

HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES 2021

Notice #1: Policy – Section IV, Eligibility, 1. School Eligibility, A&B, page 39

Current:

1. School Eligibility

The principal of each school shall be responsible for verifying the eligibility of the school's competitors for any competition via a system of Acknowledgement and Agreement Forms as follows:

- A. The principal will require each student and their guardian to complete and sign an Acknowledgement and Agreement Form confirming that all required parties are aware of ASAA bylaws and policies; will accept that any application for a review of an outcome of an appeal process of the ASAA or the respective zone by a judge in a court of law must be brought by the administration of the school and not by the student/guardian. These forms must be completed and kept on file, with copies being provided to the ASAA only if requested, and for a reasonable purpose.
- B. The principal of each school will sign an Acknowledgement and Agreement Form which: confirms their membership in ASAA; that school coaches will abide by ASAA bylaws and policies; that membership in that school's zone and the ASAA is a privilege, not a right; that the outcome of any appeal process of the ASAA or zone is final and binding on the administration of the school; that violation of Bylaws or Policies of the zone or ASAA or of the Acknowledgement and Agreement Form may be.

Proposed:

Move Section IV – Eligibility, 1. School Eligibility, A & B to become Policy Section III – Membership, 2. Member School Eligibility A and B. Move original #2 Junior High Associate Membership to point #3.

2. Member School Eligibility to participate

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- A. The principal will require each student and their guardian to complete and sign an Acknowledgement and Agreement Form confirming that all required parties are aware of ASAA bylaws and policies; will accept that any application for a review of an outcome of an appeal process of the ASAA or the respective zone by a judge in a court of law must be brought by the administration of the school and not by the student/guardian. These forms must be completed and kept on file, with copies being provided to the ASAA only if requested, and for a reasonable purpose.
- B. The principal of each school will sign an Acknowledgement and Agreement Form which: confirms their membership in ASAA; that school coaches will abide by ASAA bylaws and policies; that membership in that school's zone and the ASAA is a privilege, not a right; that the outcome of any appeal process of the ASAA or zone is final and binding on the administration of the school; that violation of Bylaws or Policies of the zone or ASAA or of the Acknowledgement and Agreement Form may be.

3. Junior High Associate Membership

Junior high associate membership is available for \$35 per school. Application should be made directly to the ASAA office. Membership entitles a Junior High School to ASAA publications (excluding yearbook).

Rationale:

The noted policy has been moved to reflect that it belongs under school eligibility not student eligibility.

Notice #2: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 2. Student Eligibility, A., page 39

Current:

2. Student Eligibility

- A. Student eligibility to participate involving students from ASAA member schools (participation is defined as taking part in any game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship of any ASAA sport.) must follow all bylaws, code of ethics and policies set forth in the ASAA Handbook, including eligibility and supervision requirements.

Proposed:

Change Section title name and move 2.A. into new position of 1. A.

SECTION IV - STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. Student Eligibility

- A. A student registered in a member school is eligible to participate in inter-member school competition unless they are ineligible for any reason as set out in this Handbook.

Rationale:

This is a new direction in how eligibility of student athletes is worded. However, the intent of the policy has not changed.

Notice #3: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 2. Student Eligibility, A.-D., page 39

Current:

2. Student Eligibility

- A. Student eligibility to participate involving students from ASAA member schools (participation is defined as taking part in any game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship of any ASAA sport.) must follow all bylaws, code of ethics and policies set forth in the ASAA Handbook, including eligibility and supervision requirements.
- B. Subject to the provisions of the Transfer Policy found in this handbook(Section IV, 11) in the case of transfer from one school to another, the student shall become a bona fide student in the new school upon the date of their first attendance at classes following the acceptance of this transfer in by the principal, provided, however, that the principal's decision to accept the transfer-in shall not in any way affect or derogate from any decision that the ASAA may make relating to the eligibility of the student to participate in ASAA sponsored activities.
- C. The student must register in a minimum of 800 instructional minutes (i.e. 10 credits or two full time courses) per week during the time of participation in that activity for which Alberta Education credits are granted. Distance education courses can be considered as regular instructional minutes.
- D. A student who becomes 19 before September 1 shall be ineligible for high school competition.

Proposed:

Added under proposed 1A change above.

2. Specific Reasons for Ineligibility

- A. The student will be ineligible to participate in inter-member school competition if:
 - i. The student at any time is registered in less than 10 credits;

- ii. The student is over the age of 18 years on or before September 01 of the school year at the time of registration;
 - iii. The student has attended high school for any part of 3 years since starting grade 10 at any school within or outside of Alberta and has not applied for and been granted eligibility by the Compliance Officer or by the Appeal Committee;
 - iv. The student has transferred to a member school after attending another high school at any school within or outside of Alberta and has not applied for and been granted eligibility by the Compliance Officer or by the Appeal Committee;
 - v. The student has ever been registered in a course of studies at a post-secondary educational institution and has not applied for and been granted eligibility by the Compliance Officer or by the Appeal Committee;
 - vi. A student has participated on or with a non-school team other than as permitted in Section IV paragraph 5; or
 - vii. A student, their guardian or the Principal of the student's member school has refused or neglected to provide a signed copy of the ASAA Student/Guardian Acknowledgment and Agreement form or a successor version of same or has acted in a manner inconsistent with the principles and commitments therein.
- B. Eligibility of a student to participate in inter-member school competition may be suspended or terminated by the ASAA Executive in the event of any conduct of that student that violates any standard of conduct or ethics set out in this Handbook, including but not limited to, the Code of Ethics found in this Handbook.
- C. Eligibility of a student to participate in inter-member school competition may be suspended or terminated by the ASAA Executive in the event of any conduct of that student's teammate(s) or coach(es) that violates any standard of conduct or ethics set out in this Handbook, including but not limited to, the Code of Ethics found in the Handbook.

Rationale:

Formatting/semantics have changed, but the intent of the policy remains the same.

Notice #4: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 5. Participation on a Non-School Team, A.-B., page 42-43

Current:

5. Participation on a Non-School Team

- A. To be eligible for high school participation in the ASAA sports of basketball, volleyball, football, cheerleading, team handball and rugby, a high school student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season. Where a community/club basketball program exists, students are permitted to play for the community/club basketball team while trying out for an ASAA member school team but can no longer play for the community/club team as of the school team's first game or midnight of the Saturday of volleyball provincials, whichever comes first.
 - i. In rugby, students are permitted to play on a club/tour up until the conclusion of the Canada 7's Rugby Tournament while still trying out for an ASAA member school team. Otherwise, after March 15, no students can participate on any community/club team or non-school tour. After the conclusion of the Canada 7's Rugby Tournament students are only permitted to play for their respective school team or an interschool touring team that will travel during designated spring breaks of the schools participating on the tour.

Note: Participation is defined as taking part in any game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship of an ASAA sport.

- B. Exemptions to A. above:
- i. may be considered for students who have been invited to participate on provincial/national/international basketball, volleyball, team handball and/or rugby 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.
 - ii. In the sport of football, high school students will not be eligible for high school football if they participate on a community (midget) football team that overlaps ASAA season of play and which does not follow the policies outlined below:
 - a. Only sixty percent (60%) of a midget team's players can be enrolled in one particular high school team. For clarity, sixty percent (60%) quota applies to grade 10 and 11 players from any particular high school football team. This applies to midget teams that ASAA eligible student athletes participate on immediately prior to the ASAA football season of play in the spring.
 - b. Reporting – zone secretaries will be responsible for getting the rosters of the midget teams in their area, that will list the names of the athletes and what high school football team they play for. Zone secretaries will then report to the ASAA if there are any teams/players not adhering to the above rules.
 - c. Penalty – Any school team that is in violation of these rules will be deemed ineligible to play in any ASAA sanctioned high school football match.

Proposed:

5. Participation on a Non-School Team

- A. In the team sports of basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, team handball and rugby, an ASAA eligible student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season of play except as noted below:
- i. A school principal may apply in writing to the Compliance Officer, for approval to participate on or with (includes a try-out) a Provincial, National or International team or cultural (e.g. Treaty 7 Games). The Compliance Officer shall approve or deny the request.
 - ii. Basketball: students are permitted to play for a non-school team while trying out for their member school team. Students must cease their participation on or with the non-school team play prior to the member school team's first basketball game, or midnight of the Saturday of volleyball provincials, whichever comes first.
- B. In the sport of Rugby:
- i. **Non-school rugby touring team:** students are permitted to play on a non-school rugby touring team up until the conclusion of the Canada 7's Rugby Tournament while still trying out for an ASAA member school team. After March 15, no student can participate on any non-school rugby touring team.
 - ii. **School tours:** After the conclusion of the Canada 7's Rugby Tournament students are only permitted to play for their member school team or an interschool touring team that will travel during designated spring breaks of the schools participating on the tour.

Note: Participation is defined as taking part in any rugby try-out, game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship.

- C. Football: high school students may participate on or with a non-school football team during the ASAA season of play if less than sixty percent (60%) of that non-school team's players are participating on or with a single non-member school football team as confirmed by the coach of the member school team for each student participating on or with a member school team.

Rationale:

Formatting/semantics have changed, but the intent of the policy remains the same.

Notice #5: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 6. Grade 9 Students, A.-E., page 43-44

Current:

6. Grade 9 Students

- A. In cheerleading and curling only, onsite 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.
- B. In 1A classified schools, onsite grade 9 students attending those member schools, may be registered for team participation in basketball, volleyball, team handball and golf. Grade 9 students are not eligible for athletic participation in individual sports or on the senior varsity teams of 2A, 3A or 4A classified schools. Exception would be for athletes from 1A schools that opt up to 2A or are teams that are 99 or less in a joint school team.
- C. Onsite grade 9 students in member schools, playing on junior varsity teams of 2A-4A schools are permitted to play in any games (league or tournament) against ASAA member school senior varsity teams.
- D. In football only, onsite grade 9 students in member schools are eligible to participate on teams at the tier IV classification and on all 6-man teams.
- E. In rugby only, onsite grade 9 students in member schools are eligible to participate on 1A and 2A school teams.

Proposed:

6. Grade 9 Students

- A. Students attending grade 9 at a member high school are eligible to compete in inter-member school competition unless:
 - i. the sport is cross-country running, wrestling, badminton, track and field or individual golf;
 - ii. the sport is Tier I, II or III in football;
 - iii. the sport is 3A or 4A rugby; or
 - iv. the sport is 2A, 3A or 4A volleyball, basketball, team handball or a golf team.

Rationale:

Formatting/semantics have changed, but the intent of the policy remains the same.

Notice #6: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 7. International/Foreign Exchange Students, A., page 44

Current:

7. International/Foreign Exchange Students

- A. In order to participate in ASAA activities, international/foreign exchange students must meet all eligibility requirements as listed above in 2.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.

Proposed:

7. International/Foreign Exchange Students

- A. International/foreign exchange students will not be eligible to participate in inter-member school competition if they are ineligible pursuant to any policy in the Handbook or if they have graduated from high school or its equivalent before enrolling in a member school.

Rationale:

Formatting/semantics have changed, but the intent of the policy remains the same.

Notice #7: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 8. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policy, A.-C., page 44-45
Current:

8. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policy

- H. The ASAA prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, which includes any individuals who identify as or are perceived as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, queer or questioning. In order to comply with human rights obligations and uphold the principles of equity and inclusion, the ASAA maintains the following policy to facilitate and encourage the participation of all students, staff, coaches, managers, trainers and any other persons associated with high school sport to ensure all members of our diverse communities are welcomed, respected, accepted and supported in all aspects of their athletic endeavors. This policy covers participation at ASAA zone and provincial championships and other activities.
- I. The ASAA recognizes the implementation of this policy will require the collaboration of all parties involved. The ASAA will provide the necessary supports to all community members and will help to raise awareness about sexual orientation and gender identity-related issues. These guiding supports and principles include but are not limited to the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Alberta Human Rights Act and Alberta School Act*.
- J. The Association believes that all students, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, should have the opportunity to participate in ASAA activities in a safe, respectful, inclusive and non- judgmental environment.
 - i. Any student, staff, coach, manager, trainer or other persons who identify as or are perceived as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, queer or questioning may participate fully and safely in sex-separated sport activities in accordance with their lived gender identity.

Proposed:

8. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- A. A student’s sexual orientation or gender identity will not be considered as a factor in determining eligibility to participate in inter-member school competition by the Compliance Officer or the Appeal Committee.

Rationale:

The previous policy was mostly reasoning for the existence of this policy; this is not necessary. Further, to keep the policy statement as simple as possible, the proposed modification simply means that a student’s eligibility will not be negatively impacted by their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Notice #8: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 11. Transfer Policy (athletic eligibility following transfer from one school to another), A.-I., page 48-51

Current:

11. Transfer Policy (athletic eligibility following transfer from one school to another)

- A. Students who transfer schools, after beginning grade 10, either within Alberta or come into Alberta from another country or province, are **ineligible** to participate in any ASAA activity for 12 months from the first day of attendance at their new school **or until** the eligibility of the student to participate in ASAA activities is approved according to this policy.

This policy **applies** when a student has participated in one of ASAA's 12 listed activities, regardless of location (in-province/out-of-province), including any inter-school competition at either the junior varsity or senior varsity levels.

This policy **does not apply** to students who did not participate in any of the ASAA's 12 listed activities in their previous school.

- B. The compliance officer will oversee all transfers. For students that fall into the rationale below, the receiving school principal, with the consent and agreement of the sending school principal, can submit for approval of eligibility for the transfer student to participate in ASAA activities if the receiving school's principal validates the transfer is for at least one of the reasons listed below.

Note: The student must also be eligible for participation in ASAA activities according to all other ASAA eligibility policies. This policy does not apply to any other question of eligibility such as fourth year eligibility or second transfer.

Accepted reasons for approving eligibility for transfer students:

- i. If a student has not participated in any activity which is the same as an activity sponsored by the ASAA in their previous school for a period of 12 consecutive months before the date of transfer the receiving school's principal may use this reason to request approval of the student's eligibility. The receiving school's principal must use the online application procedures set forth in the SRS system. (A procedure guideline is available online.)
- ii. Change of Residence:
 - a. **Parent to Parent Move:** the student moves to reside with the parent with whom they have not been living and is required, as a result of this move, to transfer schools. Eligibility will be permitted for a **maximum of two** such transfers during a student's three years of eligibility. The residence of a student shall be that of the parent to whom custody has been awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction. If no custody order has been entered, the residence shall be that of the parent who had custody immediately upon the separation.
 - b. **Family Move:** the student has moved with the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who have changed residence within the previous 12 months to reside within the catchment area or normal boundaries of the school at which the student has registered. Any change in residence must be bona fide. In order for a change of residence to be considered bona fide, at least the following facts must exist:
 - 1) The original residence must be abandoned as a residence; i.e. sold, rented or disposed of as a residence and must not be used as a residence by another member of the family.
 - 2) The entire family must make the change and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances.
 - 3) The change must be made with the intent that it is permanent.
 - 4) The student is ineligible to compete for the receiving school until the actual change of residence has occurred.

- c. Under no circumstances can a student have more than one residence for ASAA eligibility purposes. School officials are obligated to know the residence status of each student and to require compliance with these requirements.
 - iii. Directed by Legal Authority
 - a. The student is directed by legal authority to move from their current school to a different school.
 - b. Legal authority shall include but not be restricted to:
 - 1) A court of competent jurisdiction;
 - 2) Any department or agency of the provincial or federal government acting within the scope of its authority or pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - 3) Any school board or school authority acting within the scope of its authority or pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - c. A student whose custody has been established by court order or social service agency decision is eligible for participation at the school to which he or she is assigned by the respective court or social service agency.
 - iv. If a student transfers schools because an educational program is not available at their current school and is available at another school this is an acceptable transfer reason for ASAA eligibility. It must be verified in writing by the sending school's principal that the educational program is not available at the student's current school.
 - v. A reason based on religious grounds which is explained in writing by the student and acknowledged by the parents/guardians in writing must be presented to the receiving school's Principal who then determines if the reason appears sufficient to apply for eligibility of the student to participate in ASAA sponsored activities.
 - vi. If evidence of mental health issues, including but not limited to bullying or an abusive home life is presented by the student to the receiving school's principal as a reason for transferring schools then the receiving school's principal is to contact the compliance officer for direction and assistance in determining the eligibility of the student to participate in ASAA activities.
- D. If reasons or circumstances for approving eligibility do not appear in this policy then the receiving school's principal is encouraged to contact the ASAA Compliance Officer for clarification, assistance, or a ruling on evidence presented to the compliance officer per the compliance officer's direction.
- E. In the event the sending school's principal and receiving school's principal do not agree on the eligibility of the transfer student either can request the intervention of the ASAA Compliance Officer for assistance, mediation and clarification of ASAA eligibility policy.
- F. Pursuant to the intervention of the ASAA Compliance Officer as noted in D above, if agreement by the involved principals can still not be reached then the ASAA Compliance Officer shall determine the eligibility of the student to participate in ASAA activities in their new school.
- G. The decision of the ASAA Compliance Officer may be appealed by either or both school's principals. ASAA Policy Section VII – Appeal Procedure of the ASAA Policy Handbook is to be followed in the event of an appeal.
 - i. If any member school of the ASAA is dissatisfied with the application or interpretation of the Transfer Policy or believe there are other circumstances that need to be considered in a specific case then the member school can appeal the eligibility decision for the specific case to the Executive Appeal Committee per Policy Section VII – Appeal Procedure. Note: this process bypasses the zone, Executive Director and Compliance Officer.
- H. If an ASAA zone has unique circumstances, for example: designated schools or school boundaries, the respective zone can and is encouraged to develop and implement zone based transfer policies and procedures that respond to these unique circumstances. This must be done in accordance with Article III-4.

- I. In the event that a student transfers to a receiving school after the commencement of an ASAA sanctioned sport season and the said student has participated in any ASAA sanctioned sport prior to that transfer, then the said student shall not be eligible to participate in the same ASAA sanctioned sport for the remainder of that season. Exception to this if there is a bona fide transfer (family move) that has been approved, this note will then be waived and the student will be eligible to compete in that ASAA sanctioned sport upon all proper transfer form documents being received by the ASAA.

Proposed:

11. Transfer Policy (athletic eligibility following transfer from one school to another)

- A. The objectives of the ASAA Transfer Eligibility policy are to:
 - i. discourage athletically motivated transfers of students to or among member schools;
 - ii. discourage athletically motivated recruitment of students by anyone associated with a member school;
 - iii. encourage the completion of high-school within 3 years for member schools which start high school in grade 10 and within 4 years for member schools which start high school in grade 9;
 - iv. ensure that every student has a fair opportunity to participate in inter-member school competition at a member school for 3 consecutive years; and
 - v. encourage school administrators to settle issues and disputes over transfer eligibility between themselves before resorting to any appeal procedure.
- B. Subject to this policy, any student who transfers to a member school after the commencement of the school year to attend grade 10, 11 or 12, is ineligible to participate in any school sport at that member school for a period of 1 year if they participated in any sport at any other school prior to the transfer.
- C. On application in the form and manner as directed by ASAA administration or governing body from time to time, a student may be granted eligibility to participate in a sport at a member school by the ASAA Compliance Officer.
- D. The Principal of the school from which a student is transferring and the Principal of the school to which the student is transferring may make a joint submission recommending that a student who would otherwise be ineligible to participate in a sport at a member school should be eligible. The Compliance Officer may accept or reject the joint submission of the Principals in making their decision as to the student's eligibility.
- E. A student who, pursuant to this policy is otherwise ineligible to participate in a sport at a member school, may be granted eligibility if the student can satisfy the Compliance Officer that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional circumstances beyond their control and was, in no way, athletically motivated.

Rationale:

The Transfer Policy and intent has not changed. The focus here is on making the policy much shorter and more simple. The ASAA Executive Committee will direct the Compliance Officer to take into account the current components of the policy when adjudicating on transfers.

Notice #9: Policy – Section IV - Eligibility, 12. Eligibility Appeals, A., page 51-52

Current:

12. Eligibility Appeals

- A. The ASAA may grant an exception to the eligibility rules (except the rules governing age of student athletes) and the ASAA Executive Appeals Committee has an absolute discretion to grant or refuse every application for an exception to the eligibility rules, and that in order to determine whether to grant such an exception, the ASAA Executive Appeals Committee may consider whether granting such an exception is in the best interests of the student requesting the exception, is in the best interests of the peers of the student requesting the exception, is supported by the school administration at the school

attended by the student requesting the exception, is in the best interests of all other member schools and is in the best interests of the schools that belong to the zone in which the requesting student's school is located. The Executive Appeals Committee may also consider any other information that it deems relevant in its absolute discretion. For information on how to file an appeal refer to section VII - Appeal Procedure.

Proposed:

12. Appeal of a Finding of Ineligibility

- A. The Principal of a member school may appeal any decision made pursuant to this policy as set out in Section VII "Appeals Procedure".

Rationale:

Simply shortens up the current Policy Section IV. 12

Notice #10: Policy – Section XI – Cheerleading, page 103-106

Current:

1. Rules

The rules of the Cheerleading Canada (CC) shall govern ASAA Cheerleading. The ASAA may modify these rules as required.

2. Eligibility

- A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - i. Intermediate – 5-30 members
 - ii. Advanced, All Girl – 5-30 members
 - iii. Advanced, All Gender - 5 - 30 members
 - iv. Game Day – 5-30 members
- B. Participants may compete with only one school cheerleading team in any given school year, but one school may have one team in each competitive category. Teams may compete in one competitive category as well as game day.
- C. A school's cheerleading team shall be the same group that cheers for the school during athletic contests throughout the year. Cheerleading competitions are designed as an enhancement to the season and it is not intended that cheerleaders separate themselves from supporting the interscholastic athletic program.

3. Representation to Provincials

- A. Each zone may select a maximum of two teams in each category to attend provincials.
- B. In the event that all Cheerleading Canada tie-breaking methods have been exhausted at a zone championship, all teams placing with the top two scores will qualify to compete at the provincial championship.
- C. In the event that a category has fewer than six teams registered, the ASAA Commissioner in concert with the Alberta Cheerleading Association will review the zone competition scores and

will provide a recommendation to the ASAA Executive Director to invite the next highest-ranking team(s) until six berths are filled. This process will occur for each category.

- D. If a category still has fewer than three teams registered, that category will be cancelled for the immediate provincials.
- E. In addition to 3.A. above, the host school automatically qualifies to compete in each category that the school is registered in at the provincial championship, allowing for a maximum of three teams (see 3.A) for the allowance for tied teams) from their zone in each classification if the host school does not make the top two in their zone championship.

4. Scoring

- A. The ASAA cheerleading provincial competition is an equally weighted (50/50) two-day competition. One competitive performance is to be held on the Friday and the second on the Saturday.
- B. School cheer teams will be judged using the Cheerleading Canada Scholastic Score Sheets.
- C. Scoring Process: All penalties given during the competition routine will be deducted from the total score to calculate the team's final scores.
- D. Tie Breaking:
 - i. The team with fewer penalties
 - ii. If the teams are still tied, they will be considered tied in the final rankings, awards will be given to all teams with the top three scores.
- E. SCORE CHECK: All provincial championships will have a Score Check station in place.
 - i. Coaches must be provided with their score sheets (including legalities) before their teams Score Check time commences.
 - ii. Coaches are not allowed to remove their score sheets from the Score Check station or allowed to take pictures of them.
 - iii. Teams have the right to challenge, in writing, the range of Difficulty and Deductions/Safety Violations.
- F. All judging decisions are final.
 - i. All inquiries relating to scores from the event should be directed to the Score Check Judge on the day of the event.
 - ii. Direct verbal confrontation of the judges is considered inappropriate.

5. Officials

- A. For all zone and provincial championships the following officials are required:
 - i. Two panels comprising of a minimum of three (3) Panel Judges. All panel judges must have at least two years scholastic judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
 - ii. One (1) Safety Judge is required for each panel. The safety judge must have at least two years scholastic safety judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
 - iii. There will be one (1) Score Check Judge for a Score Check station. This judge will be dedicated solely to the position of Score Check for the event. The score check judge must have at least three years scholastic safety judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
 - iv. One (1) Supervisory Judge to oversee both panels and the Score Check station. This person may not

also act as the Score Check Judge. The Supervisory Judge must have at least five years scholastic judging experience and must have been certified as a Safety Judge through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.

- B. All judges for zone and provincial championships will be assigned by the Alberta Cheerleading Association in accordance with the policies noted above.

6. Competition Requirements

C. Warm up Area:

- i. Water station
- ii. Optional: two-strip stretch match
- iii. Optional: two-strip tumble mats
- iv. 7-strip warm up floor, 42"x42", marking center
- v. One music system
- vi. Minimum total warm up time per team: 10 minutes
- vi. Minimum ceiling height of 20 feet

B. Competition Area:

- i. Seven-strip competition floor, placed vertically towards the judges, 42"x42", marking center.
- ii. A clearly marked entrance and exit point to and from the mats.
- iii. A coaches mat needs to be placed at the front of the competition floor
- iv. Judges must be elevated above the competition floor and have a direct line of sight
- v. Water station located after the exit point from the competition floor
- vi. Minimum ceiling height of 20 feet

C. Video playback:

- i. Video playback must be provided for teams following their performance.
- ii. Video playback must be provided for each judging panel.

- D. Whenever possible, the electronic scoring system should be made available to the host for all zone and provincial championships.

E. Medical

- i. Two first aid responders with standard first aid certification shall be present at both the competition floor and warm up area throughout the duration of the championship.

Proposed:

1. Rules

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2. Eligibility

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- iii. Advanced, All Gender: 5-30 members
- iv. Game Day: 5-30 members

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C. A school's cheerleading team shall be the same group that cheers for the school during athletic contests throughout the year. Cheerleading competitions are designed as an enhancement to the season and it is not intended that cheerleaders separate themselves from supporting the interscholastic athletic program.

3. Representation to Provincials

A. Each zone may select a maximum of two teams in each category to attend Provincials.

B. In the event that all Cheerleading Canada tie-breaking methods have been exhausted at a zone championship, all teams placing with the top two scores will qualify to compete at the provincial championship.

C. In the event that a category has fewer than six teams registered, the ASAA Commissioner in concert with the Alberta Cheerleading Association will review the zone competition scores and will provide a recommendation to the ASAA Executive Director to invite the next highest-ranking team(s) until six berths are filled. This process will occur for each category.

D. If a category still has fewer than three teams registered, that category will be cancelled for the immediate provincials.

E. In addition to 3.A- above, the host school automatically qualifies to compete in each category that the school is registered in at the provincial championship, allowing for a maximum of three teams (see 3.A for the allowance for tied teams) from their zone in each classification if the host school does not make the top two in their zone championship.

4. Scoring

A. The ASAA cheerleading provincial competition is an equally weighted (50/50) two-day competition. One competitive performance is to be held on the Friday and the second on the Saturday.

B. School cheer teams will be judged using the Cheerleading Canada Scholastic **and Game Day** Score Sheets.

C. Scoring Process: All **deductions** given during the competition routine will be **subtracted** from the total score to calculate the team's final scores.

D. Tie Breaking:

i. The team with fewer **deductions**

ii. If the teams are still tied, they will be considered tied in the final rankings **and** awards will be given to all teams with the top three scores.

E. **Score Check**

i. All provincial championships **must** have a Score Check station in place.

- ii. Coaches must be provided with their score sheets (including legalities) before their teams Score Check time commences.
- iii. Coaches are not permitted allowed to remove their score sheets from the Score Check station and are not permitted or allowed to take pictures of them.
- iv. Teams have the right to challenge, in writing, the range of Difficulty and Deductions/Safety Violations.

F. All judging decisions are final.

- i. All inquiries relating to scores from the event should be directed to the Score Check Judge on the day of the event.
- ii. Direct verbal confrontation of the judges is considered inappropriate.

5. Officials

A. For all zone and provincial championships the following officials are required:

- i. Two panels comprising of a minimum of three (3) Panel Judges. All panel judges must have at least two years scholastic judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
- ii. One (1) Safety Judge is required for each panel. The Safety Judge must have at least two years scholastic safety judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
- iii. There will be one (1) Score Check Judge for a Score Check station. This judge will be dedicated solely to the position of Score Check for the event. The Score Check Judge must have at least three years scholastic safety judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
- iv. One (1) Supervisory Judge to oversee both panels and the Score Check station. This person may not also act as the Score Check Judge. The Supervisory Judge must have at least five years scholastic judging experience and must have been certified as a Safety Judge through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.

B. All judges for zone and provincial championships will be assigned by the Alberta Cheerleading Association in accordance with the policies noted above.

6. Competition Requirements:

A. Warm up Area:

- i. Water station.
- ii. Optional: two-strip stretch mats.
- iii. Optional: two-strip tumble mats.
- iv. 7-strip warm up floor, 42"x42", marking center.
- v. One music system.
- vi. Minimum total warm up time per team: 10 minutes.
- vii. Minimum ceiling height of 20 feet.

B. Competition Area:

- i. Seven-strip competition floor, with mats set vertically towards the judges, 42”x42”, marking center.
- ii. A clearly marked entrance and exit point to and from the mats.
- iii. A coach’s mat needs to be placed at the front of the competition floor.
- iv. Judges must be elevated above the competition floor and have a direct line of sight.
- v. Water station located after the exit point from the competition floor.
- vi. Minimum ceiling height of 20 feet.

C. Video Playback:

- i. Video playback must be provided for teams following their performance.
- ii. Video playback must be provided for each judging panel.

D. Whenever possible, the electronic scoring system should be made available to the host for all zone and provincial championships.

E. Medical:

- i. Two first-aid responders with standard first aid certification shall be present at both the competition floor and warm-up area throughout the duration of the championship.

Rationale:

- Spelling, grammar and punctuation adjustments.

Notice #11: Policy – Section XIV – Football, page 114-124

Current:

1. Rules

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

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

*Please see the end of this section for the 6-Man policy

2. Season of Play

The season of play for football shall be May 1 to the ASAA provincial championship to be held no later than the fourth Saturday in November and the preceding Friday night. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. Teams may begin practice in the fall, starting August 16. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

In the sport of football, high school students will not be eligible for high school football if they participate on a community (ie. midget) football team that overlaps ASAA season of play and which does not follow the policies outlined below:

- A. A. Only sixty percent (60%) of a midget team's players can be enrolled in one particular high school team. For clarity, sixty percent (60%) quota applies to Grade 10 and 11 players from any particular high school football team. This applies to midget teams that ASAA eligible student athletes participate on immediately prior to the ASAA football season of play in the spring.
- B. Reporting – zone secretaries will be responsible for getting the rosters of the midget teams in their area, that will list the names of the athletes and what high school football team they play for. Zone secretaries will then report to the ASAA if there are any teams/players not adhering to the above rules.
- C. Penalty – Any school team that is in violation of these rules will be deemed ineligible to play in any ASAA sanctioned high school football match.

Note: The above policy does not apply to Girls Only Spring Tackle Leagues

3. Eligibility

- A. A. The ASAA shall have football competitions in five levels. There are four levels of 12-Man Football, with tiers being determined by school population as follows: Tier I – 1250 plus
Tier III – 450-749
Tier II – 750-1249
Tier IV – under 450

The fifth level is 6-man football, and it has only one tier of competition. Schools may opt up to a higher classification at the October 1 registration deadline, provided indication of league participation in the respective tier has been received by June 1 (see 3.C. below).

- B. Each league shall be allowed to enter teams in all four tiers provided populations warrant.
- C. All leagues or newly formed teams (i.e. those teams who do not belong to a league), must indicate in writing to the ASAA office by June 1 their intention to participate in provincials, and the tier(s) in which they will have representatives.
- D. Two or more schools may combine to form one football team if the league (the league in which the school(s) participate) approves of such an arrangement. In such cases, the combined populations of the schools will determine at which tier level the teams will compete.

Note: Insurance and liability issues involving students from one school playing for another school are the responsibility of the member schools involved and their local school jurisdictions.

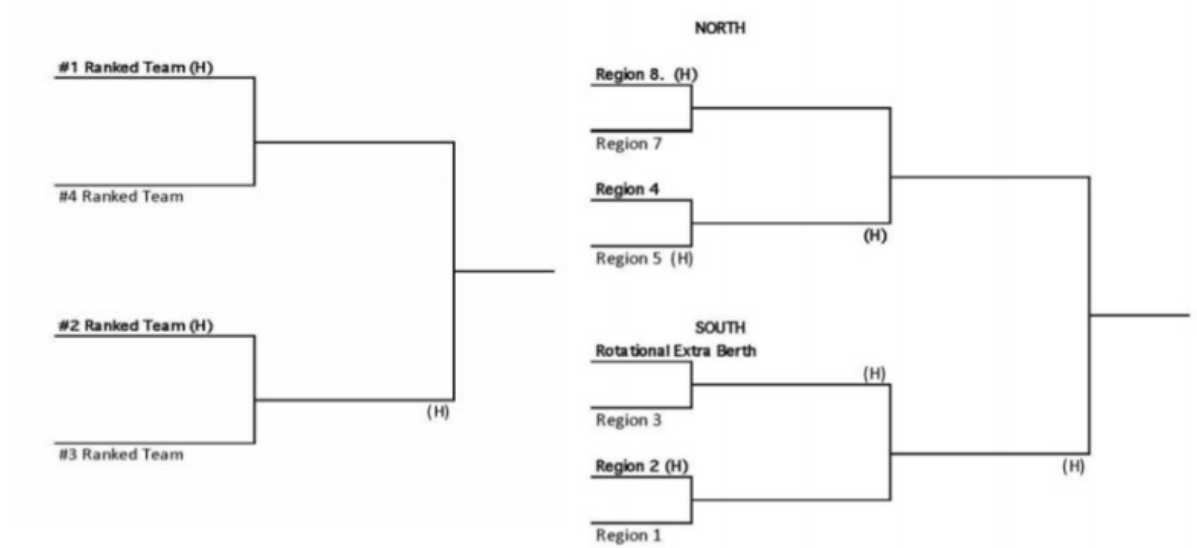
- E. The ASAA accepts out of province high school football teams who are full members in a recognized Alberta high school football league into provincial competition provided they advance out of their league and are prepared to travel to all games in which they might be

involved. To be reviewed annually.

4. TWO YEAR TRIAL POLICY 2020-21/2021-22 - Representation to Provincials

A. Tier 1 Schedule for 2 Year Trial

Brian Fryer Division



B. Rankings

- i. The Tier 1 rankings shall be done by committee. Recruitment and formation of the Committee will be the responsibility of the Commissioner, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.
- ii. The committee shall consist of 5 members and the Chairperson, with all but the Chair having voting privileges except in the event to break a tie. The Football Alberta Executive Director will also be on the Committee but not as a voting member. The respective committees will be formed as follows:
Chairperson: ASAA Football Commissioner
Northern Representative (Region 7 & 8)
Edmonton Representative (Region 5)
Central Representative (Region 2 & 4)
Calgary Representative (Region 3)
South Representative (Region 1)
In order for someone to be the representative for a region, they cannot be a coach of a Tier 1 team in that region.
- iii. All tier 1 schools shall submit their game results online 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.
- iv. Based on the results submitted, each ranking committee member will determine a provincial top 10. The deadlines for submitting these rankings via SRS to the Football Commissioner must be adhered to and will be posted on the ASAA website by August 16. There will be 3 ranking periods.

- v. For each ranking period the Chair shall review the ranking committee selections and award points to the teams according to their ranking (#1 – 10 points, #2 – 9 points, etc). The Chair shall then total the points into a single listing and rank the teams from highest to lowest according to their total points for that ranking period.
- vi. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall apply the following:
 - a. Outcomes of any games between the tied teams.
 - b. Outcome of any games against common ranked opponents.
 - c. Outcome of any games against common unranked opponents.
 - d. Previous ranking of both teams.
 - e. Chair's decision - based on the information provided.
- vii. No more than three clear days following the submission deadlines, the Chairperson shall submit to all committee members and the ASAA office the top 10.
- viii. These rankings shall be posted on the ASAA website at www.asaa.ca. Only the top 10 mentions are released. Individual ranking committee member selections are not provided.
- ix. Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA web site and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until the Tuesday ten days prior to the quarter finals to do so. This date will be posted on the ASAA website prior to the start of the season. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Football Commissioner will consult with the rankings officers 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.

C. Representation to Provincials

- i. Each region will determine their representatives to provincials except for the Brian Fryer division which will be done by the Final Rankings (note: the regions for football have been developed by combining teams within leagues to form groups of more equitable numbers of teams and for the purpose of eliminating the need for a qualifying game at any tier). The regions are not the same as the ASAA zones-see 9. Football regions for a list of teams in each football region.
- ii. No one region can have more than 2 teams in either division. The rotational berth will change on a yearly basis and will rotate between regions that have more than 5 registered tier 1 teams
- iii. The ASAA office will determine and post on the ASAA website the provincial playoff brackets no later than June 15 each year.
- iv. 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 \$500. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$250 to the replacement team. The vacant berth will be allocated based upon the final ranks to the region with the highest number of points and that does not already have 2 teams in the division.

5. POLICY below will be reinstated if the text noted above is not adopted as policy after the two year trial. -Representation to Provincials
- A. Each region will determine their representatives to provincials at each tier (note: the regions for football have been developed by combining teams within leagues to form groups of more equitable numbers of teams and for the purpose of eliminating the need for a qualifying game at any tier). The regions are not the same as the ASAA zones-see 9. Football regions for a list of teams in each football region.
 - B. The provincial playoff entries by tier will be as follows:

Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Region 1	Region 1	Region 1A	Region 1
Region 3A	Region 2	Region 1B	Region 2A
Region 3B	Region 3	Region 2	Region 2B
Region 4	Region 4	Region 3	Region 3
Region 5A	Region 5A	Region 4	Region 4
Region 5B	Region 5B	Region 5	Region 5
Region 7	Region 7	Region 7	Region 7
Region 8	Region 8	Region 8	Region 8

Notes:

- i. Home teams and second round matchups will be determined on a year to year basis. B teams coming out of any region are given on the basis of number of teams in that tier.
 - ii. The regional representation will be reviewed on an annual basis to address any changes to the number of teams in each tier.
 - iii. Any changes to the number of regional berths will be based strictly on the number of teams per region.
- C. The ASAA office will determine and post on the ASAA website the provincial playoff brackets no later than June 15 each year.
 - D. 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 \$500. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$250 to the replacement team.
 - E. *In the event that a region does not fill their tier I berth, or a tier I team withdraws prior to provincial quarterfinals, the open berth will be awarded first to South region 1. In the event that South region 1 declines then the open berth will be awarded on a rotational basis between Calgary region 3 and Edmonton region 5. If a region declines 119 the

offer, the region next on the rotation will be offered the berth. A rotational region will not fill the vacant berth for two consecutive years unless the other region declines. Any region accepting the wildcard berth will take the original vacant spot in the draw and will be required to travel. The rotation will be as follows (for 19/20):

- i. Calgary - Region 3
- ii. Edmonton - Region 5

6. Events

- A. All five provincial finals will be played no later than the fourth Saturday in November and the preceding Friday night.
- B. Hosting of the ASAA provincial championship will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of three regional hosting zones, to be revisited once more zones have appropriate field turf stadiums (that have appropriate locker rooms, spotter booth(s), media booth and spectator capacity). Rotation: 2020 - Edmonton 2025 - Edmonton 2021 - Calgary 2026 - Calgary 2022 - Central 2027 - Central 2023 - North East 2028 - North East 2024 - South 2029 - South
- C. The tier I championship will always be the feature game and be the last game played on Saturday. The remaining three games will rotate on an annual basis as described below:

	2020	2021	2022
Friday at 4:00 PM	6-man	6-man	6-man
Friday at 7:00 PM	Tier III	Tier IV	Tier II
Saturday at 11:00 AM	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Saturday at 2:30 PM	Tier IV	Tier II	Tier III
Saturday at 6:00 PM	Tier I	Tier I	Tier I

- D. The Organizing Committee for the championship weekend will be made up of the ASAA Football Commissioner, the host region, and interested coaches and volunteers from throughout the province. The Committee is under the jurisdiction of the ASAA office.
- E. The Northern tier I provincial semi-final game will be played in a turf field stadium, which must have a score clock, changing rooms, lights, spotter booth and adequate media and timers/scorekeeper booth. Furthermore, proceeds from gate admissions will cover costs of hosting the game (i.e. field rental, officials, medical, etc.) and any profit after expenses will be utilized to assist with travel costs of any team from outside greater Edmonton area.
- F. The Tier 2 Provincial Quarterfinal (Northern Semi-final) playoff rotation changes from a 4 year rotation to a 6 year rotation. The following quarterfinal/northern semi-final matchups are included: zone 5a vs. zone 5b and zone 7 vs. zone 8 (see charts below).

Current 4-year rotational format:

Year	Quarter Final Matchup 1	Quarter Final Matchup 2
1	5a vs. 8	5b vs. 7
2	8 vs. 5a	7 vs. 5b
3	5a vs. 7	5b vs. 8
4	7 vs. 5a	8 vs. 5b

Proposed 6-year rotational format:

Year	Quarter Final Matchup 1	Quarter Final Matchup 2
1	5a vs. 8	5b vs. 7
2	8 vs. 5a	7 vs. 5b
3	5a vs. 7	5b vs. 8
4	7 vs. 5a	8 vs. 5b
5	5a vs. 5b	7 vs. 8
6	5b vs. 5a	8 vs. 7

G. All provincial quarterfinal and semifinal playoff games will take place on Saturdays, with game times as follows:

- i. Single Game: game time will be 1 pm
- ii. Doubleheader: game times will be 12 pm and 2:30 pm
- iii. Tripleheader: game times will be 11 am, 1:30 pm and 4 pm

Note: Where two or more games are scheduled for the same facility then the lowest tiered game would be scheduled first and the highest tiered game would be scheduled last.

Note: As per the Football Alberta Minor Provincials Policy & Procedures - in the case of minor provincial games being a part of multiple scheduled games in the same facility on the same day, the high school game(s) shall be the last scheduled game of the day, unless one or more of the minor games is a championship final, in which case they would be the last scheduled event of the day. This is subject to the cooperation of the minor leagues and the pecking order for booking facilities. Game times will be confirmed and finalized by the Football Commissioner with the approval of the Executive Director. Game times will be posted no later than 2

p.m. on the Monday preceding the games

- H. Decisions relating to postponement or cancellation of any provincial playoff game will be made by the Executive in consultation with the Football Commissioner, participating teams, and Host Committee.
- I. In provincial playoffs, all games will begin with a coin toss. The head referee will toss the coin and the home team will make the heads or tails call. The winner of the coin toss will get the choice to kick, receive or defer to the second half.
- J. When the weather forecast predicts conditions of -15 or colder, the host team shall arrange sideline heating for both teams. Regardless of the forecast, if, for any provincial playoff game, the host team has sideline heating and/or player shelter, they must also provide the opponent with sideline heating and/or player shelter.
- K. All teams of all tiers who qualify for provincials must submit their two most recent game films to their opponent. Game film must be submitted to their opponent Sunday by Noon prior to the provincial game. If there are any technical difficulties, the opposing team has to be notified by the Sunday Deadline. Teams can request the involvement of the ASAA Football Commissioner if any issues are raised..

Any member school not in compliance will receive a fine of \$250, at the discretion of the ASAA Executive Committee.

7. Fees and Officials

- A. Each team participating in provincial playoffs will be charged an entry fee as follows: teams are charged \$325 for their first game; teams are charged an additional \$175 for their second game; teams are charged an additional \$100 for their third game. The entry fee will cover:
 - i. Officials' game fees, travel, accommodations and meals for all provincial quarter, semi and final games.
 - ii. Snow removal contingency annual allocation of \$1,000. Any unused funds will go to the snow removal contingency fund; available to partially or fully support financial losses incurred as a result of snow removal costs. Hosts wishing to request snow removal reimbursement must submit their financials and requests by January 30 of the following calendar year in order to be considered
 - iii. Any funds left over will go into an Official Contingency Fund to cover any shortfalls resulting from the costs noted in (i) above.
- B. All provincial playoff games will use six officials. The ASAA, through the Football Commissioner and Football Alberta's Vice President– Officials, will determine the officials for all three rounds. The ASAA will cover the officials' fees and officials' transportation costs for all three rounds of Provincial play.

8. Equipment

- A. Jerseys It is the responsibility of the visiting team to ensure that there is not a conflict regarding similar jersey colour (i.e. primary and base colours the same). In order to do this, the visiting team will contact the host team by Monday prior to the game to enquire about team jersey colour. In the event of a conflict, the visiting team is responsible for wearing another set of jerseys.

B. Signal Devices

Players are prohibited from being equipped with any electronic, mechanical or other signal devices for the purposes of communication with any source. (Exception: A medically prescribed hearing aid of the sound-amplification type for hearing-impaired players.) Penalty: 15 yards and disqualification of the player. Penalize as a dead-ball foul at the succeeding spot.

C. Time Clock All host teams for provincial playoffs must provide an electronic time clock on site that is visible to both teams.

D. Official Ball

- i. The official game ball to be used for ASAA provincial football games (quarterfinals, semifinals and finals) will be the Wilson F1005 (leather).
- ii. Both teams will supply the referees up to three balls (minimum three) and the referees will choose three balls from those provided to be used as the game balls.

9. Sideline Live/Replay Capable Video Availability

- A. Video technology has evolved providing commercial solutions such as Hudl Sideline and less full suite/software supported solutions involving wifi-capable cameras and receivers which allow teams to have live streaming of sideline angle and/or endzone angle video directly to their bench during the game. This presents a potential competitive advantage beyond player and coach ability.

For all provincial playoff games, the following guidelines must be followed:

- i. A team desiring to use sideline live/replay capable technology must inform the opposing coach of that desire with specifics as to 123 type (product) and camera angle by Sunday 9:00 pm prior to the game.
- ii. The opposing coach may agree to the use of technology as proposed conditional on having access to the same video feed and equivalent technology and must make that known by Monday 9:00 pm prior to the game, the burden of providing that access rests on the proposing team.
- iii. The opposing coach may agree to the use of technology and waive the requirement to have access to the same video feed and equivalent technology and may not change that position after Wednesday 9:00 pm of game week.
- iv. The opposing coach retains the right to veto the use of that technology for the game but MUST make that known to his opponent no later than Wednesday 9:00 pm prior to the game.

10. 6-Man Football

6-man football shall be an official variation of 12 man football.

The rules for 12 man football established by Canadian Amateur Football Association will apply to 6-man, with the following exceptions:

- A. Kick-off takes place from the 40 yard line (no matter the length of the field)
- B. Time: 12 minute stop time quarters, at no point will the games move to straight time
- C. Conversion points are reversed from 12 man Football i. Kicked conversion - 2 points ii. Pass or run - 1 point
- D. Only the middle of the three linemen is ineligible each play. If four men are down, both inside linemen are ineligible (numbers are irrelevant)
- E. Three linemen must be set for one second before the ball is snapped (not necessarily in the three point stance) In all other ways, 6-man football follows the rules for 12 man

tackle football and is governed by all the above stated policies included in Section XIII of the handbook.

F. Grade 9 students

In 6-man football, onsite grade 9 students in member schools are eligible to participate on 1A and 2A school teams.

11. Football Region

Region 1	South & Rangeland
Region 2	Big Sky, Rockyview & Big Rock
Region 3	Calgary
Region 4	Central
Region 5	Edmonton
Region 6	*Please note that Edmonton public has now amalgamated with Edmonton Metro into region 5 ie - there is no Region 6
Region 7	Wheatland and Fort McMurray
Region 8	Mighty Peace
6-man	

After the Football Registration/Declaration/Opt-Up Deadline of October 1, a comprehensive list of all football teams will be provided online at www.asaa.ca

Proposed:

1. Rules

- A. The playing rules used by the ASAA football shall be those endorsed by the Canadian Amateur Football Association.
- B. Schools and leagues are responsible for complying with the safety standards regarding equipment. These standards are stipulated in Rule 1, Section 11, Uniforms and Equipment, Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Canadian Amateur Football Rulebook.

2. Season of Play

- A. The season of play for football shall be May 1 to the Alberta Bowl (ASAA provincial football championship) to be held no later than the fourth Saturday in November and the preceding Friday night. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. Teams may begin practice in the fall, starting August 16. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

B. In the sport of football, high school students will not be eligible for high school football if they participate on a community (ie. **Spring/club**) football team that overlaps ASAA season of play and which does not follow the policies outlined below:

i. Only sixty percent (60%) of a spring/club team's players can be enrolled in one particular high school team. For clarity, sixty percent (60%) quota applies to Grade 10 and 11 players from any particular high school football team. This applies to **spring/club** teams that ASAA eligible student athletes participate on immediately prior to the ASAA football season of play in the spring.

ii. Reporting – **Z**one secretaries will be responsible for getting the rosters of the spring/club teams in their area, that will list the names of the athletes and what high school football team they play for. Zone secretaries will then report to the ASAA if there are any teams/players not adhering to the above rules.

iii. Penalty – Any school team that is in violation of these rules will be deemed ineligible to play in any ASAA sanctioned high school football match.

Note: The above policy does not apply to Girls Only Spring Tackle Leagues

3. Eligibility

A. The ASAA shall have football competitions in five levels. There are four **Tiers** of 12-Man Football, with **Tiers** being determined by school population as follows: Tier I – 1250 plus

Tier III – 450-749

Tier II – 750-1249

Tier IV – under 450

6-man - (only one Tier of competition)

B. Schools may opt up to a higher classification at the October 1 registration deadline, provided indication of league participation in the respective **Tier** has been received by June 1 (**see 3.C. below**). After the Football Registration/Declaration/Opt-Up Deadline of October 1, a comprehensive list of all football teams will be **posted on the ASAA website**.

C. Each league shall be allowed to enter teams in all four **Tiers** provided populations warrant.

D. All leagues or newly formed teams (i.e. those teams who do not belong to a league), must indicate in writing to the ASAA office by June 1 their intention to participate in provincials, and the **Tier(s)** in which they will have representatives.

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

compete.

Note: Insurance and liability issues involving students from one school playing for another school are the responsibility of the member schools involved and their local school jurisdictions.

- F. The ASAA accepts out of province high school football teams who are full members in a recognized Alberta high school football league into provincial competition provided they advance out of their league and are prepared to travel to all games in which they might be involved.

4. Representation to Provincials

- A. Each **football** region will determine their representatives to provincials at each **Tier**. The regions are not the same as the ASAA zones.
- B. The football regions consist of the following leagues:

Region 1	South & Rangeland
Region 2	Big Sky, Rockyview & Big Rock
Region 3	Calgary
Region 4	Central
Region 5	Edmonton *Note that Edmonton public has now amalgamated with Edmonton Metro into region 5 ie - there is no Region 6
Region 7	Wheatland and Fort McMurray
Region 8	Mighty Peace
6-man	Alberta Six man Football League

- C. The provincial playoff entries by tier will be as follows:

Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Region 1	Region 1	Region 1A	Region 1
Region 3A	Region 2	Region 1B	Region 2A
Region 3B	Region 3	Region 2	Region 2B
Region 4	Region 4	Region 3	Region 3

Region 5A	Region 5A	Region 4	Region 4
Region 5B	Region 5B	Region 5	Region 5
Region 7	Region 7	Region 7	Region 7
Region 8	Region 8	Region 8	Region 8

- i. Home teams and second round matchups will be determined on a year to year basis.
- ii. Allocation of a B team berth to any given region is determined based on the number of teams in that Tier from that region.
- iii. The regional representation will be reviewed on an annual basis to address any changes to the number of teams in each Tier.
- iv. Any changes to the number of regional berths will be based strictly on the number of teams per region.

D. The ASAA office will determine and post on the ASAA website the provincial playoff brackets no later than June 15 each year.

E. 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 \$500. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$250 to the replacement team.

F. In the event that a region does not fill their tier I berth, or a tier I team withdraws prior to provincial quarterfinals, the open berth will be awarded first to South region 1. In the event that South region 1 declines then the open berth will be awarded on a rotational basis between Calgary region 3 and Edmonton region 5. If a region declines 119 the offer, there region next on the rotation will be offered the berth. A rotational region will not fill the vacant berth for two consecutive years unless the other region declines. Any region accepting the wildcard berth will take the original vacant spot in the draw and will be required to travel. The rotation will be as follows (for 19/20):

- i. Calgary - Region 3
- ii. Edmonton - Region 5

5. Events

- A. All six provincial finals will be played no later than the fourth Saturday in November and the preceding Friday night.
- B. Hosting of the ASAA provincial championship will be set on a rotating basis. Hosts are required to have appropriate field turf stadiums that include appropriate locker rooms, spotter booth(s), media booth and spectator capacity.

Rotation:

2021 - Edmonton

2022 - Calgary
 2023 - Central
 2024 - North East
 2025 - South
 2026 - Edmonton
 2027 - Calgary
 2028 - Central
 2029 - North East
 2030 - South

- C. The Alberta Bowl will commence with the 6-man championship and conclude with the Tier I championships. The remaining three games will rotate on an annual basis as described below:

	2020	2021	2022
Friday at 4:00 PM	6-man	6-man	6-man
Friday at 7:00 PM	Tier III	Tier IV	Tier II
Saturday at 11:00 AM	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Saturday at 2:30 PM	Tier IV	Tier II	Tier III
Saturday at 6:00 PM	Tier I	Tier I	Tier I

- D. The organizing committee for the Alberta Bowl will be made up of the ASAA Football Commissioner, the host region, and interested coaches and volunteers. The committee is under the jurisdiction of the ASAA office.
- E. The Northern Tier I provincial semi-final game will be played in a turf field stadium, which must have a score clock, changing rooms, lights, spotter booth and adequate media and timers/scorekeeper booth. Furthermore, proceeds from gate admissions will cover costs of hosting the game (i.e. field rental, officials, medical, etc.) and any profit after expenses will be utilized to assist with travel costs of any team from outside the greater Edmonton area.
- F. The Tier II provincial quarterfinal (northern semi-final) playoff rotation is as follows:

6-year rotational format:

Year	Quarter Final Matchup 1	Quarter Final Matchup 2
1 - 2021	5a vs. 8	5b vs. 7
2 - 2022	8 vs. 5a	7 vs. 5b

3 - 2023	5a vs. 7	5b vs. 8
4 - 2024	7 vs. 5a	8 vs. 5b
5 - 2025	5a vs. 5b	7 vs. 8
6 - 2026	5b vs. 5a	8 vs. 7

G. All provincial quarterfinal and semifinal playoff games will take place on Saturdays, with game times as follows:

- i. Single Game: game time will be 1 pm
- ii. Doubleheader: game times will be 12 pm and 2:30 pm
- iii. Tripleheader: game times will be 11 am, 1:30 pm and 4 pm

Note: Where two or more games are scheduled for the same facility then the lowest tiered game would be scheduled first and the highest tiered game would be scheduled last.

Note: As per the Football Alberta Minor Provincials Policy & Procedures - in the case of minor provincial games being a part of multiple scheduled games in the same facility on the same day, the high school game(s) shall be the last scheduled game of the day, unless one or more of the minor games is a championship final, in which case they would be the last scheduled event of the day. This is subject to the cooperation of the minor leagues for booking facilities. Game times will be confirmed and finalized by the Football Commissioner with the approval of the Executive Director. Game times will be posted no later than 2 p.m. on the Monday preceding the games

H. Decisions relating to postponement or cancellation of any provincial playoff game will be made by the Executive **Director** in consultation with the Football Commissioner, participating teams, the **organizing committee, and Executive Committee where appropriate.**

I. In provincial playoffs, all games will begin with a coin toss. The head referee will toss the coin and the home team will make the heads or tails call. The winner of the coin toss will get the choice to kick, receive or defer to the second half.

J. When the weather forecast predicts conditions of -15 or colder, the host team shall arrange sideline heating for both teams. Regardless of the forecast, if, for any provincial playoff game, the host team has sideline heating and/or player shelter, they must also provide the opponent with sideline heating and/or player shelter.

K. All teams **in** all **Tiers** who qualify for provincials must submit their two most recent game films to their opponent. Game film must be submitted to their opponent Sunday by **noon** prior to the provincial game. If there are any technical difficulties, the opposing team has to be notified by the Sunday **deadline**. Teams can request the involvement of the ASAA Football Commissioner if any issues are raised. Any member school not in compliance will receive a fine of \$250, at the discretion of the ASAA Executive Committee.

6. Fees and Officials

- A. Each team participating in provincial playoffs will be charged an entry fee as follows: teams are charged \$325 for their first game; teams are charged an additional \$175 for their second game; teams are charged an additional \$100 for their third game. The entry fee will cover:
 - i. Officials' game fees, travel, accommodations and meals for all provincial quarter, semi and final games.
 - ii. Snow removal contingency annual allocation of \$1,000. Any unused funds will go to the snow removal contingency fund; available to partially or fully support financial losses incurred as a result of snow removal costs. Hosts wishing to request snow removal reimbursement must submit their financials and requests by January 30 of the following calendar year in order to be considered
 - iii. Any funds left over will go into an Official Contingency Fund to cover any shortfalls resulting from the costs noted in (i) above.
- B. All provincial playoff games will use **six officials for all 12-man games and five officials for all 6-man games.** The ASAA, through the Football Commissioner and Football Alberta's Vice President– Officials, will determine the officials for all three rounds. The ASAA will cover the officials' fees and officials' transportation costs for all three rounds of Provincial play.

7. Equipment

- A. **For jerseys, it** is the responsibility of the visiting team to ensure that there is not a conflict regarding similar jersey colour (i.e. primary and base colours the same). In order to do this, the visiting team will contact the host team by Monday prior to the game to enquire about team jersey colour. In the event of a conflict, the visiting team is responsible for wearing another set of jerseys.
- B. Players are prohibited from being equipped with any electronic, mechanical or other signal devices for the purposes of communication with any source. (Exception: A medically prescribed hearing aid of the sound-amplification type for hearing-impaired players.) Penalty: 15 yards and disqualification of the player. Penalize as a dead-ball foul at the succeeding spot.
- C. All host teams for provincial playoffs must provide an electronic time clock on site that is visible to both teams.
- D. **The official game ball to be used for ASAA provincial football games (quarterfinals, semifinals and finals) will be the Wilson F1005 (leather).**
 - i. **Both teams will supply the referees up to three balls (minimum three) and the referees will choose three balls from those provided to be used as the game balls.**

8. Sideline Live Replay Capable Video Availability

- A. For all provincial playoff games, the following guidelines must be followed:
 - i. A team desiring to use sideline live/replay technology must inform the opposing coach of that desire with specifics as to type (product) and camera angle by Sunday 9:00 pm prior to the game.

- ii. The opposing coach may agree to the use of technology as proposed conditional on having access to the same video feed and equivalent technology and must make that known by Monday 9:00 pm prior to the game, the responsibility of providing that access rests on the proposing team.
- iii. The opposing coach may agree to the use of technology and waive the requirement to have access to the same video feed and equivalent technology and may not change that position after Wednesday 9:00 pm of game week.
- iv. The opposing coach retains the right to veto the use of that technology for the game but MUST make that known to their opponent no later than Wednesday 9:00 pm prior to the game.

9. 6-man Football

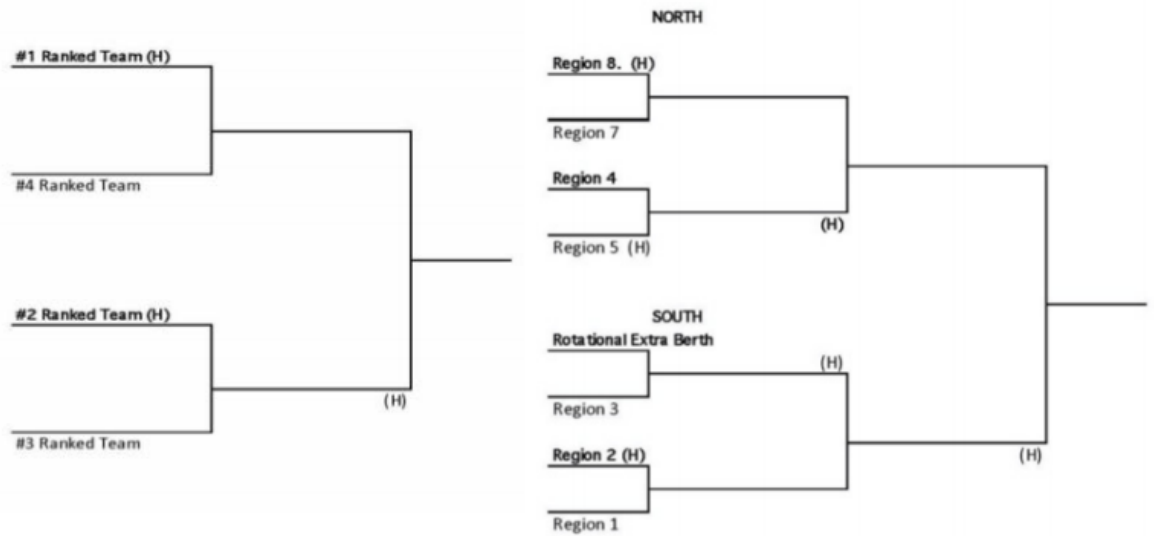
- A. 6-man football shall be an official variation of 12-man football.

The rules for 12-man football established by Canadian Amateur Football Association will apply to 6-man, with the following exceptions:

- i. Kick-off takes place from the 40 yard line (no matter the length of the field)
- ii. Time: 12 minute stop time quarters, at no point will the games move to straight time
- iii. Conversion points are reversed from 12 man Football i. Kicked conversion - 2 points ii. Pass or run - 1 point
- iv. Only the middle of the three linemen is ineligible each play. If four men are down, both inside linemen are ineligible (numbers are irrelevant)
- v. Three linemen must be set for one second before the ball is snapped (not necessarily in the three point stance). In all other ways, 6-man football follows the rules for 12-man tackle football and is governed by all the above stated policies included in Section XIII of the handbook.
- vi. In 6-man football, onsite grade 9 students in member schools are eligible to participate on 1A and 2A school teams.

10. TWO YEAR TRIAL POLICY 2021-22/2022-23 - Representation to Provincials

- A. Tier 1 Schedule for 2 Year Trial
Brian Fryer Division



B. Rankings

- i. The Tier 1 rankings shall be done by committee. Recruitment and formation of the Committee will be the responsibility of the Commissioner, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.
- ii. The committee shall consist of 5 members and the Chairperson, with all but the Chair having voting privileges except in the event to break a tie. The Football Alberta Executive Director will also be on the Committee but not as a voting member. The respective committees will be formed as follows:
 Chairperson: ASAA Football Commissioner
 Northern Representative (Region 7 & 8)
 Edmonton Representative (Region 5)
 Central Representative (Region 2 & 4)
 Calgary Representative (Region 3)
 South Representative (Region 1)
 In order for someone to be the representative for a region, they cannot be a coach of a Tier 1 team in that region.
- iii. All tier 1 schools shall submit their game results online 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.
- iv. Based on the results submitted, each ranking committee member will determine a provincial top 10. The deadlines for submitting these rankings via SRS to the Football Commissioner must be adhered to and will be posted on the ASAA website by August 16. There will be 3 ranking periods.
- v. For each ranking period the Chair shall review the ranking committee selections and award points to the teams according to their ranking (#1 – 10 points, #2 – 9 points, etc). The Chair shall then total the points into a single listing and rank the teams from highest to lowest according to their total points for that ranking period.
- vi. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall apply the following:

- a. Outcomes of any games between the tied teams.
 - b. Outcome of any games against common ranked opponents.
 - c. Outcome of any games against common unranked opponents.
 - d. Previous ranking of both teams.
 - e. Chair's decision - based on the information provided.
- vii. No more than three clear days following the submission deadlines, the Chairperson shall submit to all committee members and the ASAA office the top 10.
 - viii. These rankings shall be posted on the ASAA website at www.asaa.ca. Only the top 10 mentions are released. Individual ranking committee member selections are not provided.
 - ix. Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA web site and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until the Tuesday ten days prior to the quarter finals to do so. This date will be posted on the ASAA website prior to the start of the season. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Football Commissioner will consult with the rankings officers 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.
- C. Representation to Provincials
- i. Each region will determine their representatives to provincials except for the Brian Fryer division which will be done by the Final Rankings (note: the regions for football have been developed by combining teams within leagues to form groups of more equitable numbers of teams and for the purpose of eliminating the need for a qualifying game at any tier). The regions are not the same as the ASAA zones-see 9. Football regions for a list of teams in each football region.
 - ii. No one region can have more than 2 teams in either division. The rotational berth will change on a yearly basis and will rotate between regions that have more than 5 registered tier 1 teams
 - iii. The ASAA office will determine and post on the ASAA website the provincial playoff brackets no later than June 15 each year.
 - iv. 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 \$500. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$250 to the replacement team. The vacant berth will be allocated based upon the final ranks to the region with the highest number of points and that does not already have 2 teams in the division.

Rationale:

The current policy is not very readable or fluid and has several numbering mistakes. This carte blanche policy proposal does not change the intent of anything. It is meant to reorganize the policy so that it reads more easily and cleans up any outdated language or terminology.