



2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PACKAGE 2



MAY 8-9



HILTON WHISTLER RESORT

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2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda

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

Minutes from 2025 Annual Planning Meeting - DRAFT

November 13-14, 2025

Delta Hotels Conference, Burnaby

Attendance: Refer to Appendix A

1. WELCOME FROM BCSS PRESIDENT, LINDSAY BROOKE

1.1. INDIGENOUS TERRITORY 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.

1.2. INTRODUCTIONS & HOUSEKEEPING

President Lindsay opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and thanking them for taking the time to participate in the Annual Planning Meeting. She noted that this is her second year serving as President. The President acknowledged that November is a busy period, with fall sports wrapping up and winter sports beginning to ramp up. She recognized that the timing of this meeting can be challenging and expressed appreciation both for the participants' commitment to attending and for the staff, who continue to juggle Championship season while preparing for this meeting.

President referenced the recent Board of Directors meeting, noting that the discussions held there only scratched the surface of the broader topics to be explored in this meeting. She emphasized the value of this group's opportunity to engage in thoughtful discussion and decision-making. The President proceeded to introduce the Board of Directors, followed by the introduction of staff members. She pointed out that tea, coffee, and snacks were available at the back of the room and that breaks would be taken throughout the meeting.

2. PROEM ACTIVITY

Board member Jake introduced and led the activity.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No additions to the agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2025 AGM

No additions or edits were made to the minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The President, on behalf of the board of directors expressed appreciation for the legislative assembly and the staff, noting their continued commitment and support. It was reported that prior to the annual planning meeting, the board had held one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting. The president shared that the new board of directors have been a positive addition, bringing fresh perspectives and new voices to the table.

President highlighted her recent school sport Canada meeting held in Yukon, which was the president second time attending. She noted that many provinces are experiencing challenges similar to those faced in B.C., and that the meeting provided valuable opportunities for discussion and collaboration.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

The Executive Director provided a comprehensive update covering operations, challenges, and key initiatives. The Executive Director opened by revisiting BC School Sports' core values, emphasizing student growth, equitable access, the educational importance of school sport, and the role of athletics in building leadership, character and resilience

The Executive Director acknowledged the presence of three representatives from each zone and one from the partner organization and highlighted the importance of collaboration and consistent communication. To support this, BCSS will distribute a one-page, high level summary of the meeting, highlighting key takeaways and messages intended for zones and member organizations. The ED noted that many provinces have more direct and frequent facetime with athletic directors, either through travel or centralized meetings. BCSS relies significantly on zone leaders to take information back to their zones.

An update was provided regarding accommodations for schools that request scheduling changes based on religious beliefs. While BCSS has been able to make accommodations in certain events, he emphasized the need to balance inclusivity with fairness to all participants. Advance notice is essential, and while BCSS is willing to work with schools when reasonable, such accommodations cannot be guaranteed.

The Executive Director report changes related to championship programs. Historically, not every provincial championship had a program. Under the new model, BCSS has prioritized elevating the programs, however printed programs will no longer be available on-site due to production timeline and costs. Instead, BCSS will create commemorative programs after each event including results and photos from the championship. These will be available at cost.

The Executive Director commended staff for their work in enhancing livestreaming and digital engagement. The 2024-2025 season saw 628,500 YouTube streaming views, 74.5k hours watched, 5.8m impressions, 3.1k new YouTube subscribers, and Instagram engagement exceeded 5.2m views across 163k accounts.

Discipline remains a significant challenge requiring substantial staff time. Investigations, rulings, and communication with administrators and athletic directors can be complex. The Executive Director stressed the importance of schools reinforcing program philosophies, expectations, and behavioural standards at the local level to support consistency and reduce incidents.

The Executive Director outlined progress on the organizational strategic plan, including the development of annual and operational plans with defined benchmarks for the next 12 months. He noted that while the plan is progressing, BCSS's limited staff capacity makes it difficult to devote time to large-scale projects.

A review of the 2024-2025 participation data was presented, including membership totals, student-athlete registrations, team registrations, multi-sport athletes, and gender participation breakdowns. Areas of note included:

- A need to continue closing the gender gap in participation
- Declining participation in field hockey
- Significant growth in boys volleyball
- A strong increase in participation in wrestling, now requiring 8-10 mats for championships
- Badminton participation doubling after shifting from co-ed to gendered categories.

An early-season assessment of sustained excellence adjustment indicated positive outcomes and appears to be functioning as intended. A review of 'play up/play down' showed a total of 40 requests, 32 for playing up and 8 for playing down, with the latter rarely approved. Executive Director clarified that seeking an easier pathway to a provincial championship is not considered valid grounds for approval.

The Executive Director discussed the frequent misuse of the change of residence form, the most commonly abused transfer rule. He reiterated that the purpose of the new addition of leaving school signature on the form is to create transparency and ensure the leaving school can inform BCSS of relevant information, helping determine the legitimacy of a student's move.

An update was provided on the major IT renewal project. The request for proposal (RFP) closed at the end of August, receiving 15 submissions. The project includes:

- A new student-athlete registration and management system
- A new public website integrated with a comprehensive sport management engine
- Integrated streaming and championship platforms
- A mobile app
- A digital ticketing system

This project aims to create one integrated ecosystem for all school sport operations.

The Executive Director highlighted BEEM credit union as a new partner, noting their provincial rebranding and alignment with BCSS values. They recently supported an equipment access program, contributing \$15k in equipment to schools.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Director presented the financial report and provided an overview of BCSS's current financial position. It was noted that the audited financial statements are still in draft form. The Executive Director reported a 7.61% increase in member dues from previous years. Despite the increase, it was emphasized that BCSS continues to reinvest revenue directly into championships and student-athlete experiences. Overall revenue under the governance model has grown significantly, with annual revenue now approximately three times higher than pre-governance levels, reaching roughly \$2.61M in 2023-2024. This increase has primarily been driven by centralized operations, sponsorships, and grants, not by excessive fee increases to schools. Sponsorship and grant revenue also saw notable growth. In 2018-2019 the revenue total was \$47,700, in 2021-2022 it was \$191,279 and in 2024-2025 the total was \$363,500 which accounted for 12.9% of total revenue.

Championship investment has increased since governance changed from \$1M in 2021-2022 to \$1.65M in 2023-2024, reflecting major improvements to event quality, awards, facilities, and streaming.

BCSS has produced a balanced or surplus budget in each year since the governance model was introduced, while maintaining small due increases below the rate of inflation. Looking ahead, the Board approved a deficit budget of -\$163,000 for the upcoming year, noting that this is a strategic deficit tied to planned investments that are intended to support the long-term sustainability of school sport over the next decade. Following the report, the Executive Director opened the floor for questions. It was clarified that BC School Sports is currently the only school sport organization in Canada that does not receive core funding from its provincial government. BCSS does receive gaming grants, however this funding must be applied for annually and is not guaranteed. The BCCPAC offered to advocate on behalf of BCSS. Historically, BCSS received provincial government funding until 2008-2009, at which time the funding was eliminated and has not since been restored. The hope is that, within the next two to three years, school sport will again become a provincial priority with coordinated advocacy from BCSS and partner organizations.

7. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REPORTS

7.1. ALIGNED ORGANIZATIONS

Gord Li - BC School Trustees Association

Gord attended to observe, learn, and engage. They expressed a longstanding appreciation for school sport and gratitude for the work being done across the province.

Shawn Chisholm - Federation of Independent School Association

Appreciation was expressed for the role BCSS plays in supporting students province wide. Key challenges identified included student mental health and overall wellness, with emphasis on the social benefits of school sport in addition to physical health.

Chris Kennedy – BC Schools Superintendents' Association

Interest was expressed in ongoing discussions around funding. Chris also noted the value of coaching demographic data presented, particularly as it relates to school-based coaches, community coaches, parents, and gender representation.

Josh Ogilvie – BC Teachers Federation

Josh spoke to concerns around coaching burnout, exhaustion, and the increasing demands placed on coaches. Specific concern was raised regarding the impact that coaching responsibilities have on teachers.

Sid Jawanda – BC Principals and Vice Principals Association

It was acknowledged that BCSS is highly valued across the education system. The positive culture build through school sport was highlighted. The representative shared that they were newly elected as President of their association and will continue to advocate for BCSS.

Keirsten Tymko – BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

Keirsten shared that BCCPAC would like to serve as a resource and support system for BCSS. A key focus will be increasing awareness among parents about the organization and the work that BCSS does, as well as providing channels for parents to connect and advocate.

7.2. POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Mike Thompson – Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety Committee Chair

The committee finalized several position statements that are now published within the BCSS Handbook. The committee continues to focus on concussion awareness, including prevention strategies, with particular attention to Girls Rugby. Work is ongoing around concussion recognition and return-to-play protocols. A key message emphasized the need for increased participation and new members to the committee.

Zoel Thibault – Winter Sports Rules Committee Chair

The committee has several motions scheduled to come forward and has met with the sports advisory committees regarding these items. A review of upcoming Basketball rule modifications is underway, with an anticipated communication to be released within the coming week to allow schools time to prepare for the season.

Chris Ellett – Spring Sports Rules Committee Chair

The committee is bringing forward several motions related to Rugby participation numbers and student-athlete safety. It was noted that there are currently several vacancies on the committee.

Fall Sports Rules Committee

No motions are being brought forward at this time. The committee is beginning to engage more actively with sport advisory committees to strengthen communication and alignment.

Team Championship Committee

The committee reported increased engagement with member groups and noted improved dialogue and discussion surrounding championship structure.

Mark Fenn – Individual Sports Committee Chair

The chair expressed appreciation for staff and their commitment to supporting committee meetings. No formal motions were brought forward, however, several minor adjustments were made to Track and Field standards, which were well received. The committee will also be reviewing the swimming championships to determine whether any updates should be proposed. Coming out of cross country season, concerns were noted regarding low participation at the 'A' level, with only a small number of competitive teams. It was shared that, ideally, all schools across the province would have the means to start a cross country program.

Alec Lewis - Eligibility Appeals Committee Chair

The chair thanked Karen from the office who prepares the required documentation for each weekly meeting. It was emphasized that all appeals are reviewed on an individual basis and often involve highly confidential information. Schools were reminded of the importance of reporting all relevant information to BCSS, as decisions are based on the material provided, and community-level context is not always available to the committee.

Jackie Snell - Competitive Equity & Sport Structure Committee Chair

The committee will be engaging in upcoming discussions regarding prep schools and academies. A broader review of tiering structures across sports will also take place, with a focus on whether adjustments are required to better support competitive equity.

7.3. ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

It was noted that each zone was asked to share one key practice that their zone does well that other zones could potentially learn from.

Matt Phillips - Vancouver Island Zone

The zone emphasized the importance of ensuring that student-athletes receive the best possible sport experience. A key strength of the island model is the hiring of a dedicated Athletic Coordinator. This position is jointly funded by the schools and the school districts. The coordinator manages the association website, schedules, playoff organization, and constitutional governance, and supports both secondary and middle school athletics. The presence of this role has contributed significantly to stability within the Athletic Director role in schools.

Mary Bartucci – Thompson Okanagan Zone

The zone reported on the challenges associated with its large geographic area, which is divided into four sub-zones, each led by its own President. These four sub-zones meet regularly to discuss operations and manage discipline. The zone recently completed a revamp of its constitution and has placed a strong emphasis on discipline, particularly in response to extreme behaviours and to ensure the safety of officials. A centralized discipline database has been created at both the sub-zone level and the Okanagan league level to allow for year to year and sport to sport tracking. Succession planning was identified as a priority with several long serving leaders nearing retirement. To support continuity, the zone is developing a handbook containing checklists and resources to ease leadership transitions.

Courtney O'Brien - South Fraser Zone

The zone reported a significant focus on spectator and coaches code of conduct. Concerns were raised regarding the delayed submission of officials' game reports, which can result in discipline matters not being addressed in a timely manner. The zone implemented tier 2 leagues to increase participation opportunities. Efforts are also underway to rotate individuals through zone roles to introduce new voices and perspective into leadership.

Cal Westbrook – Northwest Zone

The zone highlighted its unique demographic makeup, with a large indigenous population and an approximately 50/50 split between independent and public schools. A major focus has been on inclusion of remote communities, particularly schools that do not regularly compete. It was emphasized that lack of participation is often due to insufficient access to information rather than disinterest. The zone encouraged proactive outreach to ensure schools feel supported and included. Opportunities for cultural and cross-cultural exchanges were discussed, including having lower mainland schools travel north for competition. The zone is also working toward centralizing information and updating bylaws.

Craig Percevault - Fraser North

The zone reported strong internal communication and continued efforts to centralize information. Each area within the zone maintains its own website, containing region-specific information and resources.

Claude Leduc – Vancouver Sea to Sky

The zone consists of three associations, each with its own coordinator. Communication between the three is reported to be strong, with the North Shore managing finances for all associations. Discipline continues to be an area of concern, and the zone is

currently developing a course for coaches focused on fostering positive environments and managing high-conflict situations. Overlapping seasons of play were identified as a growing challenge, increasing stress on both schools and staff.

Meghan Coultry – Kootenay Zone

The zone reported that all three zone representatives were present at the meeting. The zone covers a large geographic area across five school districts with varying policies. East and West regions are actively working to better align operations and address historical legacy issues. Key priorities include updating constitutions, improving database systems, and aligning zone wide policies.

Rick Thiessen – Eastern Valley Zone

The zone reported that its executive is made up of two representatives from each district. A major initiative is encouraging younger athletic directors to pursue professional development, including offering incentives to attend CIAAA conferences. Sport coordinators manage scheduling independently, while athletic directs handle official assignments. Discipline remains a challenge for executive members to manage effectively. The zone expressed concern that it has been significantly impacted by the Sustained Excellence Adjustment (SEA), and that current structures may not fully reflect the evolving competitive structure of BC.

The Executive Director noted that the BCSS office is working to increase direct engagement with zones. Zones are encouraged to notify the BCSS office of upcoming zone meetings so staff can attend, provide information, and strengthen alignment. The upcoming CIAAA conference will be hosted in BC from April 16-18 and zones were encouraged to ensure strong provincial representation. Finally, BCSS reported that discipline remains a key provincial priority, and work is underway to develop a standardized discipline framework and guide to be distributed to zones and associations to provide clear expectations by sport and improve consistency across the province.

8. DISCUSSION TOPIC - PREP SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES

The Executive Director introduced the discussion by reviewing the supplementary documentation and provided additional context to support a focused and ore informed conversation. He outlined several questions for the LA, noting that the intention of the discussion was to help shape future policy direction. From an operational standpoint, it was emphasized that the definitions of prep schools and sport academies can be different. The current definitions do not adequately recognize district-run academies. Reference was made to aligning closely with the School Act definition, particularly the current standard that defines a sport-specific program as one that requires more than four credits in human performance training. It was noted that the credit threshold can become problematic, as there are opportunities for workaround through course design (for example, creating a sport specific course that is only open to athletes in a particular sport).

The discussion highlighted the importance of monitoring trends in transfers associated with academies. Participants shared multiple examples from their zones and districts regarding the types of courses and programs currently being offered. While the existing definition was generally seen as close, there was agreement that the credit threshold is key. More than four credits remains appropriate as a general boundary. Programs offering eight credits within the same school year approach the level of academy. Leadership classes must remain open and inclusive and not restricted only to specific sport

populations. Further discussion focused on whether credits or hours of training should be more heavily weighted in defining academies. It was noted that in other provinces, if a student receives any academic credit for participation in an academy, they are deemed ineligible in that sport for the remainder of the school year.

The LA discussed the need to better understand the scope and depth of academy programs. Including how many academies currently exist, how to track them, how they impact eligibility and competitive equity. Non-BCSS sport academies were also discussed. LA debated on whether involvement in these academies provides a competitive advantage in other BCSS sports. Some felt that academy participation inherently gives athletes a performance advantage, particularly when combined with out-of-catchment enrollment. Others noted the difficulty in defining what constitutes “elite” and how such a standard could be enforced fairly. Members of the LA emphasized the need for parent education when making decisions on academy enrollment and the consequences that may have for the students eligibility. The Executive Director advised that BCSS could develop a one to two page parent information sheet that will outline where to access information and who to speak with at the school level. The information sheet would also provide a high-level overview of the current policy framework and advised that the CESSC will further refine definitions and align them with existing policies and previously approved motions.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Each motion was discussed, the floor was opened for questions and then the motion was voted on.

Motion #1 – Online Schools – Setting Membership Fees
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #2 – Rugby 7's – Substitutions
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #3 – Rugby 7's – Tie Breaker
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #4 – Rugby XV's – Competition Change
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #5 – Rugby XV's – Structure Change
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #6 – Girls Rugby XV's – Static Site Championship
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #7 – Wrestling – Weight Class
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #8 – Wrestling – Officials
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #9 – Golf – 1A Berthing
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #10 – Independent Academies
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #11 – Track and Field Berthing
MOTION DEFEATED.

Motion #12 – Tennis -Structure Change
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #12 – Boys Basketball Berthing
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Meeting was called to order on November 14, 2025 at 9 AM.

10. DISCUSSION TOPIC – COMPETITIVE EQUITY & SPORT STRUCTURE

The Executive Director introduced the discussion by outlining that the purpose of this topic was to help shape future policy direction, education, and long-term strategic thinking around competitive equity and sport structure. Participants were encouraged to step outside traditional approaches, examine in a broader lens, and question the existing system. The discussion addressed the fair play rule, emphasizing that schools intent is to support maximum participation opportunities. Concerns were raised that very large teams can unintentionally counter this goal by not allowing a student enough time on the field of play. A member of the LA highlighted the importance of reconciliation and embracing indigenous sport, with discussion around the role BCSS can play in creating meaningful opportunities. It was emphasized that equity must also include removing systemic barriers and supporting programs in communities that have historically limited access.

Extensive discussion focused on tiering structures and the impact of the Sustained Excellence Adjustment (SEA). Concerns were raised regarding challenges faced by Athletic Directors managing schools that field AA, AAA, AAAA teams simultaneously. It was noted that most influence on equity occurs at the zone level, and that equitable structures must be supported locally before they can succeed provincially. Ideas discussed included supporting zone-level championships and exploring championship and challenger brackets within leagues. Questions were raised around automatic provincial berths, including minimum team thresholds required for qualification and whether adjacent zones should be paired when numbers are low. These discussion tied directly into broader access and fairness considerations.

Participation emphasized the importance of Tier 2 structures as a future direction to support schools and student-athletes. It was noted that having a meaningful post-season opportunity for student-athletes is important, regardless of competitive tier. The LA reflected on the broader value of championships and what they represent. It was recognized that grade 8 participation looks very different across the province. The LA discussed the potential for zone-level flexibility in managing grade 8 sports, with BCSS focusing primarily on grade 9-12. The LA also debated universal tiering versus sport based tiering, noting that any structural change benefits some groups while potentially disadvantaging others. An example of Ontario operating with three tiers in all sports was referenced for context. It was noted that the geography of BC inherently creates inequity including centralized championships, facility access, travel demands, and some areas competing for officials.

The LA discussed whether BCSS currently has the resources to effectively support all 18 sports, and what the formal process should be for adding or removing sports. Curling and

tennis were identified as sports of particular concern, as both are often delivered primarily outside of school settings. Questions were raised about whether these programs foster a true sense of school belonging, whether participation levels justify championship designation (e.g., 450 participants in one sport versus 1,500 in another), whether some sports may be more appropriately structured as festival style events rather than full championship programs. Discussion was turned to sorting sports into season of plays. Concerns were raised about student-athlete workload, particularly where individuals are participating in three spring sports simultaneously, resulting in excessive time away from academics.

The Executive Director clarified that no policy changes are being brought forward at this time. The purpose of the discussion is to continue asking critical questions, understanding long-term impacts, and reviewing whether current systems remain appropriate. The Board has directed the committee to continue this work, and it is expected that the committee will revisit this topic one to two more times before any formal motions are considered.

11. DISCUSSION TOPIC – MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Executive Director introduced the discussion by noting the growing complexity of middle school athletics across the province. It was reported that there are currently approximately 21 different grade configurations across nearly 450 schools, creating significant variation in how students access school sport. While the most common model remains grade 8-12, many districts operate 6-8 or 7-9 middle school models. At present, 44 middle schools hold BCSS membership. In several districts, including Greater Victoria and Coquitlam, districts have collectively chosen not to register their middle schools. Instead they operate separate local leagues under district or association guidelines. This has created inequitable access for grade 8 students, particularly in individual sport championships.

It was noted that 7-9 configurations, schools remain BCSS members, however grade 7 students are the only grade not eligible for BCSS competition. This further contributes to inconsistency. A related issue was raised regarding grade 10 students who attend senior schools but are unable to form their own junior teams due to enrollment size or structural limitations and the school cannot use grade 9s from the feeder middle school. An example from Vancouver Island was given where middle schools are not BCSS members, they contribute to the funding of a shared athletic coordinator. They operate on a four season model (fall 1, fall 2, winter, and spring) with each season running six weeks. Schools can choose to participate at either a competitive or recreational level with teams generally split by grade. Competition is often organized in jamboree-style formats.

Across the province, concerns were raised about the lack of uniformity in rules, expectations, and support structure. This inconsistency creates challenges for compliance, safety, and long term program sustainability. It was emphasized that the vast majority of middle school athletic directors receive no allocated time or formal administrative support contributing to registration errors, missed deadlines, difficulty securing coaches and officials, transportation challenges, financial limitations, high turnover in athletic director roles, and reduced student experience and increased dropout. It was emphasized that strengthening middle school sport requires creative local solutions, given the wide variation in school configurations and geographic realities across the province. Participants noted that when a district assigns someone to manage scheduling and logistics it significantly reduces the burden on coaches and allows them to focus on student-athlete experience.

12. BCSS OFFICIAL BALL

The Executive Director provided background on the BCSS official ball, noting that the legislative assembly approved molten as the official ball for basketball, volleyball, and soccer. An issue was raised regarding the former Boys Basketball commission, which has since become an association. This association independently entered into a ball sponsorship agreement with Baden. The group has now expanded its efforts and issued correspondence mandating the use of Baden ball, which directly contradicts BCSS's approved Molten official ball. To minimize financial burden on schools, BCSS previously offered schools the option to cycle out existing Baden balls gradually and transition to Molten overtime rather than requiring an immediate replacement. Questions were raised about what the current expectations are for schools and sanctioned competition. It was noted that BCSS would need to amend policy language from applying only to zone and provincial championships to applying to all sanctioned competition.

The LA discussed a solution centered around education, clarity and a phased policy implementation. Key points included BCSS will continue to provide clear information to schools by sending out a memo to all athletic directors, administrators, and basketball coaches. In this memo it will clarify that a third party cannot mandate the use of a ball for BCSS sanctioned competition. A formal policy amendment is expected to be brought forward at the AGM, expanding the requirement from zone and provincial championships only to all sanctioned competition. The intended approach was to maintain a 1-3 year transition period, allowing schools time to budget and replace equipment reasonably and we have reached that timeline. There was no appetite for immediate enforcement, with consensus that education and transition remain the priority at this time. It was acknowledged that current issues are occurring primarily in invitational tournaments, and that this group does not have the authority to dictate ball usage under BCSS governance.

13. MEETING WRAP UP

The Executive Director highlighted the continued growth and importance of unified sports, specifically basketball. The LA was encouraged to spread the word about a Unified Basketball event hosted by the Langley school district on May 14th. The Executive Director shared details regarding the upcoming CIAAA conference which will be hosted in Kelowna from April 16th to 18th. Member schools were encouraged to support strong provincial representation while the conference is hosted locally. Details regarding the upcoming BCSS Annual General Meeting (AGM) were shared. The meeting will take place in Whistler from May 8th to 9th. The Executive Director concluded by thanking all attendees for their engagement and ongoing commitment to student-athletes across the province. Upcoming deadlines were highlighted, along with appreciation for the continued efforts of school and zone volunteers in delivering meaningful opportunities.

The President expressed appreciation to the Executive Director and the BCSS staff for their leadership, professionalism and willingness to engage in challenging and important discussions. Appreciation was also extended to all members of the Legislative Assembly for their openness, collaboration, and commitment. The LA were encouraged to return to their respective communities and continue to "make magic happen" for student-athletes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM. The next meeting will take place on May 8-9, 2026 at the Hilton Whistler Resort.

*APPENDIX A

Directors Present:

Lindsay Brooke	President
Deanna Schaper-Kotter	Vice President
Rick Lopez	Director – A/AA School
Vladimir Nikic	Director – AAA/AAAA School
Cal Westbrook	Director – Rural/Semi Rural
Rachel Romero	Director – Section 2 Representative
Jake Mouritzen	Director – Section 3 Representative
Lisa Ellis	Director – At Large

Legislative Assembly Members Present:

Kathleen Dempster	Kootenay Representative
Meghan Coultry	Kootenay Representative
Sean Sinclair	Kootenay Representative
Justin Rogers	North Central Representative
Jaclyn McNicol	North Central Representative
James Horner	Northwest Representative
Debi Laughlin	Northwest Representative
Matthew Lowndes	Northwest Representative
Matt Phillips	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
Kate MacLeod	Fraser North Representative
Claude Leduc	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Pat Lee	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Shauna Underwood	Vancouver Sea to Sky Representative
Greg Gartell	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Mary Bartucci	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Jason Town	Thompson Okanagan Representative
Colleen Sullivan	Eastern Valley Representative
Shauna Stam	Eastern Valley Representative
Rick Thiessen	Eastern Valley Representative
Chris Kennedy	BC Schools Superintendents Association
Gord Li	BC School Trustees Association
Josh Ogilvie	BC Teachers Federation
Keirsten Tymko	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
Shawn Chisolm	Federation of Independent Schools

Sid Jawanda
Jackie Snell
Alec Lewis
Zoel Thibault
Chris Ellett
Mark Fenn
Mike Thompson

BC Principal and Vice Principals
Competitive Fairness Committee Chair
Eligibility Appeals Committee Chair
Winter Sports Rules Committee Chair
Spring Sports Rules Committee Chair
Individual Sports Committee Chair
Sport Medicine & Athlete Safety Committee
Chair

Staff Present:

Jordan Abney
Karen Hum
Harp Sohi
Prabh Jauhal
Josie Delisa
Scott Bowers

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

Observers Present:

Jennifer Robinson

Non Ha

President - Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic
Association
Executive Director – BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory Councils

Board of Directors Report – Lindsay Brooke, President

As I reflect on the conclusion of my term as President of BC School Sports, I am struck by how much we have accomplished together. This has been a year of sustained momentum: we have seen continued growth in school sport participation, the successful execution of our championships, and countless examples of memorable athletic achievement. Above all, it has been a privilege to work alongside coaches, administrators, and athletes who make high school sport a cornerstone of our school communities. Furthermore, our ongoing dialogue within the Legislative Assembly remains robust, characterized by a high level of constructive engagement from every region of the province.

The success of a school sports season is never accidental; it is built on the tireless efforts of our Athletic Directors (ADs) and coaches. The value of school sport—its profound contribution to the holistic development of our students—is an organic learning experience that provides lessons no classroom can fully replicate. The countless hours of volunteer time contributed at all levels is immeasurable. Their selfless dedication is the engine that allows our students to grow, excel, and develop both as athletes and as citizens. I extend a heartfelt thank you to every AD, coach, and volunteer across British Columbia for your unwavering commitment to enriching the lives of our young people.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to Jordan Abney and the entire staff at BCSS. Having served on the board for several years now, I have gained a deeper appreciation for the high level of professionalism and the strategic efforts the team makes to continually elevate the experience for our member schools, ADs, and student-athletes. Collaborating with the BCSS team remains a deeply rewarding experience. As we bid farewell to key members of our team, Karen Hum and Harp Sohi—whose services have been exemplary—I want to express my personal gratitude for the leadership and guidance they have provided.

I would also like to acknowledge the critical contributions of our Board of Directors. The volunteer stewardship of this Board has been fundamental in steering BC School Sports toward continued stability and growth, and it has been a pleasure to serve alongside each of you.

As we look toward the final stretch of the spring championship season, I have no doubt we will witness many more outstanding performances to celebrate. We are well-positioned to embrace both the opportunities and the challenges that the upcoming school year will bring. I look forward to welcoming new members to the staff and the Legislative Assembly, and I am excited to continue our collective work in the year ahead.



Lindsay Brooke
President

Executive Director Report – Jordan Abney

The incredible experiences shared by student-athletes across our province are a direct testament to the work of tens of thousands of people, each giving a part of their lives to help shape and grow the next generation of citizens and leaders. I am in awe of all of you. Whether as a coach, athletic director, administrator, or in any other capacity that supports school sport, I offer my most profound thanks.

As we soon flip the calendar to May, it is a good time to salute another remarkable year in school sport. Here are a few highlights:

This year marked the first year of our new three-year tiering cycle, including the sustained excellence and rural/semi-rural adjustments. While a more comprehensive review will be required over the next few years, I am pleased to report that the early impacts have been generally positive and aligned with expectations. As a reminder, the 2026–27 and 2027–28 school years will remain under the same tier thresholds and school placements as this year, and the next update or alignment will be for 2028–29.

We again had a strong response to our annual AD and Administrator surveys. This information helps us understand challenges and opportunities within our member schools. It gives us feedback on emerging issues while also allowing us to track multi-year trends affecting schools and their athletic programs.

BCSS was also successful in bringing on new partners. Onni, a prominent BC developer, became the presenting sponsor for our Wrestling Championship, which also expanded to include an adjacent Onni Open event for Grade 8 and 9 student-athletes. In addition to its event sponsorship, Onni, through its family foundation, donated \$200,000 for 10 new wrestling mats to be used at our championships and to support local wrestling meets around the province. Wrestling has seen a substantial resurgence from its COVID lows, and this remarkable donation will allow us to enhance our championships and create more opportunities for schools to host competitions throughout the year.

In other partner news, Beem Credit Union expanded its partnership with BC School Sports, and we launched the first Equipment Access Program last spring, with seven schools receiving more than \$10,000 worth of equipment in September to support their programs. I am happy to report that Beem has again provided support for the program, and the application window is open until April 24 for this year's intake, with a goal of seeing \$20,000 of equipment provided to schools.

We have been going through a comprehensive RFP process this year and are now in the final stages of selecting the vendor that will help build a new registration system and sport management engine to serve as the hub for all things BCSS in the future. In addition to staff and the Board, we created a Tech Advisory Committee made up of people with a range of relevant expertise. We look forward to sharing more information in the coming months as we build out the project in stages, beginning with Fall 2027.

Speaking of tech, our engagement on social continues to grow as we focus on celebrating school sport around the province. We now have more than 25,000 followers on Instagram and expect to surpass 60 million impressions in the 2025–26 school year. We know this will continue to grow as we move into the future.

We are excited for spring championships. Hosting 14 championship events in 18 days is a thrilling, and challenging, three weeks for our team, but we know how much it means to

our student-athletes. One new change this year is that all three girls soccer championships will be played at one venue. We look forward to all 48 teams descending on Kamloops and MacArthur Island in late May, and to the energy and excitement that will bring.

While there is much to celebrate, there are, as always, challenges we continue to face. One persistent challenge remains behaviour. Reports of misconduct, ranging from code of conduct issues to recruitment concerns, continue to emerge – often faster than we can process them. It is vital to remember that school sport is an extension of the educational environment. The standard must be higher than what we see in professional or club settings. Our coaches, parents, and student-athletes must reflect the values of learning, respect, and sportsmanship that define educational athletics. Our member schools are charged with policing themselves and their students in accordance with the rules and expectations. If we fail to uphold this central tenant of school sports, the entire system becomes weaker.

We have also had legal challenges this year that will have both direct and indirect effects on the membership. Dealing with legal threats is not a new concern, and it is something I, along with our external counsel, am accustomed to handling. This year, however, there was a meaningful shift: the legal challenges came on multiple occasions from member schools. It is believed to be the first time in the nearly 60-year history of BCSS that this has happened. Unfortunately, it means there will be a legal levy next year to help top up the reserve fund used to deal with legal challenges, something we haven't had to do in a number of years. Perhaps the more significant and unfortunate outcome will be a change in how our policies are drafted and approved. Our policies have traditionally been written in common, layperson language, intended to provide accessibility and understanding for school personnel and parents. The intent of these policies is clear, and we rely on schools to govern themselves and hold themselves to the appropriate standard. Without getting into details, the legal challenges relied heavily on technical arguments to challenge decisions or outcomes. As a result, we will need to take a more technical approach to policy and use legal counsel for drafting and review, which will lead to increased costs and more technical, legal-style policies. It is an unfortunate development and a concerning trend.

I would like to thank the BCSS Board of Directors for their dedication and leadership. Their commitment to representing our membership with integrity and purpose cannot be overstated. I also want to recognize Lindsay Brooke, who is finishing her two-year term as President. While she still has one more year remaining on her Board term, her time as President has been marked by steadiness, commitment, and a willingness to challenge both Board and staff to better serve our schools and youth. We also have two board members whose terms are up and who are both running again. Even so, I want to recognize Rick Lopez for an incredible tenure on the Board, and Jake Mouritzen for the passion and intelligence he has brought to our Board meetings.

I also want to recognize the BCSS staff team. The work is often thankless, the criticism can be loud, and the decisions are difficult. Yet every day, you show up with integrity, passion, and unwavering dedication to the schools, coaches, and student-athletes we serve. Thank you for your tireless commitment.

A special recognition to Harp Sohi, who has been with BCSS for the last 3.5+ years and has worked in school sport in BC for more than 25 years. Harp is a tireless worker who simply gets things done. Beyond the work itself, he has put systems and structures in place that

will support BCSS for years to come. He has made an incredible difference at BCSS. As he heads into a well-deserved retirement, I send him my deepest gratitude and very best wishes for the future.

Lastly, a note of recognition for Karen Hum. Karen is in her 11th year with BC School Sports and has been the safety blanket for hundreds of athletic directors across BC. We strive to provide quality service for our schools, and for many, the voice they have come to know and expect is Karen's. From modest beginnings more than a decade ago, hired on a part-time basis to help with basic administration, Karen has grown into a Director with as much institutional knowledge as perhaps anyone in BCSS history. She has brought an attitude that no matter how daunting or demanding the job, we will get it done. Her loss will be monumental and felt not only in our office, but in the office of every athletic director as well. She too has earned a wonderful retirement, and I offer her my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for helping make BCSS what it is today. Wishing you the very best in a fantastic retirement chapter.

As you can see, there are big changes afoot at BCSS, and we have been working through the transition plan. We will have some new faces over the summer and into next fall. It is another challenge we look forward to facing as we continue to serve our schools and provide opportunities for student-athletes across the province.

In closing, I wish to convey my immense gratitude for the trust placed in me by our Board of Directors, Legislative Assembly, member schools, and partners across the province. Serving as your Executive Director is an amazing privilege.

With gratitude,



Jordan Abney
Executive Director

2025-26 YTD Operating Statements (As of April 14, 2026)

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
4000 Membership	991,917.90	973,800.00
4200 Events	572,702.40	1,003,250.00
4600 Advertising/Sponsorship/Business Development	320,140.23	359,138.00
4700 Grant & Donations	227,634.69	276,500.00
7000 Other Income	20,218.36	27,500.00
Total Income	\$2,132,613.58	\$2,640,188.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,132,613.58	\$2,640,188.00
Expenses		
6000 Program, Operations & Administrations	962,981.34	1,373,555.00
6600 Events Expense	767,031.45	1,430,000.00
Total Expenses	\$1,730,012.79	\$2,803,555.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$402,600.79	\$ -163,367.00
Other Expenses	\$205.00	\$0.00
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -205.00	\$0.00
NET INCOME	\$402,395.79	\$ -163,367.00

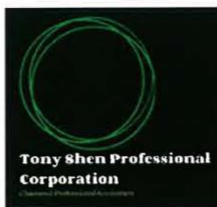
Note: Actuals include \$200,000 donation from Onni for Wrestling Mats which have not yet been purchased

2024-25 Audited Financial Statements

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2025



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of
BC School Sports

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of BC School Sports, which comprise the statement of operations as at June 30, 2025, and the , and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at June 30, 2025, and its results of operations and its cash flows in accordance with ASNPO.

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 the organization 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.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, 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 the organization's 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 the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

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. 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:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

- 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 the organization's 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 the organization's 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 the organization 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.

Surrey BC
January 28, 2026

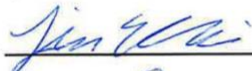
Tony Shen Professional Corporation,
Chartered Professional Accountant


BC SCHOOL SPORTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
For the year ended, June 30, 2025

Exhibit A

	General	Capital Assets	Gaming	Other Funds	Total	
					2025	2024
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and term deposits	\$ 1,186,784	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 454,787	\$ 1,641,579	\$ 1,767,679
Accounts receivable	452,644	-	-	-	452,644	131,971
Government remittance	19	-	-	-	19	59
Interfund receivable (payable)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	29,938	-	-	-	29,938	15,050
	<u>1,669,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>454,787</u>	<u>2,124,180</u>	<u>1,914,759</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT						
Furniture and equipment	-	27,773	-	-	27,773	27,773
Accumulated amortization	-	25,693	-	-	25,693	25,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>2,773</u>
	<u>1,669,385</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>454,787</u>	<u>2,126,260</u>	<u>1,917,532</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Payables and accruals	407,465	-	-	-	407,465	\$ 93,044
Deferred credit (note 7)	-	-	8	194,638	194,645	511,900
	<u>407,465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>194,638</u>	<u>602,111</u>	<u>604,944</u>
NET ASSETS						
Unrestricted	1,261,920	-	-	-	1,261,920	1,051,057
Internally restricted	-	-	-	260,149	260,149	258,758
Invested in capital assets	-	2,080	-	-	2,080	2,773
	<u>1,261,920</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,149</u>	<u>1,524,149</u>	<u>1,312,588</u>
	<u>1,669,385</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>454,787</u>	<u>2,126,260</u>	<u>1,917,532</u>

On behalf of the board





BC SCHOOL SPORTS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the year ended, June 30, 2025

Exhibit B

	General	Capital Assets	Gaming	Other Funds	Total	
					2025	2024
REVENUES						
Fees and fines	\$ 977,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 977,160	\$ 959,912
Championships	1,103,642	-	-	-	1,103,642	1,072,276
Government Grants	-	-	257,480	-	257,480	249,463
Donations and Sponsorships	392,607	-	-	-	392,607	314,069
Advertising and administrative	28,971	-	-	-	28,971	1,265
Interest	51,519	-	-	-	51,519	25,795
	<u>2,553,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,811,379</u>	<u>2,622,780</u>
EXPENSES						
Championships						
Administration	418,720	-	25,642	-	444,361	382,188
Banquet, awards and marketing	275,909	-	10,055	-	285,965	269,605
Event expenses	569,918	-	43,508	-	613,426	643,704
Insurance	16,919	-	82,004	-	98,923	79,202
Rent	46,114	-	60,802	-	106,915	116,593
Remuneration	786,375	-	16,590	-	802,964	611,193
Membership services						
Administration	-	-	-	-	-	101,417
Meetings	199,938	-	-	-	199,938	133,692
Merchandise	(10,664)	-	9,146	-	(1,518)	(4,721)
Public relations	8,877	-	9,735	-	18,611	29,947
Rent	-	-	-	-	-	9,148
Remuneration	-	-	-	-	-	138,037
Scholarships	32,000	-	-	-	32,000	12,325
Recognitions	-	-	-	-	-	22,321
	<u>2,344,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,601,586</u>	<u>2,544,651</u>
Net revenue before amortization	209,793	-	-	-	209,793	78,129
Amortization of equipment	-	(693)	-	-	(693)	(693)
Prior period adjustment (note 4)	2,461	-	-	-	2,461	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 212,254	\$ (693)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,561	\$ 77,436

BC SCHOOL SPORTS
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 For the year ended, June 30, 2025

Exhibit C

	General	Capital Assets	Gaming	Other Funds (Schedule 1)	Total
NET ASSETS					
Balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 973,070	\$ 3,466	\$ -	\$ 258,616	\$ 1,235,152
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	78,009	(693)	-	120	77,436
Internal fund transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$ 1,051,079	\$ 2,773	\$ -	\$ 258,736	\$ 1,312,588
Balance, July 1, 2024	\$ 1,051,079	\$ 2,773	\$ -	\$ 258,736	\$ 1,312,588
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	212,254	(693)	-	-	211,561
Internal fund transfers	(1,413)	-	-	1,413	-
Balance, June 30, 2025	\$ 1,261,920	\$ 2,080	\$ -	\$ 260,149	\$ 1,524,149

BC SCHOOL SPORTS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended, June 30, 2025

Exhibit D

	2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 211,561	\$ 77,436
Adjustment for		
Amortization	693	693
	212,254	78,129
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable	(320,672)	44,425
Increase in prepaid expenses	(14,888)	(9,000)
Decrease in inventory	-	541
Decrease (increase) in government remittance	40	(59)
Decrease in deposits	-	50,000
Increase in interfund payable	-	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payables and accruals	314,421	(98,668)
(Decrease) increase in deferred credit	(317,255)	38,734
	(126,100)	104,102
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH	(126,100)	104,102
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,767,679	1,663,577
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,641,579	\$ 1,767,679

Notices of Motion

Motion #	Impact on what section of rules	Resolution
1	Bylaw 7.4 – Composition of Board	Bylaw 7.4 – Board Composition *Requires 2/3 approval
2	344.0 – Fee Schedule	Legal Contingency Fund
3	371.1 – Zones	Motions Being Brought Forward by Zones
4	380.0 – BCSS Calendar	BCSS Calendar
5	549.0 – Scholarship Committee	Scholarship Committee
6	721.7 – BCSS Provincial Championships	Use of Drones Over Field of Play
7	724.4 – Championship Entry or Participation Fees	Legacy Fund
8	726.0 – Provincial Championship Calendar	Provincial Championship Calendar Weeks
9	819.5 – Number of Years of Eligibility	Returning Exchange Student Athlete
10	1022.0 – Badminton Rules of Play	Badminton – Singles Player Order Based on Strength
11	1025.0 – Badminton Provincial Championships	Badminton – Tiebreaker Policy
12	1033.0/1123.0/1163.0 Equipment Section of Basketball, Soccer, & Volleyball	Molten Official Game Ball for Basketball, Soccer, & Volleyball
13	1132.0 – Tennis Rules of Play	Tennis – Singles Player Order Based on Strength
14	1151.0 – Ultimate Calendar	Ultimate – Provincial Championship Week
15	1170.0 – Wrestling	Wrestling - Housekeeping
16	637.0 – Girls Basketball Sport Tiering Classifications	Girls Basketball – Tiering Numbers
17	1093.0 – Mountain Biking Equipment	Mountain Biking – Enduro Helmet Rule
18	1086.0 – Golf Competitions	Golf – Berthing
19	1161.0 – Girls Volleyball Provincial Championship Dates	Girls Volleyball – Provincial Championships Date Change
20	354.0 – Filming, Recording & Streaming	Video and Streaming
21	1070.0 – Football	Football Policy Section
22	825.0 – Prep Programs/Prep Team	Prep Programs/Prep Teams
23	824.0 – Sport Specific Training and Programming	Sport Academies

Notice of Motion #1

Board of Directors

Bylaw 7.4 – Board Composition

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 7.4 Composition of Board

7.4 Composition of Board
The Board will be composed of up to nine (9) Directors as follows:

- (a) The President;
- (b) The Vice-President or Past-President, whichever is currently holding office pursuant to Bylaw 11.5;
- (c) Seven (7) Directors-at large, including the following:
 - (i) At least one (1) representative from an A or AA school;
 - (ii) At least one (1) representative from and AAA or AAAA school;
 - (iii) At least one (1) representative or a rural or semi-rural school, qualified in accordance with section 7.3;
 - (iv) At least one (1) representative of a school in either the Thompson-Okanagan Zone or the Vancouver Island Zone, qualified in accordance with section 7.3;
 - (v) At least one (1) representative of a school in either the Kootenay Zone or the North Central Zone, qualified in accordance with section 7.3;
 - (vi) At least one (1) representative of a school in either the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone, the Fraser North Zone or the Eastern Valley Zone, qualified in accordance with section 7.3;

As part of the above composition, at all times **there must be a minimum of two (2) female and two (2) male directors** ~~at least one (1) of whom must be a qualified representative holding a Director at large pursuant to sub-paragraphs 7.4 (c)(iv) to 7.4(c)(vi).~~

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

To remove the requirement that at least one (1) of the three (3) Section Representative positions be held by a female director, and instead stipulate that the Board must, at all times, be composed of a minimum of two (2) male and two (2) female directors.

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

Given the cycle that is needed to apply this, there can be situations where a board member wants to sit another term cannot, or that a zone has a good candidate but if they are at a certain part in the cycle, they can't serve. Goal is to provide more flexibility, while still maintaining gender diversity.

Notice of Motion #2

Board of Directors

Fee Schedule – Legal Contingency Fund

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 344.0 FEE SCHEDULE

The Board of Directors, consistent with their responsibility to set dues for the membership, will apply a legal surcharge (“Legal Levy”) as required to maintain a Legal Contingency Fund specifically to handle the prevention or response to legal action taken against the organization. The target balance of this contingency is ~~\$60,000~~ **\$120,000**. A levy in the amount greater than \$100.00 per school will require Legislative Assembly approval.

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

The legal contingency was established approximately 10 years ago, to allow the organization to have funds designated to address the threat of, and filing of legal action against the organization. Having to budget large sums for costs that may or may not materialize is very ineffective. The target balance was approved by Ordinary Resolution to be increased to \$60,000 a number of years ago. Given the escalating costs of defending legal cases, as well as the increased willingness that parents and other entities to file legal action, the Board no longer believes the levy to be sufficient to appropriately defend and protect the organization.

The current legal contingency balance is approximately \$44,000, (drawn down from \$60,000 to start this year after 2 major items this year.) A legal levy has not been charged since 2021. Should the motion be approved, the Board will implement the levy over 2 years to reach the new target. The levy will be approximately \$75 per member school for the next two years to bring the levy to the balance. If the organization does not face legal action and no costs are expended, there is no levy charged the following year. As mentioned above, the last legal levy was charged in Fall 2021.

The Board has been prudent in exploring all out of court settlement options, to reduce costs to the membership but if a case is brought that the Board feels must be vigorously defended on behalf of all member schools, then there must be the accessible funds required to do so.

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

To ensure BC School Sports has sufficient funds to defend a legal case should it be required.

Notice of Motion #3

Board of Directors

Motions being brought forward by Zones

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 371.1 ZONES

371.1 As per the BCSS Bylaws, BCSS will have 9 zones, in addition to the responsibilities as stated in the Bylaws, zones will

- Appoint 3 persons (and 3 alternates) to the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the Bylaws
- Create and follow **apply** rules and regulations for zone procedures and determinations;
- Coordinate Zone Championships for qualifying teams and individuals to BCSS Provincial Championships
- Represent the voices of the schools in the zone—Bring forth motions **on behalf of the zone when approved by the majority of the schools within their zone in accordance with zone voting procedures.**

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

Changes are for clarification purposes, as this was always the intent, but it is not as explicit, and as there is turnover in member of the Legislative Assembly or Zone leadership, there has been some confusion as to the expectation.

Zones are able to submit a Notice of Motion through their Legislative Assembly representatives for consideration at a General or Special Meeting of the Legislative Assembly, only once a motion has been passed by the majority of member schools in the zone, in accordance with the Zone's meeting and voting procedures.

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

To ensure all member schools within the zone are aware of the motion and that the majority of them support the motion before it is voted on by the Legislative Assembly.

Notice of Motion #4

Board of Directors

BCSS Calendar

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 380.0 BCSS Calendar

380.0 The BCSS activity calendar runs Monday to Sunday and will begin with the ~~Civic Day~~ Holiday **Labour Day** Holiday each ~~August~~ **September** as found in this handbook.

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

Due to the number of weeks between the Civic Day (August long) and Labour Day (September Long Weekend) being different in some years, the week count would then be inconsistent for the entire school year. By starting on the Labour Day, the week count can remain consistent, allowing for less mistakes, less confusion and more understanding from all those projecting championship dates or other significant dates.

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

- Less likelihood of errors when building out the calendars each year
- Easier for schools, and stakeholders to predict calendar dates

Notice of Motion #5

Board of Directors

Scholarship Committee

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 549.0 Scholarship Committee

549.0

COMPOSITION & TERM OF APPOINTMENT

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

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

The previous policy included language that a zone would be ineligible to receive a scholarship if it failed to put forward a representative. We noted that many of the same people who put their hand up for everything, are the ones doing this role, as they were doing it out of necessity to ensure their students in their zone were eligible. As BC School Sports is no longer offering zone scholarships and now only administers third-party scholarships, this provision is no longer needed. Removing this language ensures the policy reflects current scholarship offerings. We are still encouraging every zone to have some to assist and participate in the process but didn't want language preventing any student from receiving a third-party funded scholarship, based on their zone not participating.

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

To ensure all students are eligible for third-party funded scholarships by removing obligation of every zone to have a rep. We are still encouraging all zones to support the process by appointing someone, but it is no longer punitive to not do it.

Notice of Motion #6

Board of Directors

Use of Drones Over Field of Play

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

721.7 DRONES

The use of drones is permitted at BC School Sports events provided they are operated in accordance with all applicable school district, municipal, and federal bylaws and regulations.

Drones are not permitted to be flown over the field of play or competition area at any time without explicit permission from BCSS. BC School Sports and their event hosts may further restrict or prohibit drone use where necessary for safety or event operations.

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

BCSS receives many inquiries about the use of drones each year. This motion clarifies the expectations of their use, allowing for easier enforcement and enhanced safety.

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

Clarity for drone operators, member schools and event organizers.

Notice of Motion #7

Board of Directors

Legacy Fund

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

724.4 LEGACY FUND

Every student-athlete who competes in a BCSS Provincial Championship will pay a fee of \$1.00, which in its entirety will be invested in the BCSS Legacy Fund, as invoiced to the school, as part of the championship fee. (For teams sports the STARS roster will be used to calculate the fee. For individual sports the provincial entry list will be used).

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

This motion is being introduced to help our student-athletes become aware of the fund, and feel a small sense of ownership in its success. It also creates a small, but consistent contribution to the fund, usually between \$14,000 - \$16,000 per year, which when combined with other donations will help reduce costs and support school sport in the future.

All funds collected through this fee will be designated for long-term investment under the approved BC School Sports Legacy Fund Investment and Spending Policy. The fund's mandate is to over time generate investment income that can be distributed in support of scholarships, program development, safety initiatives, and increased access to school sports.

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

- Increased awareness by our student-athletes of the Legacy Fund
- A sense of contribution or ownership in its success
- A small but consistent contribution each year to ensure growth of the fund

Notice of Motion #8

Board of Directors

Provincial Championship Calendar

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 724.4 Provincial Championship Calendar

726.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

The Provincial Championship Calendar is set by the grid in 726.1. The Calendar is always based on the first day of week 1 of the BCSS Calendar falling on Labour Day Monday. The handbook will contain the dates of the championship week five (5) years in advance to assist schools and districts with planning. Championships should always be scheduled to fall within the designated week as outlined in the 52-week calendar.

The Board of Directors will finalize and approve the exact championship dates and locations annually when they approve fees, dues, calendar dates etc. Any required changes to an approved championship week due to extenuating circumstances (e.g., facility conflicts or inclement weather) can be approved by the Board of Directors on a one-off basis. Permanent changes to a designated championship week require approval from the BCSS Legislative Assembly.

726.1

Sport	Season of Play	Championship Week Number
Cross Country	Fall	9
Boys Soccer – A	Fall	10
Boys Soccer – AA	Fall	12
Boys Soccer – AAA	Fall	12
Field Hockey - AA	Fall	10
Field Hockey – AAA	Fall	11
Swimming	Fall	11
Football	Fall	13
Volleyball	Fall	13
Ski/Snowboard	Winter	26
Curling	Winter	25
Wrestling	Winter	25
Girls Basketball	Winter	26
Boys Basketball	Winter	27
Tennis	Spring	38
Mountain Biking	Spring	38
Ultimate	Spring	38
Rugby	Spring	39
Girls Soccer	Spring	39
Badminton	Spring	39
Golf	Spring	40
Track and Field – Multi Events	Spring	39
Track and Field	Spring	40

726.2 The calendar is created with the following objectives:

726.2.1 To minimize disruption to instructional time, cost and strain on human resources

726.2.2 To recognize the number of school days involved

726.2.3 To ensure facility needs for specific events

726.2.4 To ensure all Official BCSS Championships end on a Saturday unless otherwise stated on the Calendar

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

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

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

BCSS discovered an error in our calendar for next year, and this works to simplify and communicate which weeks are which dates well in advance to assist with planning, and providing clarity on the process when the Board needs to make a one time change, or what is required if a permanent change is sought.

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

- Clarity on Championship weeks many years in advance
- Clarity on process for changes either one-off or permanent
- Consistency on length of each season of play for each sport

Notice of Motion #9

Board of Directors

Returning Exchange Student-Athlete

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 819.5 Returning Exchange Student-Athlete

819.5 RETURNING EXCHANGE STUDENT-ATHLETE

~~A BC student-athlete who is returning to British Columbia after conclusion of a one (1) year or less outgoing student exchange program, and who has concluded their eligibility calendar in accordance with 816.0, may have up to one (1) year of eligibility restored only if all of the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~• The student-athletes has participated in a recognized exchange program;~~
- ~~• The student-athlete is returning to the same BCSS member school that they attended prior to leaving on the exchange program;~~
- ~~• The student-athlete does not participate in any BCSS competition in BCSS-approved sports in which the student-athlete participated in inter-school and/or club competition while on the exchange;~~
- ~~• The student-athlete meets all other eligibility requirements; and~~
- ~~• A letter from the administrator confirming compliance with the conditions outlined in 819.5 is required.~~

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

BCSS has been challenged that this exception is providing a formal 6th year exemption for students in these situations, but not all 6th years are granted this, and the program is not necessarily accessible to all students, and as a result can be argued as an inequity and provide legal risk to the organization. Given that historically there has only been 1 or 2 applications on this policy a year, it was recommended we remove the written exemption, and these situations would be required to go to appeal, where they would receive the same due process and consideration as all other 6th year applications, where the EAC can then determine fairly, what constitutes a valid reason for an exemption to be granted.

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

- Reduce legal liability to organization
- Students returning from approved exchanges (ie. Rotary) who do not progress academically, and require a 6th year by the BCSS definition, would submit an eligibility submission, which could no longer be approved by the EO, but would then have to go to the EAC, where they would make a determination.

Notice of Motion #10

Spring Rules Committee

Badminton – Singles Player Order Based on Strength

NOTE* If adopted, this will come into effect immediately for the 2026 BCSS Badminton Provincial Championship.

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1022.0 RULES OF PLAY

1022.1.7 Within a tie, an athlete can play up to two matches. If an athlete participates in two matches, it must be either one singles and one doubles c, or two doubles (A or B) matches.

1. A student-athlete who plays in a singles match (Match-~~7~~ 3 or 2 4) may only play in the doubles C pairing (match 7).
2. An athlete in the doubles pairing (either A or B) must play both matches with the same pairing. A student-athlete cannot play doubles A pairing and then play in double B pairing in the same tie.
3. For the doubles C paring, coaches may choose to play one or both of the student-athletes from single matches, or they may choose one or two different student-athletes, they have not played in that tie. (cannot choose a player who played in doubles A or B pairing)
4. The singles A player should be stronger than the singles B player.

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

Match order was changed section 1025.3.4 at the 2025 AGM but was missed being changed in this section.

In all ties, schools are required to assign their stronger of the two singles players to the Singles “A” position. This requirement ensures competitive integrity and maintains equitable match play by preventing any potential advantage in the Singles “B” competition.

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

Match order was changed in section 1025.3.4 at the 2025 AGM but was missed being changed in this section.

Notice of Motion #11

Spring Sports Rules Committee

Badminton – Tiebreaker Policy

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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NOTE* If adopted, this will come into effect immediately for the 2026 BCSS Badminton Provincial Championship.

Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1025.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1025.3.3 After the round robin play, teams will be ranked one to four (1-4) in their pools. All teams will be placed into the championships draw based on their placement during power pools.

1025.3.3.1 If two teams are tied, the head-to-head record will be used.

1025.3.3.2 If more than two teams are tied, the following criteria will be used in sequential order. Tiebreaker procedure will **only use results from games/matches between the tied teams**. If any one step identifies the winning/last place team, the placement of the two remaining teams will be determined by their head to head result:

- a. The team with the most matches won during round robin ties
- b. The highest games differential (games won v. games lost) during round robin ties.
- c. The highest point differential (points for v. points against) during round robin ties.
- d. Flip of a coin

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

Tiebreaker policy was omitted when badminton sport regulations were added to the handbook. Required to effectively break ties. Has been reviewed and recommended by the Badminton Advisory Committee and approved by the Team Sports Championship Committee to bring forward as a Notice of Motion.

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

Ensure current tiebreaker policy is available for reference in the BCSS Handbook.

Notice of Motion #12

Board of Directors

Molten – Official Game Ball for Soccer, Volleyball & Basketball

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1033.1, 1123.1, 1163.1 EQUIPMENT

1030.0 BASKETBALL

1033.0 EQUIPMENT

1033.1 Ball

- The ~~Championship~~ Official game ball of BCSS basketball is the Molten G4500 Series. The size 7 ball (29.5) will be used for Boys Competition. The size 6 (28.5) will be used for Girls' competition. This ball must be used for all BCSS sanctioned events.
- Failure to use the official BCSS ball may result in penalties against BCSS member schools and teams, or loss of sanctioning for 3rd party hosts, if applicable.
- Penalties are assessed at the discretion of the Executive Director, and may include but are not limited to, reduction in playing days, forfeiture, disqualification from post season play and/or monetary fines. For 3rd party hosts, it may result in the loss of future sanctioning.

1020.0 SOCCER

1023.0 EQUIPMENT

1023.1 Ball

- The official game ball of BCSS Soccer will be the Molten FSA5000 Series. This ball must be used in all BCSS sanctioned events.
- Failure to use the official BCSS ball may result in penalties against BCSS member schools and teams, or loss of sanctioning for 3rd party hosts, if applicable.
- Penalties are assessed at the discretion of the Executive Director, and may include but are not limited to, reduction in playing days, forfeiture, disqualification from post season play and/or monetary fines. For 3rd party hosts, it may result in the loss of future sanctioning.

1160.0 VOLLEYBALL

1163.0 EQUIPMENT

1163.1 Ball

- The official game ball is the Molten V5M5000 FLISTATEC Series.
- This ball must be used in all BCSS sanctioned events. Failure to use the official ball may result in penalties against BCSS member schools and teams.
- Penalties are assessed at the discretion of the Executive Director, and may include but are not limited to, reduction in playing days, forfeiture, disqualification from post season play and/or monetary fines. For 3rd party hosts, it may result in the loss of future sanctioning.
- The colour of the ball is irrelevant and may change from match to match. However, when multiple balls are used within a match (3 -ball system) all the balls must be of the same colour.
- For provincial championships, the same colour ball will be used for all matches in the championship.

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

As per the Memo in November 2025 upon the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, there was an external 3rd party putting pressure on schools to use an alternative ball at the junior, Grade 9 and Grade 8 levels. After allowing some flexibility during a transitional period over the 2025-2026 year, the policy is being strengthened to ensure understanding for all member schools, and consistency to ensure equity by standardizing the game ball used for all BCSS sanctioned competition.

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

- All sanctioned competition (exhibition, invitational, league, playoffs, zones and provincials) will use the same ball

Notice of Motion #13

Spring Sports Rules Committee

Tennis – Singles Player Order Based on Strength

NOTE* *If adopted, this will come into effect immediately for the 2026 BCSS Tennis Provincial Championship.*

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1132.8 RULES OF PLAY

1132.8 Singles player ranking

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 singles one (1) player should be stronger than the singles two (2) player**
- 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 the doubles pair A.
- **A player cannot play on more than one doubles team.**

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

Singles “A” vs “A” match. This requirement ensures competitive integrity and maintains equitable match play by preventing any potential advantage in the Singles “B” competition.

Motion will also provide clarity on the composition of the 3 doubles teams.

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

Clearly articulate the process that coaches need to follow when submitting the lineup sheet prior to each match.

Notice of Motion #14

Team Championship Committee

Ultimate – Provincial Championship Week

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1151.0

1151.0 Ultimate Championship Week – Week ~~38~~ 39

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

This year's provincial championship has been moved to week 39 to extend the season an additional week to provide additional time to complete league schedules and zone championships. The Board approved the one year change for this year, but the The Ultimate Advisory Committee, and greater Ultimate community, would like to see this change made permanent.

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

To provide one additional week of play.

Notice of Motion #15

Winter Sports Rules Committee

Wrestling – Housekeeping

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1170.0 WRESTLING

1172.6 INTERRUPTION DUE TO INJURY OR BLOOD

In matches when a wrestler is injured/bleeding and requires attention from the First Aid Attendant, the ~~injury~~ **blood** time will not start until available medical attendant arrives at the mat. The match will be suspended for ~~5~~ **4** minutes for Blood before the match is forfeited. **There is unlimited time for injury assessment from the medical team.**

1172.7 THE COACH

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.

1172.8 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.~~

Passivity Procedures will be consistent with current WCL passivity procedures for matches with 3-minute rounds.

1175.5 **MATCH** TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

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.~~

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.

1175.7 WEIGH IN PROCEDURE

- Athletes require their ~~Weigh-in card~~ & Accreditation pass to weigh in.
 - 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.~~
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Rationale: (Why this motion is being put forward):

Housekeeping for Wrestling Policy to clarify policy with how championship is currently run.

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

Updating handbook policy to reflect current processes.

Notice of Motion #16

Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone

Girls Basketball – Tiering Numbers

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 637.0 SPORT TIERING CLASSIFICATIONS

Current Tiering Numbers for Girls Basketball 2025-2028:

637.0 SPORT TIERING CLASSIFICATIONS

Basketball (Girls)

AAAA - 278 or more girls in grades 11 and 12

AAA - 174-277 girls in grades 11 and 12

AA – 67-173 girls in grades 11 and 12

A - 66 or fewer girls in grades 11 and 12

Proposed Tiering Numbers for Girls Basketball 2025-2028:

637.0 SPORT TIERING CLASSIFICATIONS

Basketball (Girls)

AAAA - 278 or more girls in grades 11 and 12

AAA - 174-277 girls in grades 11 and 12

AA – 67 **78**-173 girls in grades 11 and 12

A - 66 **77** or fewer girls in grades 11 and 12

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

Current number of active teams (there are currently considerably more teams in some tiers than others)

Team Registrations					Allocated Zone Berths				
Zone	A	AA	AAA	AAAA	Zone	A	AA	AAA	AAAA
Eastern Valley	3	6	6	7	Eastern Valley	1	1	1	1
Fraser North	3	2	4	14	Fraser North	1	1	1	2
Kootenay	5	5	1	0	Kootenay	1	1	1	0
North Central	8	2	4	1	North Central	2	1	1	1
Northwest	5	3	0	0	Northwest	1	1	0	0
South Fraser	3	11	15	15	South Fraser	1	1	2	2
Thompson-Okanagan	11	12	6	5	Thompson-Okanagan	2	1	1	1
Vancouver Island	7	14	14	9	Vancouver Island	1	2	2	1
Vancouver Sea to Sky	5	16	12	8	Vancouver Sea to Sky	1	2	1	1
Total Registrations	50	71	62	59	Allocated Berths	11	11	10	9

Currently, there is an unequal distribution of teams across the four tiers of Girls Basketball. This is especially true at 1A (50 teams) and 2A (71 teams). Adjusting the 2A tiering threshold from 67-173 to 78-173 would move 10 teams down to 1A, thus increasing the size of the 1A tier to 60 teams while decreasing the 2A tier to 61 teams. Doing so would allow for there to be a far more equal distribution of teams in each tier with 60 teams in 1A, 61 in 2A, 62 in 3A, and 59 in 4A.

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

Each tier would have a similar number of teams participating and competing for a chance to make Provincials. There would be 60 teams in 1A, 61 in 2A, 62 in 3A and 59 in 4A based on this year's participation numbers. There would be a greater sense of competitive balance, especially in the 1A and 2A tiers if these changes were to happen.

Notice of Motion #17

Thompson-Okanagan Zone

Mountain Biking – Enduro Helmet Rule

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1093.0 EQUIPMENT

1093.3 Each participant is required to wear a bicycle helmet at all times while riding. Coaches should ensure that all helmets are certified and in good condition. Helmets must be properly affixed to the rider by a tightened chin strap. Full-face helmets are mandatory for enduro races. Full-face helmets with removable chin bars are permitted, and participants may remove the chin bar while riding before or between timed descent stages. For cross-country races, a conventional, half-shell, bicycle helmet may be used. Participants may not ride or race with an uncertified, improperly adjusted or damaged helmet.

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

A rule change is needed to update outdated language, align BCSS with current national and international Enduro safety standards, and clarify discipline-specific helmet requirements. Note the following international and national rules:

2026 UCI Mountain Bike Rules

Chapter V ENDURO EVENTS

4.5.004 - **Riders must wear a full-face helmet at all times during competition.** This includes during both Liaison and Special Stages. If a rider dismounts and pushes their bike on a Liaison, they may remove the helmet. Whilst riding, the helmet must always be worn correctly with straps fastened.

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6.2 Protective Equipment *.....* **All races have mandatory full-face helmet rules for all competitors.** It is the competitor's responsibility to know this information. Helmets with removable chin bars are acceptable.* Helmets must be worn at all times while riding. *Back and knee protection are strongly recommended for all categories. *Gloves and eye protection are mandatory.

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

This rule change will align BCSS helmet requirements with current international and national safety standards, clarify discipline-specific expectations, strengthen coach and athlete safety responsibilities, and ensure helmets are always worn correctly to provide a safer, consistent, modern framework for all student athletes.

Ideally, the policy change will reduce the potential for cranio-facial and traumatic brain injuries, thereby making our sport safer and reducing the risk of liability arising from a significant injury.

Notice of Motion #18

Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone

Golf – Berthing

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1086.2 BERTHING

1086.2 BERTHING

Each zone will receive one automatic team berth to each BCSS Golf Championship. The top 3 individual finishers in each tier from each zone will qualify for provincial championships (max 27 individual berths per tier). Individual berths will be awarded to athletes who place in the top three at their zone tournament and have not already qualified as part of a team. If the top three finishers have already earned a team qualification, no individual berths will be awarded, as berths do not move down to lower finishers under any circumstances. Additionally, if an individual qualifier chooses not to accept their berth, it will not roll down to the next highest finisher and will simply remain unused.

The remaining berths to a BCSS championship are awarded based on:

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

Allowing the top three golfers from each zone to advance to the BC Championships brings golf in line with qualification models already used in cross country, skiing, and snowboarding, creating consistency across individual performance sports. This change promotes equity, ensuring the strongest athletes, regardless of the number of golfers at the school, have the opportunity to attend. Because golf is an individual sport with manageable field sizes, expanding the number of qualifiers poses minimal logistical or financial challenges for hosts. It also enhances athlete development, providing more meaningful competitive opportunities and motivating greater participation in school golf programs. Overall, adopting this model strengthens fairness, supports long-term growth, and aligns with BC School Sports' commitment to inclusive, province-wide representation.

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

The intended outcome of the motion is to expand access to the BC Golf Championships by allowing the top three golfers from each zone to qualify, ensuring equitable representation across the province and aligning golf with other BC School Sports individual-event qualification models.

By supporting this motion, the championship field becomes more inclusive, consistent, and reflective of the strongest athletes from every region, while also supporting increased participation and competitive opportunities in school golf programs province wide.

Notice of Motion #19

Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone

Girls Volleyball – Provincial Championship Date Change

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 1161.0 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DATES

GIRLS (Current published date)

Year	Tier	Max. Contest Days	First Day of Play	Championship Week	Minimum Numbers	Season of Play
2025/26	A/AA/AAA/AAAA	26	Week 1: Sep. 2	Week 13: Nov. 27-29	6	Fall
2026/27			Week 1: Sep. 7	Week 13: Nov. 30- Dec. 6		

GIRLS (Proposed new date)

Year	Tier	Max. Contest Days	First Day of Play	Championship Week	Minimum Numbers	Season of Play
2025/26	A/AA/AAA/AAAA	26	Week 1: Sep. 2	Week 13: Nov. 27-29	6	Fall
2026/27			Week 1: Sep. 7	Week 12: Nov. 23-29		

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

With the upcoming school year starting on September 8th, 2026, all championship dates have been pushed back one week, which is later than previous years. Having Girls Volleyball Provincials (December 3-5) overlap with the first week of the Girls Basketball season of play (November 30th-December 5th) causes incredible stress on coaches, players and facilities. It delays the beginning of basketball season for many teams while also negatively impacting many of the basketball tournaments that happen during that first week of the season, as many schools have players away at Volleyball. This is especially true for the smaller 1A and 2A schools who rely on many of the same students for both teams. In addition, it delays the beginning of practices and removes a week of gameplay for many basketball programs. The impact of losing that first week is considerable when taking into account that the girls basketball season is already shortened by a week to accommodate Provincials at the LEC and only runs for 12 weeks instead of the normal 13 weeks like the boys' season does. That means many smaller schools will have an 11-week basketball season if they make Provincials. If they do not, it is often only an 8 or 9-week season. This is negatively impacting participation numbers in girls basketball, with fewer girls getting involved in the sport. Girls Soccer also has a 12-week season of play, so it is not unprecedented for Volleyball to have a 12-week season of play as well, like Soccer and Basketball.

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

Girls Basketball teams would be able to start competing during the first week of the season of play with their full team and without gym restrictions. They would also be able to attend

tournaments during the first weekend which they currently struggle to do if their school qualifies for Volleyball Provincials. Girls Basketball would get the full 12 weeks of play, which most smaller schools don't get. There would be less pressure on girls who do both Volleyball and Basketball and often have a hard time juggling both during the Volleyball/Basketball overlap in late November/early December. There would be less conflict between Volleyball and Basketball coaches who often disagree over participation and usage of their players who do both sports in the last few weeks of November and early December. There would also be less demand on facilities and support staff who have to remain on campus until all practices are complete. Hopefully, it would also reduce the risk of injury for players who do both sports. Most importantly, it may encourage more girls to get involved in basketball.

Notice of Motion #20

Board of Directors

Video and Streaming

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

354.0 FILMING, RECORDING & STREAMING

- 354.1 School sport contests involving more than one school are, as a general rule, events at which participants, team personnel and spectators should not assume is private merely because it occurs on school property. Subject always to applicable law and to the authority of the school, host, local association, zone or BC School Sports, such contests may be observed from authorized areas and may be subject to incidental photography or recording consistent with this policy.
- 354.2 Nothing in this policy creates a right of entry, access or attendance. A board of education, principal, independent school authority, host school, local association, zone or BC School Sports may control access to school property and event venues, establish credentialing or media requirements, limit where individuals may stand or film, and direct any person to stop filming, recording, photographing, livestreaming, transmitting or distributing content where required for safety, privacy, student welfare, event operations, site management, or compliance with law or policy.
- 354.3 A practice, walkthrough, closed training session, team meeting, film session or other activity involving only one school team is presumed to be private unless the school or its designate expressly authorizes attendance or recording. No third party may film, record, livestream or otherwise capture or distribute video or audio of such an activity without prior permission from the school or its designate.
- 354.4 BC School Sports is the exclusive rights holder for livestreaming, broadcasting and other public video distribution of BCSS provincial championships. Except as expressly authorized in writing by BCSS, no person or entity may film, livestream, record for public distribution, rebroadcast, transmit, monetize or otherwise distribute moving images or audio from a BCSS provincial championship.
- 354.5 For coaching purposes only, coaches and team personnel may make a non-commercial recording of a BCSS provincial championship contest from a location approved by event operations, provided the recording does not interfere with the field of play, athletes, officials, spectators, event staff, broadcast operations, venue sightlines or the safe conduct of the event. Any such recording is strictly for internal coaching, teaching or performance review purposes and shall not be posted, shared externally, livestreamed, sold, licensed, rebroadcast or otherwise made available to the public.

- 354.6 For league games, local tournaments and zone championships, the host school or zone, as applicable, holds the same event-level authority to designate official video rights and to regulate, prohibit or authorize third-party filming, streaming, recording and distribution, provided those decisions are consistent with BCSS policy, league expectations and applicable school or board rules. Attendance at an event does not, by itself, create any right to film, stream, broadcast or commercially exploit that event.
- 354.7 Nothing in this policy authorizes recording in washrooms, change rooms, treatment areas, medical spaces, team rooms designated as private, or any other location where a person would reasonably expect privacy. This policy must be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with applicable privacy law and with the protection of students, school personnel and other participants.
- 354.8 For greater certainty, “distribution” or “public access” includes posting to social media, livestreaming, rebroadcasting, uploading to a website, application or video platform, sharing through a public or semi-public team or commercial platform, or otherwise making content available beyond the limited internal school personnel who require access for legitimate coaching or event administration purposes.
- 354.9 Any person who breaches this policy or a direction given under it may be denied entry, removed from the venue, required to cease recording or distribution, have credentials revoked, and may be subject to further school, league, local association, zone or BCSS consequences, in addition to any other remedies available at law.

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

We receive questions each year with regard to the public/private nature of interscholastic contests, and then this year have encountered individuals producing their own stream of BCSS Championships. One stream was even selling advertising on their stream. When asked to stop, the individual asked to see where it says that in our policies.

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

This motion will provide clarity for member schools, district admin, and the general public about the public nature of interscholastic contests, where there is limitations on public access and what is permitted with regards to recording and digital distribution.

Notice of Motion #21

Board of Directors

Football Policy Section

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 551.0, 1070.0 FOOTBALL

551.0 FOOTBALL SPORT ADVISORY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

1070.0 FOOTBALL

1071.0

Year	Max. Contest Days	First Day of Play	Championship Date	Minimum Practices before First Game	Maximum Contact Days/Week	Minimum Roster Number	Season of Play
2025/26	15	Week 0: Aug. 25	Week 13: Nov. 29	8	3	19	Fall
2026/27		Week 0: Aug. 31	Week 13: Nov. 28				
2027/28		Week 0: Aug. 30	Week 12: Nov. 27				

1072.0 NEW PROGRAM

1072.1 A BCSS member school wishing to compete in football is required to submit an application to be reviewed by the BCSS Executive Director and the BCSS Football **Operations Committee**. The application must include the following:

- Letters of Support from Superintendent and School Principal
- Program Vision, Goals, and Mission Statement
- List of the Coach, Assistant Coaches and Support Personnel
- Financial Plan

The deadline to enter a Varsity Program application is December 1st of the preceding school year. The Grade 9/JV application deadline is March 1st of the preceding school year. The school will be subject to a \$500.00 New Program Fee. The Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principal will meet with the Executive Director and the BCSS Football **Operations Committee** who will then accept or defer the new program.

1073.0 MEMBER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

1073.1 Each member school is responsible for having an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in place with clearly defined written and practiced protocols. Schools shall work with their administration and district officials to ensure its

appropriate for their physical setting.

1074.2 Member Schools are required to have students and their parents/guardians sign and return to their school the Concussion Information Sheets prior to practicing each season. The school must maintain these returned forms and be able to produce them if requested.

1073.2 Each Member School is responsible for following the manufacturer guidelines for re-certification and proper fitting of helmets.

1073.3 All coaches and student-athletes must be registered in both the BC School Sports STARS database and the BCHSFB website on or before the Fall Roster Deadline. Any individual not registered in STARS is ineligible to participate in any team activities, including practices, drills, or games.

1073.3.1 All coaches and student-athletes are subject to a mandatory \$25 per head fee payable to BC School Sports. Fees will be invoiced directly to the school following the Fall Roster Deadline. Student-athletes who have not had this fee submitted on their behalf are ineligible to participate.

1073.4 All JV and Varsity teams will be charged a travel grant fee of \$150 per team. 100% of the funds collected through this travel grant will be paid out annually to teams that are required to travel for post-season games. The money collected from JV teams will support JV post-season travel, while the money collected from Varsity teams will support Varsity post-season travel.

1074.0 PERSONELL REQUIREMENT

1074.1 During games each team must have a person, who is not the Head Coach, on the sideline with a BC Sports Aid Certificate (Sport Med BC) or greater to deal with injuries. **Whose primary role is to respond to injuries.**

1074.2 All coaches, coordinators, assistants, teacher-sponsors, student-managers must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) prior to any team activities.

1074.3 All coaches who **instruct or oversee tackling in a practice environment** must complete the Atavus Safe Tackling certification prior to coaching student-athletes in a practice or competition setting. **Teams must have a Atavus Safe Tackling certified coach attending practice anytime contact from levels 3-5 as stated in 1080.2 is being used.**

1075.0 OPERATIONS/PROCEDURES

1075.1 **Film Exchange:** Schools must upload their exhibition and regular season game film no later than 3:00 PM of the day following the game. (i.e., 3:00pm Saturday from a Friday game) and make it available to the designated league exchange.

Failure to upload film to League Exchange on time will result in being locked out of League Exchange for one week. Failure to upload video prior to the deadline twice in one season will result in disqualification from post-

season play. If failure to upload was due to an extraordinary circumstance, an appeal can be submitted in writing to the BCSS Executive Director, who will review the appeal with the Football **Operations Committee** Chair and the Football **Operations Committee** Hudl Coordinator.

Spotting and Filming Guidelines: Game video must be shot from a minimum height of 12'. Equal or better height for spotting will be afforded to the visiting team for all JV and Varsity games. Teams may need to rent scaffolding or scissor lifts if necessary. Ladders are not permitted. **Drones are not permitted to film League Exchange video.**

~~1076.5 All student athletes and coaches must be registered in the BCSS STARS and BCHSFB website prior to the first day of competition.~~

1075.2 Individual player statistics must be entered weekly, failure to do so will result in student-athletes not being eligible for Conference/Provincial All-Star Recognition. The following statistics are mandatory:

- Defense:
 - Sacks, Tackles, Interceptions and Fumbles Recovered
- Offense:
 - Rushing:
 - Rushes, Rushing Yards, Rushing Touchdowns
 - Receiving:
 - Receptions, Receiving Yards, Receiving Touchdowns
 - Passing:
 - Touchdowns Thrown, Passes Attempted, Passes Completed, and Interceptions

The following statistics are optional, but will assist the committee in assessing players deserving of individual recognition:

- Offense:
 - Longest Rush
 - Longest Reception
- Special Teams:
 - Punts, Longest, Inside 20
 - Kick Returns, Yards, Longest, Touchdowns
 - Punt Returns, Yards, Longest, Touchdowns

1075.3 In the event of a Natural Disaster/Extreme Weather and travel is deemed unsafe, BCSS will make all efforts to reschedule postponed games, so long that field and official availability is possible. Additionally, postponed games cannot have an unreasonable effect on the schedule.

If a reasonable postponement is not possible, a regular season game will result in a "No Contest" which will not affect either team's record. If rescheduling a postponed contest during post-season play is not possible, the higher seed will advance by default to the next round.

1075.4 TIE BREAK PROCEDURE

If any regular season or playoff game is tied at the conclusion of regulation time. The game will enter a Kansas City Shootout Overtime which will be executed by the game officials as the following:

- A coin toss will determine which side shall attempt to score first, and which end zone the scores shall be attempted
- Each team will receive one-possession, starting with first-and-10 from the 10-yard line on the opponent's end of the field
- The Play Clock will run as normal, there is no game clock, all play is otherwise untimed
- A team's possession ends when it scores, misses a field goal, or turns the ball over (on downs, or by the defense gaining possession)
- If the defense takes possession at any time on an interception or fumble, the play is dead. The defense cannot return a turnover for a score.
- If a touchdown or field goal is scored by the offense take the field first, the defensive team has their chance to match or beat the points gained
- There is no limit to overtime periods, and the process will be repeated until at the end of an equal number of possessions the score is no longer tied
- No extra point is attempted if the winner of the game has been determined

1076.0 DISCIPLINE

1076.1 A regular season forfeiture will result in a \$1,000 fine and the loss of a playoff berth in the current school year, unless the forfeiting school can provide an alternative arrangement to the opposing team (i.e. controlled scrimmage, inter-squad practice). A team will not be scheduled in subsequent seasons until the fine is paid in full. In the case of extraordinary circumstances, the forfeiting school can request a review and reconsideration of the fine, in writing, to the BCSS Executive Director, who in consultation with the Football **Operations Committee** Chair will review the fine.

1076.2 A Coach who is ejected from a game is automatically suspended for the next scheduled game of that team and may receive additional discipline subject to the review of the BCSS Football Discipline Committee.

1076.3 Because BCSS Football is the only sport operated through BCSS at a provincial level, the discipline process is also unique whereas all football-related incidents will be reviewed by the Football Discipline Committee. Notwithstanding, this does not prevent a school, school district, or local athletic association from conducting its process.

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

1076.3.1 COMPLAINT PROCESS

Complaints related to unsafe or dangerous play, unsportsmanlike behaviour or conduct inconsistent with the goals, values and expectations of interscholastic athletics, may be submitted by school officials, coaches, or game officials. No complaints will be accepted

to attempt to change or overturn an official's decisions related to the outcome of a play or game.

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

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

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

The Chair will inform the Executive Director of BC School Sports of the complaint and the decision of the Chair relative to the appropriate course of action. Depending on the content of the complaint, BC School Sports may also conduct a Code of Ethics investigation.

1076.3.2 INVESTIGATION AND RULING

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

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

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

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

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

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

and member school.

1076.3.3 APPEAL

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

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

1076.3.4 BCSS FOOTBALL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

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

1077.0 OFFICIALS

All officiating at BCSS Football events will be performed by officials provided by the BC Football Officials Association.

1078.0 RULES OF PLAY

1078.1 The rules governing BCSS Football shall follow that of the National Federation of State High school Sport Association (NFHS).

1078.2 The official game ball will be the Nike Championship Ball (FB1011).

1075.0 SAFETY PROTOCOLS **1079.0 PRE-SEASON**

~~1075.1 Pre-season~~

1079.1 Programs may not open camp to begin practicing until the Monday in August that is exactly 14 days prior to Labour Day. This ~~14-day~~ period shall be referred to as Pre-Season.

~~1075.2 A member school may choose to run twice-daily practices prior to week 1. However, only one session per day can include full contact. The non-contact practice shall be non-padded (helmets only).~~

1079.2 A member school may run practices twice-a-day during the pre-season period. However, only one session per day can include full contact. The non-contact practice shall be non-padded (helmets only).

1079.3 Teams are required to have ~~Pre-season practices must begin with~~ two (2) non-padded practices (helmets only) to start their pre-

season.

1079.4 Student-athletes must participate in a minimum of eight (8) practices prior to game competition

1079.5 During pre-season **teams must follow** the acclimatization protocols and regulations regarding heat and hydration, as well as the BCSS Air Quality Guidelines, ~~take precedent.~~

1080.0 REGULAR SEASON STRUCTURE **FALL SEASON**

1080.1 Starting in ~~BCSS Week 0~~, on the Monday of the week the team plays its first game, generally referred to as Week 0, student-athletes are limited to no more than 3 practices per week that includes ‘full contact’. Full contact is defined as contact levels 4 (“Thud”) and 5 (“Live”). Full contact is limited to no more than 30 minutes in one day and therefore, limited to 90 minutes per week.

1080.2

LEVEL 1 - AIR	LEVEL 2 - BAGS	LEVEL 3 - CONTROL	LEVEL 4 - THUD	LEVEL 5 - LIVE
Players run drills unopposed with no contact.	Players run drills against bags or another soft contact surface.	Drill is run at an assigned speed until the point of contact. Winner is pre-determined by the coach. Contact is above the waist only and players stay on their feet.	Drill is run at assigned speed (including full speed) through the moment of contact, no predetermined winner. Contact remains above the <u>waist</u> ; players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill.	Drill is run in game-like conditions. This is the only level where players go to ground.

~~1075.2~~ In-Season **Competitive Season (Fall)**

1080.3 During ~~in-season~~ **fall season** play, student-athletes are limited to a maximum of three (3) practices per week, 30 mins a day, 90 mins max a week that include ‘full contact’. Full Contact is defined as contact levels 4 (“Thud”) and 5 (“Live”).

1080.4 Student-Athletes may not play for a member school Football team and a Club/Community Football team during the fall contact season of play.

1080.5 Each student-athlete is limited to participating in no more than six (6) quarters of competition per week. A week refers to the 7-day period, running Monday to Sunday, as identified by the BCSS Calendar. One quarter refers to a player playing both offense and defense during that quarter. A player playing offense or defense only during that quarter would be considered as playing one half of a quarter. One night must pass between games where a player plays both offence and defense.

1080.5.1 In the event of a same day double header, a player that plays either offense and/or defense in one game is restricted only to special teams in the other game.

1080.6 Football will have two tiers for regular season competition:

- AAA Tier
- AA/AAA Hybrid Tier

1080.6.1 The Conferences in each tier are recommended by the Football Operations Committee to the Executive Director for approval on the following timeline:

1080.6.2 Schools are required to notify the appropriate representative on the Football Operations Committee of any change to their status by the required dates: Varsity (Dec 1 of preceding Academic year), and Junior Varsity (March 1 of preceding Academic Year).

1080.6.3 Football Operations Committee will, after consultation and feedback opportunities to the coaches and athletic directors, make a final recommendation to the Executive Director (or their designate), with rationale for the proposed alignment, league structure, crossover games and playoff structure. Also to be included are starting dates for scheduled games (league or crossover) to allow teams to plan exhibition schedules.

1080.6.4 Alignment and structure will be released to schools, no later than Jan 31 (Varsity) and March 31 (Junior Varsity)

1080.6.5 The Football Operations Committee Scheduler will work with the appropriate members of the BCSS Football Operations Committee and an appointed 3rd member of the Committee who is not a coach of a team in that Tier, to draft a master schedule. Where a conflict of interest may be real or perceived, the Scheduler or appropriate member of the Committee may recuse themselves with another member of the committee appointed.

1080.6.6 The Football Operations Committee will submit the proposed schedules to the Executive Director (or their designate) for approval. Once approved BCSS will release the schedule publicly to all schools no later than February 28 (Varsity) and April 30 (Junior Varsity).

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

AA/AAA-HYBRID				
WEST	EAST	INTERIOR	NORTH	ISLAND
ARCYLE (AA)	ABBOTSFORD	CLARENCE-FULTON (AA)	COLLEGE HEIGHTS (AA)	SPECTRUM
ERIC HAMBER	MISSION	KALAMALKA/ W.L. SEATON (AA)	NECHAKO- VALLEY (AA)	NANAIMO DISTRICT
HANDSWORTH	HOLY-CROSS (AA)	PLEASANT-VALLEY (AA)	SHAS-TI-KELLY ROAD (AA)	JOHN BARSBY (AA)
WEST-VANCOUVER	EARL-MARRIOTT	SOUTH-KAMLOOPS (AA)		BALLENAS (AA)
WINDSOR (AA)	SULLIVAN HEIGHTS	VERNON (AA)		MT-DOUGLAS (AA)
		WESTSYDE/ VALLEYVIEW (AA)		

1081.0 POST-SEASON PLAY AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1081.1 PLAYOFF HOSTING RIGHTS - VARSITY: BC School Sports through the Football Operations Committee will determine playoff draws and finalize game times and locations in accordance with the pre-approved post-season structure. Participating schools will work to provide a mutually agreeable time, date, and location for playoff contests. If they cannot reach a mutually agreeable arrangement, then the participating teams will each request a date, time, and location for the playoff game to the Chair of the BCSS Football Operations Committee. BCSS and the Football Operations Committee will take into consideration travel needs, referee, and field availability before setting the schedule. Preference will be given to accommodate same day travel, if possible, one-night travel (preferred over two-nights) and a game time that avoids long travel days. Teams travelling a farther distance will be accommodated within reason with earlier game times, when feasible. Hosting schools will be reminded to and are required to book multiple field times to allow for flexibility.

PLAYOFF HOSTING RIGHTS – JUNIOR VARSITY: Junior Varsity Semi-Final Playoff Games may be hosted by schools in the Interior, North or Island if they are the higher seed. If the two competing teams are not in adjacent zones (i.e. Interior and Island, or North and Island) then the game will be played in a neutral site, approximately in the middle of the two school locations. The BCSS Football Operations Committee will work with respective zone reps to find appropriate venues for these playoff games.

All playoff games must be played on artificial turf.

1081.2 FILM EXCHANGE: Teams that qualify for the playoffs, must ensure their previous five (5) games are uploaded in the league exchange pool no later than 3:00pm on Sunday of the weekend preceding the week of competition. Teams advancing in the playoffs must ensure their game film is uploaded by 3:00 PM the following day.

1081.3 Schools that are required to travel for wildcard and playoff games may apply for support through the BCSS Football Travel Grant, no later than February 1 in that academic year. By the deadline communicated by BCSS.

1079.4 All Varsity and Junior Varsity teams from the Northern Region will participate in the AA regular season schedule, regardless of tiering number, and will be eligible for the AA playoffs.

1081.4 Only AAA teams are eligible for AAA post season, only AA teams are eligible for AA post-season, except for North Conference teams, which regardless of size will play in the AA playoffs.

~~1081.4.1 AAA Post-Season~~

- ~~• Dependent on how many teams meet the requirements, the AAA playoffs will have a maximum of 16 teams and a minimum of 13 teams.~~
- ~~• AAA conferences will receive the following berths into the post-season:~~
 - ~~• Central 3 berths~~
 - ~~• West 3 berths~~

- Interior — 3 berths
- All conferences will apply tie break procedure before determining playoff berths.
- The highest finishing AAA team in each conference of the AA/AAA hybrid tier will receive a post-season berth if they finish in the top two spots in their conference.
- The remaining 3 berths will be awarded to the 3 teams with the highest RPI who did not qualify through their conference, provided they have a minimum of 2 wins.
- If fewer than 16 teams have qualified, byes will be awarded starting with the highest seed.
- Teams will be seeded 1-16 by the Post-Season Seeding Committee at the conclusion of the regular season.

1081.4.2 AAA PLAYOFF BRACKET



1081.4.3 AA Post-Season

- Will consist of 8 or 9 teams
- AA Conferences will receive the following berths into the post-season:
 - North — 1 berth
 - Interior — 2 berths
 - East — 1 berth
 - West — 2 berths
 - Island — 3 berths
- All conferences will apply tie break procedure before determining playoff berths
- In the East, West, and Island conferences, teams must finish in the top 3 of their conference to be eligible to receive a post-season berth.
- If all 9 teams have met the to 3 criteria, the two lowest-

seeded Island/Lower Mainland teams will contest a play-in game to enter the quarter-finals, even if they are not the bottom 2 seed.

- In the event that 2 of the 9 teams do not meet the top three criteria (resulting in only seven teams qualifying), the 8th berth will be awarded to the team with the best win/loss percentage from the North or Interior conference (N2 or I3).
- Teams will be seeded by the Post-Season Seeding Committee at the conclusion of the regular season.

1081.4.4 AA Playoff Bracket



1082.0 SPRING CAMP

1082.1 A school may run a Spring Camp for football. Camp can consist of a maximum of 10 practices, over a maximum of a 28-day period. Schools are encouraged to run camps in way that does not conflict with other school sport activities at the school, and should a conflict arise, the in-season sport should take priority.

1082.2 At the conclusion of camp, and not before a minimum of 8 practices, a school team may meet another team or participate in a jamboree with several school teams on one (1) occasion between the date of the last BCSS spring provincial championship and the end of the school year. This should be done in conjunction with spring practice.

1083.0 AWARDS

BCSS will provide the following team and individual awards:

SENIOR

- BCSS AA Championship Banner
- BCSS AAA Championship Banner
- Provincial All-Stars (11 offensive/11 defensive in each AA and AAA, based on regular season)
- Most Outstanding, Most Offensive and Most Defensive Players of the Year (AA and AAA respectively)
- Championship Game Most Valuable Player, Best Back, Best Lineman (AA and AAA respectively)
- 45 Gold and 45 Silver Medals
- Provincial Champion Keeper Plaque
- Provincial Runner Up Keeper Plaque

JUNIOR

- Championship Game Most Valuable Player, Best Back, Best Lineman (AA and AAA respectively)
- Junior Football Champion Keeper Plaque
- Junior Runner Up Keeper Plaque

GRADE 8

- Championship Game Most Valuable Player, Best Back, Best Lineman (AA and AAA respectively)
- Grade 8 Football Champion Keeper Plaque
- Grade 8 Runner Up Keeper Plaque

~~1083.0 SCHOLARSHIPS~~

~~BCSS will work with the BCSSFA in ensuring scholarships are awarded as per pre-existing commission agreements.~~

- ~~◦ BC Lions Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Skyline Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Barons Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Infigo Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Big Kahuna Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Baden Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ BCSSFA Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Astro Turf Scholarship~~
- ~~◦ Kevin Chin Scholarship~~

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

This policy change is replacing the entire football section for simplicity and replacing it with the proposed. However, the majority of the changes are generally housekeeping. The major changes include:

- Changing the name to football operations committee, to represent the different responsibilities, which are truly operational in nature to operating a top down provincial structure.
- Clarity around seasons of play, minimal meaningful change, but some clarity
- An increase in the per player football fee to \$25 from \$20. Fee was \$25 going back 20+ years. Was reduced to \$20 in the mid 2010's, and hasn't been changed since. Costs are to defray the increasing costs of BC Place. Football Advisory Committee felt strongly despite rising costs its important to remain there.
- Removal of the league structures and playoff structures, as they change year to year depending on teams, and so to avoid requiring a policy change every year, have put in a process and timeline for the approval of the conference alignment and schedules, without having to approve each year at Legislative Assembly.

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

More clarity for football coaches and ADs as to the policies related to football programs.

Notice of Motion #22

Competitive Equity & Sport Structure Committee

Prep Programs/Prep Teams

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 912.4

~~912.4 A student-athlete who transfers from their home school to a prep/elite team within or affiliated with a school, and return to their home school, or any other BCSS member school, is considered to have participated in that sport and must seek eligibility as a transfer student. Members of a school prep/elite team are considered to have participated in competition of a BCSS activity.~~

825.0 PREP PROGRAMS/PREP TEAM

A prep program or team (a “Prep Program”) may be identified by displaying any of the following characteristics:

- Offers an elite, structured, sport-specific training and/or competition environment;
- May be operated by an outside 3rd party (non-member), by a member-school in partnership with an outside 3rd party group or by the member school directly;
- A focus on elite athletic development as a core part of its purpose;
- Provides academic curriculum delivery directly, or facilitates an outside party to deliver through flexible or adapted academic programming and timetabling to accommodate intensive athletic commitments;
- Competes outside traditional provincial high school governing bodies, instead joining independent leagues, showcase circuits or tournaments, or cross-border prep leagues;
- Athletes may be boarding or day-students or have billet families or similar accommodations arranged;
- Recruits students based on athletic capabilities or potential;
- Athletes may come from around the province, country or even internationally;
- A focus on post-secondary athletic advancement, including successful recruitment to the NCAA, USports or professional pathways;
- Students and families generally pay an associated fee (although this fee may be covered by the program, generally for notable athletes);
- Provides high level coaching, where the coach may receive some form of compensation;
- Generally, will play outside the standard 13-week season of play, with training and practices for 8-10 months a year;

Traditional community-based sport clubs (“Sport Clubs”), will not be considered Prep Programs. In contrast to a Prep Program, Sport Clubs are generally more geographically based within a community, with recruitment based inside the general geographic area that does not require relocation of an athlete’s residence. Sport Clubs have no affiliation with any academic institutions and do not facilitate the delivery of academic curriculum. Sport Clubs generally run a season playing other clubs, often under the jurisdiction of a Provincial or National Governing Body (i.e. Volleyball BC), with seasons running generally between 3 – 6 months.

825.1 ELIGIBILITY IMPLICATIONS

825.1.1 A student athlete who enrolls, in, participates in, or trains as part of a Prep Program, is ineligible to compete within BCSS in the specific sport of the Prep Program. A student athlete who withdraws from the Prep Program will be ineligible for the immediate 12-month period following the last day of enrollment/participation with the program.

825.1.1.1 A student athlete who withdraws completely within 30 calendar days of first attendance, and who has not participated in any contest, (exhibition, tournament, showcase, league etc.) in the Prep Program shall not be subject to the 12-month ineligibility period but will become eligible on the first day of week 5 in that sport's season of play. Home schools are required to disclose the return of the student-athlete to the Executive Director in writing and receive written confirmation of eligibility before the student-athlete participates.

825.2 PROCESS OF ADJUDICATION

Should a Member School wish to receive clarification on whether a program is recognized as a Prep Program, a request for such a determination must be made, in writing, to the Executive Director. In recognition that programs are constantly evolving, the Executive Director, or his/her designate (the "Adjudicator"), will evaluate the program to determine if it should be classified as a Prep Program based on the information available to the Adjudicator at the time. In making a determination, the Adjudicator will have regard to the list of characteristics found in section 825.0, however this list is non-exhaustive, and no single characteristic is determinative. The Adjudicator may request information from the member school, student-athlete, parent/guardian, program operator or any other party and may also rely on publicly available information in making a decision. The Adjudicator shall make a decision in light of the information available.

BCSS may, at any time and on its own initiative, request an Adjudicator review and determine whether a program should be classified as an Prep Program. In making such a determination, the Adjudicator will follow the same process outlined above.

A program will not avoid classification because it is called an academy, development program, performance stream, institute or anything similar. Information concerning, the actual operation, purpose, structure, competition model, recruiting behaviour and academic accommodation will Determine whether the program is classified as a Prep Program for the purpose of section 825.

The decision of an Adjudicator under this section 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 any court or tribunal whether by way of injunction, declaration, prohibition or otherwise to question, review, prohibit or restrain the proceedings .and

The decision of Adjudicator applies only to the program reviewed. A material change to the program may result in a further review and a new determination by an Adjudicator following the same procedure set out in this section.

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

There continues to be increased interest, prevalence and impact of these types of programs in Canada and across North America. There is increasing concern as it relates to the impact on school sport and the current definition in the handbook and accompanying process was not entirely clear.

Further, some parents and member schools are unclear as to the impact, and we want to ensure there is clarity on what happens if a student returns, as most students who relocate to attend a program like this, do end up coming back.

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

Ensure that member schools and families can make educated decisions when considering choices and alternatives to their school. Family should be able to more easily identify them, and understand the impacts should the student end up returning, while creating clarity for Member Schools on the process to receive clarity to assist a student in making a decision or returning from a prep program environment.

Notice of Motion #23

Competitive Equity & Sport Structure Committee

Sport Academies

Proposed Policy:	To Add	To Remove	To Amend
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Current Policy (Policy # & Name): 824.0 SPORT ACADEMY POLICY

~~824.0 SPORT ACADEMY POLICY~~

~~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 XV's.)~~

~~824.1 SPORT ACADEMY - FREE RETURN TO CATCHMENT SCHOOL~~

~~Prior to the first day of the 2025-2026 academic year, students who are ineligible in a sport due to 824.0 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.~~

~~*Section 824.1 will be automatically removed in the 2026-27 school year.~~

~~824.2 Student-athletes enrolled at an academy program (more than 4 credits of a sport performance or similar/related courses at an independent school are ineligible to participate in the sport of the academy program for the duration of their enrollment at the school, even if they cease enrollment within the Academy program.~~

~~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 XV's)~~

~~A student athlete enrolled at the school at the time that the program becomes public knowledge remain eligible in the Sport of the Academy.~~

~~All student-athletes are still subject to normal transfer rules as found in Section 900.~~

824.0 SPORT SPECIFIC TRAINING AND PROGRAMMING

824.1 SPORT ACADEMIES

A Sport Academy may be defined by displaying any of the following characteristics:

- Offered by a member school, a 3rd party in partnership with a member school, or a school district;**
- Focus on increased athlete development/training, not on competition within a sport-specific context;**

- Generally, but not always, provides academic credit towards the academic record for the student, which is facilitated by timetable flexibility;
- Generally, but not always, exceeds a total of 120 hours of programmable time/instruction per year across the courses and requirements of the program;
- The school or district may promote the Academy with a focus on supporting individualized education, however, specific athletes are not recruited or enticed to enroll in the sport academy.
- Generally, but not always, enrollment doesn't require relocation of the student and/or their family;
- Generally, but not always, the athletes in the academy do not participate as a team;
- Generally, but not always,, an additional fee, above standard fees charged to other students, are charged to students participating in the program;
- May support increased athlete development, but the primary focus is not only on athletic advancement to post-secondary;
- The program is led by a coach who is under a teaching contract with the school/district but who is compensated for coaching in the program as an enrolling block of their teaching load, or alternatively is led by a coach who is not under contract with the school/district and receives some form of compensation for their involvement with the program;
- While the term academy may be the most common title or descriptor of the program, other descriptions may include words such as or similar to: program, institute, sport specific development, or performance stream.

824.2 ELIGIBILITY IMPLICATIONS OF SPORT ACADEMIES

824.2.1 A student athlete who enrolls in, participates in, or trains as part of a Sport Academy at a Public member school that is not their catchment school, is ineligible to compete in BCSS competition in the same sport that the Sport Academy is offered.

824.2.2 A student athlete who enrolls in, participates in, or trains as part of a Sport Academy at an Independent member school, is ineligible to compete in BCSS competition in the same sport that the Sport Academy is offered, unless the student was attending the school prior to the earlier of: (a) the program being publicly advertised, or (b) direct recruitment or invitation of the student to participate in the Sport Academy program.

824.2.3 A student who withdraws from a Sport Academy program, and remains at the same school, regardless of whether the school is Independent or Public, will become eligible in that sport 12 months from the date of withdrawal from the program provided they meet all other eligibility requirements in the Handbook. A student who withdraws from a Sport Academy program and transfers to another member school is subject to the transfer policies in section 900.

824.2.4 Programs of the same sport, including different disciplines or formats of the same sport, shall be treated as the same sport for the purposes of

this policy. (for example, Beach Volleyball for volleyball, 3v3 Basketball for basketball, Rugby 7s for Rugby XVVs).

824.2.5A district led program, as described below, will not be subject to the Eligibility Implications as found in 824.2. Programs in which athletes from multiple schools in a district may come together for an academy environment as part of the timetable at one school, but the students will not transfer to the school hosting the program, nor will students change their home school. These student athletes remain eligible to compete in school sport at their original home school.

824.3 EVALUATION OF ACADEMY STATUS

Member schools are obligated to self-enforce their Sport Academy program status and the accompanying eligibility implications. Should a member school wish to receive clarification on whether a program is recognized as a Sport Academy, a request for such a determination must be made, in writing, to the Executive Director. In recognition that programs are constantly evolving, the Executive Director, or his/her designate (the "Adjudicator"), will evaluate the program to determine if it should be classified as a Sport Academy based on the information available to the Adjudicator at the time. In making a determination, the Adjudicator will have regard to the list of characteristics found in section 824. 1, however this list is non-exhaustive and no single characteristic is determinative. The Adjudicator may request information from the member school, student-athlete, parent/guardian, program operator or any other party and may also rely on publicly available information in making a decision. The Adjudicator shall make a decision in light of the information available.

BCSS may, at any time and on its own initiative, request an Adjudicator review and determine whether a program should be classified as a Sport Academy. In making such a determination, the Adjudicator will follow the same process outlined above.

A program will not avoid classification because it is called an academy, development program, performance stream, institute or anything similar. The actual operation, purpose, structure, competition model, recruiting behaviour and academic accommodation will determine whether the program is classified as a Sport Academy for the purpose of section 824.

The decision of an Adjudicator under this section 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 any court or tribunal whether by way of injunction, declaration, prohibition or otherwise to question, review, prohibit or restrain the proceedings.

The decision of an Adjudicator applies only to the program reviewed. A material change to the program may result in a further review and a new determination by an Adjudicator following the same procedure set out in this section 824.

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

The organization has made efforts in recent years to create effective and appropriate policy around academies. The first motion came from the Vancouver Island Zone a few years ago, and subsequent updates and changes have been approved by the Legislative Assembly. However, the current policy's definition was very basic, and didn't capture the full range of programs out there that the membership has indicated should be subject to these policies.

With that in mind, the CESS worked for over 12 months reviewing other jurisdictions process and policies, and created a comprehensive list of characteristics and a process where each program can be evaluated, where the intent is clear and will allow a more consistent application of the intent of the policy.

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

Clarity for schools, students and their families around what is an academy, and better understanding of what the impacts on eligibility and participation are. Also, a more equitable approach to handling academies regardless of whether they are independent or public school operated.

Nominees for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors

Position	Nominations
Director at Large – Section 3	Antonio Sorace Vice Principal Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary
	Jake Mouritzen Athletic Director GW Graham Secondary
	Mark Fenn Teacher/Athletic Coordinator Handsworth Secondary School
Director at Large – A/AA	Casey Murray Associate Athletic Director Meadowridge School
	Rick Lopez Director of Instruction Vancouver School Board

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – SECTION 3 NOMINEES

Jake Mouritzen
Athletic Director,
G.W. Graham Secondary

Candidate for Re-election, BC School Sports Board of Directors

Jake Mouritzen is a dedicated athletic leader with over 25 years of experience in program development, strategic governance, and student-athlete advocacy. Currently serving on the **BC School Sports (BCSS) Board of Directors**, Jake focuses on high-level governance and strategic oversight for over 450 member schools across the province.

Professional Leadership & Governance

- **BC School Sports Involvement:** In addition to his current Board role, Jake served on the **BCSS Executive Legislative Assembly** (2021–2025) and provides sport-specific expertise as the Eastern Valley representative on the **BCSS Basketball Sport Advisory Committee**.
- **Regional Oversight:** As the **Basketball Coordinator** for the Eastern Valley Athletic Association, he manages scheduling and postseason pathways for one of BC’s most competitive zones and serves on the **Discipline Committee** to uphold regional athletic integrity.
- **Athletic Administration:** Jake is the founding **Athletic Director** at GW Graham Secondary, where he grew the program from its inception to supporting over 600 student-athletes across 37 teams.

Coaching & Program Development

- **Proven Success:** As Head Coach of the GW Graham Senior Varsity Boys Basketball team, Jake led the program to a **AAA BC Provincial Championship title** in 2020.
- **Technical Expertise:** He is a **FIBA-licensed** coach, "Train to Compete" certified through Canada Basketball, and holds a **Master of Education in Administrative Leadership** from the University of Victoria.

Vision

Jake is committed to the holistic development of student-athletes—physically, academically, and personally. He brings a deep understanding of the challenges facing athletic directors and coaches today and is dedicated to fostering a supportive, transparent, and innovative environment for school-based athletics in British Columbia.

Antonio Sorace **Vice Principal** **Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary**

My involvement in athletics has shaped both my personal and professional life. As a high school student-athlete, I competed in football, basketball, tennis, and track and field over five years, while also playing Metro soccer and rep baseball in the community. I later continued my athletic career at Simon Fraser University, where I played three seasons and further developed the teamwork and leadership skills that continue to guide my work today.

I began my career as a teacher and coach at Holy Cross Regional Secondary, where I coached junior and senior football, Grade 8 boys basketball, junior and senior girls basketball, and assisted with track and field. I later became Vice-Principal at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary, where I continue to coach junior girls basketball, support our swimming team, and help lead our golf program.

Coaching has remained a constant throughout my career. For more than 15 years, I have worked with student-athletes at both the elementary and secondary levels. More recently, I've also had the opportunity to coach my own children's soccer and baseball teams, which has strengthened my appreciation for the important connection between school athletics and community sport.

I believe I am well suited for a position on the Board of Directors because of my experience across a wide range of sports, my background in both teaching and school leadership, and my ability to work collaboratively with coaches, administrators, parents, and students. I bring a practical understanding of how athletic programs support student development, engagement, and school culture, along with a commitment to thoughtful, student-centered decision making.

I am eager to contribute to strengthening athletic opportunities for students across BCSS and supporting programs that encourage participation, growth, and positive school experiences through sport.

Mark Fenn
Teacher/Athletic Coordinator
Handsworth Secondary School

Athletic Coordinator, teacher and coach at Handsworth Secondary School in North Vancouver School District. Has extensive experience in educational athletics leadership at the zone, provincial, and national levels. Currently serving as President of the North Shore Secondary School Sports Athletic Association (NSSSAA) and a Board Member with the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Provincially, serves as Chair of both the BC School Sports Individual Championship Committee and the BC School Sports Cross Country Sport Advisory Committee (SAC); and represents the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone on the BCSS Track and Field SAC. Previously served as President of the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone Executive and currently serves as Vice-President, bringing a strong understanding of zone-level governance.

Has directed the BC School Sports Cross Country Championships in 2017, 2021, and 2024, and continues to support league operations for the NSSSAA and Vancouver Sea-to-Sky as Track and Field and Cross Country coordinator. Leadership is grounded in a commitment to equitable access, student-centered programming, and collaborative governance.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – A/AA NOMINEES

Casey Murray
Associate Athletic Director
Meadowridge School

Casey Murray is an educator and coach with over 20 years experience supporting student-athletes in British Columbia. She has been an Athletic Director for the past 7 years, having served as the Athletic Director at D.W. Poppy Secondary School in Langley and as Associate Athletic Director at Meadowridge School, where she currently works. Having leadership experience in both public and independent schools has been incredibly valuable and has helped to broaden her understanding of the various challenges being faced at different types of schools as well as the various structures that exist to support and promote school sports.

Over the past 7 years, Casey have served on various local and zone athletic associations in roles such as Vice-President, Member-At-Large and Zone rep where she has developed her understanding of the functioning of school sports on a larger scale. She is also in her third year as a member of the BCSS Eligibility Appeals Committee, a role which she feels has been important to continuing to develop her understanding of the issues and challenges that exist around the province for many of our student-athletes. In addition to her BA and BEd, she holds a GDP in PHE and a Masters of Science in Athletics Administration, a program promoted by the CIAAA and uniquely designed for the role of the high school athletic director.

Beyond her official administrative roles, she has been involved with school sports for nearly 20 years in her role as a coach and staff sponsor for volleyball, basketball, rugby, badminton and swimming. As part of her teaching career, she has developed and led an Athletics Leadership course which ran multiple school wide athletic related events that centered on developing a positive culture around educational athletics. In her current role, she supports her school's Gryphon Council (student council) as staff-sponsor of the Athletics committee which focuses on supporting the Gryphon Athletics program and promoting a positive athletics culture within the school.

Like most coaches, Casey has been involved in sport since she was young and knows the value of sports in developing core skills like teamwork, leadership, resiliency, communication and adaptability. She has also seen the important role sport provides for youth in teaching them how to build healthy and meaningful relationships with their teammates and coaches. As coaches, we have the opportunity to provide environments that quite literally have the power to change lives and that is something she has been so fortunate to have been involved in. As an Athletic Director, Casey enjoys getting the unique chance to help provide these incredible learning experiences for kids while also supporting coaches, developing culture across a program and working to build, support and promote school sport. As we navigate through the increasingly competitive world that is youth sport in general, she feels it's incredibly important that we work together to preserve school sport as it provides a pathway for so many young people to benefit from the power of sport. With increasing pressures from community sport, it is imperative that we work to ensure that we are protecting the integrity and spirit of school sport while continuing to build a provincial wide association that represents the various zones, communities and students that exist across BC in alignment with the core values of sport. Casey looks forward to the opportunity to be a part of the continued growth of BC School Sports to ensure all our student-athletes benefit from school sport.

Rick Lopez
Director of Instruction
Vancouver School Board

My name is Rick Lopez, and I currently serve as Director of Instruction with the Vancouver School Board. I bring over 25 years of experience coaching at the high school level, along with a strong background in educational leadership. I hold a Bachelor of Human Kinetics and a Bachelor of Education from UBC, and a Master of Education in Coaching and Instruction from the University of Victoria.

I began my teaching career in 2000 as a Physical Education teacher and have since held roles as a PE Department Head and Athletic Director. My coaching experience has primarily been at the Senior Boys Basketball level, in addition to coaching cross country, golf, softball, and volleyball.

I have also contributed to educational athletics through governance, serving on the Executive of the Lower Mainland High School Boys Basketball Association from 1998 to 2014, including as President from 2012 to 2014.

I am currently a member of the BC School Sports Board of Directors, where I have served since June 2016. I believe my extensive experience across coaching, school-based leadership, and governance positions me well to continue contributing effectively as a Director with BC School Sports.

2026-2027 Vacant School-Hosted Championships

Should you have any questions about submitting an application, please contact our office at info@bcschoolsports.ca

The Championships Hosting Expression of Interest Form can be found [here](#).

FALL 2026

Sport	Tier	Championship Week
Soccer – Boys	A	Week 10: November 9-15, 2026
Volleyball – Boys	A	Week 13: Nov. 30 – Dec. 6, 2026
	AA	
	AAA	
Field Hockey	AA	Week 10: November 9-15, 2026

WINTER 2027

Sport	Championship Week
Ski & Snowboard	Week 26: March 1-7, 2027
Curling	Week 25: February 22-28, 2027

SPRING 2027

Sport	Tier	Championship Week
Badminton		Week 39: May 31 – June 6, 2027
Tennis		Week 38: May 24-30, 2027
Mountain Biking		Week 38: May 24-30, 2027
Girls Soccer	A	Week 39: May 31 – June 6, 2027
	AA	
	AAA	