

# BC SCHOOL SPORTS



## *MINUTES*

(Adopted May 10, 2014)

2012-2013

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 4, 2013  
Burnaby Central Secondary

# BC SCHOOL SPORTS

## MINUTES OF THE 2012-2013

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- 1.1 **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Deb Whitten, President, welcomed all delegates and observers to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. She thanked delegates for attending and for their commitment to high school sports.
- 1.2. **Meeting Information and Announcements:** General information about the meeting and announcements were made by the President.
- 1.3. **Introductions – Parliamentary – Mr. Barrie Lynch & Board Members:** The President introduced Parliamentary Barrie Lynch. The Presidents also introduced each member of the Board of Directors. (The list of registered voting delegates and registered observers is found in Appendix A and B.)
- 1.4. **Declaration of Voting Rights, Rules of Order and Appointment of Parliamentary and Scrutineers:**  
Rob Colombo, Vice President addressed the items listed below and appointed scrutineers.
- 1.4.1. **Voting Rights:** Each qualifying school who is a member in good standing as of March 31, 2013 can exercise a vote at the BCSS Annual General Meeting, through duly registered proxies or by voting in person. (Article 6 – Bylaw 6.5)
- 1.4.2. **Rules of Order:** In accordance with Bylaw XXII, the meeting will use the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order for any procedural issue for which provision or partial provision has not been made in the Bylaws.
- 1.4.3. **Appointment of Scrutineers and Parliamentary:** Two individuals volunteered to act as scrutineers throughout the Resolutions discussion. They were: **Wendy Hyer and Larry Hayes.**
- 1.4.4. **Nominations Procedures for the Board of Directors:** We currently have one (1) nomination.
- 1.5 **Outline of Resolution Procedures:** Special Resolutions (dealing with Constitution or Bylaw changes) were due at the BCSS office by March 22, 2013 (Bylaw 18.2.2). Other resolutions were also due on March 22, 2013. (Resolutions to change the Constitution & Bylaws, Membership Fees, Operating or Competitive Policies will **NOT** be accepted from the floor.)
- 1.6. **Announcement of Registered Votes:** The full BCSS Membership is **424** schools as of March 31, 2013. A quorum (20%) is **85** votes. **187** votes were present, in person or by proxy. A **simple majority of votes** (more than 50%) was **95** and 75% of votes was **140**.
- There were 57 votes represented in person, 130 votes represented by proxy.**
- 1.7. **Call to Order** (Deb Whitten, President, {S.J. Willis Education Cen.})

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

***MOVED: (KERRY TAYLOR, Fleetwood Park Sec)/ BRIAN MCASKILL, {G. P Vanier Sec}, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be adopted.***

**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MAY 5, 2012

*MOVED: (PAUL THIESSEN, {Okanagan Mission Sec} / BRIAN MCASKILL, {G. P Vanier Sec}), BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE AGM DELEGATES:**

##### **4.1 President's Opening Remarks:**

Deb Whitten thanked the Executive Director and the office staff for organizing the Saturday AGM and Friday Committee Meetings.

##### **4.2 Presentation:** Drew Mitchell (viaSport)

Drew presented a PowerPoint presentation on the "Canadian Sport for Life" Model. CS4L is an initiative to improve the quality of sport and physical activity in Canada. CS4L links sport, education, recreation and health and aligns community, provincial and national programming. LTAD is a seven-stage training, competition and recovery pathway guiding an individual's experience in sport and physical activity from infancy through all phases of adulthood. CS4L, with LTAD, represents a paradigm shift in the way Canadians lead and deliver sport and physical activity in Canada.

#### **5. REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

##### **5.1 President's Report:** (Deb Whitten)

President's Report as submitted.

##### **5.2. Presentation of the 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements** (Christine Bradstock)

Christine presented the financial statements and referred to the audit posted on the website. BCSS operating receipts totalled \$461,188. Total operating expenditures totalled \$413,718. A six (6) month Profit and Loss statement was also presented. The members were notified that BCSS received \$87,000 from the Gaming Grant and an additional \$50,000 to be used to redesign the BCSS Website and Registration System. The last couple of years BCSS had mostly one (1) source of funding: membership fees. Christine advised that she has implemented three (3) sources of funding as follows: Membership Fees, Sponsorship and Gaming Grant, thus giving BCSS more financial stability.

*MOVED: (ROB COLOMBO, {Riverside Sec} / MIKE ALLINA, {Vancouver Tech}), BE IT RESOLVED to receive the financial statements as presented.*

**CARRIED**

##### **5.3 Executive Director's Report** (Christine Bradstock)

###### **5.3.1 Overview:**

Christine presented a brief PowerPoint Presentation on the history of BCSS and where it stands now, covering areas such as our Mission Statement, Values and Vision. A 3 year rolling Strategic Plan will be looked at by the Board in June.

###### **5.3.2 Groups Acting Autonomously:**

In her position as Executive Director, attending various meetings, throughout this year, Christine has noticed that there are groups acting autonomously. This may be as a result of groups acting as they have for years and not having the knowledge or experience on proper process or understanding the policies and procedures. BCSS will give direction on how to best follow the Rules and Regulations of BCSS.

###### **5.3.3 Office/Staff Update:**

Office: Images of the new Fortius building where the BCSS office will be housed was presented. A quick overview of the building features was also touched on and indicated that the office move would take place during the month of June.

Student: BCSS has been approved for funding toward one summer student as part of the Federal Governments "Canada Summer Student Jobs" programs. The role of the student will be shadow the current staff and assist with preparations for the 2013-2014 school year.

###### **5.3.4 Gaming Grant:**

Last year BCSS received \$37,000 from gaming. This year's gaming application was submitted prior to Christine arrival, however, BCSS was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to add to the application and in addition BCSS received \$87,000 + an additional \$50,000 toward the design of a new BCSS website and a new student-athlete registration system. Also the BCSS insurance is now covered through gaming funds.

The BCSS website will be redesigned over the summer and the registration system will be designed over a 1 year period, with sufficient time for testing and then implementing. BCSS will send out a survey and members are encouraged to send in their comments, concerns and ideas about the website and registration system.

5.3.5 **Insurance:**

BCSS Liability Insurance has been increased from \$2million to \$5million. Increase takes effect 30 June 2013.

5.3.6 **NCCP:**

Advised that Garry Johnston was chosen to attend a Leadership Facilitator conference this weekend up at Whistler. He will deliver the "Coaching in BC Schools" Program. The course is in the final stages of being approved and will be available next year.

5.3.7 **Sanctioning:**

There have been some sanctioning challenges of late, especially for teams travelling internationally who failed to apply for sanctioning from BCSS prior to their departure; as a result these teams were denied the opportunity to continue with competition. BCSS is advising all schools to apply for sanctioning when either travelling to or hosting out of province/country schools. It is a simply process and should be completed to avoid the run-around for BCSS and NSO's. Almost all sanctioning applications are approved very quickly and easily.

5.3.8 **BCSS Championship Banners:**

It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that there are a few Member Schools and PSO's that have taken the liberty of replicating the BCSS Championship Banner. BCSS would like to reiterate that the Championship Banner is not to be replicated in any shape or form whatsoever. BCSS does not want to see the value on the banner diminished as a result of various replicas being produced.

5.3.9 **Sponsorship:**

As a result of implementing "sponsorship" as one of the sources of funding, Christine advised that she is in current discussions with a number of potential sponsors. The focus is having partnerships with like-minded groups i.e. Fortius Health & Fitness. She will be asking each Sport Commissioner to supply a list of their current sponsors in order to avoid BCSS having a sponsor that may be a major competitor to a Sport Commissions sponsor. (The objective is to avoid a conflict) Any Sport Commissions who already have sponsorship in place for their commission will not be affected and will remain that commissions sponsor.

5.3.10 **Basketball Boys Lower Mainland:**

Christine provided an overview and update on the Basketball Boys Lower Mainland issue involving the independent schools that are being excluded from the Vancouver League

5.4 **Board Appointee Reports:**

5.4.1 BC Superintendent's Association Appointee: (Wendy Hyer, SD #67)  
As submitted.

5.4.1. BC School Trustee's Association Appointee: (Larry Hayes, SD #41)  
As submitted.

5.4.2. BC Principal's & Vice Principals' Association Appointee: (Dave Rawnsley, Byrne Creek Sec)  
As submitted.

5.4.3. BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils: (Paul Johansen)  
As submitted.

## 5.5. Council Reports:

- 5.5.1. Council of Association Presidents: (Sue Thorne, East Kootenays SSAA, Prince Charles Sec)  
As submitted.
- 5.5.2. Council of Sport Commissioners: (Don Moslin, Soccer Commissioner, Woodlands Sch)  
As submitted

## 5.6. Standing Committee Reports:

- 5.6.1. Competitive Standards Committee: (Rob Colombo, Riverside Sec)  
As submitted.
- 5.6.2. Competitive Issues Committee: (Sue Thorne, East Kootenay SSAA, Prince Charles Sec)  
As submitted.
- 5.6.3. Coaching Development Committee: (Don Moslin, Woodlands Sch)  
As submitted.
- 5.6.4. Eligibility Appeals Committee: (Bev Kines, AL Fortune Sec)  
As submitted.
- 5.6.5. Scholarships & Awards Committee: (Brian Lynch, Retired)  
As submitted.

*MOVED: (MCASKILL, {G.P. Vanier Sec} / THIESSEN, {Okanagan Mission Sec}), BE IT RESOLVED THAT all committee reports are accepted as submitted.*

**CARRIED**

## 6. AWARDS - HONOUR, OUTSTANDING SCHOOL, MERIT & PROVINCIAL COACHES OF THE YEAR:

### 6.1 Outstanding School Award:

The Outstanding School Award for 2012-2013 was awarded to Kelowna Christian School for commitment to improving their school through athletics. Dave Bingham was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the school.

### 6.2 Provincial Coaches of the Year Award:

Debbi McKinnon (R.E. Mountain Sec) was presented with the “Female Coaching Recognition Award” for 2012-2013.

Rob Solmes (Killarney Sec) was presented with the “Male Coaching Recognition Award” for 2012-13.

### 6.3 25+ Year Service Award:

The 25+ Year Service Award was presented to the following coaches for their long term service to BCSS and student-athletes at their schools.

- Garry Taylor (Sardis Sec)
- Brad Findlay (Penticton Sec)
- Glen Krause (Sardis Sec)
- Bob Rafter (Penticton Sec)
- Chris Williams (Sardis Sec)
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### 6.4 Special Awards:

Brian Lynch (Rugby Co-Commissioner and BCSS Scholarships and Awards Committee Member) was nominated for the Sport BC Presidents Award back in February 2013. Deb Whitten presented Brian with the award.

## **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

### **7.1 Special Resolutions Submitted by the Membership:**

#### **7.1.1 ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

**WHEREAS, the Society Act will be going through significant change in the next 6 months;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, there will be the removal of non-voting members:**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec) / RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek Sec)} BE IT RESOLVED that 1.1 (d) be amended to read "Honour Award Recipient" is an individual who has been named as a recipient of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Honour Award; 2.1.2 and 2.2 b) be amended and moved to be a separate ARTICLE IV: BC SCHOOL SPORTS Hall of Fame Honor Award Recipients, individuals who has been named as a recipient of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Honour Award. Recipients must meet the definition of an Honor Award Recipient as provided in Article 1.*

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.2 ARTICLE VII: THE BOARD AND OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS, the Society Act is going through significant change in the next 6 months;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, the Board members will need to be elected by the general assembly:**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec) / RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek Sec)} BE IT RESOLVED that*

*7.2 Election of Directors and Officers read:*

*7.2.1 The Board of the Society shall consist of: seven (7) voting members*

*7.2.1.1 Directors, totaling 7 elected by the whole voting membership. Positions will include:*

*(i) President*

*(ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

*(iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

*(iv) Four Directors at large*

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.3 ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS, the Society Act will be going through significant change in the next 6 months;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, Board members will all need to be elected by the general assembly;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, the current Board members are all valued members of the BCSS Board and some are appointed to the Board from Councils and Partners that BC SCHOOL SPORTS wish to continue a close relationship and continue to benefit from their valuable input to the organization:**

*MOVED; {COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec) / HAYES, (Burnaby SD# 41)} BE IT RESOLVED that the Management Committee be changed to be called the Advisory Committee and consist of elected Board Members and Partner and Council Appointed members. And that ARTICLE X reflects the change in structure to the Advisory Committee as follows:*

*ARTICLE X:*

*10.1 The Advisory Committee of the Society shall consist of the following members*

*10.1.1 All Board Members of the Society*

*10.1.2 Two elected positions representing the Athletic Association Presidents as selected by the Athletic Association Presidents on an annual basis at the May Council meeting.*

- 10.1.3 *Two elected positions representing the Sport Commissioners as selected by the Sport Commissioners on an annual basis at the May Council meeting.*
- 10.1.4 *A BC School Trustees' Association Appointee*
- 10.1.5 *A BC School Superintendents' Association Appointee*
- 10.1.6 *A BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association Appointee*
- 10.1.7 *A BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Appointee*
- 10.2 *The Advisory Committee will meet at least two(2) times per fiscal year but may meet more often and at such places and at such times as deemed appropriate, and adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they see fit.*
- 10.3 *The President shall be Chairperson of all meetings of the Committee; but if at any meeting the President is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall act as Chairperson and similarly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in the absence of the two (2) above named; but if none of the above is present, the Advisory Committee shall elect one (1) of their members to be Chairperson at the meeting.*
- 10.4 *The Chairperson at a meeting may not move a resolution*
- 10.5 *The quorum of the Advisory Committee shall be a majority of its members*
- 10.6 *Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meetings shall be recorded by a member of the office staff, who shall act as Secretary of the meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to each member. The original set of minutes shall be housed in the Society's office.*

**CARRIED**

7.1.4 **ARTICLE V: GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP – THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Policy 5.6)**

5.6 Voting on Business at General Meetings (Article V)

**WHEREAS, many volunteer athletic directors around the Province often find it difficult to attend the AGM, as other priorities may prevent their participation or there may be financial barriers to travel to the Lower Mainland of BC;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, it is an unfortunate fact that some school representatives don't attend as they are discouraged that their voice is not heard;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, there are individuals in every schools who are about school sports and want their vote to count;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, BCSS should engage in a process that makes members feel their voice can be heard through their own direct vote;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, thoughtful and informed voting may be undermined by schools in the proximity of the meeting tending to have a stronger impact on voting and/or block voting can take place when voting power is concentrated with fewer people;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, measures can be taken to ensure voters are well informed (for example Athletic Associations are able to meet to discuss the resolutions, discussion at the AGM could be broadcast, resolutions can be carefully proof read and crafted to improve clarity) voting can take place directly after the AGM;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, today's technology makes provides for inexpensive avenues for administrative task and voting;**

**And**

**WHEREAS, on-line voting may help 'remote' schools have their voice heard:**

*MOVED: {VITALE, (Lambrick Park) / REISIG, (Claremont Sec)} BE IT RESOLVED that notwithstanding the other existing rules surrounding the voting process, the proxy vote be discontinued and an electronic voting procedure be implemented in time for the 2014 Annual General Meeting.*

**CARRIED**

7.1.5 **ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

(CONTINGENT ON 7.1.2)

**WHEREAS, there are changes to the Directors of the Board:**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec) / RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek Sec)} BE IT RESOLVED that 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 be removed.*

**CARRIED**

7.1.6 **ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS, The Jury of Appeals Committee has been called the Eligibility Appeal Committee for several years:**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec) / COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec)} BE IT RESOLVED that 11.1.5.23 be changed to read Eligibility Appeal Committee.*

**CARRIED**

7.1.7 **ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION (forward)**

**WHEREAS, ARTICLE IV has been added above:**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside Sec) / RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek Sec)} BE IT RESOLVED that the subsequent numbering be adjusted to show the addition.*

**CARRIED**

7.2.1 **RESOLUTIONS - ANNUAL PROCEDURAL AND PROGRAMMING**

7.2.1.1 *MOVED: {RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek) / COLOMBO, (Riverside)} BE IT RESOLVED that the transactions of the board of directors for the school year 2012-2013 be ratified.*

**CARRIED**

7.2.1.2 *MOVED: {RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek) / COLOMBO, (Riverside)} BE IT RESOLVED that Eva Y. Lee, Chartered Accountant, be responsible for the 2013-2014 audit.*

**CARRIED**

7.2.2 **RESOLUTIONS - MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SURCHARGES**

7.2.2.1 **WHEREAS, the overall expenditures of the organization have remained unchanged this past year:**

*MOVED: {RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek) / COLOMBO, (Riverside)} BE IT RESOLVED that there be no membership fee increase in 2013-2014.*

**CARRIED**

7.2.2.2 **WHEREAS, the Legal Contingency Fund as of March 31, 2012 is at approximately \$50,000.00;**

**And**

**WHEREAS, BCSS Operating Policies state that the Legal Contingency Fund shall remain around \$50,000.00:**

*MOVED: {RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek) / COLOMBO, (Riverside)} BE IT RESOLVED that there be no contingency fund surcharge for the 2013-2014 school year.*

**CARRIED**



## 7.2.3 RESOLUTIONS - SECTION III OPERATING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### 7.2.3.1 SECTION II: FINANCES – MEMBERSHIP FEES (Policy 2.1.1)

**WHEREAS**, Superintendents are responsible for funding allocations within districts and to individual schools and; policy 2.1.1 setting membership fees currently states: Fees are established by the BCSS membership at an Annual General Meeting. Any change in membership fees can only be made with the approval of the membership, and with at least one year's notice:

*MOVED: {TYLER, (Cariboo Hill) / BARRETT, (Handsworth)} BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 2.1.1 be amended to state: Fees are established by the BC SCHOOL SPORTS membership at an Annual General Meeting. Any change in membership fees can only be made with the approval of the membership, District Superintendents and with at least one year's notice.*

**DEFEATED**

### 7.2.3.2 SECTION III: SPORT PARTICIPATION

**WHEREAS**, BCSS has designated zones within the province of BC that are geographical (Article 1);

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, not all zones have leagues divided geographically, specifically public and independent schools playing in the same league;

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, all member schools should be afforded as equal and equitable an opportunity as possible (BCSS Mission);

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, School Athletic Associations are organizations existing to coordinate school sport competitions within a defined geographical boundary in the Province of BC (Article 1);

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, to be a recognized School Athletic Association, the Association must be recognized as the local governing School Athletic Association by the school districts located within the geographical boundaries of the applicable School Athletic Association (Article XIII):

*MOVED: {LANG, (Rutland Senior) / BERNHARDSSON, (Kelowna)} BE IT RESOLVED that local and/or regional Athletic Associations must insure that all leagues and zone playoffs shall be made up only by "geographical representation" of all their member schools. Leagues and Zones can be organized by tier but not type (e.g. public/non-public).*

**DEFEATED**

### 7.2.3.3 SECTION V: STANDING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – SPORT COMMISSIONS

(Policy 5.1.4 {to be added})

**WHEREAS**, BC SCHOOL SPORTS has a strong Standing Committee structure leading the many programs and services offered to member schools;

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, Sport Commissions are Standing Committees of BC SCHOOL SPORTS;

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, operating policies and procedures (5.1.3 a-n) outlines the wide range of responsibilities of the Sports Commission and require alignment between Sports Commission practices and BCSS policies:

*MOVED: {TYLER, (Cariboo Hill) / BARRETT, (Handsworth)} BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 5.1.4 be added stating that the Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the responsibilities of Sports Commissions are completed and that the alignment between Sports Commission practices and BCSS policies is in place. The Board of Directors serves as the Standing Appeals Committee when concerns about completion and alignment of these practices are raised.*

**DEFEATED**

7.2.3.4 **SECTION VI: DEVELOPING AN INTERACTIVE COMPATIBLE APPEAL PROCESS FOR NON-DISCIPLINARY RULINGS/POLICY INVOLVING SPORT COMMISSIONS, ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS AND BCSS.**

**WHEREAS, the current question of what can be appealed and to whom is not clear! Who has jurisdiction and over what? Together sport commissions and athletic associations must be brought together to develop further common concise and effective policy.**

**Specifically:**

- **Discipline (in regional leagues, in regional playoffs, in provincial playoffs, in play outside BC);**
- **Structure, policy and practice (in regional leagues, in regional playoffs, in provincial playoffs, play outside BC);**
- **Equipment, rules of the game, regulations and practices specific to the sport differs throughout BC.**

*MOVED: {LANG, (Rutland Senior) / BERNHARDSSON, (Kelowna)} BE IT RESOLVED that BCSS must develop clear policy on jurisdiction for commissions, athletic associations and for BCSS. Special attention is needed when “shared” jurisdiction is required. BCSS must develop an interactive compatible appeal process for non-disciplinary rulings/policy involving sport commissions, athletic associations and BCSS. BCSS must develop an interactive compatible appeal process for disciplinary matters concerning schools, coaches, and athletes involving sport commissions, athletic associations and BCSS.*

**DEFEATED**

7.2.3.5 **USING PREVIOUS YEARS POPULATION NUMBERS TO DETERMINE CURRENT TIERS – (Policy C7.1)**

**WHEREAS, member schools’ population numbers are submitted in the 1701 form on September 30<sup>th</sup> each year;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, there are many schools that do not know their yearly population prior to the end of September thus when they submit their numbers into the Exnet System they then need to adjust it after the end of September;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, BC SCHOOL SPORTS can use the previous year’s September numbers for grades 10 and 11 for the current years senior population numbers;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, these numbers can be accessed in the spring to determine population and tier so that leagues can be organized for the fall prior to leaving on summer break. Thus being more organized and reducing the angst in the fall when organizing leagues and zones:**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside) / VAN MUYEN, (Langley Christian)} BE IT RESOLVED that the Member School’s Population numbers will be determined using the previous year, September 30<sup>th</sup> numbers as submitted in the 1701 form starting with the 2013-2014 year using the*

September 2012 numbers. There will be an appeal process for Member Schools requesting to have their numbers reviewed due to a substantial discrepancy with the numbers from the previous year.

**CARRIED**

**7.2.3.6 BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS – CREATE AAAA TIER- (Policy C7.2)**

**WHEREAS**, the Boys Basketball Sport Commission has done extensive research into the splitting of their three tiers into four tiers to ensure more equal number of schools in each tier.

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, this would provide four tiers of approximately 68 teams per tier with 16 teams per tier advancing to provincial championships

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, teams would still be allowed to move up with a 2 year commitment

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Basketball Coaches voted in favor of creating a 4<sup>th</sup> tier starting in the 2013/2014 season of play.

**Note:** Resolution will affect E.2 (Seasons of Play) and allow AAAA boys championships to be held at the 14<sup>th</sup> week of play.

*MOVED: {TAYLOR, (Fleetwood Park) / EBERHARDT, (R.C. Palmer)} BE IT RESOLVED that the BC High School Boys Basketball Association be given approval to create a AAAA tier commencing with the 2013-2014 year using the above parameters and the tiering numbering below:*

A = 1-75

AA = 76 - 184

AAA = 185 - 283

AAAA > 284

**CARRIED**

**7.2.3.7 ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS – (Policy D13.22)**

**WHEREAS**, the meeting dates for the BCSS Eligibility Appeals Committee need to be declared,

*MOVED: {KINES, (A.L. Fortune) / THORNE, (Prince Charles)} BE IT RESOLVED that the Eligibility Appeals Committee meeting dates for 2013-2014 be;*

<i>Meeting 1</i>	<i>September 21, 2013</i>	<i>Deadline for Submission</i>	<i>September 13, 2013</i>
<i>Meeting 2</i>	<i>October 19, 2013</i>	<i>Deadline for Submission</i>	<i>October 11, 2013</i>
<i>Meeting 3</i>	<i>November 30, 2013</i>	<i>Deadline for Submission</i>	<i>November 22, 2013</i>
<i>Meeting 4</i>	<i>January 18, 2014</i>	<i>Deadline for Submission</i>	<i>January 10, 2014</i>
<i>Meeting 5</i>	<i>March 8, 2014</i>	<i>Deadline for Submission</i>	<i>February 28, 2014</i>
<i>Meeting 6</i>	<i>May 31, 2014</i>	<i>Deadline for Submission</i>	<i>May 23, 2014</i>

**CARRIED**

**7.2.3.8 PERMANENTLY EXTEND THE WINTER SEASON OF PLAY TO 14 WEEKS - (Policy E1 and E2)**

**WHEREAS**, the Competition Standards Committee voted to put forward a Resolution that would allow the Winter Season of Play to be extended by one (1) week, increasing the Winter Season of Play from 13 weeks to 14 weeks starting with the 2013-2014 year. Policy 1- E2.

**AND**

**WHEREAS, the winter season of play is interrupted by the two week winter break  
AND**

**WHEREAS, the Winter Season of Play has a season on each end,  
AND**

**WHEREAS, Spring Break is floating (dependent on the various school districts)  
AND**

**WHEREAS, the Spring Season of Play can still have 13 weeks starting after the 14<sup>th</sup> week of  
the Winter Season of Play**

*MOVED: {COLOMBO, (Riverside) / VAN MUYEN, (Langley Christian)} BE IT RESOLVED  
that the Winter Season of Play be extended by one (1) week, increasing the Winter Season of Play  
from 13 to 14 weeks commencing with the 2013-2014 year as noted above.*

**DEFEATED**

**\*Should Resolution 7.2.3.8 above be defeated at the AGM, then Resolution 7.2.3.9 is to be  
put forward as a separate Resolution.**

**7.2.3.9 GIRLS BASKETBALL – EXTENSION TO SEASON OF PLAY- (Policy E2.2)**

**WHEREAS, the BC Secondary School Girls Basketball Association is seeking a permanent  
extension of its season of play by one (1) week starting with the 2013-2014 school year for all  
tiers (AAA and AA only for the next year or two).  
AND**

**WHEREAS, the AA and AAA have both moved to a new facility and will run under one  
event organizational group**

*MOVED: {(WESTCOTT, (Spectrum) / BROWN, (Brookswood)} BE IT RESOLVED that the  
BC Secondary School Girls Basketball Association be given permission to permanently extend its  
season of play by one (1) week starting with the 2013-2014 school year for all tiers (anticipate  
that it will only be AA and AAA for the first year or two).*

**DEFEATED**

**7.2.3.10 FORMATTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS, the BCSS Executive Director would like permission to reformat the Policies  
and Procedures and Competitive Rules and Regulations sections, to make it easier to follow  
and provide better flow. Our Legal Counsel will be involved with this process to ensure  
wording does not alter the meaning or intent of the Competitive Rules or Regulations.  
AND**

**WHEREAS, the reformatting would include mostly the numbering system**

*MOVED: {RAWNSLEY, (Byrne Creek) / COLOMBO, (Riverside)} BE IT RESOLVED that the  
BCSS Executive Director work with our Legal Counsel in formatting the Policies and Procedures  
and Competitive Rules and Regulations, while ensuring the intent says the same.*

**CARRIED**

**7.2.4 RESOLUTIONS - SUBMITTED BY THE COMPETITIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE.**

**7.2.4.1 PART D: STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

*\* (If this passes, resolution 7.2.5.1 will not be brought to the floor.)*

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever  
changing population;**

*MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that  
Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:*

**PART D: STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY PREAMBLE**

1. BCSS recognizes the right of all student-athletes to choose which school they attend and which subjects they study.
2. BCSS, however, is charged with the responsibility of drafting, implementing and enforcing rules on eligibility for those student-athletes who seek the privilege of participating in interschool competition.
3. The over-riding purpose of these rules is to ensure fair and equitable competition (restricted and unrestricted) for all student-athletes participating in BCSS competition.

**DEFEATED**

**7.2.4.2 SECTION D1: STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

**D1.** Individual student-athletes must meet the applicable eligibility requirements of BCSS and any applicable Sport Commission rules to participate in BCSS competition, and be listed on the appropriate Student-Athlete Registration Form to be eligible for BCSS competition.

**D1.2** Participation of an ineligible student-athlete in BCSS competition will result in the following penalties [also see Section C5 - Violations of the Eligibility Policies for reporting procedure and appeal procedure]:

**D1.2.1** the Member School forfeits all restricted competition in which the ineligible student-athlete has participated, and

**D1.2.2** the Member School must pay a \$50 fine per student-athlete, per restricted competition, to a maximum of 200.

**D1.3** The student-athlete may be ineligible because:

**D1.3.1** they are ineligible under Part D of these rules, or

**D1.3.2** the student-athlete may not be properly registered with the school team as per C2.2 of these rules.

**DEFEATED**

**7.2.4.3 SECTION D2: STUDENT-ATHLETES REGISTERED AT AND COMPETING FOR A MEMBER SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

**D2.1** A student-athlete can only play for the Member School at which they are registered. Student-athletes must be in grades 8 - 12 at a BCSS Member School in order to compete in any BCSS competition.

**D2.1.1** An individual student-athlete is only eligible to compete in one (1) thirteen (13) week sanctioned season of play per sport in each school year.

**D2.1.2** Student-athletes registered at more than one Member School:

(a) if a student-athlete is registered at two (2) schools, the student-athlete may only participate in BCSS activities for the member school at which the student-athlete has the largest percentage of the credit load.

This member school would be considered their 'home school'

(b) if the credit load at the two (2) member schools is equal, the student-athlete is eligible to participate for the member school at which the student-athlete first registered for a BCSS activity

- (c) if, at any time during the student-athlete's second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th), and fifth (5th) year of eligibility, the member school at which the student-athlete has the majority of his or her credit load changes, the school must establish eligibility at this member school by either filing an eligibility application or meeting the conditions outlined in Section **D9**.

**D2.2** Full-Time Student-Athlete Status: a student-athlete must be full-time as judged by the School Administrator based on a full-time course load of seventy-five percent (75%) or more within a school year with courses taken in the season of play in which the student-athlete competes.

~~**D2.3** Graduation: the student athlete must not have completed graduation requirements in the preceding school year or accepted a Senior Secondary Certificate of Standing in the current school year. A student athlete may complete graduation requirements within the school year, continue to take courses and remain eligible as long as they do not accept a Certificate of Standing, and they remain at their home school.~~

**CARRIED**

#### 7.2.4.4 **SECTION D3: STUDENT-ATHLETE AGE AND COMPETITIVE LEVELS**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

- D3.1** Senior Competition: to compete in a senior competition, student-athletes must be under nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, and be in no more than their fifth (5th) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 1993 or earlier are NOT eligible for any competition in 2012-2013. Grade 8 entry date must be September 2008 or later).
- D3.2** Grade Ten (10) or Junior Competition: to compete in a grade ten (10) or junior competition, student-athlete must be under seventeen (17) years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, and be in no more than their third (3rd) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 1995 or earlier are too old for junior Competition in 2012-2013. Grade 8 entry date must be September 2010 or later).
- D3.3** Grade Nine (9) or Juvenile Competition: to compete in a grade nine (9) or juvenile competition, student-athletes must be under sixteen (16) years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, and be in no more than their second (2nd) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 1996 or earlier are too old for grade 9 competition in 2012-2013. Grade 8 entry date must be September 2011 or later).
- D3.4** Grade Eight (8) or Bantam Competition: to compete in a grade eight (8) or Bantam competition, student-athletes must be under fifteen (15) years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, and be in their first (1st) year of eligibility (student-athletes born in 1997 or earlier are too old for grade 8 competition in 2012-2013. Grade 8 entry date must be September 2012).
- D3.5** Individual Student-Athletes Playing Up During the Season of Play: Member School Middle School student-athletes and Member School Junior Secondary School student-athletes who can “play up” to the Member School Senior School that they would normally attend if, by the registration date, [**See C2.2 and C2.3**] they have the approval of both Member School Administrators, both Member School coaches, and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s). The local Athletic Association, the District Superintendent and BCSS must be notified using the “Middle School / Junior School Student-Athlete Playing Up” Form. These student-athletes must be registered on their own school's EXNET registration site and be a Member School in good standing. Member Schools

must not be registering these student-athletes on their database. BCSS will create a link between the feeder school and the Senior School's database for you to register them on your team. Any student-athletes not properly registered will be deemed ineligible.

**See Definition for Playing Up and Moving Up (Section V)**

Limits to Playing/Moving Up: student-athletes attending a Middle School or Junior Secondary School cannot “play/move up” in the sports of gymnastics, mountain biking, wrestling, skiing/snowboarding, aquatics, track & field, or cross country as the minimum number to form a school team in these sports is one (1) athlete.

- D3.6** Individual Student-athletes Moving Up at the End of Their Age Group Season: a student-athlete who is otherwise eligible and is registered on one (1) of the school teams in the same sport, or is registered on one (1) of the direct feeder school teams in the same sport, is eligible to join the more senior team in that sport after the completion of the lower age level team’s restricted competition and play-off schedule.

The student-athlete must be added to the appropriate Student-Athlete Registration Form for the more senior team before competing. The addition of the student-athlete is made by notification in writing to the BCSS office of the student-athlete’s name, name of the team on which they were originally registered, and the signature of the coach and Athletic Director. [Use the “Moving Student-Athlete to a Higher Age-Group Team Form”.]

**CARRIED**

7.2.4.5 **SECTION D4: NUMBER OF YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

- D4.1** Five (5) Years Eligibility: Student-athletes have five (5) consecutive years of **BCSS competition** eligibility, starting on the entry date into grade 8. A year is considered to be the twelve (12) month period between September of one (1) school year and September of the next school year.

**D4.1.1** If a Student-athlete Doesn't Participate: if a student-athlete chooses not to participate during one (1) or more years of the five (5) year period, or is not on a team roster during one (1) or more years of the five (5) year period, or leaves school (withdraws) for a time period during the five (5) year eligibility time period, that time period will still count toward the five (5) years of eligibility

**D4.1.2** Ungraded Student-athletes: for ungraded student-athletes in schools where it is difficult to determine when a student-athlete entered grade 8 (e.g.: middle school, K - 10, K - 12 schools), the student-athlete will be considered to be a grade 8 student-athlete in the school year commencing in September of the calendar year in which the student-athlete becomes thirteen (13) years of age.

**D4.1.3** Request for Extension of Five (5) Years Eligibility Due To Lost School for Medical Reasons: if a significant portion of a school year is lost due to illness or accident, the Member School may appeal on the student-athlete’s behalf to have up to one (1) year of eligibility restored. Medical documentation must show that the loss of an academic year due to medical reasons resulted in the student-athlete having to repeat a grade and prevented the normal five (5) year progression through school. The eligibility time restored will not include any seasons of play in which the student-athlete had been enrolled in school during the academic school year in question. The appeal must include medical documentation,

academic records and absentee records for the school(s). No student-athlete will be granted a sixth (6th) year of eligibility in any sport he/she has already participated in for part or all of five (5) seasons. Nor will that student-athlete be granted a sixth (6th) year of eligibility if they have participated in any part of both a fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) year of eligibility.

**D4.1.4** Eligibility Calendar for Families Moving to British Columbia: a student-athlete whose family is coming into British Columbia from another province or another country is eligible for five (5) years from their date of entry into grade 8 or the grade 8 equivalent in their previous place(s) of residence. If documentation is unavailable, a combination of age and grade level as determined by the Member School will determine the student-athlete's year of eligibility.

**D4.1.5** Returning Exchange Student-athlete: a BC student-athlete who is returning to BC after conclusion of a one (1) year or less outgoing student exchange program, and who has concluded their eligibility calendar in accordance with **D4**, may have up to one (1) year of eligibility restored only if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the student-athlete has participated in a **recognized** exchange program
- (b) the student-athlete is returning to the same BCSS Member School that they attended prior to leaving on the exchange program
- (c) the student-athlete does not participate in any BCSS competition in CSS-approved sports in which the student-athlete participated in interschool and/or club competition while on the exchange
- (d) the student-athlete meets all other eligibility requirements
- (e) a letter from the Administrator confirming compliance with (a) to (d) is required.

**CARRIED**

#### 7.2.4.6 **SECTION D 5: RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

**D5.1** Student-athletes must fulfill one of the following residency requirements:

D5.1.1 reside with a parent or parents

D5.1.2 reside with a Legal Guardian – Guardianship must have been in place for 12 months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought

D5.1.3 must be a ‘ward of the Province’ and assigned to an individual or family by the Ministry of Children

D5.1.4 must be attending a non-public school as a ‘residing full time boarding student’ – this must have been in place for 12 months prior to the period for which eligibility is sought.

**CARRIED**

#### 7.2.4.7 **SECTION D6: JOINTLY SPONSORED TEAMS**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND**



**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;**

*MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:*

- D6.1** There is merit in allowing student-athletes to participate in sports programs that are not offered at their home school due to insufficient numbers in small rural or isolated communities.
- D6.2** Two (2) or more rural or isolated (see definitions) Member Schools may make an application to the Eligibility Officer to sponsor a joint team which will involve the participation of student-athletes from more than one (1) Member School
- D6.3** Each application must:
- D6.3.1** be made for team **sports** only;
  - D6.3.2** be made with regard to Member Schools that are located within close geographical proximity within the same zone;
  - D6.3.3** be for a minimum period of one (1) year; and
  - D6.3.4** be accompanied by a letter of request from the Member Schools' Administrators, setting out the reasons for and in support of making the application.
- ~~**D6.4** Applications for Jointly Sponsored Teams from Member Schools shall be made:~~
- ~~**D6.4.1** by September 14th for teams to be involved in Fall activities;~~
  - ~~**D6.4.2** by November 1st for teams to be involved in Winter activities;~~
  - ~~**D6.4.3** by February 1st for teams to be involved in Spring activities.~~
- D6.5** In deciding whether or not to grant an application for a joint team the Eligibility Officer shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:
- D6.5.1** the goal of allowing joint teams is to increase the number of student-athletes that participate in activities by making activities available for student-athletes that would not otherwise be available if joint teams were not accepted
  - D6.5.2** it is preferable to combine smaller schools rather than having a small school combine with a larger school
  - D6.5.3** improving the quality of a team (i.e. better win/loss record) shall not be a criterion in deciding whether approval will be granted.
- D6.6** When an application is granted, the tiering classification of the joint team will be determined by the combined population of the two (2) schools forming the joint team.
- ~~**D6.7** Applications, when granted, shall be for a one (1) year term.~~
- D6.8** The Eligibility Officer may terminate a joint team before the expiry of the one (1) year period in the following cases:
- D6.8.1** closure of one (1) of the participating schools, or
  - D6.8.2** serious breach of the bylaws, policies or rules and regulations of BCSS by any of the participants, or
  - D6.8.3** when, in the opinion of the Eligibility Officer, it is in the best interests of the student-athletes of one (1) or more schools.
- D6.9** The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner.

**It was moved and seconded to amend the motion by removing D6.7 “Applications, when granted, shall be for a one (1) year” as it was redundant.**

**The primary amendment was adopted.  
The main motion as amended was adopted.**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2.4.8 SECTION D7: STUDENT-ATHLETE GENDER**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND**

**WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever  
changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that  
Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

**D7.1** Female student-athletes may only play on a team designated as a “girls” sport, and male student-athletes may only play on a team designated as a “boys” sport. Both female and male student-athletes may compete on a team designated as a “coed” sport, in accordance with the sport-specific roster allocations. (May, 2012)

**D7.2** Notwithstanding rule **D7.1**, a student-athlete may be permitted to participate in a sex-segregated sport inconsistent with his or her sex in the following circumstances: (May, 2012)

**D7.2.1** A female student-athlete may play on a “boys” team if her school will not offer a girls’ team in that sport at the appropriate age level during the same school year. A letter from the Administrator confirming a girls’ team will not be offered must accompany the appropriate Student-athlete Registration Form. If a female student-athlete plays on the appropriate age level boys’ team, she may not play on the more senior girls’ team in a different season of play during the same school year. (May, 2012)

**D7.2.2** A student-athlete may participate with the opposite sex in a sex-segregated sport on the basis that doing so would be consistent with his or her gender identity if the student-athlete’s application under **D7.3** is granted. (May, 2012)

**D7.3** A student-athlete seeking eligibility pursuant to rule **D7.2.2** must make an application to the Eligibility Officer. (May, 2012)

**D7.3.1** Each application under Rule **D7.2.2** must include the following: (May, 2012)

- (a) a written statement from the student-athlete and/or parent or guardian documenting a student-athlete’s consistent gender identification with the opposite sex; (May, 2012)
- (b) a professional opinion concerning the student-athletes gender identity from a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or other professional with experience in gender identity health care; and (May, 2012)
- (c) any other information or documentation that may be pertinent to the eligibility officer’s decision and the application of the factors set out in **D7.2.2** (May, 2012)

**D7.3.2** The Eligibility Officer shall consider the following factors together with any other factors that he/she considers reasonable when making a decision under rule **D7.2.2**: (May, 2012)

- (a) flexibility, and the student-athlete’s privacy, will be prioritized in decision-making; (May, 2012)
- (b) the importance of fair and equitable competition for all students participating in the sport in which the student is applying to participate; (May, 2012)
- (c) existing practices regarding female student-athletes’ participation on boys teams, as per Rule **D7.2.1**, are to be preserved; (May, 2012)
- (d) an environment where intersex, transitioning and transgender students can exist and thrive should be provided.

**D7.3.3** The Eligibility Officer’s decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or judicially reviewed. (May, 2012)

**D7.3.4** Once a student-athlete has been granted eligibility under rule **D7.3**, his or her eligibility shall be effective for the duration of the student-athlete's participation in the sport and does not need to be renewed every sport season or school year. (May, 2012)

**D7.4** If there is a conflict between **D7.1** or **D7.2** and a bylaw, rule or similar provision of a Sport Commission, the bylaw, rule or similar provision prevails. (May, 2012)

**CARRIED**

7.2.4.9 **SECTION D8: HOME STUDY, DISTRIBUTED LEARNING AND ALTERNATE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
**AND**  
**WHEREAS**, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;

*MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:*

**D8.1** Home study, distributed learning and alternate school student-athletes may compete in BCSS competition provided that:

**D8.1.1** the student-athletes competes for the last school they were registered as full-time students,

**D8.1.2** if the student-athlete has not been previously registered at a member school, they must compete for the school in whose catchment area they reside.

**CARRIED**

7.2.4.10 **SECTION D9: STUDENT-ATHLETE TRANSFERS**

*\* (If this passes resolutions 7.2.5.4 and 7.2.5.5 will not be brought to the floor.)*

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
**AND**  
**WHEREAS**, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever changing population;

*MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:*

**D9.1** A transfer occurs whenever a student-athlete who is registered at any school (within or outside of BC) transfers and is registered at a different school. Consequently, the BCSS membership has developed regulations governing the eligibility of student-athletes who transfer schools and wish to participate in BCSS Competition.

**D9.1.1** Statement Regarding the Student-athlete's Home School: the school at which the student-athlete is registered on the first (1st) day of their first (1st) year of eligibility is the student-athlete's "home school" and is the school at which the student-athlete has athletic eligibility. The exception would be where a local district policy has prejudiced the student-athlete's ability to attend their new school on the first (1st) day of the new school year.

A student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility is counted from the September of grade 8 entry, and starts on the first (1st) day of school in the applicable school year.

**D9.2** Transfers: Subject to **D9.1** a student-athlete who transfers from his/her "home school" after the first day of his/her first (1st) year of eligibility (Grade 8) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in BCSS competition in any school sport(s) in which he/she was registered for a member school in the twelve

(12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions **D9.2.1– D9.2.9** is met.

**D9.2.1**

Student-athlete Advancing to a More Senior School:

- (a) a student-athlete graduating from a middle school or junior secondary school may proceed to the school into which his/her middle school or junior secondary school normally feeds, without any restrictions
- (b) notwithstanding **D9.2.1(a)** above, a student-athlete graduating from a middle school / junior secondary may proceed to any other public school in the same school district, as long as District policy is followed.
- (c) **a student-athlete at a non-public school may advance to a public school offering senior grades, as per the normal catchment boundaries of the school district in which the student-athlete resides.**

**D9.2.2**

New School Constructed, School District Reorganized or School is Closed: School Districts and /or schools must apply for approval from the BCSS Eligibility Officer prior to any student-athletes being eligible. A complete list of those student-athletes impacted must be provided to BCSS with the following information for each student-athlete:

- (a) name
- (b) date of birth
- (c) current grade being eligible for BCSS competition
- (d) grade 8 entry date
- (e) previous school
- (f) new school
- (g) will they be attending their catchment school? Yes or No
- (h) if 'No' to 'g', then reasons for choosing the school to be identified.

**D9.2.3**

**Change of Principal Residence: the student-athlete and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) [See Definitions] have changed their principal residence in the previous twelve (12) months. Any change in residence must be bona fide. Determination of what constitutes a bona fide change of residence depends upon the facts of each case. In order to be considered bona fide, a minimum of the following facts must exist:**

- (a) **the original residence must be abandoned as a residence; that is, sold, rented, and/or not used as a residence by any member of the family**
- (b) **the entire family must make the change and take with them household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances**
- (c) **the change must be made with the intent that it is permanent.**
- (d) **parents must provide evidence (sale closure document, purchase document, storage rental receipt, and/or statutory declaration) that they have moved.**

**D9.2.4**

- (a) Move within the Same Public School District: if the new principal residence is within the boundaries of the same school district, the student-athlete can remain eligible by not changing schools, or will be immediately eligible at the public school into whose catchment boundaries the family has moved.
- (b) Move into a Different Public School District: if the parents' or legal guardians' new principal residence is in a different public school district, the student-athlete will be eligible at any public school in the new district in accordance with school district

policy concerning student-athlete placements, or will be eligible at any non-public school whose main school building is located within the geographical boundaries of the new public school district.

- D9.2.5** Parent to Parent Move: the student-athlete transfers from one (1) school to another school in order to reside with the parent with whom he/she has not been living. Only two (2) transfers for the purpose of moving from parent to parent are allowed after the first day of the student-athlete's first (1st) year of eligibility. Any change in residence must be bona fide. If the move is within the same school district, the eligible transfer must be to the school nearest to where the receiving parent lives. If the move is from within the boundaries of one (1) school district into another, the student-athlete will be eligible at any public or non-public school within the geographical boundaries of the new school district.
- D9.2.6** **The rules in D9.2.5 apply with necessary changes where a student-athlete moves from any living circumstance to live with a legal guardian. The student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until all compliance requirements have been met. The legal guardian must also have supported or maintained the child for the previous twelve (12) months.**
- D9.2.7** Ward of the Province: the student-athlete who transfers is a ward of the province and whose move has been arranged by the province:
- (a) the receiving school must submit a letter from the School Administrator confirming that the placement has been arranged by the ministry having jurisdiction or the government agency responsible for the student-athlete.  
This letter will include the time of the move, the location of the new residence, and that participation in school sports was not a factor in the placement
  - (b) the receiving school must also confirm that the residence of the family or the residence in which the student-athlete has been placed is within the catchment area boundaries of the school.
- D9.2.8** Incoming Exchange Student-athlete: a student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS Member School as an incoming exchange student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school only if the conditions in either **D9.7.1** or **D9.7.2** are met:
- (a) Exchange Program:
    - (i) the school-to-school exchange agreement has been in place at least five (5) years prior to automatic eligibility status being conveyed
    - (ii) the appropriate registration confirmation is submitted during online registration
    - (iii) the student-athlete is only eligible for the duration of the actual exchange program
    - (iv) the British Columbia family with whom the student-athlete is residing is considered to be the family of record for the duration of the student-athletes stay
    - (v) the student-athlete's exchange period in BC is of at least five (5) months or one (1) semester's duration
    - (vi) the student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar
  - (b) Incoming International Student-athletes to a Public School District: a student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS public school member school as an incoming international student-athlete is eligible to

compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (i) the student-athlete is registered in a public school district as an "international student-athlete", and pays tuition to that school district as per established and published school district policy
- (ii) the student-athlete has been accepted by that school district on the basis of academic suitability
- (iii) the incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five month or one semester period.
- (iv) the superintendent of the school district or their district designate responsible for the international student program shall verify in writing that:

- a) the acceptance of the student-athlete and placement of the student-athlete in a particular school is based solely on academic criteria, and
- b) that a student-athlete's possible participation in extra-curricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school district or a particular school, and
- c) this verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in BCSS competition.

(v) guardianship has been established by school district personnel or the custodial homestay or the student-athlete has been assigned to the homestay family as the off-shore family designate.

(vi) the student-athlete has been placed in a homestay with a family who has been resident in the school district for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the homestay placement.

("Confirmation of Eligible Student-athlete Transfer Form" must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form)

(c) Incoming International Student-athletes to a Non-Public School: a student-athlete who transfers into a BCSS non-public member school as an incoming international student-athlete is eligible to compete for the receiving school if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (i) the student-athlete is registered in a member non-public school as an "international student", and pays tuition to that school according to a published International student policy and fee schedule
- (ii) the student-athlete has been accepted on the basis of academic suitability
- (iii) the incoming student-athlete will be enrolled at the receiving school for at least a consecutive five months or one semester period.
- (iv) the school Administrator shall verify in writing that:
  - a) the acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria, and
  - b) that a student-athlete's possible participation in extra-curricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school, and
  - c) the student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary or financial award resulting from or relating to athlete participation, and
  - d) this verification will be submitted to the BCSS office prior to any participation in BCSS competition

(v) the school or the Board of the school has registered as the student-athlete's custodian (guardian) for the duration of the student-athlete's stay at the school, and provides a copy of the Letter of Custodianship

(vi) the student-athlete is placed in a school dormitory or with a family who has been resident in the community for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the homestay placement.

("Confirmation of Eligible Student-athlete Transfer Form" must be completed online with the registration of the student-athlete on the online Player Registration Form.

In addition, an incoming international student transfer form must be forwarded to the BCSS office within seven (7) school days of the online registration)

**D9.2.9** Student-athlete Transfers During the Month of September as a result of the School District Transfer process:

- (a) per Section 74.1 of The School Act, a Board must have a protocol in place to allow student movement among schools and, therefore,
- (b) per School District Policy, the deadline for application for student transfer is in the spring, prior to the new school year, yet the Board reserves the right to make a final decision after space and facility availability are known in the month of September. Therefore, since the school district controls the date of transfer, a student-athlete should not be prejudiced in participating in athletics. The student-athlete may participate in their new school, provided the Board gives final approval for attendance prior to September 30th each year.
- (c) **the leaving and receiving principals must support that School District policy was followed.**

**"It was moved and seconded that D9.2.1 Student-athlete advancing to a More Senior School: (c) a student-athlete at a non-public school may advance to a public school offering senior grades, as per the normal catchment boundaries of the school district in which the student-athlete resides.**

**It was moved and seconded to amend the motion by adding the words "which does not offer senior grades" be included**

**It was moved and seconded to amend the amendment by inserting the words "which does not offer senior grades"**

**The secondary amendment was defeated.**

**The primary amendment was adopted.**

**The main motion as amended was adopted, the final wording being as follows: "(c) a student-athlete at a non-public school which does not offer senior grades may advance to a public school offering senior grades, as per the normal catchment boundaries of the school district in which the student-athlete resides"**

**DEFEATED**

**7.2.4.11 SECTION D10: SPORT SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**\* (If this passes resolution 7.2.5.2 will not be brought to the floor.)**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND  
WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever  
changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that  
Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

Sport Specific Education Program: a sport specific education program combines education with specific sport instruction/education for curriculum credit. The sport specific education program allows for sport specific training, instruction and/or competition; provides sport skills training in a targeted sport; provides other training/education such as but not limited to weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to support the targeted sport. A student-athlete is considered to be enrolled in a sport specific education program if:

- D10.1** a student-athlete is enrolled in a catchment/home school for a sport specific education program and the student-athlete receives five (5) or more credits for educational courses of specific sports instruction.
- D10.2** a student-athlete is enrolled in a non-catchment school for a sport-specific education program and the student- athlete receives four (4) or more credits for an educational course of specific sports instruction.
- D10.3** Student- athlete Transfers for SSEP:
- (a) any student-athlete in their first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th), or fifth (5th) year of eligibility transferring into a sport-specific education program is ineligible to participate in BCSS competition in the sport in which they receive specific sports instruction and is ineligible for a period of 12 months from the date of transfer to participate in any BCSS competition in which he/she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in D9.2 apply.
  - (b) any student-athlete transferring from a sport specific education program back to their home school is ineligible to compete in that specialized sport and in any BCSS competition in which he/she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one of the conditions in D9.2 apply.

**CARRIED**

#### 7.2.4.12 **SECTION D11: ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS**

*\* (If this passes resolution 7.2.5.6 will not be brought to the floor.)*

**WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify the wording to a more reader friendly format;  
AND  
WHEREAS, rural areas in particular need the rules to be more adaptable to their ever  
changing population;**

***MOVED: {THORNE, (Prince Charles) / COHEE, (St Georges)} BE IT RESOLVED that  
Section D of the Competitive Rules and Regulations be repealed and replaced with the following:***

- D11.1** Where a student-athlete is ineligible for BCSS competition pursuant to the Competitive Rules and Regulations, the member school may apply for an exemption for the student-athlete in accordance with this section.
- D11.2** An application under D11.1 shall be submitted to the ‘Eligibility Officer’ through the BCSS office.
- D11.3** The application shall contain:
- (a) a completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application Form;
  - (b) if the ineligibility arises from a school transfer, a letter from the Administrator of the student-athlete’s former school confirming that the



school is aware of the exemption application and indicating whether the school supports or objects to an exemption, together with its reasons;

- (c) a copy of the student-athlete's personal record card (public schools), or report cards and transcripts (non-public schools);
- (d) a list of the student-athlete's current courses;
- (e) a copy of a primary source document showing the student-athlete's date of birth (e.g., birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, permanent resident card, provincial ID card);
- (f) a letter from the student-athlete's parent or legal guardian supporting the application;
- (g) copies of relevant medical documentation where the application is based on medical grounds; and,
- (h) any other information or material the school wants the Eligibility Officer to consider.

**D11.4** The applicant school shall submit a \$50.00 application fee with each application.

**D11.5** The Eligibility Officer may request further information from the applicant school.

**D11.6** There is no right to a teleconference or oral hearing before the Eligibility Officer.

**D11.7** The Eligibility Officer may allow or deny the application, having regard to the following principles:

- (a) the primary purpose of the eligibility criteria in the Competitive Rules and Regulations is to promote fair and equitable competition for all student-athletes participating in BCSS competition;
- (b) in the case of school transfers, although there are many bona fide reasons why a student-athlete might change schools, an exemption should almost invariably not be granted in respect of a transfer for the purpose of playing a sport still offered by the student-athlete's former school; and,
- (c) an exemption shall be granted where the Eligibility Officer is satisfied that:
  - i) the student-athlete has transferred schools for a bona fide academic reason;
  - ii) the student-athlete has transferred schools because of financial hardship; or,
  - iii) in any other case, the exemption would not unduly prejudice the BCSS goal of fair and equitable competition.

**D11.8** The Eligibility Officer shall issue a written ruling to the applicant school (to the attention of the Administrator and the Athletic Director) either allowing or denying the application, and containing a brief summary of the reasons for the decision.

**D11.9** Subject to D11.21, if the Eligibility Officer allows the application, the student-athlete becomes eligible for competition on the date the decision is issued, provided, however, that the student-athlete's eligibility remains otherwise subject to the Competitive Rules and Regulations.

**D11.10** It is the responsibility of the applicant school to notify the student-athlete and the student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the decision of the Eligibility Officer and of any requests or other communications from the Eligibility Officer.

**D11.11** A member school may appeal a decision under D11.8 denying an exemption application, in accordance with this section.

**D11.12** An appeal under D11.11 shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the BCSS head office for forwarding to the Eligibility Appeals Committee (the "EAC") at least eight (8) school days before the next scheduled meeting of the EAC.

**D11.13** The appeal shall contain:

- (a) a completed and signed BCSS Eligibility Application;
- (b) copies of all of the materials submitted to the Eligibility Officer;
- (c) a cheque for \$200.00 which is refundable if the appeal is allowed; and,
- (d) any other information or material that the school wants the EAC to consider.

**D11.14** The EAC may request further information from the applicant school.

**D11.15** There is no right to a teleconference or oral hearing before the EAC.

- D11.16** The EAC may allow or dismiss the appeal, having regard to the principles set out in D11.7.
- D11.17** The EAC may substitute its views for that of the Eligibility Officer.
- D11.18** The EAC shall issue a written ruling to the applicant school (to the attention of the administrator and the Athletic Director) either allowing or dismissing the appeal, and containing a brief summary of the reasons for the decision.
- D11.19** Subject to D11.21, if the EAC allows the appeal, the student-athlete becomes eligible for competition on the date the decision is issued, provided, however, that the student-athlete's eligibility remains otherwise subject to the Competitive Rules and Regulations.
- D11.20** It is the responsibility of the applicant school to notify the student-athlete and the student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the decision of the EAC and of any requests or other communications from the EAC.
- D11.21** Where an exemption is granted by the Eligibility Officer or by the EAC on the basis of a transfer for an academic reason, the exemption shall cease to have effect if the student-athlete withdraws from the program, group of courses or other academic offering underlying the exemption, unless and until the Eligibility Officer, on written application by the school, confirms the exemption.
- D11.22** The decisions of the EAC under D11.18 and the Eligibility Officer under D13.8 are 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.

**CARRIED**

## **7.2.5 RESOLUTIONS - SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP**

### **7.2.5.1 STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY (Policy D1.1)**

*\* (If resolution 7.2.4.1 passes then this resolution 7.2.5.1 will not be brought to the floor.)*

**WHEREAS, the BCSS mission statement includes the promotion of participation.**

**“1. The aims and objectives of the Society shall be in complete harmony with the aims of education as set forth by the Ministry of Education. 2. Participation in the activities of this Society shall be encouraged as an integral part of the total education process. 3. All students should have the opportunity to realise the physical, social and emotional values that can be derived from interschool competition.”**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, until the 2010/11 school year, BCSS rules allowed an opportunity for students, who may be ineligible for one reason or another, to participate in an exhibition (unrestricted) game or tournament. The following change was passed in 2011:**

**D12.2 Transfers: Subject to D12 a student-athlete who transfers from his/her “home school” after the first day of his/her first (1<sup>st</sup>) year of eligibility (Grade 8) is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he/she was registered for a member school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer unless one (1) of the conditions D12.2.1– D12.2.13 is met.**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, allowing these students some limited form of participation (especially at the junior level) does not impact seeding or standings for BCSS Championships.**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, unrestricted play was intended to be a venue for “less restricted play” as defined in the definition section of BCSS rules (where minimum requirements are stated)**

***MOVED: {VITALE, (Lambrick Park) / REISIG, (Claremont)} BE IT RESOLVED that policy D1.1. be changed to read:***

*Individual student-athletes must meet the applicable eligibility requirements of BCSS and any applicable Sport Commission gender based equity rule to participate in restricted competition, and be listed....*

*D1.1 The participation of an ineligible student-athlete in restricted competition will result in the following penalties...*

**DEFEATED**

7.2.5.2 **STUDENT-ATHLETE TRANSFERS FOR Sport Specific Education Program (Policy D12.3.2 (b) - *NOT BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR.***

*\* (If resolution 7.2.4.11 passes then this resolution 7.2.5.2 will not be brought to the floor.)*

**WHEREAS, the BCSS mission statement includes the promotion of participation.**

**“1. The aims and objectives of the Society shall be in complete harmony with the aims of education as set forth by the Ministry of Education. 2. Participation in the activities of this Society shall be encouraged as an integral part of the total education process. 3. All students should have the opportunity to realise the physical, social and emotional values that can be derived from interschool competition.”**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, until the 2010/11 school year, BCSS rules allowed an opportunity for students, who may be ineligible for one reason or another, to participate in an exhibition (unrestricted) game or tournament. The following change was passed in 2011:**

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**AND**

**WHEREAS, allowing these students some limited form of participation (especially at the junior level) does not impact seeding or standings for BCSS Championships.**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, unrestricted play was intended to be a venue for “less restricted play” as defined in the definition section of BCSS rules (where minimum requirements are stated)**

***MOVED: {VITALE, (Lambrick Park) / REISIG, (Claremont)} BE IT RESOLVED that policy D1.1. be changed to read: Individual student-athletes must meet the applicable eligibility requirements of BCSS and any applicable Sport Commission gender based equity rule to participate in restricted competition, and be listed....***

*Also D12.3.2 (b) Transfers: Subject to D12, a student-athlete who transfers from his/her “home school” ...are ineligible to participate in restricted competition in any school sport(s)...*

*\*As Resolution 7.2.4.11 passed, Resolution 7.2.5.2 was not brought to the floor.*

**NO VOTE**

7.2.5.3 **ADVANCED RULING ON ELIGIBILITY (Policy D12A)**

**WHEREAS, the BCSS code of conduct must be respected by all parties involved in an athletic eligibility transfer. A signed declaration /pledge form makes transfers transparent to all involved parties. Enforcement of participants who breach the code of conduct is made easier. Signatures would include both the receiving school and the sending school: administration, athletic director, and coach of each sport involved. Each signee would have an opportunity to either support the transfer or not support the transfer. The BCSS School code of conduct would appear on the form. Each signee would pledge that they have not broken the code of conduct. Penalties for breach of the code would also be printed on the form.**

*MOVED: {LANG, (Rutland Senior) / BERNHARDSSON, (Kelowna)} BE IT RESOLVED that students who transfer schools and retain their eligibility must complete and submit to BCSS a signed Declaration /Code of Conduct Pledge prior to participating for their new home school. Add: Section D12A: Advanced Ruling on Eligibility D12.3 Code of conduct Pledge*

**DEFEATED**

**7.2.5.4 TRANSFERS – (Policy D12.2)**

\* (If resolution 7.2.4.10 passes then this resolution 7.2.5.4 will not be brought to the floor.)

\* (If this resolution 7.2.5.4 passes then resolution 7.2.5.5 will not be brought to the floor.)

**WHEREAS, several school districts have mixed systems (elementary to secondary as well as middle schools) and formal articulation processes that transition students “cross-boundary” to secondary schools following the completion of Grade 8; and the BC Ministry of Education Graduation Programs begins in grade 10.**

*MOVED: {TYLER, Cariboo Hil) / BARRETT, (Handsworth)} BE IT RESOLVED that 12.2 be changed back to...Transfers: Subject to D13, a student-athlete who transfers from his/her “home-school” after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day or his/her third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year of eligibility (grade 10) is ineligible to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he/she participated unless (1) one of the conditions in D12.3 to D12.3.11 is met.*

**DEFEATED**

**7.2.5.5 TRANSFERS – (Policy D12.2)**

\* (If resolutions 7.2.4.10 or 7.2.5.4 pass this resolution 7.2.5.5 will not be brought to the floor.)

**WHEREAS, home school should not be determined (for eligibility purposes) until students reach high school. The present rule does not take into account that many high schools in the Province do not start at grade 8. It is not reasonable to expect students and their parents in these areas of the Province (with Middle Schools instead of gr 8-12 High Schools) to make a decision in grade 5, as to which Middle School they need to position themselves in, to establish a “home school” and be eligible for a High School experience that includes interschool sports.**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, “1. The aims and objectives of the Society shall be in complete harmony with the aims of education as set forth by the Ministry of Education”. The present aims of the Ministry are to allow students to choose the school that will meet their unique educational goals. Districts do not force students to attend the school in their catchment area – Districts work with students to transition to High Schools, and BCSS rules should work in harmony within this same transition period (students should not be asked to finalise their choice of High School before this is facilitated at the school level).**

**AND**

**WHEREAS, although it is understood that fairness can be compromised when students transfer schools especially once they have begun to participate in a particular team program, we should not expect students to be fully committed to their educational path prior to reaching High School.**

*MOVED: {VITALE, (Lambrick Park) / REISIG, (Claremont)} BE IT RESOLVED that subject to D12 a student athlete who transfers from his/her home school after the first day of his/her entry into a High School, is ineligible for a period of 12 months from the date of transfer, to participate in restricted competition in any school sports in which he/she has participated in the 12 months prior to the date of transfer, unless one (1) of the conditions in D12.2.1 – D12.2.13 is met.*

*Note: Wording elsewhere in the rules and regulations would change to coincide with the above:*

(i.e. :) “D12.2 Statement regarding the student-athletes Home School: the school at which the student-athlete is registered on the first day of High School is the student-athlete’s “Home School” ...

D12.2.1 Student-athlete advancing to a More Senior School:

- (a) a student-athlete graduating from a middle school or junior secondary school may proceed to the school into which his/her middle school or junior secondary school normally feeds, without any restrictions.
- (b) And (c) would be removed

**DEFEATED**

7.2.5.6 **D13 ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS (Policy D13.7) - *NOT BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR.***

\* (If resolution 7.2.4.12 passes then this resolution 7.2.5.6 will not be brought to the floor.)

**WHEREAS**, recruiting remains a concern for schools who develop athletes and then lose them to other “high profile” schools. Students have not always been frank about their intentions. Whereas all students moving schools never state their reason for moving is for “athletic” reasons, rather the moves are packaged to be for “academic” reasons. Students whose parents have moved permanent residences shall not be affected. BCSS has always agreed that students may transfer to another school for academic reasons but under this policy, that student must sit out of their established sport for one year, but will remain eligible to play a new sport.

**Rescind: Section D13: Eligibility Applications D13.7 (c)**

**Add: Section D13: Eligibility Application D13.7 (d)**

*MOVED: {LANG, (Rutland Senior) / BERNHARDSSON, (Kelowna)} BE IT RESOLVED that a student who transfers to another school in any one of the five years of eligibility will not be eligible for school sports in which they have already participated in for a one year period from the date in which they transferred schools. This would include students who are moving for “academic course or programme”.*

\*As Resolution 7.2.4.12 passed, Resolution 7.2.5.6 was not brought to the floor.

**NO VOTE**

7.2.5.7 **E3.6 (TO BE ADDED) EXCEPTIONS TO SEASONS OF PLAY**

**WHEREAS**, many schools do not have enough enrollments to support a boy’s rugby team as both the grade 9 and junior level and the seasons of play are in different seasons, a safety concern exists where student-athletes may experience a 16 month gap between playing seasons impacting safety and skill development.

*MOVED: {TYLER, (Cariboo Hill) / BARRETT, (Handsworth)} BE IT RESOLVED that E3.6 be added to the exceptions of Seasons of Play-Student-Athlete Eligibility Subject to D2.1.1. D2.1.1 An individual student-athlete is eligible to compete in two (2) thirteen (13) week sanctioned season of rugby play (restricted and unrestricted competition) during their grade 9 school year. {year two (2) of their five (5) year eligibility}*

**DEFEATED**

7.2.5.8 **PART G; GRADE 8, GRADE 9 AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEREAS**, BC SCHOOLS SPORTS is currently opposed to Provincial school championships below the senior level and will not sanction, sponsor or support events having the organization format of, or implied or designated as being Provincial Grade 8, Grade 9 and Junior Championships.

**AND**

**WHEREAS**, there are many of these Championships taking place around the province

**AND**

**WHEREAS, some of these Championships are running very well and others are running with policies that are different from those of BC SCHOOL SPORTS**

*MOVED: {CHAMPAGNE, (Fleetwood) / COLOMBO, (Riverside)} BE IT RESOLVED that there be a pilot project to look at and help to run up to 4 Junior Provincial Championships. Two at the team level and two at the individual sport level for the year 2013/2014. After the pilot the Executive Director will report back to the membership with recommendations.*

**\*ACTION: Board of Directors to set a timeline to report back to the membership on this pilot project outcome.**

**CARRIED**

**8. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS**

Deb Whitten thanked the outgoing board members and introduced the new Board of Directors.

**9. ELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2013-2015**

**Current Members:**

**President:** Deb Whitten - SJ Willis Education Centre

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres.:** Rob Colombo – Riverside Sec

Brian McAskill - GP Vanier Sec

Janet Dunkin - Argyle Sec

Steve Grant - Penticton Sec

Sue Thorne - Prince Charles Sec

Dave Rawnsley – Byrne Creek Sec

Wendy Hyer – Superintendent #SD 67

Larry Hayes - Sch. Dist. #41 -Burnaby

**New Members:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> V-P:** John McFarland - Vancouver College

Mykola Misiak - Earl Marriott Sec

Stephen Rowell - Robert Bateman Sec

TBA - BCCPAC

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**11. CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT:**

**The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting is set for 10 May 2014.**

**MOVED: {ROB COLOMBO (RIVERSIDE SECODNARY), MYKOLA MISIAK, (EARL MARRIOT SECONDARY)} THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 1:50 PM.**