

# 2017 NOTICES OF MOTION

## GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

ASAA Executive  
Committee

### Notice #1: Policy – Section II – 1. General Statements on Discipline, D., page 28-29

#### Current:

D. Behaviour by any member of a team, including all bench personnel, deemed objectionable conduct as defined in the rule book for a sport shall be immediately subject to the penalty prescribed in the rule book for such an offense. In this situation during a game, the head official for the game shall be empowered to see that the penalty is carried out (including ejection of team personnel from the game site) to allow the game to continue or if necessary, to halt further play and award the game to the non-offending team. If an ejection results in a teacher-coach/teacher-supervisor to no longer be present with the team, the game will be forfeited.

#### Proposed:

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#### Rationale:

**The current policy does not articulate the parameters of what it means to eject a coach from a game. The adjustment in policy is to clarify the parameters of an ejection and prevent the confusion that occurred at the 2017 ASAA Basketball Championship from occurring in the future.**

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### Notice #2: Policy – Section III – 1. High School Membership, C. Online Coach Education, page 35

#### Current:

ii. Every team official (head coach, assistant coach(es) and teacher sponsor) in all ASAA sports must have completed the ASAA's online Concussion course from [www.schoolcoach.ca](http://www.schoolcoach.ca) by one month into their respective Season of Play; this includes every team official who is regularly present with the team during competition. Schools not completing this requirement may lose eligibility for participation in ASAA sanctioned activities; this will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### Proposed:

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#### Rationale:

**For five years, the ASAA membership has supported online Concussion education for coaches. This safety requirement is intended to provide the safest possible environment for student athletes. Spot checks by the ASAA staff this year determined that many schools are not meeting the requirement for ALL coaches to have taken the concussion course. Because this is a safety matter, the Executive feels that compliance must be enforced; the penalty is seen as one way of doing this.**

### Notice #3: Policy – Section V – Activities, 2. Interschool Competition and Invitational Events (Sanction Policy)- Process for written application for sanction of interschool events, page 52

#### Current:

The result of all written sanction requests processed by the ASAA, approved or not approved, will be posted on the ASAA website. Schools that are invited to participate in an event are responsible for checking the ASAA website for event approval before accepting an invitation. Invited schools have the option of accepting or declining an invitation to a sanctioned event.

1. ASAA Member Schools: ASAA member schools hosting interprovincial/international events involving three or more school teams in activities of the ASAA must apply for sanction using the *Interprovincial Competition Sanction Form* or, if inviting US teams, the *NFHS Interstate Sanction Form*. The sanction form must be submitted to the ASAA at least 30 days prior to the event. **Beginning 2017/18 school year, a \$200 late sanctioning fee will be assessed to the host school or institution, if sanction form is not submitted in time.**

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2. ASAA member schools traveling to an out of province or country event must ensure that the event in question is sanctioned by the ASAA through its respective counterpart (province/state) via being posted to the ASAA website. Further, such schools must complete a "Travel Permission" form at least 30 days in advance of the event. Failure to complete this form at least 30 days prior to travel will result in a \$200 late "Travel Permission" fee.

**Rationale:**

Each year there are many school teams that travel to events in other provinces or the United States. The ASAA has reciprocal agreements with provincial school athletic associations across North America that require each of those associations to ensure all events are sanctioned within set timelines and that those events only involve high school teams that are there with the approval of their school. This reciprocal agreement requires document completion by both provincial/state school sport associations, and is for the protection of student athletes by ensuring that an educational institution is controlling the event and that if there is an incident that requires follow up, there is a school sport association that can and will hold schools and post-secondary institutions accountable. This spring, there was an intentional injury at a sanctioned event and the ASAA was able to follow up with a provincial school sport counterpart to ensure appropriate action was taken at the school level to address this matter. Also, each year, the ASAA becomes aware of schools that travel to another province or state and fail to ensure that the host of the event has done their job in having the event sanctioned. ASAA usually finds out days before the event when it receives a panic call. This, in turn, requires significant and immediate chase up time at the ASAA office - often at a time when they should be serving member schools in other ways. Schools traveling outside Alberta need to understand that part of their approvals process to play school sport outside Alberta includes the ASAA. Despite annual reminders of sanctions policy at the zone meetings, it does not seem the message is getting through.

## BADMINTON NOTICES

### Notice #4: Policy – Section IX – Badminton, 1. Rules, page 75

**Current:**

1. Rules  
The rules governing badminton shall be the laws of badminton as adopted by the International Badminton Federation and the Canadian Badminton Association.

**Proposed:**

1. Rules  
The rules governing badminton shall be the laws of badminton as adopted by the [Badminton World Federation](#) and [Badminton Canada](#)

**Rationale:**

Really just a housekeeping clean up of the wording for this rule.

## BASKETBALL NOTICES

### Notice #5: Policy – Section X – Basketball, 5. Rankings, Addition to 5B, page 81

**Current:**

5. Rankings
  - A. The 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A boys and girls rankings respectively shall be done by each committee. Recruitment and formation of the committee at each respective level will be the responsibility of the commissioner, who shall serve as the chairperson of each committee.
  - B. Each committee shall consist of at least three members and the chairperson, with all but the chair having voting privileges. The respective committees will be formed as follows:

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

**Proposed:**

Badminton  
Commissioner

Kate Andrews  
School/South  
Zone

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	Rural Region (C, SC, NE, NW)

In 1A, 2A and 3A boys and girls, zone representation on each regional committee shall rotate on a 3 year term amongst each of the member zones of the respective regions. The rotation shall be staggered so that in any one year, each committee shall have one new member, one member in their second year, and one member in their third and final year.

	1A Boys			2A Boys			3A Boys		
YEAR	North	South	Central	North	South	Central	North	South	Central
2017/18	NW	S	C	EDM	S	NC	EDM	CAL	C
2018/19	NW	S	NC	NE	S	NC	EDM	CAL	C
2019/20	NW	CAL	NC	NE	S	C	NE	CAL	NC
2020/21	EDM	CAL	NC	NE	SC	C	NE	S	NC
2021/22	EDM	CAL	C	NW	SC	C	NE	S	NC
2022/23	EDM	SC	C	NW	SC	NC	NW	S	C
2023/24	NE	SC	C	NW	CAL	NC	NW	SC	C
2024/25	NE	SC	NC	EDM	CAL	NC	NW	SC	C
2025/26	NE	S	NC	EDM	CAL	C	EDM	SC	NC

	1A Girls			2A Girls			3A Girls		
YEAR	North	South	Central	North	South	Central	North	South	Central
2017/18	EDM	CAL	C	EDM	CAL	C	NW	SC	C
2018/19	NE	S	C	EDM	S	C	NW	SC	NC
2019/20	NE	S	NC	EDM	S	NC	NW	CAL	NC
2020/21	NE	S	NC	NE	S	NC	EDM	CAL	NC
2021/22	NW	SC	NC	NE	SC	NC	EDM	CAL	C
2022/23	NW	SC	C	NE	SC	C	EDM	S	C
2023/24	NW	SC	C	NW	SC	C	NE	S	C
2024/25	EDM	CAL	C	NW	CAL	C	NE	S	NC
2025/26	EDM	CAL	NC	NW	CAL	NC	NE	SC	NC

\*\*If the Central and North Central Zones feel that membership on these committees is burdensome for their zones, because there are only two zones in their region, versus three in the others, an alternate rotation could be created to include an out of region zone, on a rotating basis. Utilizing out of region zones that would fit the rotation without placing two reps from the same rotation from the same zone on the same committee.

### Rationale:

When the current ranking system was drafted and put in place by the boy's basketball commissioner at that time (Terry Hanna), it was seen as a system that would be facilitated by all zones. By facilitated, we mean that all zones would contribute membership to the committees on a regular basis. This way all zones would feel they had a part in the process and committees would not be come "stale", nor could they be accused of developing biases because members had served on a committee for extended lengths of time. Unfortunately, this has not come to fruition as hoped. Many coaches or Athletic Directors do not wish to take on the additional duties of serving on a committee and the time it takes.

To get back to the original intention for the composition of committees, and assure all zones are involved on a regular basis, we feel that a set rotation of membership on the committees will achieve this. It is important to continually bring new rankers into the process, while maintaining a degree of continuity to assure the effectiveness of the committees. The included rotation is designed to maintain a degree of continuity on each committee, while ensuring that every zone is represented on at least 1 of the 9 committees at all times. We also believe that this rotation will do much to answer the

questions and criticisms we hear regarding the composition of these committees and enable those with a desire to serve on them, the opportunity to do so.

**Notice #6: Policy – Section X – Basketball 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, page 83**

**Current:**

Boys  
Basketball  
Commissioner

7. Awarding Wildcard Berths

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

The commissioner will use the following criteria when awarding wildcard berths:

1. Teams in the Final Ranking will be awarded points (12 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on until the 10<sup>th</sup> ranked team receives 2 points. The 5 honourable mentions will each receive one point)
2. Zone points are added up and wildcard berths awarded to zones with the most points.
3. In the event of a tie, the zone with the highest ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> team will be awarded the berth (for example, if one zone has the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ranked teams and another zone has 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranked teams, the zone with the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team would get the wildcard berth).
4. Vacant Berths

A. A wildcard berth will be considered vacant when:

- i. A zone does not have enough teams in the Final Ranking period to fill the wildcard berth (for example, a zone has 1 team ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Final Rankings and qualifies for a berth with 10 zone points but no other team ranked).
- ii. The host zone does not have enough teams in the Final Ranking period to fill the zone champion, host bid and wildcard berth (for example, a zone has the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked team, is hosting provincials and qualified for a wildcard berth based on zone points; they would receive the zone champion and host berth but not an additional wildcard berth due to insufficient teams.)

B. Who receives the vacant berth

- i. In the event of a vacant berth, the zone with the highest point total in the Final Rankings will receive the wildcard berth.

(note: maximum berths noted in following pages cannot be exceeded)

**Proposed:**

7. Awarding Wildcard Berths

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The commissioner will use the following criteria when awarding wildcard berths:

1. Teams in the Final Ranking will be awarded points using a reverse point system. The team ranked #1 earns 15 pts, #2 earns 14 pts, ending with #15 earning 1 pt.
2. Zone points are added up and wildcard berths awarded to zones with the most points.
3. In the event of a tie, the zone with the highest ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> team will be awarded the berth (for example, if one zone has the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ranked teams and another zone has 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranked teams, the zone with the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team would get the wildcard berth).

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**Rationale:**

Many honourable mention teams do make the provincial championships and the positioning of them in the provincial draw would be much easier if they were ranked in order. Additionally, the change would help rankers be more accurate throughout the entire year when an upset occurs between a top 10 team and a current honourable mention team.

The current policy puts a lot of emphasis on the results of zones and teams who have one poor outing can be eliminated from provincial competitions. One of the main criteria the ranking committee uses for final rankings is the teams body of work, which includes games versus other top teams from other zones. Upsets can occur more frequently at the zone championships between teams who are familiar with one another. For example, this year Cardston was ranked #5 in the final ranking, but finished 4th in their zone tournament. They still qualified for provincials as the 10th seed, but if provincials would have been hosted in another zone, they would have been eliminated from provincials. Cardston was the eventual silver medalist. This would allow for the top 3 teams, who were eliminated during zone competition, to be rewarded for their body of work.

**Notice #7: Policy – Section X – Basketball 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, page 83**

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Boys  
Basketball  
Commissioner

7. Awarding Wildcard Berths

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4. The Commissioner will use the following criteria when awarding 4A Wildcard berths:
  - i. Wildcard allocations would be awarded to the top 3 teams, who were eliminated through zone competitions, based on the final ranking period.
  - ii. If a zone reaches its maximum number of teams, the next highest ranked team will receive the wildcard.

#### 5. Vacant Berths

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    - ii. The host zone does not have enough teams in the Final Ranking period to fill the zone champion, host bid and wildcard berth (for example, a zone has the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked team, is hosting provincials and qualified for a wildcard berth based on zone points; they would receive the zone champion and host berth but not an additional wildcard berth due to insufficient teams.)
  - B. Who receives the vacant berth
    - i. In the event of a vacant berth, the zone with the highest point total in the Final Rankings will receive the wildcard berth.
- (note: maximum berths noted in following pages cannot be exceeded)

#### Rationale:

The current policy puts a lot of emphasis on the results of zones and teams who have one poor outing can be eliminated from provincial competitions. One of the main criteria the ranking committee uses for final rankings is the teams body of work, which includes games versus other top teams from other zones. Upsets can occur more frequently at the zone championships between teams who are familiar with one another. For example, this year Cardston was ranked #5 in the final ranking, but finished 4th in their zone tournament. They still qualified for provincials as the 10th seed, but if provincials would have been hosted in another zone, they would have been eliminated from provincials. Cardston was the eventual silver medalist. This would allow for the top 3 teams, who were eliminated during zone competition, to be rewarded for their body of work.

#### Notice #8: Policy – Section X – Basketball, 8. Representation to Provincials, A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 85

##### Current:

- A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls
  - i. 1A competition: There will be 12 teams at each 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:
 

Edmonton Zone	1	representative
North Central Zone	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Calgary Zone	1	"
South Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Wildcard berths	3	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>teams</b>
  - Note:** There will be a maximum of three representatives per zone (includes host team).
  - ii. At the 1A level, one wildcard berth will be awarded to each of the top three ranked zones according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84

##### Proposed:

- A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls
  - i. 1A competition: There will be 12 teams at each 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:
 

Edmonton Zone/Central Zone	2 representatives (in total)*
North Central Zone	1 representative

Metro  
Athletics/  
Central Zone

South Zone	1	"
Calgary Zone	1	"
South Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Wildcard berths	3	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>	

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

- ii. At the 1A level, one wildcard berth will be awarded to each of the top three ranked zones according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84

\*if either of the zones does not have a registered team, there would only be one representative and the other berth would become a fourth wildcard berth and awarded according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84. An Edmonton & Central Zones tournament is used to determine the champions of each zone, as well as two berths to provincials. The tournament will be hosted by the Edmonton Zone at least once every four years. The rankings for the tournament will be based on the provincial rankings if possible and the schedule is to be approved by both zones before being finalized.

\*\*The top two teams at the conclusion of the tournament would qualify for provincials regardless of which zone they are from. Wildcards will be awarded to the Central Zone and Edmonton Zone independently according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84. If either zone cannot fill their wildcard with a team from their zone, the berth will be vacated as per policy

#### Rationale:

Due to lack of teams, the Edmonton Zone does not require an appropriate provincial qualification playoff at the 1A level for volleyball and basketball. Therefore the correct mindset towards earning a berth at volleyball and basketball provincials is not being fostered in the minds of the student athletes from the 1A Edmonton Zone. The ASAA endorses healthy competition in order for a team to qualify for provincials. This proposal forces the Edmonton Zone to send a worthy representative.

Unlike the Edmonton Zone, the Central Zone has by far the most amount of teams competing for provincial berths. This proposal would help to equalize the opportunities for student athletes, teams and schools from across the province, and specifically the zones involved, to qualify for provincials.

Percentage of eligible teams compared to guaranteed berths to provincials (before wildcards). Stats from the 2016-2017 school year, including both sports and both genders:

Edmonton	100%
Calgary	30.8%
South	10%
South Central	9.8%
North West	8.9%
North Central	8.7%
North East	8.3%
Central	4.6%

Edmonton/Central – 8.9%

\*Edmonton/Central combined with two berths for basketball and volleyball.

As shown by the percentages above, Edmonton has an automatic berth into provincials and the Central Zone has double the teams of most zones. If the two zones were to compete with each other for two berths, the percentage of teams qualifying for provincials would be fairer for all involved.

**Notice #9: Policy – Section X – Basketball, 8. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 86**

**Current:**

Boys  
Basketball  
Commissioner

- D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls
  - i. 4A Competition: There will be 16 teams at each 4A tournament. The representation to provincials for 4A boys and girls shall be as follows:
 

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

North West Zone	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
South Zone	2	representatives
South Central	1	representative
Host school or zone	1	"
Wildcard berths	3	representatives
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>teams</b>

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

**Proposed:**

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

i. Prior to the 4A Provincial Championships, a qualifying tournament between North East, North West, Central, and South Central teams will be played to determine which two teams would advance to the Provincial Championship. This event would include 8 teams (3 South Central, 3 Central, 1 North West and 1 North East). The event would be considered a provincial championship, where the gold and silver medalists would qualify for the 4A Provincial Championships.

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

Calgary Zone	3	representatives
Edmonton Zone	3	"
North East Zone	1	representative
North West Zone	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
South Zone	2	representatives
South Central	1	representative
Host school or zone	1	"
Wildcard berths	3	representatives
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>teams</b>

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

**Rationale:**

The South, Edmonton and Calgary Zones are able to get their basketball communities excited about the provincial championships through very competitive zone championships. It trickles down to the younger players who will someday play in it and hopefully provincials. This type of tournament would allow the other 4 zones to have a competitive competition with each other, and help grow the sport in their communities. Teams would have a chance to win a provincial banner for their school and earn a trip to 4A provincials. The average score difference per game, the last two years was:

#16 seed -- -32 pts (boys); -56 pts (girls)

#15 seed -- -20 pts (boys); -47 pts (girls)

#14 seed -- -22 pts (boys); +2 pts (girls)

#13 seed -- -5.5 pts (boys); -5 pts (girls)

This event would be considered a Provincial Championship, much like the Rural Wrestling Championship.

**CHEERLEADING NOTICES**

**Notice #10: Policy – Section XI – Cheerleading, 2. Eligibility, page 91**

**Current:**

2. Eligibility
  - A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
    - i. High School Division I – one male – 4-28 members
    - ii. High School Division II – one male – 4-28 members
    - iii. Co-ed Team – two or more males – 4-28 members
    - iv. Game Day (trial for 2016/17 season)
  - 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.

**Proposed:**

2. Eligibility



- A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
  - i. High School Division I – one male, 4-28 members
  - ii. High School Division II – one male, 4-28 members
  - iii. Co-ed Team – two or more males, 4-28 members
  - iv. Game Day ([trial for 2017/18 season](#)), 4-28 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.](#)

**Rationale:**

Changing the wording to allow teams to compete in both Game Day and the Div I/Div II/ Co-ed categories. This is meant to encourage more teams to try the new Game Day division without jeopardizing competitive routines that more current coached feel comfortable with; Because competitive cheerleading is so strong in Alberta, it may be difficult to convince coaches to change to the Game Day division without this provision. An exception was made this year to allow Cardston and Paul Kane to compete in Game Day, and Div I and Co-ed respectively.

**Notice #11: Policy – Section XI – Cheerleading, 5. Officials, page 92-93**

**Current:**

Cheerleading  
Commissioner

- 5. Officials
 

Teams will be judged by a minimum of five (5) Panel Judges and one (1) Safety Judge/Timer for each panel. There will also be one (1) additional Score Check Judge for a Score Check station. Where possible, an additional Safety Judge will also be present during warm up times to advise on any rule infractions. In the event that there is only one panel of judges, a second Safety Judge must be assigned so that there are two Safety Judges present at all times. The number of panels required to judge will be decided by the host school with the advice of the cheerleading commissioner and the ACA Technical Coordinator based on the number of teams competing. Judges for zone and provincial competition shall be chosen by the ACA Technical Coordinator.

**Proposed:**

- 5. Officials
 

Teams will be judged by a minimum of [three \(3\)](#) Panel Judges and one (1) Safety Judge/Timer for each panel. There will also be one (1) additional Score Check Judge for a Score Check station. Where possible, an additional Safety Judge will also be present during warm-up times to advise on any rule infractions. In the event that there is only one panel of judges, a second Safety Judge must be assigned so that there are two Safety Judges present at all times. The number of panels required to judge will be decided by the host school with the advice of the cheerleading commissioner and the ACA Technical Coordinator based on the number of teams competing. Judges for zone and provincial competition shall be chosen by the ACA Technical Coordinator.

**Rationale:**

Changing the number of panel judges from five to three. The Alberta Cheerleading Association minimum number of judges per panel is three, this allows for some flexibility in scheduling judges for a Friday competition as many judges are unable to leave their jobs early to judge an event. The requirement of five judges is also based on the older judging system where five judges each gave an overall score and the highest and lowest scores were then eliminated. In the new judging system, implemented three years ago, judges are each assigned a section of the score sheet to judge. This new system only requires three judges, though five are often used at the beginning of the season when the score sheet has been updated, and as a training method for new judges. With the increased focus on judge education and training, the panel of five judges is being reduced to three more often, especially at end-of-the-season events.

**CURLING NOTICES**

**Notice #12: Policy – Section XIII – Curling, 1. Rules, Addition of New Item, page 96**

**Current:**

Curling  
Commissioner

- 1. Rules
  - A. The rules governing ASAA curling shall be the blended rules of the Canadian Curling Association, with the following modifications:
    - i. Each team is permitted to take two 60-second time outs per game. The time outs must be taken when the team is in possession of the rock. They may be called by the skip or the coach. The time outs cannot be carried forward to the extra end(s).
    - ii. One 60-second timeout is available to each team for each extra end.

- iii. A five minute break is allowed after the 4<sup>th</sup> end.
  - iv. In the event of a 4-end tie-breaker, one 60-second time out per team will be permitted.
- B. ASAA provincial competitions shall use the four rock free guard zone rule currently used by the Canadian Curling Association.

**Proposed:**

1. Rules
  - A. The rules governing ASAA curling shall be the blended rules of the Canadian Curling Association, with the following modifications:
    - i. Each team is permitted to take two 60-second time outs per game. The time outs must be taken when the team is in possession of the rock. They may be called by the skip or the coach. The time outs cannot be carried forward to the extra end(s).
    - ii. One 60-second timeout is available to each team for each extra end.
    - iii. A five minute break is allowed after the 4<sup>th</sup> end.
    - iv. In the event of a 4-end tie-breaker, one 60-second time out per team will be permitted.
  - B. ASAA provincial competitions shall use the four rock free guard zone rule currently used by the Canadian Curling Association.
  - C. ASAA shall follow the brush head and sweeping rules established by Curling Canada in September 2016.
    - i. All players must have their own sweeping broom (no trading or rotating of brushes, including the target broom).
    - ii. All brush heads must be World Curling Federation (WCF) approved (currently “mustard yellow” nylon).
    - iii. Hair brushes may only be used as sliding brooms.

**Rationale:**

In December, after the season of play had begun, we determined that we would not require the “mustard yellow” brush heads. It was useful to have a years leeway as a transition but these rules are now a regular part of competitive curling and Curling Canada rules and ASAA should follow suit at our high school championships. Approved brush heads are manufactured by all curling equipment companies, widely available, and cost about \$30

**Notice #13: Policy – Section XIII – Curling, 2. Season of Play, page 96**

**Current:**

2. Season of Play
 

The season of play for curling shall be October 1 to the provincial championships on the first Friday and Saturday in March. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, pages 54-57 for more information.

**Proposed:**

2. Season of Play
  - A. The season of play for curling shall be **October 8** to the provincial championships **which will be regularly scheduled for the second Friday and Saturday in March**. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, pages 54-57 for more information.
  - B. **In the event that the Alberta Curling Federation U-18 Championships are scheduled to be held on the second Friday in March, the host will attempt to schedule the Provincial Championships on the first Friday and Saturday in March.**

**Rationale:**

The overall rationale for this change is to eliminate (or reduce the likelihood) of the regularly occurring date conflict between the ASAA Curling Provincial Championships and the Alberta Curling Federation U-18 Curling Provincial Championships. Due to the timing of the qualifiers, teachers/coaches are forced to enter teams into ASAA Zone qualifying events without knowing if their key players (often their Skips and Thirds) will be available to play. On a regular basis, teams find out midway through qualifying that they will lose players. This serves as a major demotivating factor for these teams. To avoid this possibility, some teachers are making the tough decision to not even enter a team into ASAA competition because their key players are favourites to qualify for U-18 Provincials. These decisions limit the opportunities for their students.

With other sports, missing one or two teammates can be challenging but curling teams are only 4 in size. Losing a Skip or Third is crippling. Qualifying schools often do not even have extra players to replace their original players and must therefore drop out of their ASAA zone qualifiers. It can also cause financial burdens on parents who do not want to pay for their children to compete on a school team if they are only part of that team for a limited number of games.

This conflict causes major stress and disappointment for teachers/coaches who volunteer their time only to have their players taken out from under them at the last moment. There already exists a rule limiting the participation of curlers who qualify for Alberta Curling Federation Junior Provincial Championships, so there can be no argument that the U-18 Provincials conflict is ‘ok because the elite have other opportunities in club competition.’ Lastly, the conflict calls into

question the integrity of the ASAA Curling Provincials when teams know that students who deserve to be there representing their schools are absent.

Curling  
Commissioner

**Notice #14: Policy – Section XIII – Curling, 5. Events, A. Format, page 97**

**Current:**

5. Events  
A. Format  
i. Each provincial competition shall be an eight team spiel with each zone having one entry in each of the three categories.

**Proposed:**

5. Events  
A. Format  
i. Each provincial competition shall be a 10 team spiel with each zone having one entry in each of the three categories.
  1. The host school will be granted a berth in each of the three categories
  2. In each category, a wildcard berth will be awarded. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams that win the gold medal will receive 3 points. Teams that won the silver medal will receive 2 points. Teams that win the bronze medal will receive 1 point. The zone that has the highest total will receive the additional berth in that category.
  3. There will be a maximum of 2 representatives from a zone (includes the host teams) in any Category.

**Rationale:**

After 20 plus years of not entering Curling, the Calgary zone will be doing so starting next year. Previously, the Calgary Zone spots were given to the host school as host berths. In order to provide host schools with berths at provincials, the draw will need to be changed from 8 to 10 teams to accommodate host schools. Adding only one spot (9) does not work for curling draws; 10 will provide host schools with a spot and also a wildcard spot. This change will require that provincial championships start earlier than at present. The first draw will need to be Thursday morning, rather than the Thursday afternoon start currently in place. This will make it difficult for towns with fewer than 8 sheets of ice to host provincials, but is necessary to allow all zones to be represented and return ASAA curling to a true provincial championship.

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Commissioner

**Notice #15: Policy – Section XIII – Curling, 5. Events, B. Hammer, page 97-98**

**Current:**

5. Events  
B. Hammer  
Practice and Draw to the button procedures for Round Robin, Tie Breakers and Medal Games:
  - i. 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the thirds will flip a coin. The winner of the coin toss will choose first practice and colour of rocks OR second practice.  
**At the end of the practice, an extra stone will be delivered as a draw to the button.**
  - ii. This stone can be delivered by any player on the team with sweeping allowed.
  - iii. This stone must be measurable in the house
    1. If the stone is in the free-guard zone or not in play, the stone must be delivered again, by different team member, and a score of 72" or 189 cm will be added to measurement. This process is repeated until a stone is measurable in the house.
    2. If the stone covers the pin, the stone must be deliverable again, by a different team member, and a score of 0" or 0 cm will be added to measurement. This process is repeated until a stone is measurable in the house. If the first team does not cover the pin and the second team covers the pin, the second team does not throw again. A score of 0" will be recorded for any team covering the pin during their first attempt for tie breaker purposes (see section 5. C. Tiebreaks).
  - iv. The same player may deliver the 1<sup>st</sup> draw to the button attempt in all games. Rotation of players is only required if the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt is not measurable.
    1. The team with the lower measure at the end of each team's practice will retain hammer in the first end of play.
    2. The measurements of the three round robin games will be recorded and totaled for tie breaking placing only.
    3. 1 vs 2 crossover playoff game – The team which finished first in their pool will be rewarded with hammer in this game, thus the extra delivered stone is not required as part of the practice. Teams will still flip a coin to determine order of practice and colour of stones.
    4. All measurements will be done by the thirds and agreed upon by both teams. Measurements are recorded on paper and are collected by the Host to be tallied.

**Proposed:**

5. Events
  - B. Hammer
 

Practice and Draw to the button procedures for Round Robin, Tie Breakers and Medal Games

    - i. 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, the thirds will flip a coin. The winner of the coin toss will choose first practice OR colour of rocks. At the end of the practice, an extra stone will be delivered as a draw to the button.
    - ii. This stone can be delivered by any player on the team with sweeping allowed.
    - iii. This stone must be measurable in the house.
      1. If the stone is in the free-guard zone or not in play, the stone must be delivered again, by a different team member, and a score of 72" or 189 cm will be recorded. This process is repeated until a stone is measurable in the house. If the second team's rock does not stop in the house and the first team had a measurable stone, the second team does not throw again.
      2. If the stone covers the pin, the stone must be delivered again, by a different team member. This process is repeated until a stone is measurable in the house. If the first team does not cover the pin and the second team covers the pin, the second team does not throw again. A score of 0" or 0 cm will be recoded for any team covering the pin during their first attempt for tie breaker purposes (see section 5. C. Tiebreaks).
    - iv. The same player may deliver the 1<sup>st</sup> draw to the button attempt in all games. Rotation of players is only required if the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt is not measurable.
      1. The team with the lower measure at the end of each team's practice will be awarded hammer in the first end of play.
      2. The measurements of the three round robin games will be recorded and totaled for tie breaking placing and determining the hammer in the medal games.
      3. All measurements will be done by the thirds and agreed upon by both teams. Measurements are recorded on paper and are collected by the Host to be tallied, only the first delivered rock is recorded, the distances of additional rocks is only used should the opposing team's first rock not reach the house, or covers the pin, they determine hammer in the first end.
      4. 1 vs 2 crossover playoff game – the team which finished first in their pool will be rewarded with hammer in this game, thus the extra delivered stone is not required as part of the practice. The team with hammer received first practice, the other team selects rock colour.
      5. For the medal games, the team with the lower combined total from the draws to the button from the round robin games will be awarded hammer and first practice. The other team will select rock colour and have second practice.

**Rationale:**

Changing the time from 20 minutes to 30 minutes will help keep the event on schedule. A 5 minute practice plus a draw to the button plus time for teams to leave the ice and the second practice to get to the ice quickly eats up the current 15 minute time allotted for practices.

Changing what the coin toss winner can select aligns ASAA championships with current Curling Canada practices.

The rest of the proposed changes clarify the process for determining hammer in the round robin, semi-final, and medal games. Changes or addition of language addresses confusion experienced this year at provincials as how the previous rules were to be followed and aligns ASAA championships with current Curling Canada practices.

Process for determining hammer in the medal games was not previously established.

## GOLF NOTICES

### Notice #16: Policy – Section XV – Golf, 2. Season of Play, page 107

#### Current:

Golf  
Commissioner

1. Season of Play
 

The season of play for golf shall be May 1 to the last Monday/Tuesday in September. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, pages 54-57 for more information.

#### Proposed:

2. Season of Play
 

The season of play for golf shall be May 1 to the last Monday/Tuesday in September. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. Practice in the fall may begin August 16. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, pages 54-57 for more information.

**Rationale:**

In keeping in line with the ASAA mandate of "Each season of play shall be approximately 16 weeks in duration (school time) with holiday periods taken into consideration where applicable" (Page 54 Section C). At present, the Golf season of play is the shortest of all our sports, lasting only 12 weeks. Two of those weeks, students are in final exams. Examples of cross country and football which are presently allowed to begin practice starting August 16.

Cross Country – The season of play for Cross Country shall be May 1 to the provincial championships on the third Saturday in October. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. Practice in the fall may begin August 16.

Football – The season of play for Football shall be May 1 to the 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.

#### TEAM HANDBALL NOTICES

Notice #17: Policy – Section XVII – Team Handball, 5. Events, A. Events, page 118

##### Current:

- A. The provincial finals will be played on the last Friday & Saturday of April.

##### Proposed:

- A. The provincial finals will be played on the last [Thursday](#), Friday & Saturday of April. [The event may be condensed to only Friday & Saturday based on gym availability upon approval from ASAA Executive & Commissioner.](#)

##### Rationale:

The current policy states that handball provincials are to be run as a two day event. The first year of handball as an ASAA sport in 2009/10, the event was combined with Tier I & Tier II and was run over 3 days. The next 2 years (2010/11 and 2011/2012) the event remained combined and was run over only 2 days. Beginning with the 2012/13 Championship & continuing into 2016/17, Tier I & Tier II have been split. Since this split, the Tier I Championship has reverted back to a 3 day event to avoid teams playing more than 2 games in a day. The Tier II Championship remained a 2 day event until 2015/16 when it was run over 3 days. This was not put into policy, however, so the 2016/17 championship reverted back to a 2 day event.

Teams must play 3-5 games at the event and for provincial caliber games, having to play 3 games in a day is not ideal for top performance. Basketball for example, requires teams to play 2 games at most in a day.

Tier I teams currently expect their championships to run over 3 days so the change in policy would make it official for them. For Tier II, it would be a change in the schedule going forward. The tournament banquet would be held Thursday afternoon as a lunch event, with photos, captains/coaches meeting to follow and games would start around 3:00 Thursday, and run all day Friday & Saturday.

Handball has been struggling to find hosts for its championships so should a host be unavailable to start games on Thursday due to facility availability, the event could be condensed with Executive & Commissioner approval.

#### TRACK & FIELD NOTICES

Notice #18: Policy – Section XVII – Track and Field, D. Events, iv. Standards page 123

##### Current:

- iv. Standards
- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| Discus   | All girls use 1kg<br>Junior and Intermediate boys use 1.5 kg<br>Senior boys use 1.75 kg   |
| Shot Put | Junior and Intermediate girls use 3 kg<br>Senior girls use 4 kg<br>Girl Para Athletes use 3 kg<br>Junior and Intermediate boys use 5 kg<br>Senior boys use 6 kg<br>Boy Para Athletes use 4 kg |
| Javelin  | Junior and Intermediate girls use 500 g<br>Senior girls use 600 g<br>Junior and Intermediate boys use 700 g<br>Senior boys use 800 g  |

##### Proposed:

- iv. Standards
- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| Discus   | All girls use 1kg<br>Junior and Intermediate boys use 1.5 kg<br>Senior boys use 1.75 kg  |
| Shot Put | Junior and Intermediate girls use 3 kg<br>Senior girls use 4 kg<br>Girl Para Athletes use 3 kg<br><a href="#">Girls Pentathlon use 3 kg</a><br>Junior and Intermediate boys use 5 kg<br>Senior boys use 6 kg |

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	Boy Para Athletes use 4 kg
	Boys Pentathlon use 5 kg
Javelin	Junior and Intermediate girls use 500 g
	Senior girls use 600 g
	Junior and Intermediate boys use 700 g
	Senior boys use 800 g

**Rationale:**

**Based on Athletics Alberta and Athletics Canada standards Youth Age Group (16-17) compete with 3 kg (girls) and 5 kg (boys) shot put in the Pentathlon. This is the age group in which we are working with. To fit the LTAD model we should follow these standards.**

**VOLLEYBALL NOTICES**

**Notice #19: Policy – Section XIX – Volleyball, 1. Rules Addition of New Item, page 125**

**Current:**

Volleyball  
Commissioners

1. Rules
 

The rules of Volleyball Canada shall govern ASAA volleyball, with the following modifications:

  - A. Substitutes – The modified 12 substitute rule will be used. The rule is as follows:
    - i. a team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one game
    - ii. a player may leave the game and re-enter the game, but only for the same player. Players are ‘tied’ together; e.g., 7 for 12 – these two players are attached for that game and a player must re-enter for the same player
    - iii. unlimited substitutions are allowed up to 12 per game

Examples:

1. 7 for 12; 12 for 7 (2 subs) x 6	12 subs
2. 7 for 12; 12 for 7 (2 subs) x 2	4 subs
8 for 6; 6 for 8 (2 subs) x 4	8 subs
  - B. The top of the net is to be set at the height of 2.43 m for males and 2.24 m for females.
  - C. Allow teams to list up to 12 on the scoresheet
  - D. Athletes of one gender must compete for a school team with athletes of the same gender.
  - E. The libero must wear a uniform whose jersey at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The libero uniform may have a different design but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.
    - i. The libero must wear a uniform shirt or jersey that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The primary colour of the libero’s jersey/shirt must be different from any colour that appears on more than half the body of his/her teammates’ jerseys. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored. The style and trim of the libero’s shirt, jersey and/or shorts may differ from his/her teammates.

**Proposed:**

1. Rules
 

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teammates' jerseys. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored. The style and trim of the libero's shirt, jersey and/or shorts may differ from his/her teammates.

F. In the event of an injury where a team has no eligible players available, the team may continue play with five players. The position in rotation that becomes vacant remains in the same rotational position and continues in the rotational order. Therefore, if the vacant position is in the front row, there are only two front row players, similarly in the back row. A point and the ball is awarded to the opposition when the vacant spot rotates into position one.

**Rationale:**

It is not in an injured player's best interest to remain on the court to prevent team disqualification. To default a team for injury does not support the philosophy that we provide opportunity for athletes.

**Notice #20: Policy – Section XIX – Volleyball, 4. Competitions, B. Addition of New Item, page 126**

**Current:**

Volleyball  
Commissioners

4. Competitions
  - B. i. 1A Format  
Two pools of five will be determined by the Volleyball Commissioners using the summary of volleyball provincial seeding. At the completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will advance to an elimination match; the first place team from each section receives a bye, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.

**Proposed:**

4. Competitions
  - B. i. 1A Format  
Two pools of five will be determined by the Volleyball Commissioners using the summary of volleyball provincial seeding. At the completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will advance to an elimination match; the first place team from each section receives a bye, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.  
If the 12-team provincial format is chosen, it will follow the same format as 2A & 3A

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping Item – At the 2016 AGM, the option for 1A schools to host a 12-team provincial championship was approved. This updates policy.

**Notice #21: Policy – Section XIX – Volleyball, 5. Representation to Provincials A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 127-128**

**Current:**

Volleyball  
Commissioners

5. Representation to Provincials
    - A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls
      - i. If the school has one court available for competition, there will be 10 teams at the 1A tournament. If the host school has two courts available for competition, there will be 12 teams at that 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1	representative
South Central Zone	1	"
Edmonton Zone	1	"
North Central Zone	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Additional berths	1	representative
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 teams</b>
- There will be a maximum of two representative per zone (includes host team).



The representation to provincials for a twelve team tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative
North Central Zone	1 “
Central Zone	1 “
South Zone	1 “
Calgary Zone	1 “
South Central Zone	1 “
North East Zone	1 “
North West Zone	1 “
Host School	1 “
Additional berths	3 representatives
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>

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

**Proposed:**

5. Representation to Provincials

A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

i. If the school has one court available for competition, there will be 10 teams at the 1A tournament. If the host school has two courts available for competition, there will be 12 teams at that 1A tournament.

The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	1 “
Edmonton Zone	1 “
North Central Zone	1 “
Central Zone	1 “
North East Zone	1 “
North West Zone	1 “
South Zone	1 “
Host School	1 “
Additional berths	1 representative
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 teams</b>

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

The representation to provincials for a twelve team tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative
North Central Zone	1 “
Central Zone	1 “
South Zone	1 “
Calgary Zone	1 “
South Central Zone	1 “
North East Zone	1 “
North West Zone	1 “
Host School	1 “
Additional berths	3 representatives
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>

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

**Rationale:**

**This brings the format in line with the 2A & 3A Championships**

**Notice #22: Policy – Section XIX - Volleyball– 5. Representation to Provincials, A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls, pages 127-128**

**Current:**

A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

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The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	1 “
Edmonton Zone	1 “
North Central Zone	1 “



Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Additional berths	1 representative	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 teams</b>	

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

The representation to provincials for a twelve team tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1	representative
North Central Zone	1	"
Central Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
Calgary Zone	1	"
South Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Additional berths	3 representatives	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>	

There will be a maximum of two representatives per zone

#### Proposed:

##### A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

I: If the school has one court available for competition, there will be 10 teams at the 1A tournament. If the host school has two courts available for competition, there will be 12 teams at that 1A tournament.

The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Edmonton & Central Zone	2 representatives in total*	
Calgary Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
South Central Zone	1	"
North Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Additional Berths	1 representative	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 teams</b>	

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

The representative to provincials for a twelve team tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton & Central Zone	2 representatives in total*	
Calgary Zone	1	"
South Zone	1	"
South Central Zone	1	"
North Central Zone	1	"
North East Zone	1	"
North West Zone	1	"
Host School	1	"
Additional berths	3 representatives	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>	

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

\*if either of the zones does not have a registered team, there would only be one representative and the other berth would become an additional berth and awarded based on ii. Additional Berths (page 128). An Edmonton & Central Zones tournament is used to determine the champions of each zone, as well as the two berths to provincials. The tournament will be hosted by the Edmonton Zone at least once every four years. The schedule for the zones tournament is to be approved by both zones before being finalized. The top two teams at the conclusion of the tournament would qualify for provincials, regardless of which zone they are from.

\*\*Wildcard cards will be awarded to the Central Zone and Edmonton Zone independently according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84. If either zone cannot fill their wildcard with a team from their zone, the berth will be vacated as per policy. If either of these zones sends more than one team to provincials without a

wild card, only the zone champions' points can be used for awarding future wildcards as per policy ii) additional berths.

**Rationale:** Due to a lack of teams, the Edmonton Zone does not require an appropriate provincial qualification playoff at the 1A level for volleyball and basketball. Therefore the correct mindset towards earning a berth at volleyball and basketball provincials is not being fostered in the minds of the student-athletes from the 1A Edmonton Zone. The ASAA endorses healthy competition in order for a team to qualify for provincials. This proposal forces the Edmonton Zone to send a worthy representative.

Unlike the Edmonton Zone, the Central Zone has by far the most amount of teams competing for provincial berths. This proposal would help to equalize the opportunities for student-athletes, teams and schools from across the province, and specifically the zones involved, to qualify for provincials.

Percentage of eligible teams compared to guaranteed berths to provincials (before wildcards).

Stats from the 2016-2017 school year, including both sports and genders:

Edmonton	100%
Calgary	30.8%
South	10%
South Central	9.8%
North West	8.9%
North Central	8.7%
North East	8.3%
Central	4.6%

Edmonton/Central 8.9%

\*Edmonton/Central combined with two berths for basketball and volleyball.

As shown by the percentages above, Edmonton has an automatic berth into provincials and the Central Zone has double the teams of most zones. If the two zones were to compete with each other for two berths the percentage of teams qualifying for provincials would be fairer for all involved.

## WRESTLING NOTICES

### Notice #23: Policy – Section XX – Wrestling, 1. Rules, A., page 134

#### Current:

1. Rules

The rules shall be those of the Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) with the exceptions being those specifically adopted by ASAA:

A. All wrestlers competing in an ASAA sanctioned events must wear a mouth guard. If during competition the mouth guard comes out, it may be replaced at an appropriate time at the official's discretion.

#### Proposed:

1. Rules

The rules shall be those of the Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) with the exceptions being those specifically adopted by ASAA:

A. All wrestlers competing in an ASAA sanctioned events **have the option of wearing a mouth guard or not.** If during competition the mouth guard comes out, it may be replaced at an appropriate time at the official's discretion.

#### Rationale:

Alberta is the only province which requires wrestlers to wear mouth guards in high school competition. They are used more for dental protection than concussion protocol. Athletes and parents still have the option of wearing the mouth guard at their discretion.

### Notice #24 Policy – Section XX – Wrestling, 6. Events, A. Rural Provincial Championships, page 136-137

#### Current:

6. Events

There shall be one wrestling competition for boys and one for girls at each of the rural and provincial competitions.

A. Rural Provincial Championships

i. The rotation for rural provincial championship host sites will be as follow:

2016	South/South Central
2017	Central
2018	North (NW/NC/NE)

Should no school or zone within the region bid to host the championship, the next region in the rotation will have first right of refusal to submit a bid to host the championship.

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- ii. The rural provincial championship shall be a two-day competition held two weeks prior to the provincial championship. On the first day no matches will be called after 8:40 p.m.
- iii. Any weight class with six or fewer competitors at the rural provincial championship will use a single pool round robin format. Any weight class with between seven and fourteen competitors will use a double pool round robin format. When the number of competitors in any weight class reaches fifteen or more, that category shall be wrestled as a bracket draw according to the WCL rulebook with the exceptions of a cross-over wrestle back semifinal and a re-wrestle for the bronze medal. Ideally, athletes shall not re-wrestle a previous competitor during the cross-over wrestle back. To determine cross-over pairings, the first criteria shall be straight across, the second criteria shall be top-right versus bottom-left and also top-left versus bottom-right. Should both criteria produce a pairing where athletes have previously met during the rural provincial championship, the first criteria will be used and a re-wrestle during the cross-over will occur.
- iv. The ASAA will follow the rules for match lengths, etc. as per the WCL rulebook

**Proposed:**

- 6. Events
  - There shall be one wrestling competition for boys and one for girls at each of the rural and provincial competitions.
  - A. Rural Provincial Championships
    - i. The rotation for rural provincial championship host sites will be as follow:
 

2016	South/South Central
2017	Central
2018	North (NW/NC/NE)

 Should no school or zone within the region bid to host the championship, the next region in the rotation will have first right of refusal to submit a bid to host the championship.
    - ii. The rural provincial championship shall be a two-day competition held two weeks prior to the provincial championship. On the first day no matches will be called after 8:40 p.m.
    - iii. Any weight class with six or fewer competitors at the rural provincial championship will use a single pool round robin format. **Upon the completion of the round robin the top two placements in the pool will wrestle in the finals with the winner getting the gold medal.** Any weight class with between seven and fourteen competitors will use a double pool round robin format. When the number of competitors in any weight class reaches fifteen or more, that category shall be wrestled as a bracket draw according to the WCL rulebook with the exceptions of a cross-over wrestle back semifinal and a re-wrestle for the bronze medal. Ideally, athletes shall not re-wrestle a previous competitor during the cross-over wrestle back. To determine cross-over pairings, the first criteria shall be straight across, the second criteria shall be top-right versus bottom-left and also top-left versus bottom-right. Should both criteria produce a pairing where athletes have previously met during the rural provincial championship, the first criteria will be used and a re-wrestle during the cross-over will occur.
    - iv. The ASAA Will follow the rules for match lengths, etc. as per the WCL rulebook

**Rationale:**

**It is advantageous to see all weight categories represented in the finals, especially for the athletes to get an opportunity to be in the spotlight.**

**Notice #25: Policy – Section XX – Wrestling, 6. Events, B. Provincial Championships, page 137**

**Current:**

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- B. Provincial Championships
  - i. The rotation for provincial championship host sites will be:
 

2016	Edmonton	2019	Edmonton
2017	Calgary	2020	Calgary
2018	Rural	2021	Rural

 Should no school or zone within the region bid to host the championships, the next region in the rotation will have first right of refusal to submit a bid to host the championship.
  - ii. The provincial championships shall be a two day competition, beginning on the second weekend in March on the Friday. On the first day, no matches will be called after 8:40 p.m.
  - iii. The seeding of the weight classes for ASAA Provincial Wrestling Championships shall be based upon the following system, where the results of the Rural Provincial Championships, Edmonton City Championships and Calgary City Championships determine seeding for the provincial championships. If an athlete who placed in any of these events does not compete in the provincial championship, the next athlete from that area will be moved up based upon the area results.

**Proposed:**

B. Provincial Championships

i. The rotation for provincial championship host sites will be:

2016	Edmonton	2019	Edmonton
2017	Calgary	2020	Calgary
2018	Rural	2021	Rural

Should no school or zone within the region bid to host the championships, the next region in the rotation will have first right of refusal to submit a bid to host the championship.

ii. The provincial championships shall be a two day competition, beginning on the second weekend in March on the Friday. On the first day, no matches will be called after 8:40 p.m.

iii. The seeding of the weight classes for ASAA Provincial Wrestling Championships shall be based upon the following system, where the results of the Rural Provincial Championships, Edmonton City Championships and Calgary City Championships determine seeding for the provincial championships. If an athlete who placed in any of these events does not compete in the provincial championship, the next athlete from that area will be moved up based upon the area results. [When a zone is not represented at provincials, the pairing master will have the flexibility to seed the first seeded zone wrestlers, out rotation, so you will have a top seeded wrestler from each of the other two zones in opposite brackets.](#)

**Rationale:**

**When you have only two top seeds in the tournament they should not have to meet before the championship rounds.**