**2016 FALL NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Notice #1: Policy – Section XIV–Rugby,4. Representation at Provincials, page 112**

Rugby Commissioners

GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

**Current:**

D. Regions must declare an intent to participate in the provincial tournament by April 15. Determination of tournament structure will be made following the May 1 registration deadline.

**Proposed:**

D. Regions must declare an intent to participate in the provincial tournament by May 1. Determination of tournament structure will be made following the May 1 registration deadline.

**Rationale:**

**Change to May 1st – Zones can’t declare intentions until they know who officially has a team and what tier they plan on playing in. Rugby Deadline is May 1st.**

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**Notice #2: Policy – Section XIV –Rugby, 4. Representation at Provincials, page 113**

Rugby Commissioners

**Current:**

Note 2. Provincial Wild Card Allocation:

 The Rugby Commissioners will calculate provincial champion history for teams representing their zones for three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive points based on the table below:

1. Place Points

Gold 6

Silver 5

Bronze 4

4th 3

Consolation 3

6th 2

7th 1

8th 0

1. 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 zone with the second and third highest point totals. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final berth, the zone with the highest standing at the competition of the previous provincial championship tournament will be allocated the additional berth.

**Proposed:**

Note 2. Provincial Wild Card Allocation:

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Consolation 3

6th 2

7th 1

8th 0

1. Only the top placing team from each zone will be counted and a cumulative three-year total for each zone will be calculated. 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 zone with the second and third highest point totals. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final berth, the zone with the highest standing at the competition of the previous provincial championship tournament will be allocated the additional berth.

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**Rationale:**

**In Rugby, wild card berths are dependent upon zones fielding teams. The number of wild card berths are not always consistent. With all but one team receiving points, it will make it almost impossible for zones to gain a wild card berth when they only have one team in the championship.**

**Notice #3: Policy – Section XIV –Rugby, 5. Events, page 114**

**Current:**

Girls Rugby Commissioner

1. Length of provincial tournament games will be determined by tournament format to keep within the World Rugby maximum number of minutes allowed

**Proposed to Add:**

* 1. Friday’s games will be 40 minutes no overtime – Saturday’s games will be 60 minute games with a 10 minute overtime.

**Rationale:**

**Every Region with the exception of Edmonton plays 60 minute games during the regular season. Having time available for overtime would be better than going straight to kicks to decide the outcome.**

**Notice #4: Policy – Section XIV – Rugby, 1. Rules, Addition of new item, page 111**

**Current:**

Rugby Commissioners

 **NEW**

**Proposed:**

1. Length of Yellow Cards

40 minute games – 7 minute yellow card

60 minute games – 10 minute yellow card

**Rationale:**

 **Needs to be in policy so it is clear for players, coaches and officials**

**Notice #5: Policy – Section XIV – Rugby, 5. Events, Addition of new item, pages 114-15**

**Current:**

Rugby Commissioners

**NEW**

**Proposed:**

1. 9 Team Rugby Draw

 Teams will be split into 3 pools based on Rankings. Rankings will be adjusted to avoid a zone match up in the Round Robin only

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| **Pool A** | **Pool B** | **Pool C** |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |  |
| 6 | 5 | 4 |  40 min games |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1 vs 6 | 2 vs 8 | 3 vs 9 | First Round |
| 6 vs 7 | 5 vs 8 | 4 vs 9 | Middle Round |
| 1 vs 7 | 2 vs 5 | 3 vs 4 | Final Round |

 Any ties during Round Robin will break the tie using the tie breaking procedure in policy. (Drop Kicks) This does not mean the won the match but can be used if needed to break a tie with the point system.

The top team from each pool and the top 2nd place team using the point system will move onto the championship side on Saturday. The remaining teams will be ranked 5-9 using the point system.

(Policy Handbook 2009-2010) Teams will earn points in the standings after each game according to the following:

* Win – 4 points
* Draw – 2 points
* Loss of 7 points of less – 1 point
* Four (4) tries or more – 1 point
* Loss – 0 points

The standings at the completion of the round robin will be determined by the ranking of teams according to points awarded above.

If, at the conclusion of the round robin, there is a tie between teams based on points awarded, the team with the better win/loss record against the teams with which they are tied shall be deemed higher in the standings.

* If the teams are tied had a draw in the round robin, the team that won in drop kicks will be ranked ahead

If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most tries in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.

If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most goals (converted tries being of higher value than unconverted tries) in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.

If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most drop goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.

If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most penalty goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.

If there is still a tie, the team that has a higher points differential (game points for divided by points against) shall be deemed higher in the standings.

If there is still a tie, the above process will begin again and include complete pool results.

If there is still a tie, the tied teams will use the drop kick policy to break the tie.

Championship Draw:

* The teams that advance to the Championship Draw will be ranked using pre-tournament rankings. Semi-finals followed by a Championship game and a bronze medal game. Zone teams may play in the semi-finals against each other. Previous opponents may also play against each other again in the semi-finals.

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| 1st |  |  |
| 4th |  |  |
|  | Final |  |
| 3rd |  | Champion |
| 2nd |  |  |

Teams finishing 5th, 6th, 7th will compete for the consolation championship. Teams 8th & 9th will compete for 7th place.

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|  |  | 5th  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Consolation |
|  | 6th |  |  |
|  | 7th |  |  |
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|  |  | Loser 6th vs 7th |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 7th  |
|  | 8th |  |  |
| 9th | 9th  |  |  |

**Rationale:**

**Shouldn’t need this draw with the switch to 3 tiers, but should have it in place if it is needed.**

**Notice #6: Policy – Section XVI– Rugby, 4. Representation to Provincials, page 113-114**

**Current:**

Girls Rugby Commissioner

Note 3. The host committee will receive an automatic berth to the provincial championship for one boys and one girls team. The berths will be in the Tier the teams fall under in 3.A. Eligibility. If a team decides to opt-up, the host berth will be forfeited. Appeals of this forfeiture may be made to the ASAA Executive. If hosting joint between schools, the berth shall be in the Tier and gender each school is hosting. 4. Vacancies.

**Proposed:**

 Note 3. The host committee will receive an automatic berth to the provincial championship for one boys and one girls team

**Rationale:** **The purpose of this policy change is to encourage schools to host by ensuring them a berth for both their girls and boys teams in the tier that they wish to compete in. The current policy will not allow host school or zone teams to get a berth in the tier they normally compete in.  Example: HTA boys Raymond girls play Tier I every year.  If they planned on hosting they wouldn’t get an automatic berth in the tournament they would be hosting.**

**Notice #7: Policy – Section XVI– Rugby, 4. Representation to Provincials, Addition of New Item, page 112**

**Current:**

Boys Rugby Commissioner

NEW

**Proposed:**

 Schools opting up tiers will compete at that tier for 2 consecutive ASAA Seasons of Play.

**Rationale:**

**It has become increasingly difficult to rank zones effectively for various reasons, one of which is schools that opt up based on the strength of their team in one season. This often occurs in the same school year as an overseas tour. By having a lower ranking, it skews the draw. For example, the 8th seed in Tier 1 Boys ended up being the provincial champion in June. By having to compete in a tier for two years, we are hoping teams take a more reserved approach to opting up.**

**Notice #8: Policy – Section XVI– Rugby, 5. Events, C., page 114**

**Current:**

Rugby Commissioners

1. A minimum of three approved fields in one location for a combined boys and girls tier tournament is required.

**Proposed:**

1. A minimum of two approved fields in one location for a combined boys and girls tier tournament is required.

**Rationale:**

**Though having a third field would be nice, but it is not required in order to be able to host a single tier tournament.**

**Notice #9: Policy – Section XVII– Team Handball, 4. Representation to Provincials, D. page 118**

**Current:**

Team Handball Commissioner

1. For representation/participation the provincial playoff structure will be as follows:

North West Calgary

North Central South

North East Central

Edmonton South Central

Host School/Zone

**Proposed**:

For representation/participation the provincial playoff structure will be as follows:

D.1 Tier 1: Representation/participation for the Tier 1 Provincial Championships will be determined based on the number of registered teams in each zone. Zones with more than one team registered to play in a play-down or league will be guaranteed an automatic berth. Host schools will also receive an automatic berth. Any zone that only has one team registered will be required to participate in another zone’s play-down; this will be coordinated by the Commissioner with the support of the Executive Director. The number of the extra berths allocated to the zone with the additional teams will be determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner will use a combination of: number of teams in a given zone and the zone’s historical placing at previous provincial championships to allocate additional berths.

D. 2 Tier 2:

North West Calgary

North Central South

North East Central

Edmonton South Central

Host School/Zone

**Rationale:**

**The existing policy allows for 9 teams to participate in a provincial championship but currently we do not require hosts to have enough gym space to accommodate this type of draw. Due to space requirements, in 2012-13 we reduced the number of teams to 6 per side for the Tier 1 Provincial Championships. Zones who have consistently participated at Provincial Championships include Edmonton, Central, and North Central. Edmonton & Central Zone participate in leagues &/or play-downs and North Central has traditionally received an automatic berth. Some years we have had zones register a single team for participation & they were granted one of these berths. These teams generally came unprepared and with little to no game experience prior to provincials. Asking these teams to play in a play-down ensures that they will have game experience prior to provincials.**