**URGENT Memo regarding ASAA Transfer Policy**

**Date**: September 8, 2015

**To**: ASAA Member Schools

**From**: John Paton, ASAA Executive Director

**Re**: One aspect of new Transfer Policy has been postponed, effective IMMEDIATELY

An urgent Notice of Motion was circulated to the ASAA Board on Monday September 7, 2015. Board members responded very quickly with a majority vote, and as a result, the “conditional approval” (red shirting) aspect of the 2015/16 transfer policy has been postponed for implementation until the 2016/17 school year. It was felt more time and education was required so that the full impact of the policy change was understood by member schools. At the December Annual Planning Meeting of the ASAA, implementation of this policy will be further discussed and it will be determined if any further changes to this policy will be voted on at the AGM in May, 2016. Here is the immediate change from what the 2015/16 policy handbook says:

**DELETE the following 2015/16 addition to policy (p. 47 ASAA Handbook)**

1. ~~b)  The ASAA may determine the transfer was not athletically motivated and the student will not be eligible for any ASAA sanctioned sport that the student participated in during the previous school year at the sending school. The student will be eligible for any ASAA sanctioned sport that the student did not participate in during the previous school year at the sending school.~~  (P. 47 ASAA Handbook)

**MAINTAIN the following 2015/16 addition to policy (p. 46 ASAA Handbook)**

**NB: Transfer Form is not required** if the transferring student has not participated in a sport that is offered by the ASAA at the sending school

**Transfer Form required:** if the transferring student has participated in a sport offered by the ASAA at the sending school, an athletic eligibility transfer form must be completed regardless of whether the student is transferring within province or from out of province. Athletic eligibility transfer forms must be submitted online at [**www.asaa.ca/app/**](http://www.asaa.ca/app/). (p. 46, ASAA Handbook)

**MAINTAIN the following 2015/16 additions to policy (p. 47 & 48 ASAA Handbook respectively)**

1. a)  The ASAA may determine the transfer was athletically motivated and the student will not receive ASAA athletic eligibility. (p. 47 ASAA handbook)
2. OR
c) In extenuating circumstances, the ASAA, in its absolute discretion, may determine a student to be eligible for all ASAA sanctioned sports. Examples of extenuating circumstances may include, but not be limited to:
i. Substantiated and documented bullying
ii. Substantiated and documented abusive home life and student moves in with friends or relatives (p. 48 ASAA Handbook)