

2006 NOTICES OF MOTION

GENERAL BYLAW & POLICY NOTICES

ASAA
Executive

Notice 1 Bylaw - Article V - Executive, page 23

Current:

The Board of Governors will ensure that a school based administrator (principal, vice principal, assistant principal) or a central office staff member occupies two of the above three positions (president, past president, vice president)

CARRIED

Proposed:

The Board of Governors will ensure that a school based administrator (principal, vice principal, assistant principal) or a central office staff member occupies *two of the five positions (President, Vice-President or Past-President, Executive Member at Large and two Athletic Directors).*

Rationale:

With the change in Executive Committee structure for 2005/06, the current policy no longer works.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 2 Bylaw - Article V - Item D, page 23

Current:

Executive Member at Large - must be an Alberta certified teacher who shall retain office for a three-year period. This member shall be nominated by the Executive and appointed by the Board of Governors. This appointed person must have held a position on the Board of Governors for a minimum of five years and preferably (but not limited to) be a past member of the Executive.

CARRIED

Proposed:

Executive Member at Large - must be an Alberta certified teacher who shall retain office for a *four-year* period. This member shall be nominated by the Executive and appointed by the Board of Governors. This appointed person must have held a position on the Board of Governors for a minimum of five years and preferably (but not limited to) be a past member of the Executive.

Rationale:

Having a four-year term provides the overlap of Executive members desired when creating this position. A four-year period ensure that there are at least two Executive members (from among the Vice-President, President and Past President) with experience on the committee at any one time.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 3 Bylaw – Article VII – Duties of Members of the Executive Committee, Item B, page 24

Add to read:

The Past President shall be the chair of the salary committee made up of the Past President or most recent Past President, the President and the Executive Member at Large.

CARRIED

Rationale:

The combined knowledge of successive leaders working together on a contract committee will ensure continuity and an understanding of past decisions made. The Executive Member at Large, in some years, may be the person with the most experience on this committee.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 4 Bylaw – Article VII – Duties of Members of the Executive Committee, Item D, page 25

Add to read:

The Executive Member at Large shall assume the role of staff liaison to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

Rationale:

The ASAA Executive believes it is important to have a designate assigned to ensure that any staff member that is need of assistance or advice can speak freely and confidentially about matters pertaining to their work or workplace environment.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 5 Bylaw – Article XI – Meetings, Item A, page 26

Current:

The provincial Board of Governors shall hold two general meetings annually. The Annual General Meeting will occur on the **2nd weekend** (2nd Friday/Saturday) **in May**. The Annual Planning Meeting will occur on the **first weekend** (1st Friday/Saturday) **in November** or the first weekend **in December** on a rotating basis.

CARRIED

Proposed:

The provincial Board of Governors shall hold two general meetings annually. The Annual General Meeting will occur on the 2nd weekend (2nd Friday/Saturday) in May. The Annual Planning Meeting will occur on the *first weekend (1st Friday/Saturday) in December*. Time and location to be set by the Executive.

Rationale:

At the 2005 Annual Planning Meeting, the Board generally agreed to hold future Annual Planning Meetings in December rather than November due to fewer zone executive being available to attend in November.

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WITHDRAWN

Notice 6 Bylaw – Section I – Code of Ethics, Item D. Spectators, page 28

Current:

D. Spectators

Spectators, both student and adult, must demonstrate courtesy and good sportsmanship by positive cheers of encouragement for their team, not against the opposing team. This is evidenced by the absence of booing and vulgarities. Spectators must also show proper acceptance of officials' judgment. Artificial noisemakers are not permitted during provincial championship tournaments/events. These noisemakers may include but are not limited to: air horns, cow bells, plastic tube horns, garbage can lids, etc. The provincial championship host shall have the authority to eject from the competition facility individuals who, following a warning, refuse to comply with this requirement.

Proposed:

D. Spectators

Spectators, both student and adult, must demonstrate courtesy and good sportsmanship by positive cheers of encouragement for their team, not against the opposing team. This is evidenced by the absence of booing and vulgarities. Spectators must also show proper acceptance of officials' judgment. Artificial noisemakers, *with the exception of tournament approved "thunder sticks"*, are not permitted during provincial championship tournaments/events. These noisemakers may include but are not limited to: air horns, cow bells, plastic tube horns, garbage can lids, etc. The provincial championship host shall have the authority to eject from the competition facility individuals who, following a warning, refuse to comply with this requirement.

Rationale:

Thunder sticks are non-offensive noise makers that enhance, not detract from, a sporting event. They can make a poorly attended event suddenly alive with enthusiasm. By placing the provision that they must be tournament approved, provincial hosts may sell them for a profit, enhancing the viability to host a provincial event.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 7 Bylaw – Section II – Membership, Item A. High School Membership, page 36

Current:

2. Registration of schools for zone and provincial membership shall be the responsibility of the Zone Secretary. A single fee per school shall be paid to the zone and shall cover the zone membership fee and the provincial membership fee (as stated in Item 1. above), which includes a \$20 fee for the ASAA yearbook.

CARRIED

Proposed:

2. Registration of schools for zone and provincial membership shall be the responsibility of the Zone Secretary. A single fee per school shall be paid to the zone and shall cover the zone membership fee and the provincial membership fee (as stated in Item 1. above), which includes a \$30 fee for the ASAA yearbook.

Rationale:

To reflect the actual cost of the yearbooks.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 8 Bylaw – Section II – Membership, Item A. High School Membership, page 36

Current:

1. 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:

CARRIED

Class	1A	2A	3A	4A	Jr. High
Year	1-99	100-299	300-799	800+	
2005-06	\$140	\$215	\$300	\$460	\$35
2006-07	\$140	\$215	\$300	\$460	\$35

Proposed:

1. 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	2A	3A	4A	Jr. High
Year	1-99	100-299	300-799	800+	
2006-07	\$150	\$225	\$310	\$470	\$35

Rationale:

See Notice 7. The increase reflects the increased costs of the yearbook.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 9 Bylaw – Section II – Membership, Item A. High School Membership, page 36

Current:

See Notice 6 above.

CARRIED

Proposed:

1. 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	2A	3A	4A	Jr. High
Year	1-99	100-299	300-799	800+	
2007-08	\$160	\$235	\$320	\$480	\$35
2008-09	\$170	\$245	\$330	\$490	\$35
2009-10	\$180	\$255	\$340	\$500	\$35
2010-11	\$190	\$265	\$350	\$510	\$35

Rationale:

A modest \$10 per year cost of living increase at all levels will help the ASAA maintain current services. Alberta's membership fees are still among the lowest in Canada.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 10 Policy - Section III - Eligibility- Grade 9 Students, page 39

CARRIED

Current:

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 in 2A, 3A or 4A classified schools.
2. In football only, onsite grade 9 students are eligible to participate on teams at the tier IV classification.

Proposed:

Add to read:

3. Grade 9 students playing on junior varsity teams of 2A-4A schools are not permitted to play in any games (league or tournament) where they will play against ASAA member school senior varsity teams.

Rationale:

The intent of allowing grade 9's to play is so that smaller schools can make teams. It was never intended to open the door to grade 9's on junior varsity teams competing against senior teams.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 11 Policy - Section III - Eligibility- International/Foreign Exchange Students, page 39

CARRIED

Current:

In order to participate in ASAA activities, international/foreign exchange students must meet all eligibility requirements as listed above in Student Eligibility. In addition, they must not have graduated from high school or its equivalent before enrolling in their school of choice in Alberta.

Proposed:

In order to participate in ASAA activities, international/foreign exchange students must meet all eligibility requirements as listed above in Student Eligibility. In addition, they must not have graduated from high school or its equivalent before enrolling in their school of choice in Alberta. *International/foreign exchange students registered at the school prior to the school registration deadline must be included in the student count for the school for classification purposes.*

Rationale:

The ASAA office has received several requests for clarification of this policy and its application.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 12 Policy - Section III - Eligibility, Item B-Process for written application for sanction of interschool events, page 46

CARRIED

Add to read:

2. ASAA Zones and High School Leagues: Events hosted by these partners must comply with ASAA policies.

ASAA zones and high school leagues hosting tournaments for high school teams from within and/or outside Alberta must apply for sanction using the ASAA Partner Sanction Form.

Rationale:

This allows zones/leagues within the ASAA the opportunity to co-host tournaments, something that is often done in practice.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 13 Policy - Section III - Eligibility, Item B-Process for written application for sanction of interschool events, 2.a) page 46

CARRIED

Current:

Non-ASAA member educational institutions (colleges and universities) hosting high school athletic events must apply for sanction using the Non-ASAA Member Sanction Form.

The sanction form must be submitted to the ASAA at least 30 days prior to the event.

Schools not listed on the sanction form will not be eligible to participate without the approval of the ASAA and the respective school athletic association.

If non-school teams and ASAA member school teams are participating at a tournament, they must compete in separate categories; i.e., ASAA member school teams must not compete against non-school teams. If the event is for an individual sport (i.e., golf, cross-country running, wrestling, badminton and track and field), high school athletes belonging to club teams should compete only as a member of their high school and only against other high school athletes.

Proposed:

Colleges, universities and other non-member educational institutions hosting high school events must apply for sanction using the Non-Member Educational Institution Sanction Form.

The sanction form must be submitted to the ASAA at least 30 days prior to the event.

Schools not listed on the sanction form will not be eligible to participate without the approval of the ASAA and the respective school athletic association.

If non-school teams and ASAA member school teams are participating at a tournament, they must compete in separate categories; i.e., ASAA member school teams must not compete against non-school teams. If the event is for an individual sport (i.e., golf, cross-country running, wrestling, badminton and track and field), high school athletes belonging to club teams should compete only as a member of their high school and only against other high school athletes.

Rationale:

Wordsmithing to distinguish educational institutions from corporations/organizations as in **Notice 14** below.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 14 Policy - Section III - Eligibility, Item B-Process for written application for sanction of interschool events, 2.b) page 47

CARRIED

Current:

2.b) Non-ASAA member organizations (e.g., ABC Shoe Company) hosting high school athletic events must have an ASAA member school or a non-ASAA member educational institution co-sponsor the event. The appropriate sanction form must then be completed by the member school or non-member educational institution as noted above. The co-sponsoring 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-sponsoring school or educational institution as the major sponsor.

Proposed: (note: renumbered to 3)

3. 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 with the consent of the ASAA. The appropriate sanction form must be completed by the approved ASAA member school, zone, 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.

Rationale:

This change will allow greater flexibility in the hosting of tournaments while maintaining the original intent of the policy.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 15 Policy - Section III - Eligibility, Item B-Blanket Sanction Agreement, page 48

Current:

CARRIED

North West Saskatchewan – North East Alberta

Alberta: Bonnyville, Dewberry, Frog Lake, Cold Lake, Heinsburg, Kitscoty, Lloydminster, Marwayne, Paradise Valley, St. Paul, Vermilion, Elk Point, Mallaig, Myrnam and Glendon.

Saskatchewan: Meadow Lake #66: Pierceland, Goodsoil, Meadow Lake, Loon Lake; Battle River #60: Lloydminster (Holy Rosary), Hillmond, Maidstone, Neilburg, Lashburn; Battleford #58: North Battleford, Maymont; Turtleford #65: St. Walburg, Paradise Hill, Edam, Turtleford and Onion Lake.

West Central Saskatchewan – Central Alberta

Alberta: Wainwright, Chauvin, Edgerton, Provost, Altario, Consort.

Saskatchewan: Kindersley #34: Marengo, Kindersley, Coleville, Eatonia; Landswest #123: Wilkie, Unity, Cut Knife, Kerrobert, Major, Macklin, Denzil and Luseland.

South West Saskatchewan – South Central / South East Alberta

Alberta: Oyen, Hanna, New Cessford, Youngstown, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Manyberries, Dunmore, Duchess, Tilley, Irvine, Bow Island and Foremost.

Saskatchewan: Gull Lake #76: Gull Lake, Hazlet; Swift Current #75: Vanguard, Cabri, Swift Current; Leader #24: Leader, Abbey, Burstall, Prelate; Maple Creek #17: Richmond, Fox Valley, Maple Creek, Golden Prairie; Eastend #8: Frontier, Consul, Eastend and Climax.

Proposed:

North West Saskatchewan – North East Alberta

Alberta: Bonnyville, Dewberry, Frog Lake, Cold Lake, Heinsburg, Kitscoty, Lloydminster, Marwayne, Paradise Valley, St. Paul, Vermilion, Elk Point, Mallaig, Myrnam and Glendon, *Two Hills*

Saskatchewan: *Clearwater River Dene (LaLoche), LaLoche Community School, Rossignol (Ile-a-la-Crosse), Bufflao River, Chief Poundmaker (Cut Knife), Twin Lakes School (Buffalo Narrows), Canoe Lake, Ernie Studer (Loon Lake), Makwa Sahgaiehcan (Loon Lake), Island Lake First Nation (Loon Lake), Goodsoil, Pierceland, Chief Napew (Pierceland), Meadow Lake Jonas Sampson, Meadow Lake Carpenter, St. Walburg, Paradise Hill, Hillmond, Chief Little Pine (Paynton), Turtleford, Thunderchild (Turtleford), Eagleview (Onion Lake), Glaslyn, Medstead, Edam, Lloydminster Holy Rosary, Lashburn, Maidstone, Neilburg, North Battleford Composite, North Battleford John Paul II, Sakewew (North Battleford)*

West Central Saskatchewan – Central Alberta

Alberta: Wainwright, Chauvin, Edgerton, Provost, Altario, Consort.

Saskatchewan: *Cut Knife, Plenty, Cando, Sonningdale, Wilkie, Unity, Macklin, Landis, Denzil, Luseland, Biggar, Kerrobert, Major, Marengo, Rosetown, Kindersley, Eatonia, Eston, Elrose*

South West Saskatchewan – South Central / South East Alberta

Alberta: Oyen, Hanna, New Cessford, Youngstown, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Manyberries, Dunmore, Duchess, Tilley, Irvine, Bow Island and Foremost.

Saskatchewan: *Leader, Kyle, Abbey, Burstall, Cabri, Hazlet, Richmond, Fox Valley, Gull Lake, Maple Creek, St. Angela's (Prelate), Shaunavon, Eastend, Consul, Frontier*

Rationale:

In January 2006, Saskatchewan consolidated their boards into a far smaller number. SHSAA has chosen to list schools instead of boards.

Delia School

Notice 16 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item D 4., page 51

Current:

WITHDRAWN

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 SECTION VI - APPEAL PROCEDURE, pages 60-64...

Proposed:

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 SECTION VI - APPEAL PROCEDURE, pages 60-64 and are not ten days from the date of zone playoffs...

Rationale:

When is late too late? We understand that the ASAA needs a way to deal with clerical error or miscommunication and that the late registration policy addresses that but at what point does the late registration policy become a tool to be used for intimidation and manipulation? If all teams are guaranteed a reasonable amount of time to organize and execute playoff competition then fair play applies to all.

In certain sports, facilities in which to play that sport has to be provided by an outside agency; e.g., curling. Students, coaches, supervisors don't necessarily have access to the facility without partnership, respect and communication with that outside agency. There can arise scheduling difficulties and demands that a coach or supervisor cannot overcome so should students be penalized because they do not have the availability to play? Therefore, due time should be given to teams to organize playoffs within a reasonable amount of time and ten days is usually enough notice to work out any scheduling difficulties.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 17 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item I, Provincial Competition, 7. Awards, page 58

Add to read:

d) Ribbons

CARRIED

i. In cross-country running, athletes placing 4th through 10th at the provincial championship will each receive a ribbon indicating their placing at the event.

Rationale:

This has been the practice but has not been formalized in policy.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 18 Policy - Section V - Meetings, Item A, Expenses, page 59

Current:

The Association shall pay expenses for all approved delegates to general meetings, committee meetings and the tournament chairperson meetings at the following rate:

CARRIED

1. The mileage rate will be consistent with the current rate paid by the Conference of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) to its delegates, except to the general meetings. At these meetings, the rate for zone delegates is one half the regular rates as it is anticipated the zone will pay one half the cost of travel for the single car approved for each zone.
2. Reasonable receipted expenses for accommodation (based on double occupancy).
3. Meals as required based on the current rates paid by the Conference of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) to its delegates.

Proposed:

The Association shall pay expenses for all approved delegates to the Executive Committee Meetings, the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Planning Meeting at Conference of Alberta School Superintendents rates. Note: the rate for zone delegates is one half the regular rate as it is expected that the zone will pay one half the cost of travel for the single car approved for each zone.

At the discretion of the Executive, the Association may also pay certain expenses to attendees of ad hoc committee meetings and provincial host committee meetings. The Association will provide advance notice to attendees of such meetings as to what expenses will be covered.

Rationale:

Provincial host meetings and other ad hoc committee meetings are often very expensive and this policy is one way to address that.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 19 Policy - Section XII - Curling, Item C, page 83

Current:

CARRIED
AS AMENDED

1. Each high school team will be allowed not more than two high school students who have advanced to provincial junior men's or women's championships. The rationale for this is to allow more students the chance to experience competition at a provincial level.
2. A high school student is eligible to play on one representative school team only. Once they have played in a game for a team, they are attached to that team and are not eligible to play for other school teams.
3. Each boys and girls team will consist of five students and mixed teams will consist of six students. Mixed teams shall comprise two girls and two boys, with girls and boys alternating at the various team positions.
4. Only one team per category can be registered per school.

Proposed:

2. Schools are required to submit the names of their curling athletes into ExNet by the registration deadline. All students on the curling team are eligible to compete on any of the school curling teams; however, the athletes that play together at all qualifying events for provincials (e.g., districts, zones) are the ones that form the team that moves on to the provincial competition. Alternates must also be declared for each team by zones and cannot change for provincial competition.

Rationale:

The current registration process is confusing and impractical for many schools. Some schools do not determine their teams by our registration deadline and end up registering all athletes on all three curling rosters just to have their bases covered. By registering all athletes on one curling roster, schools have the freedom to play students on any of the three teams and then determine the makeup of those teams for zone competition. By not allowing any changes to the designated school teams after zone competition, including changes to alternates, schools will not be able to stack a team to attend provincials made up of athletes from the other curling teams in the school that may not have qualified out of zones.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 20 Policy - Section XIII - Football, Item B, page 85

Current:

The season of play for football shall be May 1 to the provincial championships on the fourth Saturday in November. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. Teams may begin practice in the fall, 18 calendar days prior to their first league scheduled game. See SECTION IV – ACTIVITIES, Item C, pages 48-50 for more information.

CARRIED

Proposed:

The season of play for football shall be May 1 to the provincial championships on the fourth Saturday in November. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. Teams may begin practice in the fall, 18 calendar days prior to their first league scheduled game. *For teams that do not play in leagues, their first practice cannot take place before August 20.* See SECTION IV – ACTIVITIES, Item C, pages 48-50 for more information.

Rationale:

Schools that don't have play in a league need a specific date at which they may start practicing.

ASAA
Executive

Notice 21 Policy - Section XIII - Football, Item D, page 86

Add to read:

4.Teams that receive an automatic berth into the quarterfinals by virtue of being the only team in a region at a given tier must declare their intention to participate in the quarterfinal game by September 30. If a team that receives an automatic berth pulls out of the quarterfinal game after September 30, that team will be charged the \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office.

CARRIED

Rationale:

Coaches should have a good gauge as to their team's ability to compete at provincials by September 30 and if they feel their team should not play in the quarterfinals, giving notice by this date provides the ASAA ample opportunity to fill the berth. It also gives another region sufficient time to determine their representative and help prevent a first-round bye for another team.

BADMINTON NOTICES

Badminton
Commissioner

Notice 22 Policy - Section VIII - Badminton, Item E - Scoring, page 67

Current:

3. In the event of a tie between two or more schools, the winning school will be determined first by total matches won minus matches lost and second by total games won minus total games lost. If the tie remains, it will stand.

CARRIED

Proposed:

3. In the event of a tie between two or more schools when determining the school team champion, the tie will remain and each school shall receive a champion banner.

Rationale:

It is not fair to a school who is tied with another school, for a championship, to lose the banner because the other school has one more win than they do. If two schools are tied at 10 pts but one school has 12 wins and the other has 11 wins it is not justifiable to award a championship banner (the school with 12 wins may have had 2 singles players therefore would also have played two extra matches, thus allowing the possibility for more accumulation for wins . Also, would you want to be the player or players who lost their last match and thus allowing another school to be provincial champions) Some schools will only reach this position once every 20 years and it would be disappointing to lose a banner on a count back of wins or matches (+/-).

BASKETBALL NOTICES

Basketball
Commissioners

Notice 23 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item I, Provincial Competition, 7.b), page 58

Add to read:

vi. In basketball, the consolation winner will in each category shall be presented with a small plaque to be retained as a memento.

CARRIED

Rationale:

When the consolation winner was deemed to be the loser of the bronze medal game, that team was awarded a memento plaque. When the ASAA moved to the consolation winner being the winner of the B pool and began awarding a 4th place plaque to the loser of the bronze game, the consolation winner no longer received a plaque. Given we recognize the consolation winner in our yearbook, we should award that team with a keepsake.

Basketball
Commissioners

Notice 24 Policy - Section IX - Basketball, Item A, page 69

Current:

A. Rules

1. The playing rules governing basketball shall be the mens rules adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), with the following modifications:

- a)no handle in the back court
- b)12' by 19' rectangular key
- c)30 second shot clock
- d)closely guarded for five seconds (while holding ball only)
- e)FIBA numbers also recognized as legal jersey numbers
- f) two officials

2. In ASAA girls competition, the size 6 ball (28" circumference) shall be used.

CARRIED

Proposed:

A. Rules (to be effective starting in the 2007/08 season)

1. The playing rules governing basketball shall be the rules adopted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), with the following modifications:
 - a) NCAA numbers also recognized as legal
 - b) substitutions allowed on any dead ball (as long as the first substitute is waiting at the table before the whistle)
2. The officiating mechanics and procedures used to officiate shall be those specified by FIBA.

Rationale:

1. By the 2007-08 season, the CIS and CCAA will both be playing FIBA rules as will be BC. Saskatchewan already plays FIBA rules. One of the two reasons that drove us to the NCAA rules a few years ago was for us to be consistent with the CIS and CCAA and using consistent rules across the competitive age levels from high school through university benefits the student-athletes and the officials whose judgement can over time be focused on one set of mechanics and interpretations.
2. The philosophical principles behind FIBA rules are that the game should be fun, centered around athlete decision making, and that game action should be focused in the front court (offensive end of the court). This philosophy results in less specialization of skills leading to more rounded players (big players have to learn to handle the ball and shoot from the perimeter as well as play inside), and the game is more up-tempo and thus more fun to play and watch. FIBA basketball puts more of a premium on player decision making during play by removing a coach or player's ability to use time outs to bail players out from bad decisions such as dribbling or passing the ball into a trap, or not being able to get open on an out of bounds play, or to prevent losing the ball when falling out of bounds.

**Basketball
Commissioners**

Notice 25 Policy - Section IX - Basketball, Item D. Rankings, page 70

CARRIED

Current:

2. Each committee shall consist of at least three members and the chairperson, with all but the chair having voting privileges. The respective committees will be formed as follows:

1A, 2A and 3A boys and girls	4A boys and girls
North Region Representative (NE, NW, Edmonton)	Edmonton Region Representative Rural Region Representative (South Central, Central, NE, NW)
Central Region Representative (North Central, Central)	South Region Representative
South Region Representative (South Central, Calgary, South)	Calgary Region Representative

Proposed:

2. Each committee shall consist of at least three members **and the Commissioner** as chairperson, with all but the chair having voting privileges. The respective committees will be formed as follows:

1A and 3A boys & girls	2A boys and girls	4A boys and girls
North Region (NE, NW, Edmonton)	North Region (NE & NW)	Edmonton Region (Edmonton)
Central Region (NC & C)	Central Region (NC, Edmonton, Central)	Calgary Region (Calgary)
South Region (SC, Calgary, South)	South Region (Calgary, South, SC)	South Region (S)
		Rural Region (C, SC, NE, NW)

Rationale:

1. Edmonton plays more games with and is geographically closer to the central zone.
2. The central ranker has a small number of teams that he/she is responsible for under the current system.
3. The change does not significantly change the numbers of teams rankers are looking at.

**Basketball
Commissioners**

Notice 26 Policy - Section IX - Basketball, Item D. Rankings, page 70

CARRIED

Current:

3. All schools shall submit their game results online using ExNet to provide a complete and up-to-date season record for viewing by the ranking committee. Note: only those teams posting results in ExNet in a minimum of three ranking periods shall be eligible for final rankings.

Proposed:

All schools shall submit their game results online using ExNet *right through to the completion of zone playoffs* to provide a complete and up-to-date season record *for use in the ranking and seeding processes*. Note: only those teams *with results posted in ExNet* in a minimum of three ranking periods shall be eligible for final rankings

Rationale:

Self-explanatory.

**Basketball
Commissioners**

Notice 27 Policy - Section IX - Basketball, Item D. page 70

CARRIED

Add to read:

9. The preseason ranking is intended for building interest in the upcoming season and is not considered during the seeding process for the provincial tournament. Ranking committee members will gather information for their regions from the pre-season ranking forms submitted to them by coaches as well as their own research.

Rationale:

Self-explanatory.

Commissioners Current:

CARRIED F. Awarding Wildcard Berths

Zone secretaries will provide to the ASAA office a list of zone championship hosts and their home phone numbers in advance of the zone championship tournament weekend so that hosts may be contacted in a timely manner if zone results are not received or more information is needed. Zone championship hosts are requested to email the appropriate commissioner and the ASAA the games scores and a rank order list of teams qualifying from their zone to the provincial tournament by 9 a.m. the Sunday following the zone championship.

As per the ranking timeline posted by November 1, a final ranking of the top four zones for all classifications respectively will be determined. This ranking will be used to allocate wildcard berths at provincials. The ranking will be determined as follows:

The top ranked zone(s) will receive a wildcard berth at provincials. This will be determined by reviewing the top 10 ranked teams in the province. Points will be awarded to zones based on the following point system:

The top ranked team provincially after the final weekend of competition prior to the final rankings being determined will score 12 points for its zone, the second ranked team receives 10 points for the zone . . . the 10th ranked team receives two points and a maximum of five teams at each classification shall receive honorable mentions and will each receive one point.

The zone points are added up and the top ranked zone(s) receive(s) the wildcard berth. A zone will only be eligible for a wildcard berth if, in any of the last three ranking periods, the zone had representation from enough teams to fulfill the wildcard berth (e.g., If in 2A girls the Central Zone is eligible for a wildcard berth due to ranking points, they would only receive the berth if in any of the last three ranking periods they had two teams in the top 10 + 5 honourable mentions: one automatic berth plus one wildcard berth). The commissioners will provide the name of the zone receiving the wildcard berth to the ASAA office. It should be clear that the zone, not an individual team will receive the wildcard berth. The zone will allocate this berth to a team based on its placing in the zone tournament. If a zone does not fill any or all of their allocated berths in a particular classification, the berths will be reallocated as per the procedure for awarding wildcard berths. Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA web site and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until the Tuesday at noon before their respective zone championships to do so. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA basketball commissioners will consult with the rankings officer based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school within 48 hours. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school.

* All schools are responsible for entering their complete results for all games (exhibition, tournament and league play) into the ExNet basketball ranking system by the final submission date as indicated in the annual rankings timeline as posted on the ASAA website. An appeal of the rankings will not be considered unless a complete season record has been submitted before this deadline. An appeal must be signed by the school principal and should indicate where the school feels they should be ranked and why.

Proposed:

E. Awarding wildcard berths

Zone secretaries will provide to the ASAA office a list of zone championship hosts and their home phone numbers in advance of the zone championship tournament weekend so that hosts may be contacted in a timely manner if zone results are not received or more information is needed. Zone championship hosts are requested to email the appropriate commissioner and the ASAA the games scores and a rank order list of teams qualifying from their zone to the provincial tournament by 9 a.m. the Sunday following the zone championship.

As per the ranking timeline posted by November 1, a final ranking of the top four zones for all classifications respectively will be determined. This ranking will be used to allocate wildcard berths at provincials. The ranking will be determined as follows:

The top ranked teams in the final rankings will be awarded points for their zone according to this process:

- The top ranked team provincially after the final weekend of competition prior to the final rankings being determined will score 12 points for its zone,*
- The second ranked team receives 10 points for the zone and so on until the 10th ranked team receives two points*
- The five honourable mention teams will each receive one point.*

The zone points are added up and the top ranked zone(s) receive(s) the wildcard berth. A zone will only be eligible for a wildcard berth if, in any of the last two ranking periods, the zone had representation from enough teams to fulfill the wildcard berth (e.g., If in 2A girls the Central Zone is eligible for a wildcard berth due to ranking points, they would only receive the berth if in any of the last two ranking periods they had two teams in the top 10 + 5 honourable mentions: one automatic berth plus one wildcard berth).

If the host school wins their zone, the zone will only be eligible for an extra host berth if, in any of the last 2 ranking periods, the zone had representation from enough teams to fulfil the 2nd host berth". If the host school comes first or 2nd in their zone, and the zone receives a wildcard berth, the host zone will only receive a 3rd berth if, in any of the last 2 ranking periods, the zone had representation from enough teams to fulfil the 3rd host berth.

In the event of a tie between two zones for a wildcard berth, the zone with the highest ranked second team in the final rankings will be awarded the wildcard berth. For example, if one zone has the 2nd and 5th ranked teams, and another zone has the 3rd and 4th ranked teams, the zone with the 4th ranked team would get the wildcard berth.

The commissioners will provide the name of the zone receiving the wildcard berth to the ASAA office. It should be clear that the zone, not an individual team will receive the wildcard berth. The zone will allocate this berth to a team based on its placing in the zone tournament. If a zone does not fill any or all of their allocated berths in a particular classification, the berths will be reallocated as per the procedure for awarding wildcard berths. Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA web site and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until the Tuesday at noon before their respective zone championships to do so. Such an appeal must be

accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA basketball commissioners will consult with the rankings officer based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school within 48 hours. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school.

* All schools are responsible for entering their complete results for all games (*exhibition, tournament, league play, league play-off, and zone play-off*) into the ExNet basketball ranking system by the final submission date as indicated in the annual rankings timeline as posted on the ASAA website. An appeal of the rankings will not be considered unless a complete season record has been submitted before this deadline. An appeal must be signed by the school principal and should indicate where the school feels they should be ranked and why.

Rationale:

Clarifies wildcard allocation and tie-break procedure when two zones are tied for the wildcard berth.

Basketball Commissioners

Notice 29 Policy - Section IX - Basketball, Item G. 3., page 74

DEFEATED

Current:

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

Note: There will be a maximum of three representatives per zone (includes host team).

b) At the 3A level, one wildcard berth will be awarded to each of the top three ranked zones.

c) If any zone has only one team at the 3A classification, they must be prepared to host a challenge from the fourth ranked zone* for their representative spot at provincials. If required, this challenge shall

i. be issued from Zone Secretary to Zone Secretary no later than the Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in February.

ii. have the challenging zone indicate the zone representative in the challenge and provide a minimum of two dates on which they wish to play the challenge.

iii. be set no later than the Friday following the release of the final provincial rankings.

iv. be completed prior to the commencement of zone playoffs in both zones unless a date after zone playoffs is agreed upon by both zones and approved by the ASAA Executive.

Should the two zones be unable to come to a mutual agreement on the date and time for the execution of the challenge, both shall submit their dates of availability to the commissioner who shall mediate and set a date and time for the execution of the challenge.

*If the fourth ranked zone does not have at least two teams ranked in the top ten or honourable mentions in the final three ranking periods and could therefore fill a challenged berth, or if the fourth ranked team does

Proposed:

a) 3A Competition: There will be 16 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials shall be as follows. The three zones with the most number of 3A schools will each get 2 berths.

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	2 "
Edmonton Zone	2 "
North Central Zone	2 "
Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Wildcard berths	4 representatives
Total	16 teams

b) The zone points are added up according to the process used in the other classifications. The top ranked zone at the 3A level will receive two (2) wildcard berths and the 2nd and 3rd ranked zones will each receive one (1) extra berth. A zone will only be eligible if, in any of the last two (2) ranking periods, the zone had representation from enough teams to fill the wildcard berth.

Rationale:

1. There is strong support from 3A coaches for the 16-team tournament.

2. At the ASAA basketball summit the 3A coaches voted unanimously to support the move to 16 teams.

3. The goal is to get more of the strong teams to provincials--as it now stands, it is very difficult to qualify out of some zones due to the overall strength of teams in those zones.

Note: if Rocky Mountain House agrees and can prove to the ASAA Executive that they can handle the 16-team format, the motion will take effect in 2007. Otherwise, it will take effect in 2008.

Basketball **Notice 30 Policy - Section IX - Basketball, Add Item J**

Commissioners **Add to read:**

J. Teams outside of the season of play

TABLED

To differentiate a school team from an off-season (fall league, spring league, summer league, or club) team for the purposes of complying with ASAA season of play rules, the following limitations will apply:

An “off season” team shall:

1. consist of players from two (2) or more high schools
2. have no less than 25 per cent of team members from schools other than the one most frequently represented (e.g., 2/5, 2/62/7, 2/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/11, 3/12 must come from schools other than the most frequently represented team)
3. not represent themselves either formally or informally using a school name, team nickname, mascot or logo from those schools attended by any team member
4. not wear school uniforms or athletic wear in competition.
5. not be a required or compulsory activity as part of their school athletic program. Participation must be optional.
6. not take gym time from any “in season” school team.

Rationale:

Off-season leagues have sprung up across the province and many coaches and players want to take advantage of these opportunities to develop player skills during the spring, summer, and fall. There are numerous anecdotal allegations of season of play violations involving high school teams and off season programs. In an effort to follow ASAA season of play policies, participating coaches often cite parameters they believe to be in policy, which allow their student-athletes to participate in off-season programs. Currently there is nothing in ASAA policy which delineates for coaches and athletes what is allowed and what is not for off-season teams. This proposal offers a set of clear and reasonable limitations which will allow coaches and players who choose to be a part of off-season teams and leagues to do so while honouring their obligation to comply with season of play policies.

CHEERLEADING NOTICES

Cheerleading **Notice 31 Policy - Section III - Eligibility- Participation on a Non-School Team, page 38**

Commissioner

Current:

Participation on a Non-School Team

DEFEATED

1. To be eligible for high school provincial competition in the ASAA sports of basketball, volleyball, football and cheerleading, a high school student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season.
2. Exemptions to 1. above may be considered for students who have been invited to participate on provincial/national/international basketball and/or volleyball teams only by the recognized sports governing body and cultural (Treaty 7 Games) events. Written requests for exemptions must be submitted by the school concerned to the Executive Director for approval.

Proposed:

Participation on a Non-School Team

1. To be eligible for high school provincial competition in the ASAA sports of basketball, *volleyball and football*, a high school student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season.
2. Exemptions to 1. above may be considered for students who have been invited to participate on provincial/national/international basketball and/or volleyball teams only by the recognized sports governing body and cultural (Treaty 7 Games) events. Written requests for exemptions must be submitted by the school concerned to the Executive Director for approval.

Rationale:

By removing cheerleading from 1. in this policy, growth in the sport of cheerleading will be encouraged. High school cheer athletes will be allowed to compete on another club/all star team. The rationale in this is that in northern and southern zones, this would allow the sport to grow at the club level and then integrate the sport into the high schools, thus creating growth of the high school programs. Also, as there is no season of play for cheerleading, it would allow club teams to start up and run without fear of penalty to the high schools that have members on both of these teams.

Cheerleading **Notice 32 Policy - Section III - Eligibility- Grade 9 Students, page 39**

Commissioner

Current

CARRIED

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 in 2A, 3A or 4A classified schools.
2. In football only, onsite grade 9 students are eligible to participate on teams at the tier IV classification.

Proposed:

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 in 2A, 3A or 4A classified schools.
2. In football only, onsite grade 9 students are eligible to participate on teams at the tier IV classification.
3. *In the sport of cheerleading only, grade 9 students who are registered as students of an ASAA member school, regardless of classification, are eligible to participate on the competitive school team with the consent of the principal and athletic director.*

Rationale:

The intent of these changes is to promote growth in the sport of cheerleading throughout the province. For many years representation from less populated zones (specifically three northern zones and south zone) has been a challenge. After several discussions with coaches and athletes in these areas, it was determined that the two main reasons have been lack of coaches and the ineligibility of grade nine students registered at the ASAA member school (if not a 1A school). By allowing grade nine students from a registered ASAA school to participate, again we are providing the opportunity for more teams to participate in the sport, specifically at the provincial championships. There are schools that are 9-12 that have not participated in provincial competition for the last two years because their grade nine students were not eligible to compete, leaving the team with too few participants. We would like to increase participation on school teams, not limit it, and this provides just such an opportunity.

Cheerleading Commissioner Notice 33 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item I, Provincial Competition, 7.a), page 56

CARRIED **Current:**

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:

Badminton: 30 (winners in category I and category II singles, and in each age group for doubles and mixed doubles; i.e., junior, intermediate and senior)

Basketball: 18 (full party)

Cheerleading: 58 (22 large squad, 14 small squad and 22 co-ed squad)

Cross Country: 6 (event winners)

Curling: 18 (event winners - boys, girls, mixed)

Football: medals for tier champions and finalists. The losers of the semifinal games at each tier shall be awarded a bronze medal.

Golf: 18 (team and individual winners for boys and girls)

Rugby: TBD

Track & Field: 116 (event winners for boys and girls at the junior, intermediate and senior levels)

Volleyball : 18 (full party)

Wrestling: 28 (rural event winners-17 boys and 11 girls) 28 (provincial event winners-17 boys and 11 girls)

Proposed:

Cheerleading: 70 (26 large squad, 18 small squad and 26 co-ed squad)

Rationale:

There are usually four members to a stunt group in cheerleading (a top, two bases and a backspot). Most prudent coaches will ensure that they have four alternate members of their teams, each corresponding to one of the aforementioned positions, in order to be able to safely replace any regular competing member if the need arises. Because of this, it is common for cheer teams to have four alternates in addition to the 20 competing members and these alternates are often an integral part of the team's successes even though they may not be on the competition floor on the day of the provincial's competition. These athletes are considered a part of the team and are usually sent up to receive medals, resulting in a shortage at provincial competition. There have always been two medals set aside for coaches to receive and this should continue.

Cheerleading Commissioner Notice 34 Policy - Section X - Cheerleading, Item B, page 79

CARRIED **Add to read:**

Students from more than one school within the same zone may form a single competitive team. Participation of this nature may only occur with the consent of the participating school principals, the Athletic Directors and the respective zone.

Rationale:

The intent of these changes is to promote growth in the sport of cheerleading throughout the province. For many years representation from less populated zones (specifically three northern zones and south zone) has been a challenge. After several discussions with coaches and athletes in these areas, it was determined that the two main reasons have been lack of coaches and the ineligibility of grade nine students registered at the ASAA member school (if not a 1A school). By allowing more schools to combine to form a single team, we can limit the need for additional coaches immediately, but still allow students to participate and gain experience. Allowing more students to participate could result in graduates of the programs branching off and coaching teams of their own, thus eventually eliminating the need for this exception.

CURLING NOTICES

Curling Commissioner Notice 35 Policy - Section XII - Curling, Item A.1.b), page 83

CARRIED **Current:**

b) One additional 60 second timeout is available to each team in the event of extra end(s).

Proposed:

b) One 60 second timeout is available to each team *for each extra end*.

Rationale:

The change will be consistent with the rules of the Canadian Curling Association. All time outs that have not been used are null and void once the teams are in extra ends. This rule then comes into effect.

Curling Commissioner Notice 36 Policy - Section XII - Curling, Item D., page 83

DEFEATED **Current:**

All games must be started with the rink having four players. Any rink not having its full complement of four players shall be disqualified. In the case of illness or accident during the game, the first two curlers will throw three stones, with the skip throwing two stones. No rink may continue to play with fewer than three players.

Proposed:

All games must be started with the rink having four players. Any rink not having its full complement of four players shall be disqualified. In the case of illness or accident during the game, the first two curlers will throw three stones, with the skip throwing two stones. No rink may continue to play with fewer than three players. *Mixed teams shall be disqualified if unable to play with four players.*

Rationale:

In mixed competition, there are two boys and two girls competing. It should remain as such, and the team should only be able to compete with equal gender representation on the ice in competition.

Curling
Commissioner

Notice 37 Policy - Section XII - Curling, Item E.1.c), page 84

WITHDRAWN

Current:

c) Competition in each event shall be two section round robins. At the completion of the round robin, the first place team from each pool will play the second place team from the opposite pool. The winners play to determine the gold and silver medal winners, and the losing teams play to determine the bronze medal winner.

Proposed:

c) *Competition in each event shall be two section round robins. At the completion of the round robin, the first place team from pool A will play the first place team from pool B. The winner of this game will have a bye to the final and the loser of this game will be in the semi-final. The 2nd place teams in each pool will play each other. The winner of the 2nd place teams will play the loser of the 1st place teams in the semi final. The loser of the 2nd place teams will be eliminated. The winner of the semi final will play the winner of the 1st place team for the gold medal. The loser of the semi final will be the bronze medal winner. (see below)*

Game A	1st in Pool A vs 1st in Pool B
Game B	2nd in Pool A vs 2nd in Pool B
Semi-final	Loser Game A vs Winner Game B (bronze draw)
Final	Winner of Game A vs Winner of Semi-final(gold)

Rationale:

This is the page system used in the Canadian Curling Association for playoffs. The first place winners of the pool receive two chances to play for gold. This rewards the play of the round robin.

Curling
Commissioner

Notice 38 Policy - Section XII - Curling, Item E.2.b), page 84

CARRIED
AS AMENDED

Current:

b) If three teams are tied for first, a draw by lot will be made to determine which team receives a bye. The other two teams play a four-end game with the winner advancing to the crossover as first place from the pool. The loser of the four-end game would then play the team with the bye in another four-end game to determine second place in the pool.

Proposed:

b) *The tie-breaking procedure will include a draw to the button to take place after the conclusion of the first game, by all teams involved in the competition. Teams may select any player to deliver the draw to the button. One practice rock will be thrown and sweeping will be allowed. If three teams are tied for first, the team with the rock closest to the button will be awarded 1st place in the pool. The other two teams will play a four-end game to determine the 2nd place team. Extra ends will be played if necessary.*

Rationale:

By drawing names out of a hat to see who will be the team to get a bye to play for second place and perhaps eliminated in a four end game may not be the fairest way to determine rankings. The change will have a draw to the button involved to determine the rankings and then a playoff to follow.

Curling
Commissioner

Notice 39 Policy - Section XII - Curling, Item E.2.c), page 84

CARRIED
AS AMENDED

Current:

c) If three teams are tied for second, a draw by lot will be made to determine which team receives a bye. The other two teams play a four-end game with the winner then playing the team with the bye in another four-end game to determine second place.

Proposed:

c) *The tie-breaking procedure will include a draw to the button to take place after the conclusion of the first game by all teams involved in the competition. Teams may select any player to deliver the draw to the button. One practice rock will be thrown and sweeping will be allowed. If three teams are tied for second place, the team with the rock closest to the button will be awarded a bye. The other two teams will play a four-end game with the winner then playing the team with the bye in another four-end game to determine 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.*

Rationale:

By drawing names out of a hat to see who will be the team to get a bye to play for second place and perhaps eliminated in a four end game may not be the fairest way to determine rankings. The change will have a draw to the button involved to determine the rankings and then a playoff to follow.

FOOTBALL NOTICES

Football
Commissioner

Notice 40 Policy - Section XIII - Football, Item A, page 85

CARRIED

Current:

The playing rules used by the ASAA shall be those endorsed by the Canadian Amateur Football Association, with the following modifications:

1. Blocking below the waist except in the close line of play (between the tackles and within three yards of the line of scrimmage) is prohibited. Penalty for the infraction will be 10 yards.

Note: Schools and leagues are responsible for complying with safety standards regarding equipment. These standards are stipulated in Rule 1, Section 11, Uniforms and Equipment, Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 (pages 14-16) of the Canadian Amateur Football Rulebook.

Proposed:

The playing rules used by the ASAA shall be those endorsed by the Canadian Amateur Football Association.

Note: Schools and leagues are responsible for complying with safety standards regarding equipment. These standards are stipulated in Rule 1, Section 11, Uniforms and Equipment, Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 (pages 14-16) of the Canadian Amateur Football Rulebook.

Rationale:

The blocking below the waist modification is not necessary anymore as it is addressed in the Canadian Amateur Football Association

**Football
Commissioner**
DEFEATED

rulebook.

Notice 41 Policy - Section XV- Football (Nine Man)

Add to read:

1. The ASAA will recognize 9-man football as an official ASAA sport. The season of play will coincide with the 12-man season and the rules will be the same with the following exceptions:

Nine Man Football Rule Changes:

Nine-man football is restricted to those schools that have fewer than 200 students registered in grades 10 through 12. Grade nine students will be eligible and will not count in the official high school number count.

All teams must indicate in writing to the ASAA office by June 1 their intention to participate in provincials.

The playoff structure will be determined by a committee comprising the Executive Director, football commissioner, and one representative from each of the North and South once the total number of teams has been decided.

Any place in the Canadian Amateur Football Association rule book where the term 12 PLAYERS is used, substitute the term 9 PLAYERS.

Any place in the rule book where reference is made to 20 YARDS (i.e. Hash Marks) substitute with 15 YARDS.

For placement of the ball, on all occasions except converts, subtract five (5) yards from the indicated number.

The Playing Field:

a. The field shall be 100 yards long (Goal line to goal line) and 50 yards wide.

b. End zones shall be 15 yards deep.

c. The 20 and 40 yards lines shall be of double thickness.

d. Hash marks shall be placed 15 yards from each side line. If the natural boundary of the field is less than 15 yards behind the goal line, such boundary shall be the DEAD LINE.

The length of the game shall be 48 minutes of actual playing time, divided into four periods of 12 minutes each for all playoffs.

A 15-minute rest period shall be allowed at the end of the second period.

At the instant the ball is put into play, at least five (5) players of the offensive team must be on the line of scrimmage.

Teams may dress any number of players, but only 30 medals will be provided by the ASAA for the championship game.

The centre is an eligible receiver when he lines up on the outside of the line of scrimmage and is wearing an eligible receiver's number.

Any other player on the line, not occupying the outside position is an ineligible receiver.

Rationale:

Many 1A and 2 A schools find it difficult to offer a 12-man football program. There are a number of players in smaller schools that would like to have the opportunity to play football and represent their school.

GOLF NOTICES

**Golf
Commissioner**
CARRIED

Notice 42 Policy - Section XIV - Golf, Item D.2.b), page 91

Add to read:

Inclusion of alternates must be approved by the Executive Director or the Golf Commissioner.

Rationale:

It needs to be clear that inclusion of alternates is based on exceptional circumstances - not because someone chose not to go.

VOLLEYBALL NOTICES

**Volleyball
Commissioners**
DEFEATED

Notice 43 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item D. Opting Up, page 52

Current:

Opting Up - Golf, Volleyball, Football and Basketball only

1. In provincial competition, a school may elect to opt up to a higher classification while still retaining its right to enter teams in other activities in the proper classification of the school.

Proposed:

Opting Up - Golf, Football and Basketball only

1. In provincial competition, a school may elect to opt up to a higher classification while still retaining its right to enter teams in other activities in the proper classification of the school.

Rationale:

Eliminates schools from being able to opt up in volleyball only. When teams opt up, the potential exists for students from a true 2A, 3A or 4A school to be eliminated from competing at the provincial championships. Schools may have one shot in a lifetime of making it to provincials in their category and if any school, in any given year, can opt up because they have a strong team, they may be taking that one shot away from a true school in that classification. The 2A, 3A and 4A schools cannot choose to opt "down" a division if they feel they are not as strong competitively in any given year.

Another problem with teams opting up is that it skews the historical data we draw on to determine wildcards at the 1A-3A levels and the strength of the pools at the 4A level. At the 1A-3A levels, teams earn points for their zone at their classification after each provincial championship. Teams that opt-up one year and then play at their own level the next earn points for the zone but only at the classification from the prior year. The relative strength determined from these points is then not consistent.

At the 4A level, the complaint that some pools are stronger than others becomes even a bigger problem if we do not have reliable data from which to base our decisions. As well, the very basis for increasing the number of teams to 16 is being violated by allowing teams to opt-up to this level; that being to increase the proportion of 4A schools represented at the 4A championships.

The chance to allow some schools in our province to select which division they want to compete in and not others, is also unfair. Giving the 1A-3A schools the chance to opt up is an advantage that is not equitable for all schools. The philosophy of some that we want the top teams in competing in provincials is not consistent with our philosophy. Also, in no other sporting organization are teams who are classified by their student population allowed to move from one division to another between years. If they choose to opt up then they should remain in that division.

The other argument voiced is that a stronger 1A, 2A or 3A team should not stay in their division and win year after year. This argument is balanced with the right of the legitimate higher classification school students who deserve the chance to compete in their classification. Which is fairer? It is believed that every student should be given the chance to compete at their divisional level and not have this taken from them because a stronger 1A, 2A or 3A school chooses in any given year to opt up. The division of schools is not based on the competitive caliber of their athletes. It is based on the number of students in their school and all students should be given the right to represent themselves at provincials.

Finally, some schools see the opt-up option as a way to guarantee themselves a spot in provincials. If their lower classification has a large number of strong teams but the higher classification doesn't, they feel they have a better chance getting out of the zone at the higher level and opt-up for that reason. Again, is this fair to the other schools at the higher classification?

Volleyball **Notice 44 Policy - Section XVII - Volleyball, Item D.1, page 101**

Commissioners **Current:**

DEFEATED

1. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

a) 1A competition: There will be 10 teams at each 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1	representative
South Central Zone	1	"
Edmonton & North Central Zones combined	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Host school	1	"
Additional berths	2	representatives
Total	10	teams

There will be a maximum of two representatives per zone (includes host team).

Note: Edmonton and North Central are responsible for coordinating playoff structure between themselves well in advance of the zone playoff date.

b) Additional Berths

- i. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the five years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative five-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
- ii. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
- iii. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, a random draw between the tied teams will occur at the ASAA office.

Proposed:

1. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

a) 1A competition: There will be 12 teams at each 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1	representative
South Central Zone	1	"
Edmonton & North Central Zones combined	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Host school	1	"
Additional berths	4	representatives
Total	12	teams

There will be a maximum of two representatives per zone (includes host team).

Note: Edmonton and North Central are responsible for coordinating playoff structure between themselves well in advance of the zone playoff date.

b) Additional Berths

- i. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the five years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative five-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.

- ii. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second, third and fourth additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th highest point totals.
- iii. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the additional berths, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth.

Rationale:

A 12 team draw is much easier to coordinate than a 10 team draw. A standardized draw can be made up and followed by any school wishing to host the event. In addition, a 12 team draw better justifies using three days to run the tournament in that more teams will have to play on the final day of the tournament. Finally, a 12 team tournament provides an opportunity for more teams to participate in provincial competition.

**Volleyball
Commissioners**

Notice 45 Policy - Section XVII - Volleyball, Item D.2, page 101

Current:

a) 2A Competition: There will be 10 teams at each 2A tournament. The representation to provincials for 2A 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	"
Additional berth	1	"
TOTAL	10	teams

There will be a maximum of two representatives per zone (includes host team).

b) Additional Berth

- i. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the five years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative five-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
- ii. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
- iii. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth.

Proposed:

2. 2A Competition for Boys and Girls

a) 2A competition: There will be 12 teams at each 2A tournament. The representation to provincials for 2A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1	representative
South Central Zone	1	"
Edmonton Zone	1	"
North Central Zones	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Host school	1	"
Additional berths	3	representatives
Total	12	teams

There will be a maximum of three representatives per zone (includes host team).

b) Additional Berths

- i. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the five years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative five-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
- ii. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
- iii. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the additional berths, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth.

Rationale:

A 12 team draw is much easier to coordinate than a 10 team draw. A standardized draw can be made up and followed by any school wishing to host the event. In addition, a 12 team draw better justifies using three days to run the tournament in that more teams will have to play on the final day of the tournament. Finally, a 12 team tournament provides an opportunity for more teams to participate

in provincial competition.

Notice 46 Policy - Section XVII - Volleyball, Item D. 3, page 103

Current:

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	"
Additional berths	3	representatives
TOTAL	12	teams

There will be a maximum of three representatives per zone (includes host team).

b) Additional Berths

- i. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the five years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative five-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
- ii. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
- iii. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, a random draw between the tied teams will occur at the ASAA office.

Proposed:

3. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

a) 3A Competition: There will be 16 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials for 3A boys and girls shall be as follows:

<i>Calgary Zone</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>representative</i>
<i>South Central Zone</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Edmonton Zone 1</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>North Central Zone</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Central Zone</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>North East Zone 1</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>North West Zone 1</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>South Zone</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Host school</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Additional berths</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>representatives</i>
TOTAL	16	teams

There will be a maximum of three representatives per zone (includes host team). In the event that the host zone is either first or second in terms of points from the previous five years at provincials, the additional berth would go to the third ranked zone based on the five year history.

b) Additional Berths

- i. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the five years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative five-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
- ii. *The first and second additional berths will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. The third and fourth additional berths will be awarded to the zone with the 2nd highest point total. The fifth, sixth and seventh additional berths will be awarded to the 3rd, 4th and 5th highest point totals.*
- iii. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, a random draw between the tied teams will occur at the ASAA office.

Add to read:

c) Provincial pool

<i>Pool A</i>	<i>Pool B</i>	<i>Pool C</i>	<i>Pool D</i>
<i>Cen 1</i>	<i>NW 1</i>	<i>SC 1</i>	<i>S 1</i>
<i>Edm 1</i>	<i>Cal 1</i>	<i>NC 1</i>	<i>NW 1</i>
<i>WC 1(1)</i>	<i>WC 1(2)</i>	<i>WC 2 (1)</i>	<i>WC 2 (2)</i>
<i>WC 3</i>	<i>WC 4</i>	<i>WC 5</i>	<i>Host</i>

Tournament format (round robin and playoffs) would follow the 4A format outlined in the ASAA handbook.

Rationale:

Increasing the number of teams from 12 to 16 will produce a true provincial champion. Often very good teams are left out of provincials because they finish second at the zone level. If their zone does not have a wildcard they do not advance to provincials. Some of those teams not advancing to provincials could contend for playoff spots and even a championship. The 16 team format would allow those quality teams to compete.

Once argument against a 16 team format is that the talent at provincials can be somewhat watered down already in certain years. However, with the sixteen team format in which only eight of those teams make the playoff round, the final eight should be very close to the top eight teams in the province. The weaker teams that still make it to provincials will be unable to make the playoffs due to the fact that there will be more good teams at the tournament.

Another added bonus with more teams is an increased opportunity for kids to experience a provincial championship. For many kids, playing at a provincial championship is the highlight of not only their athletic experience but sometimes their whole high school experience. Why not give more kids the opportunity to experience that?

The 16 team format has been used successfully at the 4A level for quite some time now. This year there are 54 registered 4A schools. There are 61 registered 3A schools. Why do we use a 16 team format for 4A and a 12 team format for 3A when there are more 3A schools than 4A schools?

WRESTLING NOTICES

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 47 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item I, Provincial Competition, 7. b), page 58

Add to read:

vii. In wrestling, teams placing second at both rural and provincial championships shall be presented with small plaques to be retained as mementos.

CARRIED

Rationale:

This is done in other sports. It is not necessary to award a keeper plaque to the third place teams.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 48 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item I, Provincial Competition, 7. Awards, page 58

Add to read:

d) Ribbons

ii. In wrestling, athletes placing 4th through 6th at both the rural and provincial wrestling championships will each receive a ribbon indicating their placing at the event.

CARRIED

Rationale:

This is an appropriate award structure for wrestling.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 49 Policy - Section IV - Activities, Item I, Provincial Competition, 7. Awards c) Sportsmanship Banners, page 58

Current:

i. In each of the eight volleyball and basketball championships and the three curling categories in the curling provincial championship, an 8'x3' sportsmanship banner will be presented in the weeks after the championship to the school winning the award.

DEFEATED

Proposed:

i. In each of the eight volleyball and basketball championships, the three curling categories in the curling provincial championship, *and in the provincial wrestling championship*, an 8'x3' sportsmanship banner will be presented in the weeks after the championship to the school winning the award.

Rationale:

Even though wrestling is an individual sport, it is one in which we want to promote team sportsmanship.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 50 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item A, page 108

Current:

A. Rules

The rules shall be those of the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association (CAWA) with the exceptions being those specifically adopted by the ASAA:

1. An acceptable style of headgear is recommended.
2. The wrestler's hair must be short or tied back with non-metal attachments.
3. All wrestlers competing in an ASAA sanctioned event must wear a mouth guard. If during competition the mouth guard comes out, it may be replaced at an appropriate time at the official's discretion.
4. One person in addition to one coach may be in the corner during competition if the person is acting only as a photographer or videographer. This person will not be granted any coaching privileges. He or she shall not in any way attempt to coach the athlete: any attempt to do so will result in that person's loss of corner privileges for the duration of that match.

Note: Coaching includes shouting at or calling encouragement to the athletes.

5. Waterbottles may be in the corner during competition.

6. 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.

7. Cross-ankle tilt - the attacking wrestler may score with one cross-ankle tilt. In order to score again with the cross-ankle tilt during the same par terre sequence, the attacking wrestler must score at least one technical point due to the use of a different move. Note: the offensive wrestler will be stopped if they attempt to continue the cross-ankle move after the first successful completion. This will result in a restart in the standing position. It is possible to turn the opponent with a cross-ankle tilt, thus scoring one point (this one point does not entitle the attacking wrestler to score again with the cross-ankle) or pin the opponent, thus ending the match. Note: any technique that causes direct torque on the legs of the defender shall be considered a cross-ankle lock.

A list of the rule deviations adopted by the ASAA shall be given to the head official in advance of the meet.

Proposed:

A. Rules

The rules shall be those of the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association (CAWA) with the exceptions being those specifically adopted by the ASAA:

1. All wrestlers competing in an ASAA sanctioned event must wear a mouth guard. If during competition the mouth guard comes out, it may be replaced at an appropriate time at the official's discretion.
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. As an exception to this rule, the ASAA allows a school team to wear a singlet of school colour(s) which may or may not display a school logo and/or name. The ASAA does not allow any club logos or colours, provincial and/or national logos and/or emblems on singlets to be worn.

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.

4. Cross-ankle tilt - the attacking wrestler may score with one cross-ankle tilt. In order to score again with the cross-ankle tilt during the same par terre sequence, the attacking wrestler must score at least one technical point due to the use of a different move. Note: the offensive wrestler will be stopped if they attempt to continue the cross-ankle move after the first successful completion. This will result in a restart in the standing position. It is possible to turn the opponent with a cross-ankle tilt, thus scoring one point (this one point does not entitle the attacking wrestler to score again with the cross-ankle) or pin the opponent, thus ending the match. Note: any technique that causes direct torque on the legs of the defender shall be considered a cross-ankle lock.
5. One person in addition to one coach may be in the corner during competition if the person is acting only as a photographer or videographer. This person will not be granted any coaching privileges. He or she shall not in any way attempt to coach the athlete: any attempt to do so will result in that person's loss of corner privileges for the duration of that match.

Note: Coaching includes shouting at or calling encouragement to the athletes.

A list of the rule deviations adopted by the ASAA shall be given to the head official in advance of the meet.

Rationale:

Removes some redundancies.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 51 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling, Item B, page 109

Add to read:

Provincial Affiliation

CARRIED

Each athlete registered through the ASAA process will also receive access to Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association (AAWA) membership at no additional cost. AAWA membership allows ASAA members access to AAWA insurance should their own school insurances become depleted. Membership in AAWA allows ASAA members to access the AAWA officials for coverage at ASAA events. ASAA members do not gain access to any non-ASAA events (i.e., Alberta Junior Olympics, Alberta Open, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Camps, etc.) and/or AAWA programming (including AAWA funded programs) without purchase of specific AAWA membership at additional cost. In order to facilitate this process, the ASAA will provide demographic information as required by the AAWA which may include names, genders, age/birthdates, school location/residence (i.e., team and location) as required by the AAWA for insurance purposes and/or AAWA funding requirements.

Rationale:

AAWA wants to know who is out there and wrestling (on competitive teams, within school settings, etc.) and will not require any payments from those ASAA members who do not access their programming or funds.

Note: Season of Play becomes C.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 52 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item C, Representation to Provincials, page 109

Current:

1. The rural provincials shall be an open competition for all rural high school wrestlers.

CARRIED

2. At provincials, Calgary, Edmonton and rural zones may each enter five male and female wrestlers per weight class. Team rosters must be submitted to the host chairs for rural and provincial meets at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition.

*on the advice of ASAA legal counsel, the Executive will not enforce item #1 of this notice. See memo to this effect on the ASAA website

Proposed:

1. The rural provincial championship shall be held as the qualifying tournament for all high school athletes not eligible to compete in the Calgary city championships and/or the Edmonton city championships. The Calgary and Edmonton city championships shall be scheduled so as not to conflict with the ASAA rural provincials event.

2. Entries for both the rural and provincial championships shall be submitted to the host chair no later than 48 hours prior to the weigh-in of the event.

3. At the provincial championship, each qualifying tournament host (Calgary and Edmonton city championships and rural provincial championship) may enter up to five wrestlers per weight class. The qualifying tournament hosts are responsible for coordinating and submitting their entry to the provincial championship host.

Rationale:

For 1. Officials cannot be asked to schedule around a conflict between a rural provincial championship and another qualifier. This occurred this year and coaches from all zones agreed that it should not happen again. This was passed unanimously at the

Note: Item C. becomes D.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 53 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Items D Weigh Ins, Item 1.a) and b), page 109

Current:

1. Weight classifications for ASAA wrestling shall be as follows:

a) Male competitors:

44 kg 53 kg 62 kg 72 kg 90 kg 120 kg
47 kg 56 kg 65 kg 76 kg 98 kg 120+ kg*
50 kg 59 kg 68 kg 82 kg 108 kg

* In order to compete in the 120+kg category, the wrestler must weigh over 120kg.

b) Female competitors:

44 kg 53 kg 65 kg 80 kg
47 kg 57 kg 70 kg 80+ kg
50 kg 61 kg 75 kg

Note: Each weight listed represents the upper limit of the weight class.

Proposed:

1. Weight classifications for ASAA wrestling shall be as follows:

a) Male competitors:

44 kg 53 kg 62 kg 72 kg 90 kg 120 kg
47 kg 56 kg 65 kg 76 kg 98 kg 120+ kg*
50 kg 59 kg 68 kg 82 kg 108 kg

* In order to compete in the 120+kg category, the wrestler must weigh over 120kg.

Note: Each weight listed represents the upper limit of the weight class.

b) Female competitors:

44 kg 53 kg 65 kg 80 kg
47 kg 57 kg 70 kg 80+ kg
50 kg 61 kg 75 kg

* In order to compete in the 80+kg category, the wrestler must weigh over 80kg.

Note: Each weight listed represents the upper limit of the weight class.

Rationale:

This change addresses a safety concern.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 54 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item D, Weigh Ins 2.a), page 109

Current:

a) The weigh-ins for both the rural and provincial competitions shall be held on the Friday, the first day of the competition. It will be the only weigh-in of the competition.

CARRIED

Proposed:

a) The weigh-ins for both the rural and provincial competitions shall be held *on the first day of competition*. It will be the only weigh-in of the competition.

Rationale:

Housekeeping in the event provincials does not begin on a Friday.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 55 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item D, Weigh Ins 2.b), page 109

Current:

b) The ASAA will follow current FILA/CAWA weigh-in procedures; i.e., all competitors will wear a singlet for the weigh-in (there will be no allowance given for the singlet). There will be a separate weigh-in for female competitors.

CARRIED

Proposed:

b) *The ASAA will follow the weigh-in procedures as outlined in the CAWA rulebook with the exception that male and female weigh-ins will not occur in the same location during the same time. It is acceptable to have different weigh-in locations during the same timeframe or to use the same location at different times.*

Rationale:

This change addresses organizational challenges.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 56 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item D, Weigh Ins 2.c), page 109

Current:

c) The use of garbage bags, sauna suits or similar clothing or equipment in order to facilitate weight loss is not allowed at any ASAA championship. Ruling to be applied to all ASAA athletes as per the CAWA rulebook.

CARRIED

Proposed:

c) See the CAWA rulebook regarding weight loss by an athlete and the discipline for athletes and coaches involved in such behaviour. The ASAA does not tolerate inappropriate methods of weight loss.

Rationale:

This is addressed in the ethics portion of ASAA policy. The Canadian (CAWA) rulebook does not tolerate athletes at this level attempting weight loss via artificial means. Any coaches who attempt to promote these forms of artificial weight loss would be in violation of CAWA policy and coaching codes of conduct. This would mean disciplinary cycles for violation and, logically, this would violate the ASAA code of conduct as well - necessitating ASAA discipline. (This was passed unanimously at the provincial wrestling coaches' meeting).

Note: Item D. becomes E.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 57 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item E 1.c), page 110

Current:

c) The rural provincial championships will use a round robin format of competition in two pools. Five or fewer wrestlers will result in one pool. When the number of competitors reaches 17, that category shall be wrestled as a bracket draw.

CARRIED

Proposed:

c) Any weight class with five or fewer competitors at the rural provincial championship will use a single pool round robin format. Any weight class with between six and 16 competitors will use a double pool round robin format. When the number of competitors in any weight class reaches 17 or more, that category shall be wrestled as a bracket draw according to the CAWA rulebook with the exceptions of a cross-over wrestle back semifinal and a re-wrestle for the bronze medal. Ideally, athletes shall not re-wrestle a previous competitor during the cross-over wrestle back. To determine cross-over pairings, the first criteria shall be straight across, the second criteria shall be top-right versus bottom-left and also top-left versus bottom-right. Should both criteria produce a pairing where athletes have previously met during the rural provincial championship, then the first criteria will be used and a re-wrestle during the cross-over will occur.

Rationale:

Clarifies competition structure for rurals.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 58 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item E 1.d), page 110

Delete:

d) The CAWA alterations to the FILA draw will be used to arrange the playoffs. There will be a re-wrestle for the bronze medal.

CARRIED

Rationale:

Addressed in c) as amended in notice 57

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 59 Policy - Section XVIII - Wrestling, Item E 1. e), page 110

Current:

e) The ASAA will follow the FILA/CAWA two round system for all ASAA sanctioned events. Both males and females will wrestle two three-minute rounds with a 30 second break between rounds.

CARRIED

Proposed:

The ASAA will follow the rules for match lengths, etc. as per the CAWA rulebook.

Rationale:

This change prevents a Notice of Motion having to be submitted each time the rules change regarding match length.

Note: e) becomes d)

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 60 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling - Item E. 2 d), page 111

Current:

d) The championships shall use a FILA bracket draw with ASAA modifications to include crossovers involving the four finalists (two from the top side and two from the bottom side will be paired so matches are not repeated from the previous rounds). The first criteria for crossovers shall be straight across. If those athletes have already met, then they shall wrestle top right-bottom left and top left-bottom right. If there is a match that is still repeated, then the first criteria shall be used.

CARRIED

Proposed:

d) Any weight class at the provincial championship with five or fewer competitors shall wrestle in a single pool round robin format. Each weight class during the provincial championship with six or more competitors shall be wrestled as a bracket draw according to the CAWA rulebook with the exceptions of a cross-over wrestle back semi final and a re-wrestle for the bronze medal. Ideally, athletes shall not re-wrestle a previous competitor during the cross-over wrestle back. To determine cross-over pairings, the first criteria shall be straight across, the second criteria shall be top-right versus bottom-left and also top-left versus bottom-right. Should both criteria produce a pairing where athletes have previously met during the provincial championship, then the first criteria will be used and a re-wrestle during the cross-over will occur.

Rationale:

Clarifies competition structure for provincials.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 61 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling - Item E. 2 e), page 111

Current:

e) There shall be at least one first place wrestler (Calgary, Edmonton and Rural) in each pool, and all other wrestlers will be placed in pools at random.

CARRIED

Proposed:

e) The first place wrestlers from each of the qualifying tournaments (Calgary, Edmonton, Rural) are the only eligible athletes for seeding and shall be seeded according to item c) above. With the exception that the first seeded athlete will be separated from the second and third seeded athletes (separate halves of the draw) and the second and third seeded athletes shall be separated (separate quarters of the draw), their actual placement will be random. The placement of all other athletes, including any byes, shall be random.

Rationale:

Clarifies current procedure.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 62 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling - Item E. 2 f), page 111

Current:

CARRIED

f) In the event of injury, sickness or extenuating circumstances involving a registered wrestler, an alternate can be substituted with approval from a committee made up of the commissioner, the meet coordinator, the draw master, the wrestler's coach and two coaches at large. The deadline for any such substitution is the beginning of weigh ins and the substitute must have competed at that weight class at the appropriate qualifier.

Proposed:

f) Once an athlete has been registered they can only be substituted for in the event of injury, sickness or extenuating circumstances by another athlete that competed at the same provincial qualifying tournament in the same weight class. For an athlete to be substituted, they must be nominated by both their coach and their provincial qualifying tournament host (Calgary, Edmonton or Rural) to a committee by the start of weight-ins. The committee shall consist of the three qualifying tournament hosts or their proxy, the provincial championship committee chair or proxy, the drawmaster and the ASAA wrestling commissioner. In the event of a tie, the ASAA commissioner shall carry the deciding vote.

Rationale:

It is important that the process for substituting athletes is very clear--this does that.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 63 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling - Item E. 2 g), page 111

Current:

CARRIED

g) The ASAA will follow the FILA/CAWA two-round system for all ASAA sanctioned events. Both males and females will wrestle two three-minute rounds with a 30 second break between rounds.

Proposed:

The ASAA will follow the rules for match lengths, etc. as per the CAWA rulebook.

Rationale:

This change prevents a Notice of Motion having to be submitted each time the rules change regarding match length.

Note: Item E. becomes F.

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 64 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling - Item F. Officials

Current:

CARRIED

There shall be a minimum of two nationally ranked officials per competition surface. Other officials may hold a provincial ranking. Officials to be used will be those carded by the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Officials' Association.

Proposed:

There shall be a minimum of two nationally ranked officials per competition surface. From the cross-over wrestle-back portion of the event until completion of each weight class there shall be a minimum of three officials assigned to each mat surface. All officials must be assigned through the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Officials' Association.

Rationale:

As the critical point for placings and calibre of matches culminates at the cross-over portion, the strengthening of officials teams to the full three is justified. Typically, tournaments will close down mats to enable spectators to focus on these matches - and the remaining placement matches ending with the finals. Prior to this, officiating teams will be at two per mat minimum, and the closed surfaces allow for the extra officials to reinforce the remaining open mat surfaces. (This was passed unanimously at the provincial wrestling coaches' meeting).

**Wrestling
Commissioner**

Notice 65 Policy - Section XVII - Wrestling - Item H. Equipment

Delete:

CARRIED

1. Singlets

Wrestlers are required to wear a singlet for provincial championships. The singlet may be of school colors with the school logo and name on it.

Rationale:

Addressed in Notice 50