

2009 NOTICES OF MOTION

GENERAL BYLAW & POLICY NOTICES

ASAA
Executive

Notice 1 Bylaw – Article IV – Organization, page 20 Proposed:

Addition of New item 'B' and move 'B' to 'C' etc.

CARRIED

- B. The Board of Governors may on reasonable grounds remove any member of the Board of Governors before the expiration of that Board member's term of office. Further, any member of the Board of Governors shall be entitled to resign from the Board by delivering written notice of such resignation to the Executive Director.

Rationale:

Following a recent review of ASAA Bylaws by Alberta Gaming, it was determined that the Bylaws were missing essential components. A clause like this already exists with regard to the Executive Committee (although minor changes are being proposed below); however, there was nothing in relation of Board members. It needs to be in place. (see the Bylaw change immediately below for more detailed rationale)

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Executive

Notice 2 Bylaw – Article VI – Duties of the Executive Committee – Item B, page 24 Current:

CARRIED

- B. The Executive Committee and Board may, by mutual consent and within reason, request the resignation of any member of the committee at any time prior to the expiry date of that member's term of office. Further, any member of the committee may resign at any time, upon sending a written notice to the Executive Director. All members shall remain in office until their respective successors are elected.

Proposed:

- B. The Executive Committee may on reasonable grounds remove any member of the Executive Committee before the expiration of that Executive Committee member's term of office. Further, any member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to resign from the Executive Committee by delivering written notice of such resignation to the Executive Director.

Rationale:

The ASAA Executive has sought legal counsel on this policy. The term "requesting the resignation" means nothing and cannot be enforced. If the Executive has reasonable grounds on which to remove a member of the committee, they should have the capacity to do so and the policy should be worded to reflect this capacity. Further, the last sentence of the current policy needs to be removed as it renders inoperative both the decision to remove an executive member and the decision of an executive member to resign.

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Executive

Notice 3 Bylaw – Article XI – Dissolution, page 26 Proposed:

CARRIED

Addition of New Article – Dissolution and move XI to XII, and so on

Article XI – Dissolution

- A. Dissolution of the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association requires a Special Resolution of the Membership.
B. Upon the dissolution of the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association and after payment of all debts and liabilities, the remaining property of the Association shall be distributed:
a. equally to the current member schools of the Association; or,
b. to such other eligible, not-for-profit, charitable or religious organization, as defined by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

Rationale:

In a review of ASAA Bylaws by Alberta Gaming it was noted that the ASAA must have a dissolution clause in place. This addition to policy addresses this requirement.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 4 Policy – Section VI – Appeal Procedure – Item E, page 66

Current:

CARRIED

- E. Appeal to the Executive Appeal Committee (must be written)
- 2. The Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a \$100 fee. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Proposed:

- E. Appeal to the Executive Appeal Committee (must be written)
- 2. The Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a **\$200 fee of which \$50 will be a non-refundable processing fee and \$150** will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Rationale:

The appeals to the Executive Appeal Committee have been taking considerable time at ASAA Executive Meetings and this has impacted the ability of the Executive to adequately cover the ongoing business and initiatives of the association. This proposed change is intended for two purposes: a) To determine that appellants are serious about their appeal by being prepared to pay the appeal fee i.e. to help prevent frivolous appeals; and, b) to assist the ASAA cover the costs associated with developing a planned new online appeals process which will facilitate submissions of appeals by member schools more efficiently than happens at present.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 5 Policy – Section III – Eligibility – B. Sport Specific School Programs, page 40

Current:

CARRIED

B. Sport Specific School Programs

The following rules of eligibility apply to students registered in a sport specific school program: students registered in sport specific school programs shall not be eligible for competition in ASAA sanctioned events in that sport or sports for that school year. However, these students remain eligible to represent their school in any other ASAA sport. The rationale for establishing policy regarding sport specific school programs is in keeping with the ASAA Mission Statement of ensuring that competitive opportunities for all members are as equitable as possible. Schools, students and families who choose these programs must understand that in doing so, they forego the opportunity to participate in the competitive activities offered through the ASAA in those sports.

Proposed:

B. Sport Specific School Programs/Courses/Academies

The following rules of eligibility apply to students registered in a sport specific school program: students registered in sport specific school programs/**courses or academies in Alberta or any other province** shall not be eligible for competition in ASAA sanctioned events in that sport or sports (only) for that school year or in the event of a **program/course or academy occurring after the season of play, the student will be ineligible to participate in that sport for the following season of play**. However, these students remain eligible to represent their school in any other ASAA sport. The rationale for establishing policy regarding sport specific school programs/**courses/academies** is in keeping with the ASAA Mission Statement of ensuring that competitive opportunities for all members are as equitable as possible. Schools, students and families who choose sport specific **programs/courses or academies** must understand that in doing so, they forego the opportunity to participate in the competitive activities offered through the ASAA **and its member schools** in those sports.

Rationale:

This issue has spawned considerable discussion across the province, and as more delivery methods for education are made available to students, schools have indicated to the ASAA Executive that they want to ensure that the playing field remains level. It appears some schools are taking a liberal interpretation that locally developed courses (CTS or Phys. Ed. 25) are not in violation of ASAA policy. If the content of a course at a high school is designed for a specific ASAA sport, then this is seen as a violation of the “Sport Specific School Programs” policy because the students will have sport specific and dedicated time devoted to that sport at a time (during the regular school day) when other students do not have that opportunity.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 6 Policy - Section VI – Activities – D. Athlete Registration – Item 5 - Late Registrations, page 54

Current:

CARRIED

5. Late Registrations: **Golf, Cross Country, Badminton, Track and Field:** Team registrations after the online registration deadline and before the respective zone tournament deadline will be accepted subject to the late registration policy below. Additional students will be accepted after the respective zone tournament deadline subject to the late registration policy.

Volleyball, Football, Wrestling, Curling, Cheerleading, Basketball, Rugby: Team registrations after the online registration deadline and player additions after the additional student deadline will be accepted subject to the late registration policy.

Registration Deadlines

Sport	Deadline	Min. # of students required	Deadline to add students
Golf	12-Sep	1	Zone tournament
X-Country	5-Oct	1	Zone meet
Volleyball	1-Oct	6	1-Nov
Football	1-Oct	12 athletes total with at least one (1) being from the secondary school where appropriate	1-Nov
Basketball	15-Dec	5	15-Feb
Curling	22-Jan	4 per category	8-Feb
Cheerleading	22-Jan	4 small/coed 13 large	8-Feb
Wrestling	1-Feb	1	15-Feb
Badminton	15-Apr	1	Zone tournament
Rugby	1-May	15	15-May
Track & Field	15-May	1	Zone meet

If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday, the deadline remains in effect.

Track and Field: Zones must submit their team list using the Hy-Tek disk provided by the ASAA or competition host committee. Deadline for submission is the Tuesday prior to provincials at 12:00 p.m.

Late Registration Policy

A school that misses a registration deadline (team registration deadline, adding players deadline or school registration deadline) can appeal to the ASAA for acceptance of a late registration following the guidelines set out in...

Proposed:

Added to Late Registration Policy: "in the sports in which the registration deadline and opt-up deadlines are the same, the school may register their team late (with appropriate penalty) but may not opt up from their school's classification. For sports in which the opt-up deadline is after the registration deadline, teams may register late, through the normal late registration process, and may opt-up before the opt-up deadline in that specific sport. If registration has not taken place by the opt-up deadline, then the team may still register late, but shall not be permitted to opt up from their school's classification."

Rationale:

To clear up any misunderstanding about flexibility on opt-up deadlines.

Notice 7 Policy - Section II – Membership – A. High School Membership – Item 1, page 36

Current:

CARRIED

- Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual fee according to the following scale:

Class	1A 1-99	2A 100-299	3A 300-799	4A 800+	Jr. High
2008-09	\$180	\$255	\$340	\$500	\$35
2009-10	\$190	\$265	\$350	\$510	\$35
2010-11	\$190	\$265	\$350	\$510	\$35

Proposed:

- Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual fee according to the following scale:

Class	1A 1-99	2A 100-299	3A 300-799	4A 800+	Jr. High
2008-09	\$180	\$255	\$340	\$500	\$35
2009-10					
ASAA Fee	\$190	\$265	\$350	\$510	\$35
AIAAA Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$35
2010-11					
ASAA Fee	\$190	\$265	\$350	\$510	\$35
AIAAA Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$35
2011-12					
ASAA Fee	\$190	\$265	\$350	\$510	\$35
AIAAA Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$35

Rationale:

The ASAA Board of Governors, Executive Committee and ASAA member school Athletic Directors have shown their overwhelming support for the creation of an Athletic Director’s association in Alberta at meetings and through an online survey of member schools (140 responses). The new association, the Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA) has been created to serve athletic directors through the creation of an education and certification program for AD’s, the first in Canada, as well as other initiatives including a new athletic director association website. The ASAA has sought and received limited time funding assistance for this initiative and has hired a staff member to lead this project, but that funding is insufficient to sustain the staff position indefinitely. While the ASAA and the AIAAA will continue in its efforts to obtain grant funding to support this initiative, there needs to be an ongoing membership fee stream to keep this important initiative alive.

Notice 8 Policy - Section I – Code of Ethics – New Addition, page 29-30

Proposed:

CARRIED

New Item under Code of Ethics:

D. Spectators

b) Eviction for Inappropriate Language and/or Behavior

The Executive Committee or its host/designated representative shall have authority to direct any person to immediately leave any premise or any venue hosting any ASAA sanctioned event if that person:

1. exhibits rude or abusive behaviour to any other person
2. uses vulgar, obscene or abusive language and/or gestures
3. fails to promptly follow any reasonable direction given to that person by the designated representative of the ASAA

The Executive Committee or its designated representative shall have the authority to notify local law enforcement personnel of the failure of any person to immediately comply with a direction to leave any premises or any venue hosting any ASAA sanctioned event.

Rationale: It is important for a championship host or designated representative of the ASAA to have the authority to remove unruly spectators from ASAA championship events. In schools, it is recognized that the host school administration already has this authority; however this policy will both affirm that authority and allow for removal of spectators in non-school host facilities.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 9 Policy - Section IV – Activities – Process for written application for sanction of interschool events, page 50

Current:

CARRIED

- b) Non-ASAA member organizations (e.g., ABC Oil Company) hosting high school athletic events must have an ASAA member school, an ASAA zone or approved league or a non-ASAA member educational institution (hereinafter called ASAA partners) co-host the event. The appropriate sanction form must then be completed by the approved ASAA member school, zone, and league or non-member educational institution as noted above. The co-hosting school or educational institution retains the rights to all organizational decisions within the framework of ASAA policies. The advertising and title of the event must clearly identify the co-hosting ASAA partner in the major role.

Proposed:

Delete this section of policy.

Rationale:

Only schools and post-secondary organizations should be able to host ASAA sanctioned high school athletic competitions. A clear direction was provided to the ASAA Executive by the ASAA Board of Governors in 2004/05 that it was their desire to move away from title sponsorship of ASAA championships. The ASAA followed this direction in 2005/06 and this policy should have been modified at that time. It would be inconsistent to allow corporations to take on a major role in the coordination and promotion of a non ASAA championship event when the ASAA does not follow this practice itself. Private corporations do not typically have an educational focus and therefore should not be empowered to take on a major role in the coordination of a high school athletic event. The ASAA already works with post-secondary educational institutions who wish to host high school events; these are done with an educational athletic focus and under the Bylaws and Policies of the ASAA. If corporations are permitted to co-host events, there is potential that the educational focus will be lost and further, that any attention generated or decisions made in relation to the event will benefit the sponsor first and students second. The ASAA must keep students, not corporations, as the major focus of its activities. School tournaments can still access corporate sponsorship; however the sponsor cannot be noted in a 'title' capacity.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 10 Policy - Section III – Eligibility of Distributed Learning and Home Education Students – Item C., 1, page 40-41

Proposed:

CARRIED

Addition of New Item 1. viii.

- viii. In the circumstance that a student is transferring to a Distributed Learning or Home Education school under the advice of their high school with the expectation to transfer back to the current high school, the student can transfer back to the original school as a second transfer provided the following criteria:

1. The student must be using his/her first transfer according to Transfer Policy E. 3 on pages 45-46 of the 2008-2009 policy handbook to transfer from the original high school to the Distributed Learning or Home Education School.
2. The student must only participate on teams with the original high school as a joint school team for the duration of the students' attendance at the Distributed Learning or Home Education School.
3. The student must represent the Distributed Learning or Home Education School for individual sports.

The student can transfer for a second time with the transfer form as long as he/she is being integrated back into the original high school from which he/she transferred from under that schools advice.

Rationale:

Students may be requested to attend a different type of school for reasons such as getting back on track with their academics, but plan to transition back into the original high school once the goals are obtained. This would be a second transfer of athletic eligibility which is against policy.

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Distance
Learning
Center &
North
Central Zone

Notice 11 Policy - Section III – Eligibility of Distributed Learning and Home Education Students – Item C., vi., page 43

Current:

vi. The distributed learning or home education school must participate as a team within the zone to which it belongs, even though it may consist of students who live outside the zone.

CARRIED

Proposed:

vi. The distributed learning or home education school must participate as a team within the zone to which it belongs, even though it may consist of students who live outside the zone OR the distributed learning or home education school may participate in **individual sports in a different zone than the distributed learning or home education school belongs** ONLY if it consists of players who reside in that zone who are registered full-time with that distributed learning or home education school **from a different zone. A limit of two individual athletes who are competing out of the DL school can qualify for each zone championship in individual sports.**

Rationale:

Both the current and proposed 3(vi) only apply to individual sports, i.e., badminton, cross country, golf, wrestling or track & field. The current policy does serve a purpose by allowing a distributed learning or home education team to field its own team in its own zone, or to create another opportunity for a distributed learning or home education student to play a sport when the traditional school in his/her geographic area denies participation. However, the current policy may require students to travel long distances in order to compete in the zone to which his/her distributed learning or home education school belongs. The proposed policy prevents abuse by requiring the student be registered fully with the distributed learning or home education school for which he/she will play, and allows him/her to compete against students in his/her geographic area rather taking the spot of a student who lives in a different zone, if he/she competed in a different zone than where he/she lived.

BADMINTON NOTICES

Badminton
Commissioner

Notice 12 Policy - Section VIII – Scoring – Item 1 & 2, page 71

Current:

CARRIED

E. Scoring

1. The team winner shall be the zone with the greatest number of points awarded on the basis of first - 4 pts.; second - 3 pts.; third - 2 pts.; fourth - 1 pt. for both category one and category 2 two- singles, doubles, and mixed doubles.

2. The winning school in each classification, 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A shall be the school with the greatest number of points awarded on the basis of one point per match win. This includes all match wins in the singles qualifying round, round robin play and playoffs.

Proposed:

E. Scoring

Remove point one altogether and get rid of the aggregate award.

1. The winning school in each classification, 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A shall be the school with the greatest number of points awarded on the basis of one point per match win. This includes all match wins in the singles qualifying round, round robin play and playoffs.

Rationale:

There is little sense in having a zone receive a trophy/plaque. Where is it stored? Who takes ownership of it? What purpose does it serve? The athletes compete for their schools and for themselves. Awarding a plaque to a zone seems redundant.

Badminton
Commissioner

Notice 13 Policy - Section VIII – D. Events – Item 1, page 69

Proposed:

CARRIED
AS
AMENDED

Addition of New item '1' and move '1' to '2' etc.

1. Hosting of the provincial championship will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of five regional hosting zones.

Rotation:

Edmonton	2009/10
Central (C/SC)	2010/11
NW/NC	2011/12
Calgary	2012/13
South	2013/14
North East	2014/15

Rationale:

Finding a host has become somewhat difficult in the sport of Badminton and therefore if it was on rotation, zones would know in advance the year they are expected to host, making it easier to plan in advance with some consistency.

BASKETBALL NOTICES

Basketball
Commissioners

Notice 14 Policy – Section IX – Basketball – G. Representation to Provincials – Item 3 a), page 78

Current:

DEFEATED

3. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

- a) 3A Competition: there will be 12 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials for 3A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1	representative
South Central Zone	1	“
Edmonton Zone	1	“
North Central Zone	1	“
Central Zone	1	“
North East Zone	1	“
North West Zone	1	“
South Zone	1	“
Host School	1	“
Wildcard berths	3	representatives
Total	12	teams

Proposed:

3. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

- a) 3A Competition: there will be 12 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials for 3A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary & South Central Zones*	1	representative
Edmonton Zone	1	“
North Central Zone	1	“
Central Zone	1	“
North East Zone	1	“
North West Zone	1	“
South Zone	1	“
Host School	1	“
Wildcard berths	3	4 representatives

Total

12 teams

*Calgary and South Central are responsible for coordinating a playoff structure between themselves well in advance of the zone playoff date. Please see page 140 for guidelines.

Rationale:

Currently there are only two teams at the 3A level in Calgary and over the past few years they have forfeited their berth, not been competitive one year and gave it up to a 2A team in another instance. Combining the two zones makes sense and doesn't allow for the confusion that goes with assigning berths. This is similar to how the 1A level handles their representative out of the Edmonton and North Central Zones; it has proven successful at the 1A level and should serve the same purpose at the 3A level. This will also alleviate the time spent on the allocation of a second wildcard berth because it will now be in policy.

Notice 15 Policy – Section IX – Basketball – F. Awarding Wildcard Berths – page 76
Proposed:

Addition of New Item: Vacant Berths (to be added above last paragraph on page 76)

If the wildcard berths cannot be filled based on a zone having insufficient teams in either of the final two ranking periods, or for any other reason, the berth will become a vacant berth. This vacant berth will then be awarded to the zone with the highest amount of points in the final ranking period.

Rationale:

This issue arose in 2009 and a decision to award the vacant berth had to be made based on an interpretation of the intent of the policy. This proposal clarifies where the berth should go whilst still maintaining the 'strength or integrity' of the championship.

Notice 16 Policy – Section IX – Basketball – G. Representation to Provincials – Item 4, page 79
Current:

4. 4A competition for Boys and Girls

a) 4A Competition: There will be 16 teams as each 4A tournament. The representation to provincials for 4A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	3 representatives
Edmonton Zone	3 “
North East Zone	1 representative
North West Zone	1 “
Central Zone	1 “
South Zone	2 representatives
*South Central Zone	1 representative
Host School or Zone	1 “
Wild Card Berths	3 representatives

Total 16 Teams

*The South Central berth will be awarded as follows:

If **only one** South Central team is registered at the 4A level, that team will travel with the berth to a Central Zone regional (two berths for Central and South Central combined).

If **more than one** South Central team is registered at the 4A level, South Central Zone will determine their one representative and Central Zone teams will playoff for their own berth.

Proposed:

4. 4A competition for Boys and Girls

a) 4A Competition: There will be 16 teams as each 4A tournament. The representation to provincials for 4A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	3 representatives
Edmonton Zone	3 “
North East Zone	1 representative

North West Zone	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
South Zone	2	representatives
South Central Zone	1	representative
Host School or Zone	1	"
Wild Card Berths	3	representatives
Total	16	Teams

(remove the asterisk)

~~*The South Central berth will be awarded as follows:~~

~~If **only one** South Central team is registered at the 4A level, that team will travel with the berth to a Central Zone regional (two berths for Central and South Central combined).~~

~~If **more than one** South Central team is registered at the 4A level, South Central Zone will determine their one representative and Central Zone teams will playoff for their own berth.~~

Rationale:

These items were written before South Central Zone had a permanent true 4A school. With a true 4A school and now a history of teams opting up to challenge for the 4A basketball berths South Central Zone is deserving of their own spot. Future growth predicted for the school in South Central Zone indicate that there will be more 4A schools within the next few years particularly in the areas surrounding Calgary.

The North West Zone has one team and gets one berth. The North East Zone has two teams and gets one berth. Therefore the South Central Zone should get one berth; this would guarantee true regional representation for the Provincials competition.

CHEERLEADING NOTICES

Notice 17 Policy – Section X – Cheerleading – D. Scoring, page 84
Current:

D. Scoring
 The ASAA cheerleading provincial competition is a two-day best total points competition. One competition is to be held on the Friday afternoon and the second on the Saturday afternoon.

Proposed:

D. Scoring
~~The ASAA cheerleading provincial competition is a two-day best total points competition. One competition is to be held on the Friday afternoon and the second on the Saturday afternoon.~~
 Return to the one-day competition.

Rationale:

Although many people originally loved the idea of having a two day competition to show the consistency of the best teams and to ensure the best team really came out on top, there were a few complications that were not considered.

First, the cost of having judges attend the event was great. With a one day event the judging costs were manageable but with the two day event, not only did the cost of the judges double but the host also had to incur the cost of meals and hotels and this created a monetary burden that was hard to carry.

Moreover, the burden to the host was great as the Friday afternoon competition had very few fans as many people are working and not able to attend. Cheerleading provincials consistently has about one thousand spectators and so many hosts are choosing venues that are outside the school as their gym is too small. With a two day event, there really isn't the increase in fan support. Most people came to the Saturday with only a few attending the Friday competition so once again, the host had double the cost and no revenue to support it.

As well, there were two teams who incurred injuries during their first performance. With many sports, athletes may become injured affecting the teams ability to compete but in cheerleading this means teams trying to rework routines in one night in order to remain competitive and this caused these teams a great deal of angst the evening of the banquet.

Finally, many coaches did not feel that the final outcome was any different and many had difficulty finding financial support for the two day competition. As our sport continues to encourage and recruit teams to attend provincials so that we can keep our status, we don't want the financial burden of the competition to be a deterrent to new teams coming to compete.

Cheerleading
Commissioner

Notice 18 Policy – Section X – Cheerleading – B. Eligibility, page 83

Current:

- CARRIED
1. There are three categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - a) Small Squad – one male – 4-12 members
 - b) Large Squad – one male – 13-24 members
 - c) Co-ed Squad – Two or more males – 4-24 members

Proposed:

1. There are three categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - a) Small Squad – one male – **4-15 members**
 - b) Large Squad – one male – **16-24 members**
 - c) Co-ed Squad – Two or more males – 4-24 members

Rationale:

When the change was made to the large squad category last year, we missed making changes to the small squad category. It only makes sense that as the large squad category grew to allow more athletes that the small squad category grows as well. Allowing fifteen members in the small squad category enables teams to perform three stunts with front spots. This will allow smaller teams to experiment with more difficult stunts in a safe and stable way. As well, it will lessen the disparity in the large squad category so that you don't have teams with 13 competing against teams with 24. It will provide a more competitive and fair situation for both the large and the small squads.

Cheerleading
Commissioner

Notice 19 Policy – Section IV – Activities – 7. a) Medals, page 60

Current:

- CARRIED
7. Awards
 - a) Medals
 - i. Cheerleading: 78 (18 small Squad, 30 large Squad, and 30 Co-ed)

Proposed:

7. Awards
 - a) Medals
 - i. Cheerleading: ~~78~~ **81** (~~18~~ **21** small Squad, 30 large Squad, and 30 Co-ed)

Rationale:

If the policy allowing an increase in the number of athletes competing in small squad increases, then the medals being awarded will also need to increase.

CROSS COUNTRY NOTICES

X Country
Commissioner
& South Zone

Notice 20 Policy – Section XI – Cross Country – C. Zone Representation – Item 2, page 85

Current:

- CARRIED
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AMENDED
2. A zone may enter a team of up to 15 members for each of the six events.

Proposed:

2. A zone may enter a team of up to ~~15~~ **18** members for each of the six events.

Rationale:

The current process of alternates is very cumbersome for zones, hosts and in particular those coordinating the scoring. This simplifies everything for registration and makes it much more manageable for Provincial hosts and Zone secretaries. Only scratches will be done at the event.

The extra numbers allows for those substitutions that were currently able to register but not run. This way, all participants attending Provincials will run. It is like having a "qualifying time" for the Boston Marathon.... you can't just go because you want to or in this case because a school took you "just in case." It is the reward for hours and hours of training and students should earn their berth.

X Country
Commissioner
& South Zone

Notice 21 Policy – Section XI – Cross Country – C. Zone Representation – Item 3, page 85

Current:

- 3. All athlete substitutions must be submitted to the provincial host by 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to provincials. At the same time, the zone may submit the names of up to three additional next qualifying athletes per category in the event of no-shows by registered athletes on event day. The ONLY substitutions that will be permitted on event day will be those submitted by the zone designate coach or representative-these additional athletes must be listed among the three noted above.

CARRIED
AS
AMENDED

Proposed:

- 3. All athlete substitutions must be submitted to the provincial host by 4 p.m. on the ~~Friday~~ **Wednesday** prior to provincials. ~~At the same time, the zone may submit the names of up to three additional next qualifying athletes per category in the event of no-shows by registered athletes on event day. The ONLY substitutions that will be permitted on event day will be those submitted by the zone designate coach or representative-these additional athletes must be listed among the three noted above.~~ **No additions or changes may be made after this date.**

There is a lot of planning for the Provincial host and they should not be waiting until 3 days before their event to get the Zone entries.

Zones need to hold their championships at least a week or more prior to Provincials to allow time for travel and accommodation arrangements. If special circumstances warrant an extension of time, that can be arranged between Zone and host.

The intent of this motion is to have the entries completed after the Zone meet – zones do not want to hear from a school on Tuesday (week of provincials) that some of their athletes can't go and then be expected to track down others to fill those spots by the next day.

X Country
Commissioner
& South Zone

Notice 22 Policy – Section XI – Cross Country – E. Scoring – Item 1, page 86

Current:

E. Scoring

- 1. All competitors will score points on the following criteria: First place will receive 120 points and each competitor after that will get a fraction of 120 based upon the number of competitors in the event.

CARRIED
AS
AMENDED

Proposed:

E. Scoring

- 1. All competitors will score points on the following criteria: First place will receive ~~120~~ **144** points and each competitor after that will get a fraction of ~~120~~ **144** based upon the number of competitors in the event.

Rationale:

The change in scoring to 144 reflects the increased number of competitors. This is contingent on the policy increasing zone team numbers from 15 to 20 being passed.

X Country
Commissioner
& South Zone

Notice 23 Policy - Section XI – D. Events – Item 1, page 86

Proposed:

CARRIED
AS
AMENDED

Addition of New item '1' and move '1' to '2' etc.

1. Hosting of the provincial championship will be set on a rotating basis by zone, with the Executive to make the rotation and changes as necessary.

Rationale:

To establish a rotation for as occurs for Track and Field. This would allow zones several years to plan their championship and in coordination with the ASAA would open the door to continuity of those handling the entries/scoring.

X Country
Commissioner
& South Zone

Notice 24 Policy - Section XI – Cross Country – A. Rules, Item 1, page 85

Proposed:

Addition of New item '2' and move '2' to '3' etc.

2. Athletes will not be permitted to wear and/or use any form of audio device while competing.

Rationale:

This is a safety issue. Athletes in Cross-Country must be fully aware of their surroundings and other athletes at all times.

CURLING NOTICES

Curling
Commissioner

Notice 25 Policy – Section IV – Activities – C. Seasons of Play, page 51-52

Current:

CARRIED

4.	Seasons of Play Activity	Start	Finish***
	Cheerleading*		
	Football**	May 1	Provincial Finals
	Golf	May 1	Provincials
	Cross Country	May 1	Provincials
	Volleyball	June 1	Provincials
	Wrestling	October 22	Provincials
	Curling	October 15	Provincials
	Basketball	November 1	Provincials
	Badminton	January 3	Provincials
	Track & Field	February 15	Provincials
	Rugby	February 15	Provincials

Proposed:

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	Golf	May 1	Provincials
	Cross Country	May 1	Provincials
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	Wrestling	October 22	Provincials
	Curling	October 15 1	Provincials
	Basketball	November 1	Provincials
	Badminton	January 3	Provincials
	Track & Field	February 15	Provincials
	Rugby	February 15	Provincials

Rationale:

It is stated in the policy

2. Each season of play will encompass pre-competition practice exhibition contests, league play and playoffs.

In order to run a viable league we would like to begin league games on October 15 so would like to practice with our teams before that date. The league must be completed before the Christmas break as there is very little time in January before exams begin.

Notice 26 Policy – Section IV – Activities – I. Provincial Competition – 7. Awards, page 60-61
Current:

- Curling Commissioner
- CARRIED
- a) Medals
- i. ASAA gold medals shall be presented to provincial winners in all competitions sponsored by the Association. The following rules apply for award medals:
Curling: 18 (event winners- boys, girls, mixed)

Proposed:

- a) Medals
- i. ASAA gold medals shall be presented to provincial winners in all competitions sponsored by the Association. The following rules apply for award medals:
Curling: 18-20 (event winners- boys, girls, mixed)

Rationale:

Increase in medals is based on current shortfall if all teams, including mixed teams have a full roster.

Curling Commissioner

Notice 27 Policy – Section IV – Activities – I. Provincial Competition – 7. Awards, page 60-61
Current:

- CARRIED
7. b) Trophies
- v. In volleyball and basketball, teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at provincial competitions in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- vi. In basketball, the consolation winner in each category shall be presented with a small plaque to be retained as a memento.
- vii. In cheerleading, teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd at provincial competition in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- viii. In wrestling, teams placing second at both rural and provincial championships shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.

Proposed:

7. b) Trophies
- v. In volleyball and basketball, teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at provincial competitions in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- vi. In basketball, the consolation winner in each category shall be presented with a small plaque to be retained as a memento.
- vii. In cheerleading, teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd at provincial competition in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- viii. In wrestling, teams placing second at both rural and provincial championships shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- iv. **In Curling, teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd at provincial competition in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.**

Rationale:

A second or third placement at the provincial level is worthy of recognition. A keeper plaque can be displayed at the school recognizing this achievement.

FOOTBALL NOTICES

Bev Facey High School

Notice 28 Policy – Section XIII – Football – E. Events – Item 6, page 91
Proposed:

CARRIED **Addition of New item '6' and move '6' to '7' etc.**

The Northern Tier I Provincial Semi-final game will be played in a turf field stadium, which must have a score clock, changing rooms, lights, spotter's booth and adequate media and timers/scorekeeper booth. Furthermore, proceeds from gate admissions will cover costs of hosting the game (i.e. field rental, officials, medical, etc.) and any profit after expenses will be utilized to assist with travel costs of any team from outside greater Edmonton area. Designate "host team" will be on a rotational basis between (Metro/Public).

Rationale:

Currently there are two Tier 1 teams competing provincially outside greater Edmonton. In late November field conditions are such that clearing and maintaining a grass field becomes burdensome and expensive. As such the regional semi-final should be hosted in a venue which maintains the integrity of the game ensuring a fair and adequate playing surface to showcase student-athletes talents. An aside to the semi-final in 2008 both regional teams opted to travel down for the quarter-final games for various reasons. Additional discussions were held throughout in the province relative to regional semi-finals. At this time it was felt that this particular situation is unique to the Northern Alberta.

Sexsmith
Secondary
and North
West Zone

Notice 29 Policy – Section XIII – Football – C. Eligibility – Item 4, page 89

Current:

- 4. Two or more schools may combine to form one football team if the league (the league in which the school(s) participate) approves of such an arrangement. In such cases, the combined populations of the schools will determine at which tier level the teams will compete.

DEFEATED

Proposed:

- 4. Two or more schools may combine to form one football team if the league (the league in which the school(s) participate) approves of such an arrangement. In such cases, the combined populations of the schools will determine at which tier level the teams will compete. **In schools playing tier III or tier IV football, a primary school can accept up to and including four (4) players from one other secondary school that does not offer a football program without having to accept that secondary school's population.**

Rationale:

There is a declining amount of tier 4 schools in the province. A need for restructure to the tier system is needed. This change will allow a small number of students who do not have a football program at their school the opportunity to play football at another school without forcing the primary school to move up a tier.

TEAM HANDBALL NOTICES

Jasper Place
High School
and Eckville
School

Notice 30 Policy - Section IV – Activities – F. New Activities, page 57

Suggestion for addition of new sport:

Proposed:

Team Handball should be adopted as an official sport of the ASAA for the 2011/2012 school year following ASAA provincial team handball competition which will occur on a trial basis during the 2009/10 and 2010/11 school years.

CARRIED

PROPOSED POLICY GOVERNING ASAA TEAM HANDBALL

1. The rules of the International Handball Federation shall govern ASAA Team Handball.
2. The ASAA recognizes the Alberta Team Handball Federation as the official organization for training and certification of officials and gives its full support through the use of certified officials.
3. Competitions:
 - a) Suggested season of play will commence March 1 to last weekend in April.
 - b) The provincial competition that will terminate the Team Handball season will be held the last weekend in April.
 - c) Tournament shall be round robin format.
 - d) For the introduction of Team Handball, a single open event for boys and girls with each zone having one

- team in each category.
- e) Each champion will receive the items normally provided by the ASAA for provincial championships:
 - i. medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish
 - ii. Banner and champion T-shirts to each championship team: male and female
 - iii. Other items provided to a provincial host
 4. If necessary, the ASAA travel subsidy could be suspended for two years before full implementation is affirmed at the AGM in 2011.
 5. If this proposal is accepted, a host for the 2010 competition could be determined at the 2009 fall planning meeting.

Rationale:

1. Many schools throughout the province include Team Handball in their instructional and intramural programs. Advancing to an ASAA provincial championship is a great next step.
 2. Through Team Handball, more students will have an opportunity to participate in interschool sport, and at minimal cost.
 3. It is hoped that educators will see this opportunity as a positive one rather than look for the reasons why a new sport should not be introduced.
 4. The ASAA Board of Governors narrowly defeated a similar motion last year (18-17) with a suggestion that further discussion occur around adding/promoting new sports for member schools (i.e. team handball and ultimate were discussed as possibilities at the ASAA AGM in May, 2008).
 5. Team Handball is an Olympic sport and is currently supported by very well-structured federations both provincially and nationally.
 6. The National Coaching Certification Program is designed to promote and develop excellence in coaching. This program gives all coaches at all levels an opportunity to systematically improve their knowledge and skill in theoretical, technical and practical components of coaching.
 7. Team Handball can be played in nearly any size gymnasium, hockey rink or outdoor playing surface. Thus, any community wishing to host would be able to do so.
 8. There is a minimum of equipment required to play, requiring minimal expenses on the part of those wishing to participate. Participating schools would require goal nets and balls. Specifications for nets are available from the Alberta Team Handball Federation; many schools have had their Applied Technologies classes manufacture the nets at the respective schools. Players require no special equipment.
 9. The Alberta Team Handball Federation has successfully held high school provincial competitions for the past several years; they would like the ASAA to help advance the sport in Alberta through official ASAA status.
 10. The typical school Team Handball season begins after basketball and before track, lasting approximately 6-8 weeks, typically in March and April.
 11. There is a great deal of teaching and coaching assistance material available from the Alberta Team Handball Federation. This includes all kinds of printed charts, diagrams, drills, video tapes on various aspects of the game and the availability of workshops done by federation members. The Alberta Team Handball Federation will provide free in-servicing assistance to any interested schools.
 12. Alberta Team Handball Federation has sufficient officials to oversee high school competition at zone level as well as at provincial level. Ongoing training and clinics will be conducted to ensure that officiating levels are maintained.
 13. The game of Team Handball combines stamina, speed, endurance, strength and mobility. Rapid continuous play, spectacular leaps and dives by players attempting to score and quick reactions of the goalie and defence make the sport equally enjoyable for spectators.
 14. There exists a National Program, and players from Alberta have the opportunity to compete at a National Level, as well as to represent Canada internationally.
 15. This game deserves a home within the structure of the ASAA. Just as is done in other ASAA sports, participation in high school sports, provides great opportunities for students and while it is not the purpose of high school athletics to support national programs, a national byproduct of making team handball an ASAA sport will contribute to the development of athletes who may go on to represent Canada in a growing sport.
 16. The ASAA can show outstanding leadership by being the first high school athletic association in Canada to introduce Team Handball as a competitive sport.
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Rugby
Commissioners**Notice 31 Policy - Section IV –Activities – I. Provincial Competition – Item 7 b) Trophies, page 61****Current:**

CARRIED

7. b) Trophies

- v. In volleyball and basketball, teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at provincial competitions in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- vi. In basketball, the consolation winner in each category shall be presented with a small plaque to be retained as a memento.
- vii. In cheerleading, teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd at provincial competition in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- viii. In wrestling, teams placing second at both rural and provincial championships shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.

Proposed:

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- v. In volleyball and basketball, teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at provincial competitions in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
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- viii. In wrestling, teams placing second at both rural and provincial championships shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.
- iv. **In rugby, teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd at provincial competition in each category shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.**

Rationale:

This would include Rugby among the other ASAA sports that recognize the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. This request is for immediate implementation for the 2009 Rugby Provincials.

Rugby
Commissioners**Notice 32 Policy - Section IV –Activities – I. Provincial Competition – Item 7 d) Sportsmanship Banners, page 62****Current:**

CARRIED

7. d) Sportsmanship Banners

- i. In each of the eight volleyball and basketball provincial championships and the three curling categories in the curling provincial championship, an 8' x 3' sportsmanship banner will be presented in the weeks after the championship to the school winning the award.
- ii. At the cheerleading provincial championship, an 8' x 3' sportsmanship banner will be awarded to a team voted by the coaches and athletes who have exhibited exemplary sportsmanship throughout the competition. The banner will be presented during the championship awards ceremony at the provincial competition.

Proposed:

7. d) Sportsmanship Banners

- i. In each of the eight volleyball and basketball provincial championships and the three curling categories in the curling provincial championship, an 8' x 3' sportsmanship banner will be presented in the weeks after the championship to the school winning the award.
- ii. At the cheerleading provincial championship, an 8' x 3' sportsmanship banner will be awarded to a team voted by the coaches and athletes who have exhibited exemplary sportsmanship throughout the competition. The banner will be presented during the championship awards ceremony at the provincial competition.
- iii. **At the rugby provincial championship, an 8' x 3' sportsmanship banner will be presented to each of the four categories. This banner will be presented in the weeks after the championship to the school winning the award.**

Rationale:

This would include Rugby among the other ASAA sports that recognize sportsmanship at their provincial championships. This request is for immediate implementation for the 2009 Rugby Provincials.

TRACK & FIELD NOTICES

Lindsay
Thurber
Comprehensive

Notice 33 Policy – Section XVI – Track and Field – D. Events – Item 4, page 105

Proposed:

Addition of 400m Hurdles to Boys and Girls Events, and addition of 400m Hurdle standards as follows:

DEFEATED

Category	Distance of Race	Height of Hurdle	Distance from Start Line to 1st Hurdle	Distance between Hurdles
Jr. Girls	400m	78cm (30")	50m	35m
Int. Girls	400m	78cm (30")	50m	35m
Sr. Girls	400m	84cm (33")	50m	35m
Jr. Boys	400m	84cm (33")	50m	35m
Int. Boys	400m	84cm (33")	50m	35m
Sr. Boys	400m	91cm (36")	50m	35m

(total of 10 hurdles for 400m race)

Rationale:

There are many athletes that excel in hurdles. This would give them a chance to participate in more than one race in the Track and Field Provincials. There are about 15 female athletes in the Province competing right now as well as 14 males (these stats are based on Athletics Alberta information). The longer race allows for athletes wanting to do hurdles to not have to be as technical. It is an exciting event to watch and we feel it would be a positive addition to the Provincial Track and Field Meet.

North East
Zone

Notice 34 Policy – Section XVI – Track and Field – C. Eligibility – Item 3, page 104

Current:

DEFEATED

3. Zones are permitted two competitors/relay teams per event.

Proposed:

3. Zones are permitted two competitors **per event**. **Zones are permitted two relay teams per event for 1A/2A schools and two relay teams per event for 3A/4A schools. All members on a relay team must be bonafide students from one school.**

Rationale: see below.

North East
Zone

Notice 35 Policy – Section XVI – Track and Field – D. Events – Item 4 e), page 106

Current:

WITHDRAWN

3.
e) The 4 x 400 M relay will consist of two timed finals with random lane selection.

Proposed:

3.
e) The 4 x 400 M relay will consist of two timed finals **for 1A/2A and two timed finals for 3A/4A with random lane selection.**

Rationale: see below.

North East
Zone

Notice 36 Policy – Section XVI – Track and Field – F. Scoring – Item 1 a), page 106

Current:

WITHDRAWN

1. All competitors will score points on the basis of a 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system for each event.
 - a. In events limited to 8 lanes, 1st – 8th places are based on final times and 9th – 16th places will be ranked by heat times.
 - b. Relays – allocation of points for relays will be determined by the number of schools participating on the team. Examples:
 - i. Team A comes first (16 points) and has four students from the same school. The school receives 16 points.
 - ii. Team B come second (15 points) and has two students from each of two schools. Each school receives an equal share; i.e., 7.5 points.

Proposed:

2. All competitors will score points on the basis of a 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system for each event.
 - a. In events limited to 8 lanes, 1st – 8th places are based on final times and 9th – 16th places will be ranked by heat times.
 - ~~b. Relays – allocation of points for relays will be determined by the number of schools participating on the team. Examples:
 - i. Team A comes first (16 points) and has four students from the same school. The school receives 16 points.
 - ii. Team B come second (15 points) and has two students from each of two schools. Each school receives an equal share; i.e., 7.5 points.~~

Rationale (for all three changes submitted by the North East Zone):

With more and more zones mandating that representation for relay teams must be students from one school, this policy change will allow the 1A/2A schools to send more athletes to the provincial championship and increase the number of athletes at provincial track. It will also ensure that competing teams are 'school' teams, not 'all-star' teams. It is hopeful that this policy change will increase the interest of track and field. This change should not be in effect until 2010.

VOLLEYBALL NOTICES

ASAA
Executive

Notice 37 Policy – Section XVII – Volleyball – A. Rules – Item 1, page 108

Current:

DEFEATED

1. Substitutes – The modified 12 substitute rule will be used. The rule is as follows:
 - a) a team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one game
 - b) a player may leave the game and re-enter the game but only for the same player. Players are 'tied' together; eg 7 for 12 – these two players are attached for that game and a player must re-enter for the same player
 - c) unlimited substitutions are allowed up to 12 per game

Proposed:

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 - b) a player may leave the game and re-enter the game but only for the same player. Players are 'tied' together; eg 7 for 12 – these two players are attached for that game and a player must re-enter for the same player
 - c) limited substitutions are allowed up to 12 per game (a player may enter and exit only once per set if they begin the set off the floor, or a player may leave the floor and re-enter only once if they begin the set on the floor)**

Rationale:

The unlimited sub rule was created prior to the creation of the Libero position as a way to get more athletes playing the game. Now with the Libero, it has led to further specialization of skills. Coaches can now flip players in and out for certain skills and some players never have to perform essential skills such as serving, passing or defense which hinders their

development. With this rule, it essentially allows teams to play with two Liberos. By taking out the unlimited, but still allowing 12 subs, it still gives coaches the freedom to insert all players in any set, but only once, so it requires all players to learn all the skills of the game.

WRESTLING NOTICES

Wrestling
Commissioner

Notice 38 Policy - Section IV –Activities – I. Provincial Competition – Item 6 f) Individual Sport: individuals failing to show, page 60

Current:

CARRIED

f) In individual sports (golf, cross country, wrestling, badminton, track & field) the zone is responsible for submitting a cheque for the applicable entry and banquet fees of all participants confirmed by the deadline for submitting final entries to the host. In the event an athlete(s) fails to show, the offending athlete's school will be penalized \$50 per no-show, to a maximum of \$250. The Executive will have the sole discretion to impose the penalty based on the rationale provided by the school for the late withdrawal.

Proposed:

f) In individual sports (golf, cross country, ~~wrestling~~, badminton, track & field) the zone is responsible for submitting a cheque for the applicable entry and banquet fees of all participants confirmed by the deadline for submitting final entries to the host. **In wrestling, participating schools will submit a cheque for all athletes confirmed by the entry deadline.** In the event an athlete(s) fails to show, the offending athlete's school will be penalized **an additional** \$50 per no-show, to a maximum of \$250. The Executive will have the sole discretion to impose the penalty based on the rationale provided by the school for the late withdrawal.

Rationale:

-All rural teams from throughout the province come together to compete in a qualifying competition, and as such, there is no zone competition.

-'an additional' was added so that the individual and team sports would have the same consequences.

Wrestling
Commissioner

Notice 39 Policy - Section XVIII –Wrestling – Rules – Item 2, page 62

Current:

CARRIED

2. Wrestlers are required to wear a singlet for ASAA rural and provincial championship events as per the requirements in the CAWA rulebook for a national championship...

Proposed:

2. Wrestlers are required to wear a **red or blue** singlet for ASAA rural and provincial championship events as per the requirements in the CAWA rulebook for a national championship...

Rationale:

Clarifies what the athletes must wear (if they do not fall within the exceptions).

Wrestling
Commissioner

Notice 40 Policy – Section XVIII – Wrestling – Rules – Item 3: Illegal Moves, page 116

Current:

CARRIED

3. Illegal Moves

The following are illegal moves in ASAA wrestling and are not permitted:

- a) Full Nelson
- b) West Point Ride (T-bar)
- c) Full Suplay, Front Suplay, and Front Salto

The penalty for the suplay and salto will be disqualification from the match and tournament.

Proposed:

4. Illegal Moves

The following are illegal moves in ASAA wrestling and are not permitted:

- a) Full Nelson

- b) West Point Ride (T-bar)
- c) Full Suplay, Front Suplay, Front Salto, Standing Firemans' Carry and throws initiated by a back bending motion where grand amplitude points are awarded.

The penalty for the suplay and salto performing the illegal moves in (c) shall be disqualification from the match and tournament.

Rationale:

Protects the athlete from a technique that has the potential to harm the athlete.

Wrestling
Commissioner

Notice 41 Policy - Section XVIII –Wrestling – Weigh Ins – Item 2: Scales d), page 117

Current:

CARRIED

2. Scales

- a) The weigh-ins for both the rural and provincial competitions shall be held on the first day of the competition. It will be the only weigh-in of the competition.
- b) The ASAA will follow the weigh-in procedures as outlined in the CAWA rulebook.
- c) See the CAWA rulebook regarding weight loss by an athlete and the discipline for athletes and coaches involved in such behavior. The ASAA does not tolerate inappropriate methods of weight loss.

Proposed:

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- a) The weigh-ins for both the rural and provincial competitions shall be held on the first day of the competition. It will be the only weigh-in of the competition.
- b) The ASAA will follow the weigh-in procedures as outlined in the CAWA rulebook.
- c) See the CAWA rulebook regarding weight loss by an athlete and the discipline for athletes and coaches involved in such behavior. The ASAA does not tolerate inappropriate methods of weight loss.
- d) All athletes must have their arms and shoulders exposed for the skin check.

Rationale:

With a new two piece singlet (uniform) covering the arms and shoulders, the doctor conducting the skin check may miss a contagious skin condition.

South Central
Zone

Notice 42 Policy - Section III –Eligibility – Grade 9 Students, page 39-40

Current:

DEFEATED

1. In 1A classified schools, grade 9 students may be registered for team participation in basketball, volleyball, curling, cheerleading and golf. Grade 9 students are not eligible for athletic participation in individual sports or on the senior varsity teams of 2A, 3A or 4A classified schools.
2. Onsite grade 9 students playing on junior varsity teams of 2A-4A schools are permitted to play in any games (league or tournament) against ASAA member school senior varsity teams.
3. In football only, onsite grade 9 students are eligible to participate on teams at the tier IV classification.
4. In cheerleading only, grade 9 students are eligible to participate on an ASAA member school, regardless of classification, are eligible to participate on competitive school team with the consent of the principal and athletic director.
5. In rugby only, onsite grade 9 students are eligible to participate on 1A and 2A school teams.

Proposed:

Add following point:

6. In wrestling only, onsite grade 9 students are eligible to participate on 1A – 4A school teams, which includes participation in all ASAA sanctioned tournaments excluding the following: Rural Provincials, Edmonton City Championships, Calgary City Championships, and Provincial Championships.

Rationale:

Wrestling is a sport which assigns groupings by weight. This ensures that a participant's risk of injury is minimized due to weight discrepancy. Due to an individual's categorization by small weight increments, few injuries occur as the result of weight or strength discrepancies. In addition, qualified coaches and officials are present at all tournaments to ensure that a participant's safety is of the utmost priority. Officials will and do stop matches whenever there is a question of the athlete's safety or well being.

The interlocked seasons of High School and Club Wrestling have made it difficult for tournament hosts to discern between club wrestlers who may be grade 9 and High School wrestlers. Allowing onsite grade 9's to participate in ASAA sanctioned events will allow hosts more depth and flexibility in their draws, and allow 9-12 schools to participate with all their athletes.

The provinces of British Columbia (see BCSS Section V part D6), Saskatchewan (see SHSAA Bylaw for Eligibility 1 a & b), Manitoba (see MHSAA Constitution 1 a-q), and Ontario (see OFSAA Playing Regulations – Wrestling Regulations 8(v)) all allow students to be eligible for high school wrestling at the grade nine level. Alberta's students need, and deserve, to have adequate time to develop their specialized athletic abilities.

In the hopes of creating positive growth in both the development and participation of the sport of wrestling it is imperative that the age group for competition be increased to include grade nine athletes. This increase would allow for participants to have an extra year of experience by the time they reach their grade twelve year which will increase the quality of competition at all levels. In addition, this increase would allow for a larger group of training partners in practices and would help ensure that weight classes are as close to full as possible in competitions.