33	135,000.00
4240 Gate/Ticket Sales	135,544.78	150,000.00
4250 Hosting Grant/Hotel Commission	45,841.38	30,000.00
4270 Medal & Banner Sales	1,231.50	1,500.00
4280 Registration Fees	389,063.92	515,000.00
4285 Revenue Sharing	747.27	15,000.00
Total 4210 BCSS Championships	624,609.18	846,500.00
4400 Workshops/Clinics/Courses	100.00	200.00
4500 Sanctioning	12,553.50	8,000.00
Total 4200 Events	637,262.68	854,700.00
4600 Advertising/Sponsorship/Business Development		
4630 Partnership/Sponsorship	220,933.15	280,680.00
Total 4600 Advertising/Sponsorship/Business Development	220,933.15	280,680.00
4700 Grant & Donations		
4720 Donations	13,378.65	10,000.00
4730 Gaming Grant		233,000.00
4740 Scholarship Funds	6,375.00	6,375.00
Total 4700 Grant & Donations	19,753.65	249,375.00
7000 Other Income		
7050 Admin Fees	1,125.00	1,125.00
7100 Interest	5,128.97	27,000.00
7150 Misc	0.01	
Total 7000 Other Income	6,253.98	28,125.00
Total Income	\$1,817,028.16	\$2,323,980.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,817,028.16	\$2,323,980.00
Expenses		
6000 Program, Operations & Administrations		
6010 Salary/Benefits/Contractors/Development		
6020 Contractors	360.00	
6030 Bookkeeper	18,322.50	26,000.00
6040 Compliance Officer	15,400.00	35,000.00
Total 6020 Contractors	34,082.50	61,000.00

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Budget vs. Actuals: BCSS 2023-2024 - FY24 P&L

July 2023 - June 2024

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
6045 Temporary Workers/Office Help	180.00	8,000.00
6050 CPP	16,396.16	25,000.00
6060 Employee Health Benefits	24,357.78	32,300.00
6070 Employee Salaries	411,624.51	572,000.00
6080 Employment Insurance	6,404.48	
6090 RRSP Contribution	32,894.35	44,000.00
6100 Staff Development	755.70	15,000.00
6110 WCB	943.38	2,400.00
Total 6010 Salary/Benefits/Contractors/Development	527,638.86	759,700.00
6200 Programs and Operations		
6220 Affiliate Organization Membership	27,842.19	34,000.00
6230 Audit	13,068.75	15,000.00
6240 Bank Fees	972.54	
6310 Office Equipment	1,856.38	20,000.00
6320 Insurance		10,000.00
6330 Lease/Rent/Maintenance	35,612.39	57,000.00
6340 Legal & Administrative Fees	5,586.42	20,000.00
6350 Legislative Assembly Meetings	202.58	
6351 Facility/Food/Hospitality	60,346.76	70,000.00
6352 Misc	2,959.61	12,000.00
6353 Travel	5,920.72	18,000.00
6354 TOC Costs	4,286.97	5,000.00
Total 6350 Legislative Assembly Meetings	73,716.64	105,000.00
6360 Board of Directors		
6361 Facility/Food/Hospitality	12,686.48	12,000.00
6362 Misc	-1,007.43	2,000.00
6363 TOC Costs	3,051.36	15,000.00
6364 Travel	4,239.02	15,000.00
Total 6360 Board of Directors	18,969.43	44,000.00
6370 Committees		
6371 Facility/Food/Hospitality	1,528.23	12,500.00
6372 Misc		2,500.00
6373 TOC Costs		30,000.00
6374 Travel	2,289.80	20,000.00
Total 6370 Committees	3,818.03	65,000.00
6380 Merchandise and Recoverable	-802.69	2,000.00
6400 Misc Expenses		2,500.00
6420 Office Supplies & Misc Office Exp	4,679.57	12,000.00
6430 Payroll Fees (Sport BC Payroll Fees)	1,565.91	2,600.00
6440 Phone/Internet	10,522.27	12,000.00
6450 Postage	6,623.14	7,000.00
6460 Publications/Marketing/Branding/Promotions	30,962.06	35,000.00
6480 Software	4,795.09	7,000.00
6490 Staff Travel	19,789.85	28,000.00
6500 Website/STARS	13,982.08	13,000.00
Total 6200 Programs and Operations	273,560.05	491,100.00

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Budget vs. Actuals: BCSS 2023-2024 - FY24 P&L

July 2023 - June 2024

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Total 6000 Program, Operations & Administrations	801,198.91	1,250,800.00
6600 Events Expense		
6610 BCSS Championships		
6630 Awards, Trophies, Banners	78,704.09	100,000.00
6640 Banquet Expenses	47,474.24	142,000.00
6650 Equipment	8,669.63	45,000.00
6660 Event Management & Administration	111,546.54	153,000.00
6670 Facility Rentals	240,037.57	230,000.00
6680 Insurance	75,347.00	102,000.00
6690 Marketing, Promotion, Signage	4,369.56	30,000.00
6700 Medical Expense	6,962.58	35,000.00
6710 Officials	116,785.44	175,000.00
6720 Photography	10,178.38	13,500.00
6730 Programs	99.98	8,000.00
6735 Revenue Sharing	6,574.07	15,000.00
6740 Teacher On Call	6,104.34	
6750 Team Travel Grant	142,646.13	125,000.00
6760 Volunteer Recognition & Hospitality	19,466.08	25,000.00
6770 Webcast	24,369.38	65,000.00
Total 6610 BCSS Championships	899,335.01	1,263,500.00
6800 Awards and Recognition		
6801 BCSS Scholarships	-12,500.00	24,000.00
6802 BCSS Awards	400.00	30,000.00
Total 6800 Awards and Recognition	-12,100.00	54,000.00
6900 Volunteer Development (Workshop/Clinics/Seminars)		15,000.00
Total 6600 Events Expense	887,235.01	1,332,500.00
Total Expenses	\$1,688,433.92	\$2,583,300.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$128,594.24	\$ -259,320.00
NET INCOME	\$128,594.24	\$ -259,320.00

2022-23 Audited Financial Statements

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Burnaby, BC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2023

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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, 2023 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, 2023, 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.



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.

INTEGER CONSULTING CORP.
Chartered Professional Accountant
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October 25, 2023



BC SCHOOL SPORTS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the year ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	General	Capital Asset	Gaming	Other Funds	Total	
					2023	2022
REVENUES						
Fees and fines	\$ 830,417	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830,417	\$ 754,916
Championships	967,556	-	-	-	967,556	754,717
Government grants	13,366	-	233,000	-	246,366	462,315
Donations and sponsorships	329,879	-	-	-	329,879	195,812
Advertising and administrative	9,911	-	-	-	9,911	9,153
Interest	120	-	-	29	149	109
	<u>2,151,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,000</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>2,384,278</u>	<u>2,177,022</u>
EXPENSES						
Championships						
Administration	264,047	-	-	-	264,047	217,736
Banquet, awards and marketing	282,870	-	24,993	-	307,863	221,962
Event expenses	434,326	-	35,874	-	470,200	295,112
Insurance	73,528	-	6,739	-	80,267	70,100
Rent	32,348	-	106,567	-	138,915	212,095
Remuneration	423,197	-	-	-	423,197	139,466
Membership services						
Administration	87,829	-	-	-	87,829	94,861
Meetings	134,195	-	-	-	134,195	107,587
Merchandise	2,928	-	-	-	2,928	8
Public relations	5,161	-	35,475	-	40,636	13,450
Rent	8,087	-	-	-	8,087	17,591
Remuneration	196,952	-	14,624	-	211,576	223,189
Scholarships	-	-	-	27,250	27,250	43,375
Recognitions	10,431	-	8,728	-	19,159	-
	<u>1,955,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,000</u>	<u>27,250</u>	<u>2,216,149</u>	<u>1,656,532</u>
Net revenue before amortization	195,350	-	-	(27,221)	168,129	520,490
Amortization of equipment	-	(8,454)	-	-	(8,454)	(8,671)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses, to Exhibit B	\$ 195,350	\$ (8,454)	\$ -	\$ (27,221)	\$ 159,675	\$ 511,819

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

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BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Exhibit C

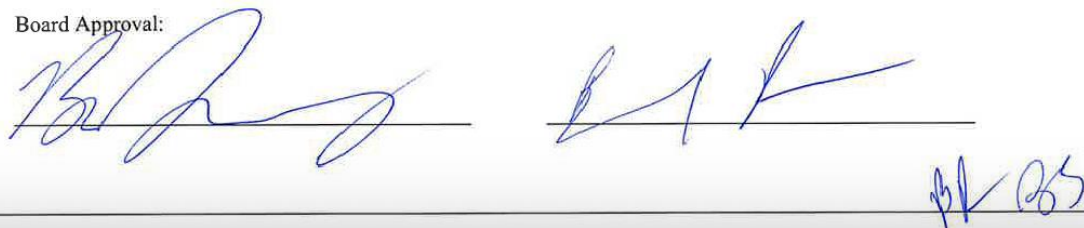
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2023

	General	Capital Asset	Gaming	Other Funds	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and term deposits	\$ 909,066	\$ -	\$ 233,047	\$ 521,464	\$ 1,663,577	\$ 1,322,228
Accounts receivable	176,396	-	-	-	176,396	137,326
Government remittance	-	-	-	-	-	7,272
Interfund receivable (payable)	(26,747)	-	-	26,747	-	-
Inventories	541	-	-	-	541	541
Prepaid expenses	6,050	-	-	-	6,050	13,550
	<u>1,065,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,047</u>	<u>548,211</u>	<u>1,846,564</u>	<u>1,480,917</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT						
Computers	-	-	-	-	-	6,068
Furniture and equipment	-	27,773	-	-	27,773	27,773
Leasehold improvement	-	-	-	-	-	55,654
	<u>-</u>	<u>27,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,773</u>	<u>89,495</u>
Accumulated amortization	-	24,307	-	-	24,307	77,575
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>11,920</u>
Long term deposit	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	-
	<u>\$ 1,115,306</u>	<u>\$ 3,466</u>	<u>\$ 233,047</u>	<u>\$ 548,211</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,030</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,837</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Payables and accrual	\$ 142,235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,500	\$ 191,735	\$ 128,890
Deferred receipts	24	-	-	-	24	285,021
Deferred credit	-	-	233,047	240,095	473,142	3,472
	<u>142,259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,047</u>	<u>289,595</u>	<u>664,901</u>	<u>417,383</u>
NET ASSETS (Exhibit B)						
Unrestricted	973,047	-	-	-	973,047	827,697
Internally restricted (Schedule 1)	-	-	-	258,616	258,616	235,837
Invested in capital assets	-	3,466	-	-	3,466	11,920
	<u>973,047</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,616</u>	<u>1,235,129</u>	<u>1,075,454</u>
	<u>\$ 1,115,306</u>	<u>\$ 3,466</u>	<u>\$ 233,047</u>	<u>\$ 548,211</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,030</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,837</u>

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

Board Approval:



Notices of Motion

Motion #	Resolution	Motion Brought Forward By:
1	Bylaw 2.6 Appointment by Zones <i>*Special resolution, must pass by at least 2/3 of the votes cast</i>	Board of Directors
2	First Nations School of Choice	Board of Directors
3	Season of Play Infraction Procedures & Penalties	Board of Directors
4	Sport Advisory Committee	Board of Directors
5	Touring/Hosting Out-of-Season	Board of Directors
6	Volleyball Rules of Play – 2 Liberos & Roof	Fall Sports Rules Committee
7	Volleyball – At-Large Berths	Fall Sports Rules Committee
8	Aquatics	Fall Sports Rules Committee
9	Football – Regular Season Structure	Board of Directors
10	Cross Country – Athlete Move Up/ Race Amalgamation	Board of Directors
11	Curling - Updates	Winter Sports Rules Committee
12	Boys Basketball - Tiering	Board of Directors
13	Golf – Electronic Devices	Spring Sports Rules Committee
14	Tennis – No Let	Spring Sports Rules Committee
15	Tennis – Submission of Match Lineup	Spring Sports Rules Committee
16	Static Site Travel Subsidy	Board of Directors
17	Sport Academy Policy	Vancouver Island Zone
17	Sport Academy – Legacy Exception to Current Academy Students	Vancouver Island Zone
18	Sport Academy – Free Return to Catchment School	Vancouver Island Zone
19	Sustained Excellence Adjustment	Board of Directors

Notice of Motion #1

Board of Directors

Appointment by Zones

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): Bylaw 2.6 Appointment by Zones

***NOTE* THIS IS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION AND WILL REQUIRE A 2/3 MAJORITY TO CARRY.**

2.6 Appointment by Zones

On or before June 30th of each calendar year each Zone may appoint three (3) Persons to be Legislative Assembly Members, including the following:

- a) At least (1) School or **District** ~~Based~~ Administrator;
- b) At least (1) person who is male; and
- c) At least (1) person who is female,

By delivering a notice of appointment in writing signed by an authorized signatory to the Address of the Society. Appointed persons must be nineteen (19) years of age or older, **and employed by a school or district in the relevant zone.**

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

Update bylaw to include both school and school district employees.

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

To ensure those representing zones on the Legislative Assembly are employed by a school or school district.

Notice of Motion #2

Board of Directors

First Nations School of Choice

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): N/A

934.0 INDIGENOUS SCHOOL OF CHOICE TRANSFER

Students who are members of and reside on-reserve or on Treaty lands consistent with the Indigenous School of Choice provisions of the School Act, may transfer to the designated School of Choice, provided that it has been identified by the Band or Treaty leadership, in a method that is consistent with legislation, are permitted to transfer to that School of Choice without any period of ineligibility.

934.1 Students may transfer to the School of Choice without a period of ineligibility:

- prior to the academic year beginning in which the school is identified as the School of Choice,
- during the first academic year as the designated School of Choice,
- or prior to the start of the second academic year.

Once the second academic year begins as the designated School of Choice, should the student transfer, the student is subject to the transfer policies of BCSS.

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

Prior to the School Act changes relating to First Nations Schools of Choice, Boards of Education (Boards) set catchment areas for all schools in their district. While some Boards entered into agreements with First Nations relating to a choice of schools, this practice was not consistent across the province.

The new First Nations Schools of Choice provisions in the School Act recently passed in Legislature as Bill 40, set out a process for First Nations to choose which school First Nation students who live on-reserve, self-governing First Nation lands or Treaty lands will attend. These provisions ensure that a First Nation can designate an elementary, middle school (where applicable), and secondary school for their students. First Nations will determine which schools the First Nation's students living on-reserve, self-governing First Nation lands or Treaty lands will attend through their own internal processes. If a First Nation parent/caregiver wishes to have their child enrolled at a different program or school (e.g. specialty programs) than the school(s) of choice, the existing enrolment provisions apply.

First Nation students who live on-reserve or on Treaty lands have priority to attend the public school designated by their First Nation. The school must be designated by the earliest date of enrolment set by the Board, typically the pre-enrolment or kindergarten enrolment date. Identifying the chosen school on or before the earliest date enables Boards to prioritize the First Nations' choice. The designation of a school of choice will continue unless changed by the First Nation.

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

To support the intent and implementation of Bill 40 and the changes to the School Act while contributing to the efforts of Truth and Reconciliation and recognizing the significance of autonomy provided to our indigenous communities to make the choice that is in the best interest of their members and their families. This will provide students the ability to transfer to the school of choice when that designation is changed, without a period of ineligibility. Consistent with other BCSS policies, after a reasonable period, as identified in the proposed policy, if a student transfers after this period, they are simply subject to BCSS transfer policy.

Notice of Motion #3

Board of Directors

Season of Play Infraction Procedures and Penalties

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 627.0 SEASON OF PLAY INFRACTION PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

627.0 SEASON OF PLAY INFRACTION PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

Infractions may be in violation of but are not limited to; playing outside of season of play, or exceeding the number of play days. Upon discovery of a Season of Play infraction, the Executive Director shall not make a determination without first giving the member school notice of the allegation and the opportunity to be heard concerning the allegation.

627.1 A member school shall submit promptly such information or documentation as may be required by the Executive Director for the purpose of making a determination under section 620.0.

627.2 Following communication with the member school in question, through a written summary of the reasons for the determination, it is at the discretion of the Executive Director to enforce:

627.3 ~~In the case of the competition played above the maximum number of playing days,~~ The school in violation will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Executive Director. Penalties may include but are not limited to, reduction in overall allowable playing days, forfeiture, suspension, disqualification from post-season play and/or monetary fines. Fines against the member school will be calculated as follows and payable within thirty (30) school days of a written determination notice being made by the Executive Director.

627.3.1 a minimum of \$300 if no violation of this section by the school in the past three (3) years;

627.3.2 a minimum of \$500 if one (1) violation of this section by the school in the past five (5) years; or

627.3.3 a minimum \$1000, to a maximum of \$3000 if more than one (1) violation of this section by the school in the past five (5) years.

627.4 There is no appeal from a determination under this section. A determination is final and binding and shall not be questioned or reviewed in any court or tribunal, and no order shall be made or process entered or proceeding taken in an court or tribunal whether by way of injunction, declaration, prohibition or otherwise to question, review, prohibit or restrain the proceedings. It is the intention of BCSS and its members that, to the extent permitted by law, all matters concerning its Bylaws and Policies be private matters not subject to any form of adjudication by any court or tribunal.

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

No change in the intent of the current policy. Clarifying language added so that outlined fines are for both playing outside the season play or exceeding the number of play days which is currently ambiguous in the language.

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

To provide a fair and equitable process to review infractions of this policy.

Notice of Motion #4

Board of Directors

Sport Advisory Committee

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 551.0 SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MANDATE

- Appointing the two (2) representatives for their sport to the appropriate rules committee
- ~~Appointing the one (1) representative for their sport to the appropriate championship committee~~
- Providing sport specific feedback on championships, rules, and other sport specific matters of importance to the coaches and student-athletes
- Working with BCSS staff to coordinate and deliver workshops, courses, and other development and networking opportunities for coaches around the province
- Assist the BCSS staff with the securing and requesting of officials

CHAIR

- **The Chair is appointed by the Board of Directors, upon submission of an expression of interest**
- **The Chair serves a term of 3-years, with terms be staggered amongst other SAC Chairs**
- **The Chair may serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms as SAC Chair.**
- **The Chair represents their sport on the applicable BCSS Policy Championship Committee (Individual or Team)**
- **The Chair is required to be an educator employed by a member school or school district**

COMPOSITION & TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

~~Each BCSS zone will then appoint one person for each of the BCSS Sport Advisory Committees. Each committee will then consist of ten people. Each SAC chair will be appointed by the Board of Directors upon the submission of an expression of interest. Each BCSS zone will be required to annually appoint one representative from their zone for each sport. There is not a limit to the number of terms a representative can serve. Zone reps do not have to be educators but should be active coaches that are appointed by each BCSS zone.~~

- **In addition to the Chair, each BCSS zone will appoint one person to each BCSS Sport Advisory Committee, for a total of 10 members of each committee**
- **Each BCSS zone should, where possible, appoint their zone lead for that sport**
- **Each zone appointee will serve for a period of 1-year**
- **There is no limit on the number of terms a zone appointed SAC member may serve**
- **Zone appointed SAC members are NOT required to be educators, but should be active coaches in the applicable sport**

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

One of the challenges in the new structure has been the timelines for getting SACs to meet, then appoint someone to the committee, and it slows down the process of the policy committees meeting. With the SAC chairs being appointed and in place the previous June, it will allow the committees to plan and execute meetings earlier in school year. This also ensures a direct communication between the SAC chair and those involved in discussing changes to championships strengthening the connection between the Advisory Committee and those making the recommendations on policy changes.

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

To increase the efficiency of committees, streamline communication and better serve the member schools and our student-athletes.

Notice of Motion #5

Board of Directors

Touring/Hosting Out-of-Season

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 648.0 TOURING/HOSTING OUT-OF-SEASON

648.0 TOURING/HOSTING OUT-OF-SEASON

Despite 620.0, each team at a member school may apply to BCSS on the appropriate form to:

648.1 Travel **internationally** on one (1) tour outside of the applicable season of play; OR

648.2 Host one (1) ~~out-of-province~~ **school team from outside of North America** for competition outside of the applicable season of play.

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

No change in the intent of the current policy. Proposed language to remove ambiguity of current policy questioned by some schools.

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

To ensure that competition is being conducted within BCSS rules and regulations in an attempt to support equitable opportunity for competition.

Notice of Motion #6

Fall Sports Rules Committee

Volleyball Rules of Play – 2 Liberos & Roof

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1162.0 RULES OF PLAY

1162.0 RULES OF PLAY

1162.1 The rules of play governing BCSS Volleyball shall follow those of Volleyball Canada with the following modifications:

1162.1.1 Teams may have as many players as they wish on their roster however teams may dress a maximum of 15 players per match during zone and provincial championships. The 15 dressed players may change from match-to-match.

1162.1.2 All matches will use the 12-sub unlimited rule and a ~~libero~~ **one or two liberos per set.**

1162.1.3 A team may designate a different players ~~s~~ as their ~~ir~~ **Liberos** each set. The Liberos ~~s~~ does not serve.

1162.1.4 Teams are to switch sides after each set. At the conclusion of volleyball matches, or any side change, both teams are free to immediately begin their post-game handshake, or switch sides as in past practice, and do not need to line up on the baseline.

~~1162.1.5 Dangling jewelry which presents a danger to participants are to be removed. Pins and studs are advised to be removed.~~

~~1162.1.6~~ **5 GIRLS ONLY:** Teams may play the ball off the ceiling (including overhead obstructions) provided that the contact with the ceiling takes place above the floor within the court and free zone **(head official to confirm free zone designation with host)** and the ball does not cross into the opponent’s playing space immediately after contacting the ceiling or obstruction.

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

Two liberos - teams are not required to use two liberos but provided the option for a team to use two liberos, will provide additional playing opportunities for student-athletes.

Roof rule – to provide a consistent rule for both the girls and boys.

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

Two liberos – to provide more playing opportunities for student-athletes.

Roof rule – to provide a consistent rule for both the girls and boys.

Notice of Motion #7

Fall Sports Rules Committee

Volleyball – At-Large Berths

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1165.1 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BERTHING

1165.1 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.

Total Number Schools with (active) Registered Teams

= Berthing ratio

Number of available berths

Total Number Schools with (active) Registered Teams in Zone

= Number of berths awarded

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, as indicated in the volleyball berthing memo circulated to schools.**

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

The 3-week date prior to zone championships has proven to be too early. BCSS provides important and relevant dates in berthing document to all ADs and Coaches.

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

Ensure practice is reflected in the handbook for clarity and understanding by stakeholder groups.

Notice of Motion #8

Fall Sports Rules Committee

Aquatics

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1010.0 AQUATICS

1012.3 ~~Competitors must only wear one swimsuit made from textile materials and have no zippers. Male athletes, the suit shall not extend above the navel or below the knee. Female athletes, the suit shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee.~~

Equipment

- **No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device or swimwear that may increase their speed, buoyancy or endurance during a competition (i.e. non-textile materials, webbed gloves, flippers, fins, power bands or adhesive substances). Goggles may be worn.**
 - **As a result of injury, a student-athlete is permitted to tape not more than one or two fingers or toes; any other kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Head Referee.**
- **Student-athletes may wear only plain, generically patterned, or school branded swim caps. No club or event caps will be permitted.**
- **No electronic pacing devices are permitted.**

1012.4 Swimmers will be classified as “A”, “B” or “Para” swimmers according to the following criteria:

1012.4.1 “A” Swimmers are defined as:

- ~~Any swimmer with an SNC (Swimming Natation Canada) number who has competed in a Winter Swim Meet as of September 1 of the previous year~~
- **A student-athlete with an SNC (Swimming Natation Canada) number who competes in a Winter Swim Meet September 1 – April 30 of the previous school year, OR September 1 to the date of the BCSS Provincial championship in the current school year.**
- ~~Swim academy athletes~~ **A student-athlete who trains at a Swim Academy**

1012.4.2 “B” Swimmers are defined as:

- As of January 1st of the championship year, the swimmer trains and competes from May 1st to September 1st with no restrictions.
- ~~From September 2nd to April 30th, the swimmer may train with their~~

~~high school team and may participate in other speed swimming~~

- ~~o training such as winter maintenance, tri-club, and private coaching. **Any student-athlete that does not fit the 'A' Swimmer definition and who trains and competes only from May 1st to September 1st. (Coaches are reminded that if a 'B' swimmer competes in any meet between September 1 and the date of the BCSS Provincial Aquatics Championship in that school year, they are no longer a 'B' Swimmer.)**~~
- o A student-athlete who does not possess an active SNC number**

1014.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1014.1.4 All swimmers are limited to a total of 4 events, including relays and **listed** alternate entries.

~~1014.1.7 Mixed relay teams must include 2 boys and 2 girls from the same school, single gender schools are not permitted to join for the purpose of creating a mixed relay team.~~

1014.3 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

1014.3.2 Alternates

~~Alternates must be submitted no later than 30 minutes before the start of the meet, but it is preferable for the sake of scheduling that all alternates are submitted at the time of meet entries prior to provincials.~~

Listed alternates will not be accepted later than 30 minutes before the start of the meet.

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

1. Provide guidance for allowable swimwear that does not provide a competitive advantage, without restricting personal choice. Addresses issue of taping, and whether that provides a competitive advantage. Sport specific mention that 3rd party advertisement is not permitted. Acknowledges advancement in technical devices, and prevents their use, as a competitive advantage.
2. Simplifies distinction of A/B swimmer.
3. Clarifies role of listed alternate as an event, regardless of if they swim or not.
4. Remove mixed relay restriction as it is mentioned twice.
5. Defining *listed* alternate ensures the swimmer is not a last-minute substitution.

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

1. Update/simplify swimwear policy to reflect competitive advantage, rather than defining what constitutes swimwear.
2. Create better understanding of what a B swimmer is
3. Improved clarity that an alternate is considered an event at Provincials.
4. Housekeeping cleanup of section, mixed relay restrictions mentioned twice
5. Supporting language that listed alternates will fill empty spots, not anyone available to fill that lane.

Notice of Motion #9

Board of Directors

Football – Regular Season Structure

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1078.0 REGULAR SEASON STRUCTURE

1078.0 REGULAR SEASON STRUCTURE

Football will have two tiers for regular season competition:

- o AAA Tier
- o AA/AAA Hybrid Tier

The Conferences in each tier will be as follows:

AAA		
WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
VANCOUVER COLLEGE	ST. THOMAS MORE	G.W. GRAHAM
NOTRE DAME	TERRY FOX	KELOWNA
CARSON GRAHAM	NEW WESTMINSTER	MT. BOUCHERIE
HANDSWORTH	SEAQUAM	RUTLAND
MT. DOUGLAS	SOUTH DELTA	W.J. MOUAT
BELMONT	CENTENNIAL	LORD TWEEDSMUIR

AA/AAA HYBRID	
WEST	EAST
ARGYLE	EARL MARRIOTT
BALLENAS	HOLY CROSS
JOHN BARSBY	LANGLEY
WINDSOR	ROBERT BATEMAN
WEST VANCOUVER (AAA)	MISSION (AAA)
SULLIVAN HEIGHTS (AAA)	SARDIS (AAA)
NANAIMO DISTRICT (AAA)	ABBOTSFORD (AAA)

AAA		
WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
BELMONT	CENTENNIAL	G.W. GRAHAM
CARSON GRAHAM	LORD TWEEDSMUIR	KELOWNA
HANDSWORTH	NEW WESTMINSTER	LANGLEY
NOTRE DAME	ST. THOMAS MORE	MT. BOUCHERIE
SOUTH DELTA	SEAQUAM	RUTLAND
VANCOUVER COLLEGE	TERRY FOX	W.J. MOUAT

AA/AAA HYBRID	
WEST	EAST
MT. DOUGLAS (AA)	ROBERT BATEMAN (AA)
JOHN BARSBY (AA)	HOLY CROSS (AA)
BALLENAS (AA)	EARL MARRIOTT
NANAIMO DISTRICT	ABBOTSFORD (AAA)
ARGYLE (AA)	SARDIS
WINDSOR (AA)	MISSION
WEST VANCOUVER	SULLIVAN HEIGHTS
ERIC HAMBER	

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

We had one new school start a Varsity football program this year, as well as 2 others change tiers, so a small realignment was required. This was thoroughly vetted and recommended by the Football Advisory Committee.

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

Balanced tiers to promote strong competition and balance.

Notice of Motion #10

Board of Directors

Cross Country – Athlete Move Up/Race Amalgamation

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1042.0 RULES OF PLAY (CROSS COUNTRY), 1045.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1042.0 RULES OF PLAY

The rules governing BCSS Cross Country shall be those of BC Athletics with the following rule modifications;

1042.1 Athletes are required to compete at one sanctioned school league cross country meet before participating in zone championships

1042.2 Athletes must qualify to Provincial Championships through their Zone Championship Meet

1042.2.1 If an athlete is moved to a higher tier for the zone championship and fails to qualify through the zone meet to the provincial championship then that athlete is not permitted to move back down to a lower tier with their school team.

1042.2.1.1 If an athlete qualifies for the provincials at higher tier than their school team in the same provincials, that athlete's results will not be scored for the school team's results.

1042.2.2 An athlete may be allowed to compete at Provincial Championships without having qualified in their Zone Championships given exceptional circumstances. Tournament Director & three (3) elected representatives will rule on whether an athlete qualifies based on exceptional circumstances.

1045.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1045.1 EVENTS

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

- Junior Boys (4km)
- Junior Girls (4km)
- Para (2km)
- 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)

1045.1.1 If the 1A race (boys and/or girls) does not reach a minimum start list of 100 for the provincial championship, that race(s) will be combined with the 2A race.

1045.3 BERTHING

TEAM BERTHS

- 15 team berths for 1A
- 20 team berths for 2A
- ~~24~~ **27** 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 for 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~~ **50** 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)

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

We analyzed provincial school feedback, finding widespread appreciation for enhancing smaller schools' involvement in championships, but concerns arose about the modest size of certain races. Also, transitioning from 2 senior races to 6 (boys and girls) potentially restricted opportunities for talented runners from smaller schools (A & AA) to compete head to head with talented runners from AAA size schools.

While the proposed changes do not align with the Cross Country SAC's preference to revert to the 2 senior race format, they do offer a compromise by implementing race size limits and addresses the majority of their primary concerns. This approach enables us to maintain our support for and endorsement of smaller schools' participation in the provincials.

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

Like any change, it requires time to reach the desired state of having 6 meaningful and competitive races for senior athletes. However, the proposed changes will enable us to continue pursuing that goal while also addressing some of the concerns expressed by coaches and the SAC.

Notice of Motion #11

Winter Sports Rules Committee

Curling - Updates

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1050.0 CURLING

1054.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1054.2 BERTHING

The BCSS Curling Provincial Championship will have 10 berths in each of the boys and girl's category. 9 berths will be awarded to the zone champions in each of the 9 BCSS zones. The remaining 1 berth will be awarded to the host school.

If a zone is unable to or chooses not to fill their berth, the vacated berth will be awarded to the next highest finisher ~~of the zone championship in the host school's zone~~ **of the zone with the highest number of active senior programs.**

1054.3 STRUCTURE

The championship will be dependent on the number of teams attending the championship, and ultimately will be determined by BCSS staff, in consultation with the Event Host and the Curling Advisory Committee. If 8 or fewer teams, the event will consist of a round-robin, with each team playing every other team in the tournament once. The team with the best win-loss record at the end of the round-robin play will be the provincial champion. **Should there be more than 8 teams attending, the event may be run with pool play, feeding into an elimination bracket.**

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

1. To increase the number of participants at the provincial championships by allowing a backfilling of vacant or unfilled berths.
2. To encourage increased school participation at the zone level.
3. To ensure the length of the tournament remains consistent with BCSS policy on tournament duration, if a full draw is accomplished

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

More full draws at curling tournaments and providing staff the flexibility to adapt the structure to the best fit based on the number of teams attending.

Notice of Motion #12

Board of Directors

Boys Basketball - Tiering

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 636.0 SPORT SPECIFIC TIERING CYCLES

636.0 SPORT SPECIFIC TIERING CYCLES

Boys Basketball Tiering will be reviewed biennially (every second year) with the second year of the current cycle in the **2025-2026 school year**. During the tiering process for Boys Basketball, BCSS will ensure all 4 tiers (A,AA,AAA,AAAA) will have equal schools with the exception of A which will be 3 schools larger to account for folded teams. When establishing tiering BCSS will use the following structure.

- 636.1 ~~To determine sport tiering classifications, member school population numbers will be calculated using the previous year's grade ten (10) boys, grade eleven (11) boys, and Secondary Ungraded (SU) boys numbers as submitted September 30th to the Ministry of Education on the 1701 report.~~ **School enrollment numbers used for boys basketball tiering will be established as per BCSS policy 631.0.**
- 636.2 ~~Prior to the release of the Boys Basketball tiering, schools with active boys basketball teams will be given the opportunity to submit a Boys Basketball Play up form to the BCSS office. This form will be sent out to Athletic Directors 1 week after the provincial championship, schools will have 2 weeks to complete and submit the completed form to the BCSS office indicating if they wish to play up from their current tier.~~ **Member Schools are provided the opportunity to submit a 'Playing In a Different Tier Form.' Athletic Directors can request the play up form from the BCSS office and submit prior to the noted deadlines.**
- 636.4 ~~Once the two-week opportunity to play up has concluded,~~ **After adjudicating the Applications to Play in a Different Tier** the finalized Boys Basketball Tiering list will be sent out to all schools. This list is final and will not have any changes until the next tiering cycle.

637.0 SPORT TIERING CLASSIFICATIONS

Basketball (Boys)	
AAAA - 265 288	or more boys in grades 11 and 12
AAA- 171-264 174-287	boys in grades 11 and 12
AA- 71-170 60-173	boys in grades 11 and 12
A - 70 59	or fewer boys in grades 11 and 12

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

BCSS policy as well as history have allowed Boys basketball tiering to be reset every two years. After much discussion between staff and the SAC chair looking at data, historical matchups and competitive equity the numbers for the next cycle are proposed as well as some adjustments to language to simplify and clarify the process.

This is being brought forward as an independent motion, but should the motion on 3-year tiering cycle pass and SEA be passed, that motion will take precedence and Boys Basketball will move to a 3-year cycle with everything else. That would not be until the 25-26 year, and the above motion, and the proposed tiering numbers will be in effect next year.

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

To adjust tiering thresholds to increase equity inside the tiers.

Notice of Motion #13

Spring Sports Rules Committee

Golf – Electronic Devices

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1083.1 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1083.1 Electronic Devices
 Competitors are not allowed the use of electronic communication devices during tournament play. Cell phones, **smart watches and other communication devices** or other electronics cannot be used as a measuring device. **must remain in a student-athlete's golf bag during competitive rounds. Competitors are permitted to use range finders in competition, provided the slope feature is turned off.**

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

Updating the BCSS handbook to reflect current practices.

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

Provide updated technology allowances, while clarifying that cell phones are not to be part of golf course etiquette.

Notice of Motion #14

Spring Sports Rules Committee

Tennis – No Let

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1132.0 RULES OF PLAY

****NOTE* If adopted, this will come into effect immediately for the 2024 BCSS Tennis Provincial Championship***

1132.0 RULES OF PLAY

The rules governing Tennis shall follow those of Tennis Canada with the following modifications;

1132.1 Calls of “out” and “let” should be made immediately. Any doubt must be resolved in favour of your opponent.

1132.1.1 No Service Lets - If the serve hits the net and goes into the correct service box, the ball will be in play.

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

Tennis Canada and Tennis BC implemented the No Service Let rule in 2018. All athletes and coaches who participate in local or provincial tennis tournaments are familiar with the rule.

BCSS Tennis has played with this rule since 2023, but the handbook was not updated.

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

Align with the provincial and national rules of play as well as BCSS current practice.

Notice of Motion #15

Spring Sports Rules Committee

Tennis – Submission of Match Lineup

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1132.0 RULES OF PLAY

****NOTE* If adopted, this will come into effect immediately for the 2024 BCSS Tennis Provincial Championship***

1132.0 RULES OF PLAY

1132.10 Coaches must list players for the first six sets and submit this roster to the site supervisor (or exchange with the opposing coach, if no site officials are present) prior to the start of the match. There is no penalty for substituting players into the second round of (the final five) sets.

1132.10 **Coaches will list players for all eleven sets and submit this roster to the scorers table at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match.**

After the 6th set, either team may make substitutions to their lineup. There is no penalty for substituting players into the final five sets.

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

Handbook policy does not align with the procedures used at the tennis provincials.

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

Align with the current procedures for lineup submission used at the tennis provincials.

Notice of Motion #16

Board of Directors

Static Site Travel Subsidy

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 727.1 STATIC SITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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
- **AA Boys Rugby XVs**
- **AAA Boys Rugby XVs**

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

Boys Rugby has been a fixed location for 3 years and the event is not available for host bidding.

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

To provide travel assistance to teams travelling more than 100km to static site championships. There will be no increase in funding the pot, which will result in a slightly reduced payout to schools next year.

Notice of Motion #17

Vancouver Island Zone

Sport Academy Policy

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): N/A

NOTE If adopted, this motion will come into effect for the 2025-26 school year.

824.0 Student-athletes who are enrolled at a school that is not their catchment school and are enrolled in a sport specific academy and/or more than 4-credits of sport performance (or similar/related courses), in a school year, are ineligible to compete in the sport in which the sport-specific training is received.

Courses or academies of the same sport, even if a different discipline will be considered to be sport specific training. (i.e. Beach Volleyball to Volleyball, 3x3 Basketball to Basketball, or Rugby 7s to Rugby XVs.)

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

Our zone feels academy schools who have sport academies that participate in BC School Sports have an unfair advantage with out of catchment student athletes being able to participate on school teams. Out of catchment students are enrolling into academy schools before they have established a home school, avoiding any existing school transfer policies, enabling them to be eligible from enrollment. The high level year-round coaching they receive has shifted the competitive balance of school sports where we are seeing academy school dominate in the academy sport in our zone and at the Provincial Championships. Non academy schools are not able to be competitive with the academy schools. The main rationale is to return a competitive balance into school sports where only in catchment students who are enrolled in the sport academy are eligible to play. With this motion out of catchment students who are not enrolled in the sport academy are also deemed eligible to compete.

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

The goal of this motion is to allow the competitive balance to return to sports where non academy schools are able to compete in sports where academies exist.

Notice of Motion #18

Vancouver Island Zone

Sport Academy – Legacy Exception to Current Academy Students

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): N/A

**NOTE* This motion will only be voted on if Motion 17 passes.*

**NOTE* If approved, this policy will be removed in 2025-2026*

824.1 Student-athletes enrolled in the academy/sport performance classes (more than 4 credits) at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 academic year will be granted eligibility for all sports, including the sport in which they train for the academy/sport specific program, until graduation. Students that enroll in 2024-2025 in a sport academy or sport performance program as per 824.0, will be subject to the effects ineligibility a noted in the policy.

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

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

Allow students currently enrolled in an Academy program to remain in the program and retain their eligibility, essentially providing a 'legacy exception' and delaying the impact of the motion until possibly as late as the 2029-2030 academic year based on 5-year timeframe.

Notice of Motion #19

Vancouver Island Zone

Sport Academy – Free Return to Catchment School

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): N/A

**NOTE* This motion will only be voted on if Motion 17 passes and Motion 18 is defeated.*

**NOTE* This policy will be automatically removed for the 2026-2027 year.*

824.1.1 Prior to the first day of the 2025-2026 academic year, students who are ineligible in a sport due to 824.0 (Motion 17) may transfer to their catchment school without ineligibility in any sports, including the sport offering of the Sport Academy and/or Sport Performance Course provided they continue to meet all other eligibility requirements.

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

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

Allow students who are going to be ineligible due to the passing of the new policy to have the choice to return to their catchment school, without a period of ineligibility.

Notice of Motion #20

Board of Directors

Sustained Excellence Adjustment

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 631.0 ESTABLISHING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS, 632.0 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPEALS, 633.0 SPORT SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF TIERING 636.0 SPORT SPECIFIC TIERING CYCLES

**NOTE* If passed, this motion will come into effect for the 2025-26 school year.*

**NOTE* Policy 636.0 (Motion #12 Boys Basketball - Tiering) will remain in place for the 2024-25 school year.*

631.0 ESTABLISHING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

To determine sport tiering classifications, member school population numbers will be calculated using the previous year's grade ten (10), grade eleven (11), and Secondary Ungraded (SU) numbers as submitted September 30th to the Ministry of Education on the 1701 report.

Member school enrollment numbers will be established every 3-years and will not change during that period. Member school enrollment numbers will be calculated using an average of the previous 3-years the previous year's grade eleven (11), grade twelve (12) and Secondary Ungraded (SU) numbers as provided by the Ministry of Education.

NOTE: ENROLLMENT NUMBERS WILL INCLUDE ALL SECONDARY UNGRADED (SU) DESIGNATED STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL.

BCSS will publish the enrollment numbers for Boys, Girls and Total in the spring, prior to the start of a new 3-year cycle. Schools will be provided 30 days to file a School Enrollment Appeal, should one be required.

631.1 RURAL & SEMI RURAL ADJUSTMENT

When establishing School Enrollment Numbers, Member Schools that meet the definition of Rural or Semi-Rural as defined in 330.0 of BCSS policy, will receive a 30% (Rural) and 15% (Semi-Rural) reduction in their enrollment numbers. These Adjusted Enrollment Numbers will be used for classification purposes.

632.0 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPEALS

School enrollment appeals can be submitted to BCSS until October 1st of the current school year. Accepted appeals will determine the member schools enrollment numbers for all sports for a one (1) year period.

School enrollment appeals can be submitted within 30 days of the new enrollment numbers being published prior to the beginning of a 3-year cycle. Successful appeals will determine the enrollment numbers for the entire 3-year cycle, unless a school is adding grades over the duration of a cycle, in which the school and BCSS office will establish a progression for the cycle.

632.1 Appeals can be submitted for the following:

- o Addition or deletion of grades in a member school;
- o School/District Re-organization; or
- o ~~Changes in enrolment in excess of five percent (5%) of the current year's grade eleven (11) and grade twelve (12) (senior grades) students in a member school compared to the previous year's 1701~~

632.2 Appeals will not be accepted for the following:

- o Changes or reclassification of secondary ungraded students in a member school; or
- o ~~Generalized fluctuation of less than five percent (5%) of the current year's grade eleven (11) and grade twelve (12) (senior grades) students in a member school~~

633.0 SPORT SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF TIERING

Schools wishing to compete in a different tier are to submit a **"Tiering Classification Change Application"** **within 30 days of the enrollment numbers being published for the next 3-year classification cycle**, no later than 7 days prior to the team registration deadline. The application is to be completed on the appropriate form and include the rationale for the ~~tiering change~~ **request**. Athletic Directors and Principals are encouraged to get input from coaches prior to submitting the application to the Executive Director. When making a ruling on completed applications the Executive Director will consider factors that could be competitive disadvantages or prohibit sustainability and participation in sport as well as historical win percentage. Factors considered could include;

- o Circumstances where climate or remoteness significantly affects the length of the season and the number of inter-school events;
- o Circumstances where schools are either initiating a new program or reactivating one after having been out of competition for a period of time;
- o Extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Executive Director.

633.1 Applications for tiering classification changes are not intended for teams to increase likelihood for a provincial berth, but to encourage the sustainability and longevity of developing teams during league play competition. Executive Director Rulings are only valid for ~~the current school year~~ **one tiering cycle**.

636.0 SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE ADJUSTMENT (SEA)

In alignment with the 3-year Enrollment cycle, BCSS will compute the Sustained Excellence Adjustment to identify teams that have had prolonged success, that goes beyond the length of any one cohort, in an effort to move them to a more appropriate competitive classification.

636.1 CALCULATION OF POINTS

Every 3 years, in alignment with the calculation of the School Enrollment Numbers, BCSS will calculate the Championship Point totals from the previous six (6) championships. Points will be awarded based on finishing position at the provincial championships as follows:

Place	Points
1	16
2	14
3	12
4	11
5	10
6	8
7	7
8	6
9	4
10	3
11-16	1

636.2 MOVE UP THRESHOLDS

If a team has met or exceeded the threshold number over that 6-year period and provided they are not already in the largest classification in the sport, they will be moved up one level from what their normal classification as established by BCSS policy for the entire duration of the next 3-year classification period.

6-Year Move-Up Threshold	
Independent School Threshold	54 (avg placing of 5.5 th)
Public School Threshold	66 (avg placing of 4 th)

632.2.1 POINTS IN MULTIPLE TIERS

If a school has met or exceeded the SEA Move-Up Threshold, and has points in more than one tier, they will be placed in the highest tier in which they scored points in. (i.e. If a team has competed in both 1A and 2A over the past 6 years and their points meet or exceed the threshold, then they will be placed in 2A for the next 3-year cycle)

636.3 MOVE DOWN THRESHOLDS

Once a team is moved up a classification, it will compete for the entire 3-year period in that classification. At the conclusion of the 3-years, BCSS will calculate their points. If the team has failed to meet the required number of points as identified as the Move Down Threshold, they will return to their normal classification for the next 3-year cycle. If they have met or exceeded the points required, they will remain for the next 3-year cycle. This will be calculated for every team that has been moved up by virtue of the SEA at the conclusion of each cycle, regardless of how many cycles a team has been up for.

3-Year Stay-Up Threshold	
Stay in current (moved-up) tier	11 or more
Drop back down to the normal tier	10 or less

636.0 SPORT SPECIFIC TIERING CYCLES

Boys Basketball Tiering will be reviewed biennially (every second year) with the second year of the current cycle in the 2023/2024 school year. During the tiering process for Boys Basketball, BCSS will ensure all 4 tiers (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) will have equal schools with the exception of A which will be 3 schools larger to account for folded teams. When establishing tiering BCSS will use the following structure:

636.1 To determine sport tiering classifications, member school population numbers will be calculated using the previous year's grade ten (10) boys, grade eleven (11) boys, and Secondary Ungraded (SU) boys numbers as submitted September 30th to the Ministry of Education on the 1701 report.

636.2 Prior to the release of the Boys Basketball tiering, schools with active boys basketball teams will be given the opportunity to submit a Boys Basketball Play up form to the BCSS office. This form will be sent out to Athletic Directors 1 week after the provincial championship, schools will have 2 weeks to complete and submit the completed form to the BCSS office indicating if they wish to play up from their current tier.

636.3 In order to maintain equal tier sizing, if a team moves to a higher tier, the bottom school in that tier, as well as the tiers below will be moved down to a lower tier.
Ex. If a school on the AA tier list moves up to the AAA tier, the school at the bottom of the 3A tier will be moved down to the 2A tier which would subsequently bump the team at the bottom of the AA list down to the A tier

636.4 Once the two week opportunity to play up has concluded, the finalized Boys Basketball Tiering List will be sent out to all schools. This list is final, and will not have any changes until the next tiering cycle.

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

After years of exploration, discussion and hypothetical experimentation, the Competitive Fairness Committee feels this motion will address many (but not all) of the frustrations surrounding competitive equity. The Motion is intended to address some of the challenges that rural and semi-rural schools face, as well as have those programs that seem to not be subject to the normal ebbs and flows of school program success compete in what may be a more appropriate competitive tier. The intention is to provide the best experience for more student-athletes.

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

Have better experiences for more kids and have increased competition at championships.

Fall 2025 & Winter 2026 Championship Host Bids

SPORT	CHAMPIONSHIP DATE	BIDS RECEIVED
'AA' Girls Volleyball	November 28-30, 2025	Merritt Secondary
Cross Country	November 1, 2025	Handsworth Secondary
Curling	February 25-28, 2026	Chilliwack Secondary

SPRING 2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS WITHOUT CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS	
SPORT	CHAMPIONSHIP DATE
1A Golf	June 2-4, 2025
2A Golf	June 2-4, 2025
3A Golf	June 2-4, 2025
Badminton	May 29-31, 2025
2A Tennis	May 22-24, 2025
3A Tennis	May 22-24, 2025

*As per policy 734.4, Any School-Hosted Championship that does not have a confirmed host school on the first day of the Season of Play for that sport, will be cancelled for that season. Schools may still participate in league, zone championship, and exhibition events. Fall Season of Play Championship hosts must be confirmed prior to the last day of school in the preceding school year.



BC School Sports Championships Hosting Expression of Interest

The BCSS Sport and Events team will review your expression of interest and schedule a subsequent meeting. In this meeting, our staff will provide assistance to your school in preparing a formal hosting bid application. Subsequently, the bid will be submitted for approval, either to the BCSS board of directors or the legislative assembly, depending on the timeline leading up to the provincial championships.

Sport: Volleyball **Gender:** Female **Tier:** AA **Year of Championship:** 2025

Merritt Secondary

Name of School

Has your school previously hosted any provincial championships?

Yes - 2022, girls volleyball

Please describe the facilities that are available for hosting. Please be specific for the sport that you hope to host. If you need to partner with another school or facility, please indicate.

Have three solid gyms that could pull off 5 courts though 4 would be ideal. We used 4 in 2022 it was great.

Does your school have experience webcasting sports events? Yes / No

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

Please use the space below for additional information you feel is important for consideration.

We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from other teams and spectators after the event. We still have people who send us messages mentioning what a great event it was. We were able to receive a lot of community support through sponsorships, volunteer help and overall high levels of hospitality that were there for those days. We feel that our central location is a benefit to all teams who would be somewhat more balanced.

Administrator Name: Adriane Moulard **Athletic Director Name:** Gian Cavaliere

Administrator Signature: **Athletic Director Signature:**



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Sport: Curling Gender: B/G Tier: _____ Year of Championship: 2026

Chilliwack Secondary School

Name of School

Has your school previously hosted any provincial championships?

2023 field hockey provincials

Please describe the facilities that are available for hosting. Please be specific for the sport that you hope to host. If you need to partner with another school or facility, please indicate.

The Chilliwack Curling Club is an 8 sheet facility built in 2018 that has hosted numerous playdowns and events from club, to provincial to national level competitions.

Does your school have experience webcasting sports events? Yes / No

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

Please use the space below for additional information you feel is important for consideration.

The curling club has webcasted events before. CSS has had a team qualify for provincials in curling in 2022 and 2023

Administrator Name: Danielle Wicker Athletic Director Name: TIM MURPHY

Administrator Signature: [Signature] Athletic Director Signature: [Signature]



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BC School Sports Championships Hosting Bid

Sport: Cross-Country Gender: M/F Tier: A/A/A/A/A Year of Championship: 2025

Handsworth Secondary School
Name of School

Mark Fenn mfenn@sd44.ca 604-889-2585
Committee Chair Name Committee Chair Email Committee Chair Phone

Has your school previously hosted any provincial championships?

Handsworth hasn't hosted the BC Cross-Country Championships in the past. I have hosted the BC Cross-Country Championships twice before at Jericho in 2017 and 2021 as a coach and Athletic Director at Sentinel Secondary.

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

A permit will be attained from the City of Vancouver to use Jericho Park as a host site for the race. There are not enough washrooms on site to accommodate the numbers of people at the Championship so portable toilets will have to be brought in. West Point Grey Academy will be the site used for the Awards ceremonies after the Championship. I have touched base with Sean Dawson at WPGA, and they are very supportive to assist on this front just as they have always done in the past when I have hosted.

How many potential host hotels are within driving distance?

The last two times I used the Holiday Inn on 711 West Broadway (close to VGH) as the meet hotel. They gave us a good rate and were able to supply many rooms to the block for teams to book. I would likely inquire into one more hotel in Vancouver as well, just to provide flexibility and add additional rooms.

Is your school able to provide webcasting of the event? Yes / No

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





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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:

I am extremely passionate about this Championship and consider this form of servant leadership integral to the promotion and success of our sport within BC schools.

Our school is not looking to financially gain from hosting these Championships, in fact in the past I have looked into community sponsors to both decrease the cost for student-athletes around the province and also improve quality of the Championship being put on. Examples of community sponsors in the past included:

Kintec Footwear, BlueShore Financial, Save-on-Foods, West Vancouver School District, BC Dairy etc. I have done this twice before and know the scope of the project being taken on.

Multiple horizontal lines for additional information.

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: [Signature] Athletic Director Name: Lukas Reble

Administrator Email: chunch@sd44.ca Athletic Director Email: lreble@sd44.ca

Administrator Signature: [Signature] Athletic Director Signature: [Signature]

Date of Application: Tuesday, April 9th 2024

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



Nominees for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Position	Nominations	
Director at Large - AAA/AAAA	Vladimir Nikić Vice Principal <i>North Delta Secondary</i>	By acclimation
Director at Large - Section 2 (North Central, Northwest & Kootenays Zones)	Rachel Romero Athletic Director & Vice Principal <i>Fernie Secondary</i>	By acclimation