



 **VBC SCHOOL SPORTS**

2024 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

NOVEMBER 13-14

MARRIOTT HOTEL
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PACKAGE 2

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2024 Annual Planning Meeting Agenda

2024 BCSS ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING AGENDA		
Wednesday, November 13th – Legislative Assembly - Session #1		
10:00 AM	Introductions and Welcome A. Welcome from BCSS President, Lindsay Brooke a) Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement b) Introductions & Housekeeping B. Approval of Minutes from May 2024 AGM	Lindsay Brooke
10:30 AM	Board of Directors Report	BOD
10:35 AM	Executive Director Report & Financial Report	Jordan Abney
11:00 – 12:00PM	Presentation – Researching the effect of quality coaching	Lauren Kelba & Kyle Craighead Coaching Effect Canada
12:00 -1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 - 1:15 PM	Presentation – Online schools/Participation in school sports	Craig Kwiatkowski (COO, Heritage Christian Online School)
1:15 -2:45 PM	Looking Forward Discussions a) Online student participation b) Gendered vs combined banners c) Impacts of moving tennis indoors	BCSS Staff & BOD
2:45 – 3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Notice of Motion	BCSS Staff & BOD
3: 30 – 4:30 PM	Looking forward discussions continued d) Multiplier/Sustained Excellence Adjustment e) AGM date change	
4:30 PM	Meeting recessed	
6:00-7:15 PM	BCSS Dinner	
7:15-9:15 PM	Social and 2 nd Annual Corn Hole tournament	
Thursday, November 14th - Legislative Assembly – Session #2		
8:15-9:00 AM	BREAKFAST	
9:00 AM	Meeting reconvenes	Lindsay/Jordan
9:00 -10:30 AM	f) BCSS Strategic Plan 2024-2028 g) Philosophy Conversation h) Notice of Motions -Voting i) Officials Updates	BCSS Staff
10:45-11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Looking forward discussions continued j) International students	BCSS Staff
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
	Zone, Committee & Stakeholder take aways Closing Remarks and Meeting Wrap Up	Lindsay/Jordan
MEETING ADJOURNED		

Minutes from Annual General Meeting - DRAFT

May 12-13, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance: Refer to Appendix A

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

President welcomed the Legislative Assembly to the Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for dedicating their time and travelling to Kelowna for the meeting. President went on to thank the staff for all the hard work that went into putting together the meeting.

1.1. INDIGENOUS LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The President began with a land acknowledgement, the meeting took place on the Traditional Unceded Ancestral Territory of the Okanagan Syilx peoples. This includes the land and water which are historically and presently used by Indigenous peoples.

1.2. PROEM ACTIVITY

Board member, Gian lead the activity. Inviting members of the Legislative Assembly to go around the room and speak to someone from a different zone. Members were asked to pick their walk out song and share a word that resonates with them. This activity was intended to set the tone for the meeting and allow members to get to know each other.

1.3. RULES OF ORDER

President reviewed Roberts Rules of Order and informed the Legislative Assembly that once again we would be voting electronically, and Board Member Jim Lamond would facilitate some discussions when voting on motions.

1.4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE 2023 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The President reviewed his written report and highlighted once more the value of school sports and the BC School Sports is not only about championships but about the connections and opportunities created for student-athletes. As outgoing President, he felt must do all we can to continue to ensure that school sport remains strong. He reflected on volleyball provincials that was held at his gym and the positive impact that had on his school community. The President ended his report by thanking the board and staff for all their hard work staff and welcomed Lindsay as the incoming president.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Executive Director began his report by reflecting on the first meetings of the Legislative Assembly where he noticed people generally sat with those they knew and is excited for the future as he sees people making connections with others around the province. School sport has continued to grow as we move further from the pandemic's challenges throughout the province. The executive director announced the success of the travel subsidy, in its first year BCSS was able to pay out a total of \$117,000 to assist 46 schools and 62 teams with the travel cost to one of the static site championships which garnered positive response from schools. This along with the Sport on the Move grant administered by ViaSport which BCSS facilitates on behalf of all schools that travel to provincials with schools requiring to opt-in at the beginning of the year. ED went on to speak about KidSport which is another funding source for schools, who have continued to see demand and been able to help 54 schools in 30 communities. ED urged LA members to reach out to KidSport to see funding options.

A priority for the office has been elevating the championship experiences. By updating signage and having more branding on site as well as focusing on engaging students and schools on social media by providing more coverage of our championships. The investment in this engagement has included new initiatives such as athlete of the month, team rankings, and athlete interviews.

The Executive Director went on to highlight some great stories out of school sports this year such as having two remote schools perform so well at Basketball Provincials. Sir Alexander Mackenzie (Hagensborg) won the SR Girls Bronze medal at the 1A tournament. Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay (Haida Gwaii) went on to win the silver medal at the 1A Boys tournament with one of the biggest crowds cheering them on. Wrestling had a resurgence in participation, the tournament went from 1,374 student-athletes in 2023 to 1,849 student-athletes in 2024. The championship at the forum was a great venue.

The partnership with Playfly is in its second year, this has proven to be a very healthy relationships and has seen a positive progression. It has not only allowed our organization to make bigger connections, but we have been able to provide more experiences for our student-athlete. For example, the introduction of Athlete of the Month by BC Dairy.

Discipline issues have continued to a problem and the investigation process can be slow. ED is encouraging local associations and zones to establish a determined process. Overall, across the province the bar needs to be raised on what the expectations are and dealing with behaviour that is not okay.

The executive director ended his report by thanking the Board for all their time and hard work and expressed his excited to work with Lindsay as she becomes the next President of the Board of Directors. ED went on to thank the staff for the amount of time and hard-work that is put in to make the best possible experience for student-athletes at the centre and welcomed Shannon Klassen back to the organization in her new role as Assistant Director, Sport & Events.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Executive Director presented the 2023-24 YTD operating statements as of April 18th, 2024, which are a snapshot of where the organization is sitting. The executive director

projected a 60-70K deficit. He felt the organization is in a good financial situation. The audited statements were also presented along with a letter from the auditor stating a clean audit.

4.1. APPROVAL OF AUDITOR

The executive director recommended approving the auditor for this year but would like to explore options and send out an RFP next year.

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE INTEGER CONSULTING COMPANY AS BCSS AUDITOR FOR FY2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoel Thibault verbally presented the Winter Rules Committee report. Zoel highlighted the potential motion for Boys Basketball that would ban noise makers. The motion will likely come forward in the fall.

Mark Fenn presented the verbal report for Individual Sports Committee. He shared the cross-country SACs desire to revert to two senior races at provincial championships and their concerns on best-on-best athletes, depth of numbers, and the event not feeling like a championship. Mark went on to thank BCSS, Harp Sohi, Jordan Abney, and Mike Apps on all their hard work reviewing data and putting in many hours of work for Cross Country. Mark felt that collaborative dialogue was a good step moving forward.

Competitive Fairness Committee report was presented by Jackie Snell, who reflected on the busy season. With all the work the committee had done to bring forward the SEA motion to the AGM. The committee worked tirelessly to be nuanced and selective and address the broader issues.

Peter Westhaver presented for the Eligibility Appeals Committee, who noted that the number of appeals this year had dropped from last year. Peter went on to thank athletic directors for their work in putting the appeal packages together. One request moving forward to include in appeals is more information, Peter asked that it is helpful for the committee to review a more comprehensive appeal package and allowing them to make a more informed decision. Mental health is a component top of mind of the committee when reviewing appeals. When the committee meets in the Fall they will work through some cultural competencies and have a richer understanding of the province and awareness of cultural sensitivities.

Gary Atwal presented the report for Fall Sports Rules Committee who have been working on cleaning up language in policy for aquatics, the committee will be introducing motions for volleyball. Challenges coming from the committee include having vacancies for sac chairs and availability to schedule meetings. No other concerns coming from the committee.

Harp Sohi spoke on behalf of Chris Elliot who was unable to attend. The Spring Rules Committee had been working on the tennis motions coming forward. The SAC is quite engaged, and the committee would like to get them more involved. Having

representation from the SAC has been a challenge, especially with pushing information forward.

Mike Campbell presented a report for the Team Sports Committee. A few motions coming from this committee for the meeting. Some challenges the committee faces are getting SAC reps to be engaged.

Andrew Holland presented the BC Schools Superintendents Association report. Cultural sensitivity is something that the association would like the LA to keep in mind. He was glad that it was being brought up by the Eligibility Appeals Committee. A priority for Andrew is pushing to get more funding. A lot of feedback was given by the superintendents on the SEA motion. They felt it was a complex issue and felt it was an out of the box thinking approach in a positive way. The growth of population in the metro Vancouver area is something the association is monitoring. Burnaby, Coquitlam, Surrey, and Langley have had an increasing number of schools become over-crowded. Some conversations are being had to extend schedules or turn to a tri-semester model which is something to consider if it affects BCSS policies. Andrew ended his report by thanking athletic directors for all their hard work and how much work they put in to provide opportunities to student-athletes.

Shawn Chisolm presented the report for the Federation of Independent Schools. Shawn appreciated the work of BC School Sports and its legislative assembly. Mental health and wellness are top of mind as staff navigate through the difficult times for student-athletes. The best outlet is participating in school sports which includes coaching and playing experiences. Shawn thanked everyone for their hard work as coaches and providing playing experiences.

Cheryl Blonding presented the report as the rep for BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils who was very happy to be part of the BCSS process. Cheryl mentioned a discussion had to provide grants for schools purchasing equipment as costs have gone up. Cheryl thanked all the athletic directors for their hard work and encouraged them to work with their parent groups.

Sid Jawanda presented Principals and Vice Principals who noted the many positive stories on how athletics have bounced back. School sport continues to be an integral part of the school culture. Some concerns from Sid included equity and access to sports based on finances. Sid felt more work needs to be done with the ministry to provide funding. Another concern from administrators was the code of conduct for spectators and the use of social media. Many incidents happened at school events with chanting and administrators having to deal with behavioural issues including things students are posting/seeing on social media.

The Executive Director spoke on behalf of Mike Thompson the chair of the Sports Medicine Committee who could not attend. Some work done by the committee included understanding when it is appropriate to create policy or create resources and outline best practices which should be shared with schools. The committee has worked on position statements for the following: Purpose of position statements, air quality, and lightening and inclement weather. The next project for the committee is working on AED policy and having them on site for all BCSS Championships.

6. ZONE REPORTS

Craig Percevault presented the report for Fraser North. The zone wanted more discussion on trying to get more equity for girls' championships. Some great work being done at the zone level is having championships take place at better venues such as SFU. The zone will continue to try and elevate girls' championships.

Thompson-Okanagan zone report was presented by Mary Bartucci. A new position was created as west zone president, the position has a partner who also gets a dedicated block of time. Some district initiatives included new spectator code of conduct, mentorship for new athletic directors, and creating pro-d day opportunities. Some concerns from the zone included seeing too many blow out games at the grade 8 basketball level. The zone has been continuing its work on placing expectations on coaches and will start on having coaches sign an agreement to uphold standard. The zone has also started centralized scheduling by sport and looked at next year's field allocations going through one person instead of individual schools going through the city.

Louise Holmes presented the report for North Central. Louise highlighted the success of the teams that represented their zone at provincials, including Sir Alexander Mackenzie in basketball. The travel subsidy was hugely appreciated by the zone. The zone continues to have issues with coaches' behaviour and spectator code of conduct. A challenge presented by the zone is retention of athletic directors and encouraging the next generation of educators to be involved.

Joe Moreira from the Kootenays presented the report. The biggest challenge for the zone has continued to be travelling to events including cost and availability.

Eastern Valley report was presented by Jake Mouritzen. The zone has grown so much that they now have full tier 2 Girls Volleyball and organized a tournament for them, other sports in the zone are also looking to expand to tier 2. Jake attended the CIAAA conference and encouraged all athletic directors to attend as the information provided is valuable as well as the connections made at the conference.

South Fraser zone report was presented by Bill Richards. Highlights coming out of the zone were two south Fraser teams won at the Provincials in Girls Basketball. More tier 2 teams are being created as the zone expands. As a larger zone Bill felt it was very valuable having discussions with the legislative assembly and seeing perspectives from all over the province which adds depth to the conversations.

Vancouver Island zone report was presented by Darren Reisig. The zone celebrated the number of teams that performed at quite a high level at provincial championships. The zone has put forward some motions that will be discussed later.

Vancouver Sea to Sky report was presented by Claude Leduc. The zone tried to create a Vancouver Sea-to-Sky league for boys' basketball which has gained traction and there is a push forward from the zone for it to happen. Challenges for the zone continue to be the high cost of transportation and finding coaches. Mulgrave hosted the 'AA' Girls volleyball provincials which in such a short notice was a huge success.

7. BERTHING DISCUSSION TOPIC

The legislative assembly was broken up into four groups to further discuss berthing. The executive director first summarized the discussions had at the Annual Planning meeting in November. The LA discussed the complications of BCSS using different philosophies to allocate zone berths into provincial championships. The consensus was that given the differences in each sport, a single approach for all championships would not work but it would make sense to have a shared philosophy or common approach. After much discussion the takeaway from the AGM was to create berthing by participation ratio and to have further discussion on philosophy.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Each motion was introduced and discussed by the legislative assembly. The LA had the opportunity to have discussion and ask questions and if they felt comfortable with the understanding of each motion it was then called to vote.

Motion #1 – Bylaw 2.6 Appointment by Zones

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #2 – First Nations School of Choice

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #3 – Season of Play Infraction Procedures and Penalties

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #4 – Sport Advisory Committee

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #5 – Touring/Hosting Out-of-Season

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #6 – Volleyball Rules of Play – 2 Liberos & Roof

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #7 – Volleyball – At-Large Berths

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #8 – Aquatics

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion#9 – Football – Regular Season Structure

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #10 – Cross-Country – Athlete Move Up/Race Amalgamation

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion# 11 – Curling – Updates

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #12 – Boys Basketball – Tiering

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #13 – Golf – Electronic Devices

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #14 – Tennis – No Let

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #15 – Tennis – Submission of Match Lineup

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #16 – Static Site Travel Subsidy

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #17 – Sport Academy Policy

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #18 – Sport Academy – Legacy Exception to Current Academy Students

MOTION DEFEATED.

Motion #19 – Sport Academy – Free Return to Catchment School

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #20 – Sustained Excellence Adjustment

After much discussion and clarifying questions, the LA felt it would be best voted on the next day.

MOTION TO TABLE THE VOTE UNTIL DAY 2 OF THE MEETING (MAY 11, 2024)

MOTION CARRIED.

9. IT & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT DISCUSSION TOPIC

The Executive Director reviewed the current software being used by the office including STARS. The software has become too old and requires a lot of capacity for office staff. ED wishes to have a system that is integrated with MyEd for schools to set up student-athlete profiles. Executive Director also shared the vision for BCSS website to become a central hub for all things school sports. ED opened the floor for feedback on what the needs and requirements of a new system would be. The desire for MyEd integration was positive, creating a field set that is called BCSS or being able to export with excel or csv file would be useful. Feedback from the legislative assembly also included having forms with digital signature that can be uploaded into STARS. Athletic directors spend lots of time printing out and scanning forms to get signatures from administrators and parents. Another request was to have a notification when a student leaves a school and is entered in STARS at another school. LA felt that communication needs to be built out. Allowing access to coaches' email information and being able to filter that by sport. More feedback included: a website to allow zones to input results, incident/discipline reporting tool, and using PEN for students which would remove the worry of creating duplicate profiles in STARS. The executive director thanked the legislative assembly for their ideas and ended the discussion by informing the legislative assembly that the office will work with a business analyst and reach out to membership groups over the summer to explore the process of creating new website and STARS system that will work the best for our organization.

Meeting was recessed for the day at 4:30PM

The meeting was called back to order by President, Brent Sweeney at 9:15AM.

The president thanked everyone for their time and input and commended the awards dinner. The president felt it was very important for BCSS to have the ability to recognize those who have spent a lifetime of service to school sports.

10. NON-PROVINCIAL PATHWAY TEAMS & ELIGIBILITY DISCUSSION TOPIC

The legislative assembly broke out once again into four discussion groups. The executive director first summarized the topic, the office fields many questions on why students transferring schools and having to sit out a year cannot play on the tier 2 team who do not have a pathway to provincials. ED asked the group to discuss whether this idea is supported by the legislative assembly, how it would impact berthing formulas, and whether there were concerns on eligibility.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion #20 – Sustained Excellence Adjustment
MOTION CARRIED.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS

Each championship bid was reviewed by the Legislative Assembly then voted on.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2025 'AA' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO MERRITT SECONDARY.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2026 CURLING PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO CHILLIWACK SECONDARY.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 DISCUSSION TOPIC

The legislative assembly broke out once again into four discussion groups. The executive director asked the groups for feedback on the strategic plan presented and what BC School Sports core beliefs should be focus on.

14. ONLINE SCHOOLS – IMPACT ON TIERING/COMPETITIVENESS DISCUSSION TOPIC

Discussion was had on whether the online students should be affecting the schools tiering. Executive Director used the example of a joint team affecting tiering and post-season of play. Is the route of using the joint team policy outline for online school teams. The legislative assembly had discussion and would like the office to provide a breakdown of what types of schools the students are going to for sports (urban/rural). The legislative assembly also asked for more data for the last 3 years to have a better-informed conversation surrounding number of online students participating. Office will work on this and come back to the Annual Planning Meeting with more data and breakdown.

15. BCSS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS DISCUSSION TOPIC

The executive director reviewed the ideas currently being presented by the office which included a BCSS learning portal which would have videos, templates, and

courses. Creating a great resource for schools to tap into. It was suggested that the learning portal also become a community where virtual meetings can be held or 'open office hours' where staff are available to assist ADs with questions. The agenda can be fluid and it can create a space for membership to come to talk and ask questions. The legislative assembly also suggested creating video or a presentation for schools to play before games on spectator code of conduct. The legislative assembly also suggested having a place on the website where athletic directors can find tournaments to enter their school teams.

16. INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors were approved by acclamation. Rachel Romeo as Director at Large – Section 2 and Vladimir Nikić as Director at Large – AAA/AAAA.

The Executive Director and President gave a special thank you to Jim Lamond for his hard work and leadership during his time on the board of directors as well as his service to the Surrey and Sooke school districts. The President went on to thank Jim for the expertise he has been able to provide and the support he has given to athletics his entire career.

17. DATES FOR 2024 APM & 2025 AGM

The Executive Director reviewed the future dates for Annual Planning Meeting being held in Richmond at the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel from November 13th to 14th. The next Annual General Meeting will tentatively be held in Victoria from May 9th to 10th.

18. CLOSING REMARKS

The President thanked the legislative assembly and reflected on his time serving as President. He was thankful for the opportunity to watch this organization grow and reflected on the honour of serving as President. The provincial representation on the legislative assembly has been an exciting addition to the organization and being able to hear the diversity of thought during discussions and seeing the dedication to school sport across the province.

19. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM. The next meeting will take place in November 13-14, 2024, for the Annual Planning Meeting at the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel.

***APPENDIX A**

Directors Present:

Brent Sweeney
 Lindsay Brooke
 Rick Lopez
 Jim Lamond
 Gian Cavaliere
 Arnar Bernhardsson
 Rachel Romero
 Deanna Schaper-Kotter
 Bal Ranu

President
 Vice President
 Director – A/AA School
 Director – AAA/AAAA School
 Director – Rural/Semi Rural
 Director – Section 1 Representative
 Director – Section 2 Representative
 Director – Section 3 Representative
 Director – At Large

Legislative Assembly Members Present:

Joe Moreira	Kootenay Representative
Riley Friesen	Kootenay Representative
Sean Sinclair	Kootenay Representative
Louise Holmes	North Central Representative
Keith Wood	North Central Representative
Jay Guillet	North Central Representative
Darren Reisig	Vancouver Island Representative
Phil Ohl	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
Allen Tsang	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
Jody Vosper	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Jake Mouritzen	Eastern Valley Representative
Bo Sidhu	Eastern Valley Representative
Colleen Sullivan	Eastern Valley Representative
Andrew Holland	BC Schools Superintendents Association
Cheryl Blondin	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
Shawn Chisolm	Federation of Independent Schools
Sid Jawanda	BC Principal and Vice Principals
Jackie Snell	Competitive Fairness Committee Chair
Gary Atwal	Fall Sports Rules Committee Chair
Zoel Thibault	Winter Sports Rules Committee Chair
Mark Fenn	Individual Sports Committee Chair
Peter Westhaver	Eligibility Appeals Committee Chair
Mike Campbell	Team Sports Committee Chair

Staff Present:

Jordan Abney
Karen Hum
Harp Sohi
Shannon Klassen
Prabh Jauhal
Julie Stevens
Danielle Starkman
Josephine Delisa

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

Observers Present:

Todd Clarke
Doug MacKenzie
Zach Lund
Cameron McGillivray

Seaquam Secondary
Seaquam Secondary
Semiahmoo Secondary
West Vancouver Secondary

Notices of Motion

Motion #	Resolution	Motion Brought Forward By:
1	Wrestling – Rule Adjustments	Winter Rules Committee
2	Basketball - Noisemakers	Winter, Spring & Fall Rules Committee
3	Ski & Snowboard - Awards	Individual Sports Championship Committee
4	Mountain Bike - Awards	Individual Sports Championship Committee
5	Track & Field - Standards	Individual Sports Championship Committee
6	Rugby – Minimum Numbers	Spring Rules Committee
7	Rugby – Rolling Subs	Spring Rules Committee
8	Golf - Berthing	Team Championship Committee
9	Tennis - Tournament Structure & Berthing	Team Championship Committee
10	Badminton - Tournament Structure & Berthing	Team Championship Committee
11	Badminton – Single Gender	Fraser North Zone

Notice of Motion #1

Winter Rules Committee

Wrestling – Rule Adjustments

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1172.0 RULES, 1173.0 EQUIPMENT, 1175.0 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION, 1176.0 AWARDS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1172.0 RULES

The rules governing BCSS Wrestling shall be those of the Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) U17 Rules as noted in the BCSS Wrestling Technical Rules with the following modifications:

1172.1 Matches will consist of two (2) three (3) minute rounds.

1172.2 **WEIGHT CLASSES** - All weight classes must be used for BCSS provincial and zone championships

- o **MALES:** (34kg minimum) 38, 41, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 70, 74, 78, 84, 90, 110, 110+kg (130kg maximum)
- o **FEMALES:** (34kg minimum) 40, 43, 47, 51, 54, 57, 60, 64, 69, 75, 90, 90+kg (110kg maximum)

A wrestler may compete in one only weight class per style at any given Zone or Provincial Championships.

A wrestler may choose to compete in the next higher weight class, except for the heaviest weight class (110+ and 90+ girls), where the wrestler must weigh the minimum weight listed in the rulebook. The decision to change a weight class cannot be made after the wrestler has already weighed in, or qualified for at Zones and the athlete has officially been entered on the weigh-in sheet for a particular weight class.

1172.2.1 Provisional weight classes above 130kg male and 110kg female are eligible when required. Athletes competing in these weight classes must weigh above the maximum weight of the weight class below. The first increment will be 150kg male and 120kg female with additional increments in 20kg steps male and 10kg steps female (representing approximately 15% of body weight differential).

Provisional weight classes for athletes weighing below the minimum 34kg are eligible when required. The first increment would be 34kg male and 34kg female with additional increments in steps no more than 15% of body weight differential.

Zones who have athletes in these provisional weight classes at the zone championship, are responsible for notifying BCSS immediately so that the appropriate planning for the championship can be executed.

1172.23 **WEIGHING - IN** - Provincial Championships will have a weigh-in on the day before the competition usually between 4 – 8 pm. The duration of the weigh-in period is two hours (e.g. 4 – 6 pm) integrated with the medical control. Each wrestler is allowed ONE hour to weigh- in, which starts after their first official weigh in. If a wrestler does not make weight on the first attempt, the referee will record the time of day on the weigh in sheet. A wrestler not making weight on the first try is given 1 hour or till the end of the scheduled weigh in period whichever expires first.

1172.34 **THE MAT** - Certain high school leagues allow a 6 meter to 8 meter central wrestling area for their competitions. This size of mat is not used for BCSS Provincial Championships (8 Meters Minimum).

1172.45 **CALL FOR COMPETITORS** - All competitors are required to arrive at the edge of the mat immediately upon being called;

- Competitors will be allowed 3 minutes after being called to arrive at the mat and identify themselves to the officiating team. Three calls shall be given at 1 minute intervals during this time.
- If after the expiration of the above time period the athlete has not reported to the officiating team, then the athlete will lose the match by disqualification, but is allowed to continue in the competition.
- When wrestlers do not appear to the mat, the Mat Officiating Team is responsible to inform the disqualified athlete's Head Coach and the Chair of the Tournament Host Committee.

1172.56 **INTERRUPTION DUE TO INJURY OR BLOOD** - The entire suspension may be accorded at one time or accumulated at various times throughout the bout. In matches when a wrestler is injured/bleeding and requires attention from the First Aid Attendant, the injury time will not start until available medical attendant arrives at the mat. The match will be suspended for 5 minutes for Blood, or 2 minutes for Injury time, before the match is forfeited.

1172.67 **THE COACH**

- The coach must remain seated in the appropriate corner at the edge of the mat during the bout except during the 30-second break between

rounds. The coach may leave their seat to tend to an injured or bleeding athlete on the wrestling mat. The Mat Chairperson may ask the coach to approach the chair to obtain or provide specific clarification.

- o The coach may encourage the wrestler and give instructions; however, the coach will not indicate points with hands nor attempt to influence the referee's judgement by shouting phrases or using signals utilized by officials.
- o The coach is not allowed to speak to the referee, judge or the other athlete or coach during the match. The coach sitting in the athlete's corner during the match may however, request an explanation from the mat chairperson, regarding a specific call, at an appropriate break in the action. If the mat chairperson calls a conference, the coaches shall refrain from approaching the table or attempting to influence the outcome of the conference.

1172.78 **PASSIVITY** - If no scoring occurs during the 30 second activity time by the wrestler on the 30 second activity clock, the bout will not be stopped and the referee will award and announce the 1 point to the wrestler not stopped on the 30 second activity clock. The wrestler on the activity clock **MUST** score or the 1 point is awarded. Wrestling will continue uninterrupted. This is consistent with current WCL Rules.

1172.89 **ILLEGAL AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS HOLDS**

- o Safety of the athletes is the main concern paramount, NO supplays (double overhook on the opponent's arms) or saltos are permitted in any BCSS sanctioned events. The match should be stopped immediately if this tie-up is initiated by one of the wrestlers.
- o Throws to the side with a backwards motion (lateral drop) will be allowed **but only** if the offensive wrestler executing the throw has their head in front of the defensive wrestler's shoulder when starting the technique. No back-bending throws are permitted, they are illegal in BCSS wrestling events.
- o **NO BACK SUPPLAYS**; Definition: Back bending throw from the front; chest to chest (belly to belly) A throw in direction offensive wrestler's back. Cannot be initiated while the offensive wrestler has their opponent's arms trapped in the double whizzer position. (Double Over Hook.) NO back bending throws are allowed, this is illegal in BCSS Wrestling.
- o **NO BACK SALTOS**; Definition: Back bending throw from behind; chest to back (belly to back). A throw cannot be initiated while the offensive wrestler has their chest on the opponent's back. A throw in direction offensive wrestler's back. NO back bending throws are allowed, this is illegal in BCSS Wrestling.
- o **CROSS-ANKLE TILTS** - Every time there is a new parterre wrestling attack situation where the wrestler may score with one cross-ankle tilt. To score again with a cross-ankle tilt during the same parterre sequence, the attacking wrestler must completely release the cross-ankle and move their shoulders above the opponent's hips or scores points with the use of a different hold. Any technique which causes direct torque on the legs of the defender shall be considered a cross-ankle tilt.

1173.0 EQUIPMENT

Athletes will be able to compete in the following attire at the BCSS Zone and Provincial Championships:

- o A one-piece singlet 60% or more in the colour assigned to them (red or blue) and not a mixture of both.

or

- o A school colour singlet (more than half in the school's main/primary school colour), other than red or blue, if the wrestler provides the correctly assigned red or blue ankle strap.

or

- o In special circumstances identified by the coach, a tight form fitting long sleeve shirt will be permitted ~~however~~ **as well as** short sleeved shirts combined with close fitting shorts ~~or tights that: short sleeve shirt combined with close fitting shorts or tights that:~~

- a) Meet the aforementioned singlet colour requirements.
- b) Are free of pockets, zippers or any other elements capable of causing injury or disrupting competition.
- c) **The coach has communicated to the head official and/or head medical official the rationale for the uniform exemption.**

The following competition attire will not be accepted at the BCSS Zone and Provincial Championships:

- o Singlets or clothing with team insignia other than the school the athlete is registered to.
- o Any attire that poses a risk of injury or disrupting play, such as: Metal clasps, zippers, pockets.
- o Any element that could impede athlete movement.
- o Any attire that is torn, damaged, or too poorly fitting to be reasonably accepted into championship competition, as determined by the official.

In the event that a mat official informs an athlete that their attire does not meet the above requirements, the athlete will be provided 5 minutes (3 minute Call of Competitors plus 2 minutes extra to be properly attired/equipped) to rectify or find alternative competition attire.

1175.0 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

1175.1 BERTHING

Boys and girls must qualify at their respective zone qualification tournaments prior to the BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championships. Rosters will be verified against the BCSS Student-Athlete Registration System (STARS). Any coaches on the side-lines must also be included in the system, including student-managers.

1175.2 STRUCTURE

- At the BCSS Championships, the team points awarded in each weight class shall be proportional to the number of participants in each weight class and shall be weighted in the following manner.

# of Competitors	6+	5	4	3	2	1
1st	16	12	9	6	3	1
2nd	12	9	6	3	1	
3rd	9	6	3	1		
4th	6	3	1			
5th	3	1				
6th	1					

- All the top placing wrestlers from each school in a given weight class will be awarded team classification points.
- Any weight class involving boys or girls that has fewer than six participants in the BCSS Championships or Zone Qualification tournaments will not have team points calculated from the top of the team point scale. Instead team points would be counted from the bottom of the scale if there were fewer than six participants, as per the above chart.

1175.2.1 In order to qualify for the combined aggregate banner (boys and girls), schools must qualify athletes in both gendered competitions and must score more than 16 points in each gendered competition.

1175.3 SEEDING

The BCSS Wrestling Seeding Committee will be responsible for seeding the provincial championship based on the current season results (head-to-head matches), zone championship results (head-to-head matches) and previous BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championship placings. Any BCSS wrestling coach may submit a Seeding Nomination Application to the Seeding Committee. Seeding nominations will be due the Monday (10 days) prior to the BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championship. Seeding will be released the Wednesday (8 days) prior to the Provincial Championship. **Seeding Appeal Applications** need to be submitted to the Seeding Committee for consideration no later than the Friday (6 days) prior to the BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championships. Seeding appeals should be sent to both the Seeding Coordinator and Zone designate attending the Seeding Appeals meeting.

The Final Seeding meeting will occur on Thursday, the first day of the Provincial Championship, with changes released as soon as possible. No changes to seeding will be considered once the Final Seeding Meeting has concluded.

1175.3.1 The Seeding Committee will use the following seeding criteria when establishing the seeding for the BCSS Wrestling Provincial Championship.

- Head to Head matches: must be from **BCSS Sanctioned** official matches refereed by sanctioned officials and only matches from the current BCSS season.
- Previous years BCSS Wrestling Provincial Championship Results
- Other tournament results from the current season will be considered if necessary.
- If a consensus is not reached, then a majority vote by the Zone Reps will decide seeding.
- The four top wrestlers in both boys and girls weight classes will be seeded if possible.

1175.4 DRAW

Each weight class will have a traditional 32-person draw, with highest seed matched up against the lowest seed. The BCWOA assigned head Pairing Master will adapt the draw for weight classes with less than 32 participants, with the highest seeds obtaining byes where necessary.

1174.4.1 Seeds will be randomly placed into each quarter bracket and byes will be placed by a prescribed system.

1174.4.2 Where possible, the pairing master will attempt to prevent regional/school athletes meeting in the first two (2) rounds. If necessary, athletes will be moved on a random basis to avoid the regional matchups.

1175.5 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

As per the WCL Rulebook - If the score at the end of a bout is tied, the wrestler who has the most higher value scoring actions in the following order will be declared the winner. The following criteria, in sequence, will be applied:

- Most high point moves: 4 points, 2 points, 1 point
- Least number of cautions
- Last points scored in the match

To provide the opportunity for the student athlete/coach to review a match sequence action, all matches will have mat size video review. The current WCL Challenge process procedure will be used throughout the entire BCSS Wrestling Championship. Note: If a challenge is lost no point will be awarded to the opponent.

1175.6 MATCH CHALLENGE PROCESS

Each wrestler is entitled to one challenge per bout. If after reviewing the challenge, the refereeing body modifies its decision in favor of the wrestler making the challenge, the wrestler can use an additional challenge during the bout.

If the refereeing body or jury of appeal confirms the decision, the wrestler loses the challenge, and no further challenges will be allowed to the challenging wrestler for the remainder of the bout.

Where the review results confirm the referee's ruling on the mat, the non-challenging wrestler, will be awarded one (1) point.

1175.67 WEIGH IN PROCEDURE

- Athletes require their Weigh-in card & Accreditation pass to weigh in.
- Medical personnel will examine each competitor for any disqualifying medical conditions such as ringworm, staph, or herpes. Before weighing in, athletes must undergo a medical examination. Wrestlers then proceed to the scale area.
- Do not leave clothes or valuables lying around. Carry all belongings to the scale and place them in the basket before stepping on the scales.
- Males and females must weigh-in wearing their competition singlet. Wrestlers will not be accepted at weigh-in wearing altered singlets.
- Fingernails must be cut short and facial hair removed (or full growth) prior to weigh-in.
- Once a wrestler has made weight, make sure the official signs your name off the list.
- If an athlete does not make weight on their first attempt, they have one hour to make weight. Athletes must keep their weigh-in card until they make weight.
- Remember that the use of sauna suits or garbage bags is strictly prohibited. Athletes using these artificial weight loss techniques will be disqualified from the tournament. Coaches who assist or promote this type of weight loss will be barred from the competition site for the remainder of the championships, with a BCSS discipline hearing to be scheduled if deemed necessary.
- There is a 0.2 kg weight allowance for the BCSS Championships. A wrestler cannot compete in any weight class other than the one they have qualified for.
- There is only a one day weigh-in.

1176.0 AWARDS

- A BCSS Championship Banner will be awarded to the Top Girls team, Top Boys Team, and Top Combined
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for the top 3 finishers in each weight class (Boys/Girls)
- Awards for 4th-6th place in each weight class (Boys/Girls)
- Team awards for top 106 teams in each category (Boys/Girls)

- Team awards for Top 3 teams aggregate division
- Most Outstanding Male and Female Wrestler
- Most Outstanding Male and Female Match

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- To clean up and update the rules to ensure they are clear and easy to follow
- To provide clarity around the match challenge process

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

- A clear understanding of the wrestling rules and procedures
- To add in policy surrounding the match challenge process

Notice of Motion #3

Individual Sports Championship Committee

Ski & Snowboard - Awards

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1115.0 AWARDS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1115.0 AWARDS

A total of 6 gold, 6 silver, and 6 bronze medals will be presented to the highest-ranking teams across all competition categories: 'boys', 'girls', ~~and combined~~, for both ski and snowboard.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Often the school who wins the boys or girls team championship also wins the combined championship, another set of medals is not necessary for the same students
- Other individual sports (eg: aquatics & track and field) do not give out medals for team championships, teams just receive the banner

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

- A move towards aligning individual sport awards

Notice of Motion #4

Individual Sports Championship Committee

Mountain Bike - Awards

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1096.0 AWARDS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1096.0 AWARDS

King & Queen of The Mountain - Individual gold medals will be awarded to the King and to the Queen of the Mountain in ~~all divisions~~ **the senior** division based on the highest total points accumulated by an individual in both the All-Mountain and Enduro disciplines. ~~in their respective age division.~~

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- BCSS recognizes Provincial Championships at the Senior level
- King and queen of the Mountain should also only be recognized as the top/elite riders in the Senior categories

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

- Alignment of awards as BCSS only recognizes senior provincial championships.

Notice of Motion #5

Individual Sports Championship Committee

Track and Field – Standards

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1145.0 COMPETITIONS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

- 1145.1.5 Steeplechase Qualifications Standards
 - o **Senior Girls (2000m)** – ~~8:30~~ **9:30** minutes
- 1145.1.6 Racewalk Qualification Standards
 - o **Junior Girls (1500m)** – ~~10:15~~ **11:00** minutes
 - o **Junior Boys (1500m)** – ~~9:45~~ **10:15** minutes
 - o **Senior Girls (1500m)** – ~~10:00~~ **10:45** minutes
 - o **Senior Boys (1500m)** – ~~9:30~~ **9:45** minutes

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Last year was the first year with Qualifying Standards
- There were some events at Provincials that had many vacant berths. Adjusting the times slightly will allow for more athletes to qualify
- Senior Girls 2000m Steeplechase was a new distance last year so there was no data to help determine the appropriate qualifying times, the adjustment in time will allow for more athletes to qualify for Provincials to fill some of the empty berths.

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

- More athletes will qualify for Provincial Championships filling many of the vacant berths that we saw in 2024

Notice of Motion #6

Spring Rules Committee

Rugby – Minimum Numbers

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1102.0 RUGBY (XV's)

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1102.0 RUGBY (XV's)

- Minimum Numbers: ~~18~~ 20

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Safety recommendation to ensure there is enough trained players for the tactical positions when injuries occur
- Rolling Subs allows for more players to get in the game

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

- Enough substitutions for injuries to ensure the game can continue

Notice of Motion #7

Spring Rules Committee

Rugby – Rolling Subs

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1102.1.2 SUBSTITUTIONS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1102.1.2 SUBSTITUTIONS

- ~~For regular season games, tournaments and provincials, teams may use up to 10 players as substitutes-~~
- ~~Among the substitutes 3 players must be suited to play front row positions, and at least one player for lock-~~
- ~~Players who are replaced may not return to play in the match-~~
- ~~Players who are substituted may not return to play in the match with the exception that they are replacing an injured player-~~
- Matches will implement rolling tactical replacements (rolling subs). This permits a player to when permitted by the officials, be substituted off the field of play, and then re-enter the game at a later time (again, when permitted by the official). There is no limit on the number of times a player can enter or exit a match, as long as the team has a legal substitution available to them.
- The maximum number of substitutions (Counted each as one player on for one player off) is twelve (12) per match. The administration of rolling replacements are the responsibility of the match officials and contest administrator.
- If during a match, a team has a 40-point or more margin than their opponent, there will be unlimited substitutions for the duration of the match, even if the score differential is reduced below 40 points.
- Should a team have used all substitutions and a player from within the 'tight-five' becomes injured they may replace that player. Injuries outside the tight-five, may not be replaced if no substitutions are remaining.
- The table indicates the minimum number of front-row players by squad size and the minimum replacement obligations. For friendlies and league play, coaches from both teams, having taken player welfare into account, may amend the minimum number of front-row players in the squad and the minimum replacement obligations at defined levels of the game.

Squad Size	Minimum Number of Front Row Players in the Squad	Must be able to replace at the first time of asking
15 or fewer	3	
16, 17, or 18	4	Either a prop or a hooker
19, 20, 21 or 22	5	Both a prop and a hooker
23	6	Loose-head prop, tight head prop and hooker

- It is a team’s responsibility to ensure that all front-row players and front-row replacements are suitably trained and experienced.

Teams may only dress twenty-eight players (28) per match.

- Non-Dressed players, may be on the sideline in the appropriate team area, but must either not be in uniform, or have their uniform top fully covered.
- Coaches must confirm the 28 rostered players prior to each match with the officials

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- Rolling Subs allows for better player safety
- Age-group rugby is already use rolling subs
- A safety recommendation from BC Rugby and the Rugby Officials
- Allows for more athletes to get in the game, provides more flexibility for coaches in one-sided contests

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

- Alignment with Rugby Canada/BC Rugby U19 Variations
- Reduce probability of student-athlete injuries

Notice of Motion #8

Spring Rules Committee

Golf - Berthing

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1086.0 COMPETITIONS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1086.0 COMPETITIONS

1086.1 EVENTS

- AAA – 22 teams (21 berths plus host school berth)
- AA – ~~18~~ 16 teams (~~17~~ 15 berths plus host school berth)
- A – ~~10~~ 12 teams (~~9~~ 11 berths plus host school berth)

1086.2 BERTHING

Each zone will receive one automatic berth to each BCSS Golf Championship. The remaining berths to a BCSS championship are awarded based on: ~~the numbers-based allocation formula determined by BC School Sports.~~

- **'A'** – 12 tournament berths
 - 9 berths for zone champions
 - 1 berth for the host school
 - 2 berths allocated based on the ratio of active golf programs in each BCSS zone, awarded to zones with the highest ratios.
- **'AA'** – 16 tournament berths
 - 9 berths allocated to zone champions
 - 1 host school berth
 - 3 berths allocated based on the ratio of active golf programs in each BCSS zone, awarded to zones with the highest ratios.
 - 3 Berths awarded to non-qualifying teams with the best non-qualifying scores from zone championships, using course rating, slope, and team scores for comparison.
- **'AAA'** – 22 tournament berths
 - 9 berths allocated to zone champions
 - 1 host school berth
 - 8 berths allocated based on the ratio of active golf programs in each BCSS zone, awarded to zones with the highest ratios.

- 4 Berths awarded to teams with the best non-qualifying scores from zone championships, using course rating, slope, and team scores for comparison

If a zone does not fill their berths, the vacant berth will be reallocated based on strength.

A member school may only qualify one team to zone or provincial championships.

NUMBERS BASED ALLOCATION FORMULA

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

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

STRENGTH BERTH ALLOCATION CRITERIA

Zone Championship:

- Slope
- Course Rating
- Team Score

Example of comparison of courses and scores

RANK BY COURSE RATING		Par	Yardage	Slope	Rating	Highest Rating	Winning Score	Adjusted Score
Quilchena	Red	73	6075	125	72.3	1.00	300	300.0
Sun Rivers	Blue	72	6415	138	70.8	1.02	321	327.8
Pagoda Ridge	Blue	72	6360	112	70.3	1.03	293	301.3
Squamish Valley	Blue	72	6218	125	70	1.03	301	310.9
Fraserview	Blue	72	6287	122	70	1.03	282	291.3
Morningstar	Blue	72	6125	129	69.7	1.04	303	314.3
Williams Lake G&CC	Blue	71	6272	115	69.3	1.04	320	333.9
Pagoda Ridge	White	72	5898	110	68.4	1.06	303	320.3

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- A Golf Provincial Championships – there is many good teams in the province but due to the size of the event only one team per zone is permitted to go
- AA Golf Provincial Championships - has not been a full tournament for the past two years

- Golf did not backfill vacant berths in the past resulting in vacant berths at Championships
- Golf has strong teams in zones where there aren't the numbers to support any additional berths. Having a combination of numbers-based berthing and strength-based berthing will allow for the best teams to be represented at Provincial Championships

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

- Each tier will have a full slate of teams attending Provincial Championships
- The best teams in the province will be in attendance at Provincial Championships

Notice of Motion #9

Team Championship Committee

Tennis – Tournament Structure & Berthing

Proposed Policy: To add To remove **To amend**

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1131.0

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1131.0

Year	Tier	Max. Contest Days	First Day of Play	Championship Date	Minimum Games before Championship	Minimum Numbers	Season of Play
2024/25	AA/AAA	24	Week 30: Feb 24	Week 42: May 22-24	2	5-6	Spring
2025/26	AA/AAA	24	Week 30: Feb 23	Week 42: May 21-23	2	5-6	Spring
2026/27	AA/AAA	24	Week 31: Mar 1	Week 43: Ma7 27-19	2	5-6	Spring

1132.0 RULES OF PLAY

1132.2 A boys team must consist of a minimum of 5-6 boys and a girls team must consist of a minimum of 5-6 girls.

1132.8 ~~A player may only play in one division (“girls doubles,” “boys doubles,” & “singles/mixed”) and may play a maximum of two sets. Additionally, players may NOT play singles and doubles or on both and A and B doubles team.~~

Prior to the tournament, coaches will submit a roster ranking each player in order by strength.

A student-athlete who competes in a singles match can also play doubles.

The number one (1) ranked and number two (2) ranked players cannot play on the same doubles team.

The Doubles Pairing with the highest players rankings must be designated as Doubles Team A, and the doubles pairing with the next best players rankings must be designated Doubles Team B. If both Doubles Pairings have the same players rankings total, the team with the higher ranked individual will be Doubles Pair A.

1135.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1135.1 BERTHING

Both the AA and AAA Championships will be divided into separate boys' and girls' competitions shall. Each tournament will consist of 12 boys' teams and 12 girls' teams. Schools can qualify both a boys' team and a girls' team for participation in the championships. Each zone will be allocated a minimum of one (1) berth and the host school where applicable will receive an automatic berth. The following procedure will be used to determine the allocation of remaining at large berths:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Registered Schools}}{\text{Non-Assigned Berths at tournament}} = \text{Berthing Ratio}$$

$$\frac{\text{Number of Zone Registrants}}{\text{Teams/Zone Berthing Ratio}} = \text{Zone Allocation}$$

1135.1.1 Zones receive the whole number of berths closest to their allocation provided that:

- Each BCSS zone receives one **non-host** berth
- No zone receives more than 4 berths (not including host school)
- This process allocates the appropriate number of total berths

1135.1.1-2 In the event the exact number of berths is not allocated, the decimal component of the zone allocation value is considered to two (2) decimal places. (In the event that the decimal components are equivalent (1.52, 2.52, 3.53) and not all can receive remaining berths, preference shall be given in this order

- Zones not in the host rotation
- Zones least recently awarded "left-over" berths
- Zones closest to the host location (thereby reducing travel costs)

In the event a BCSS Zone does not have a team, or chooses not to send a team, the above berthing formula will be used to re-assign vacant berths.

1135.2 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

1135.2.1 The AA & AAA BCSS Tennis Provincial Championships shall each consist of 12 teams per gender competing in a round robin pool play, moving to the final or consolation draw based on their round robin placement as indicated below.

1135.2.1.1 The matches will be played in the following order, the first team listed is designated as the home team.

- **Match 1:** Singles (A vs A)
- **Match 2:** Singles (B vs B)

- **Match 3:** Doubles (C vs C)
- **Match 4:** Doubles (B vs B)
- **Match 5:** Doubles (A vs A)

1036.0 AWARDS (per gendered competition)

- BCSS Blue Provincial Championship Banner
- ~~16~~ **8** Gold, ~~16~~ **8** Silver, ~~16~~ **8** Bronze Medals provided to the top three teams
- Every team receives a placement plaque which includes their team photo
- Awards in both tier to the following:
 - Top singles, ~~male and female~~
 - Top doubles team, ~~male and female~~
 - ~~Top mixed doubles team~~

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The removal of mixed doubles play and the separation of genders that was passed at the 2023 APM, required policy changes in terms of tournament format for the 2025 Tennis season.
- Tournament Format – this configuration emphasizes doubles play
- Tournament Format – this configuration ensures team strength as a whole and not just two strong players taking over

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

- A new format for boys and girls tennis with the removal of mixed team tennis

Notice of Motion #10

Team Championship Committee

Badminton – Tournament Structure & Berthing

Proposed Policy: To add To remove To amend

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1021.0, 1022.0 RULES OF PLAY, 1025.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1026.0 AWARDS

THIS MOTION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, UPON PASSING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1021.0

Year	Max. Contest Days	First Day of Play	Championship Date	Minimum Numbers	Max. Numbers for Championship	Season of Play
2024/25	26	Week 30: Feb 24	Week 43: May 29-31	5-6	8	Spring
2025/26	26	Week 30: Feb 23	Week 43: May 28-30	5-6	8	Spring
2026/27	26	Week 31: Mar 1	Week 44: June 3-5	5-6	8	Spring

1022.1.2 A tie is comprised of ~~7~~ 7 matches with each match consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games. The winning team is the one that wins ~~6~~ 4 or more matches in the tie.

1022.1.7 Within a tie, an athlete can play in up to two matches. ~~If an athlete participates in two matches, it must be either two doubles or a singles and a mixed (it cannot be singles and doubles, nor doubles and mixed). Further an athlete cannot switch from an A match to a B match or vice versa within the same tie (eg: student athlete cannot play in Match 1 (Girls Doubles A) and then play in Match 8 (Girls Doubles B) in the same tie.~~

A student-athlete who plays in a singles match (Match 1 or 2), may only play in the Doubles C (Match 7) pairing.

An athlete in the doubles pairing (either A or B) must play both matches with the same pairing. (eg: student-athlete cannot play Doubles A pairing and then play in Doubles B pairing in the same tie.)

For the Doubles C pairing, coaches may choose to play the one or both of the student-athletes from the singles matches, or

they may choose one or two different student-athletes, that have not played in that tie. (ie. cannot choose a player who played in Doubles A or B pairings)

1022.6 Schools must have a minimum of ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** girls OR ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** boys in order to field a team in either respective gender.

Declare eligible players on the “Team Line Up” form

- List players in order of strength
- Attach BCSS Roster to “Team Line Up” form

1025.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1025.1.2 If a team does not have a minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** players listed at the time of the “Line Up” submission, the school will default the matches the missing players would have played.

1025.2 BERTHING

1025.2.1 ~~Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive 1 automatic berth. The remaining at large berths will be allocated based on a 16:1 participation ratio determined by the number of registered teams in the zone. A zone will receive one (1) additional berth, for every 16 teams (each requiring a full ten-five athlete team composition) actively competing in interschool competition. As the conclusion of this process, if there are remaining at large berths unassigned, they will be awarded based on historical zone strength. This will be assessed by using the historical results on the last 5 provincial championships, using the results of each zone’s top two teams.~~

1025.2.1 Schools can qualify both a boys’ team and/or a girls’ team for participation in the championships. Each gender will qualify individually through their zone championship. Each zone will be allocated a minimum of one (1) berth and the host school where applicable will receive an automatic berth. The following procedure will be used to determine the allocation of remaining at large berths:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Registered Schools}}{\text{Non-Assigned Berths at tournament}} = \text{Berthing Ratio}$$

$$\frac{\text{Number of Zone Registrants}}{\text{Berth Ratio}} = \text{Zone Allocation}$$

1025.2.2 If a zone is unable to fill their berths, the berth will be awarded as an at large berth based on historical zone strength. This

formula will be calculated using the average Provincial Championship result for each zone

Zones receive the whole number of berths closest to their allocation provided that:

- Each BCSS zone receives one **non-host** berth
- No zone receives more than 4 berths* (not including host school)
- This process allocates the appropriate number of total berths

*If a zone does not fill all of its allocated berths, the unused spots will be redistributed to zones with the strongest historical performance over the past 5 championships. These additional berths can be awarded to zones that have already received 4 berths.

1025.3 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

1025.3.4 The matches will be played in the following order, the first team listed is designated as the home team;

- ~~Girls Doubles A vs B~~
- ~~Girls Doubles B vs A~~
- ~~Boys Doubles A vs B~~
- ~~Boys Doubles B vs A~~
- ~~Girls Singles~~
- ~~Boys Singles~~
- ~~Girls Doubles A vs A~~
- ~~Girls Doubles B vs B~~
- ~~Boys Doubles A vs A~~
- ~~Boys Doubles B vs~~
- Match 1: Singles (A vs A)
- Match 2: Singles (B vs B)
- Match 3: Doubles (A vs B)
- Match 4: Doubles (B vs A)
- Match 5: Doubles (A vs A)
- Match 6: Doubles (B vs B)
- Match 7: Doubles (C vs C)

1026.0 AWARDS (PER GENDERED COMPETITION)

- BCSS Blue Provincial Championship Banner
- 16 8 Gold, 16 8 Silver, 16 8 Bronze Medals provided to the top three teams
- Every team receives a placement plaque which includes their team photo
- Super 16 – MVP award for each team
- Fair Play Award (1 team)

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

- The removal of mixed doubles play and the separation of genders that was passed at the 2023 APM, required policy changes in terms of tournament format for the 2025 Badminton season.
- Tournament Format – this configuration emphasizes doubles play
- Tournament Format – the crossovers support fairness without requiring player rankings and ensure equal opportunities to contribute with allowances for substitutions to increase participation

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

- A new format for boys and girls badminton with the removal of mixed team badminton

Notice of Motion #11

Fraser North Zone

Badminton – Single Gender

Proposed Policy:	To add	To remove	To amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1022.6 (CFC Notice of Motion #9, November 2023)

1022.6 Team Gender Requirements:

To repeal the decision to change Coed Highschool badminton (CFC Notice of Motion #9) to single gender and instead to the same decision made for Ultimate (CFC Notice of Motion #7):

Effective the 2028-2029 year, the policy will be enforced equally against all member schools, including those with only a single gender in their student body.

Rationale (Why this motion is being put forward):

BC School Sports badminton, a coed sport, enjoys healthy participation across the province and continues to grow in its coed format. For over 50 years, BC High School badminton has provided a unique competitive team experience for students.

In November 2023, the Competitive Fairness Committee proposed changing the format to comply with existing policies. Their goals were to increase participation, minimize game and competition impact, and ensure competitive balance among all schools.

However, this decision will have the opposite effects for the following reasons:

1. Net Decrease in Teams Participating in High School Badminton
 - a) Survey Insights:
 - i) The CFC's decision was based on a March 2023 survey of 27 schools, indicating low participation was due to not having enough boys or girls to field a team.
 - ii) A February 2024 survey (sent out by SAC and approved by BCSS) of 199 respondents (108 Athletic Directors, 91 coaches) showed the real issue of participation is the lack of available coaches/sponsors, not gender.
 - b) Impact on Coaches and Teams:
 - i) Training: The CFC assumes teams can share gym space and coaches can split time equally. This is unrealistic and increases demands on coaches.
 - ii) Competitions: The CFC believes teams can compete at the same venues concurrently. Currently, boys and girls teams compete together. Splitting teams will require separate schedules and venues, increasing demands on limited coaches.
 - iii) Survey Feedback:
 - 4 responses indicated they would now field a team if badminton switched to single gender.
 - 16 responses indicated they would continue to not participate even with the format change.

- 80 responses from coed teams indicated they would not field all their current teams if the format changed to single gender due to a lack of resources
2. Quality of Game and Competition Impacted
 - a) Match Format Change:
 - i) The CFC reduced the current 11-match 'tie' format to just 5 matches. This means a school now only needs to win 3 matches instead of 6, reducing the competitive significance of the 'tie'. This also means 'club players' will have a greater impact on results than traditional 'high school trained' players
 - b) Elimination of Mixed Doubles:
 - i) The team split would eliminate the Mixed Doubles event, which is crucial for:
 - Serving as the 'tie-breaker' in coed High School Badminton games.
 - Providing students the opportunity to participate in Mixed Doubles, a significant Olympic sport.
 3. The participation of schools will not be more 'competitively balanced':
 - a) Policy Conflict:
 - i) The CFC's change aligns badminton with Joint Team Policy (840.0), which limits large joint teams in post-season to protect 'competitive balance.'
 - ii) Changing coed badminton to single gender negates this policy for 'competitive balance' and biases competition in favor of independent single-gender schools.
 - b) Impact on Competitive Balance:
 - i) Data from the April 2024 Sustained Excellence Summary shows that independent single A and double A schools (single gender basketball and volleyball) consistently finish in the top 4 at Provincial Championships. The report notes that independent schools operate under a different model, allowing them to recruit athletes without catchment restrictions.
 - ii) To adjust for competitive balance, the CFC proposed a Sustained Excellence Adjustment (SEA) to move strong schools to the next tier, but this is not feasible in badminton.

High School Badminton currently offers an efficient format for team development and competition. It promotes inclusion, cooperation between players of varying skill levels, and mutual support between genders. Single-gender independent schools already can qualify and compete if they find a partner school of the opposite gender. To improve participation, the focus should be on supporting more teachers and coaches to build teams. Changing to a single-gender format will not improve participation to the extent that the CFC envisions. The format will harm BC High School Badminton rather than help it.

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

By implementing the same decision as that of Ultimate (CFC Motion #7), Badminton will be able to retain the “fundamental experience of the sport”. The implementation of the Ultimate Motion #7 to badminton will afford “current students at single-gender schools that participate in [badminton] the opportunity to compete in the sport throughout their years at that school”.