

**ASAA Notices of Motion
Annual Planning Meeting
December 1-2, 2022**

HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES OF MOTION (NOM) 2022 -

Housekeeping Notice #1 - (As this is a Bylaw, it requires 75% vote to pass)

Bylaw Article III.4.F

Current:

Edmonton: This currently includes the schools of Edmonton Metro Athletic Association and Edmonton Public School Board (and those schools grandfathered into the Edmonton Public League).

Proposed:

Edmonton: Includes all schools who are members of the Metro Edmonton High School Athletic Association.

Rationale:

The current policy is dated and confusing to those who don't have a thorough understanding of the history of that zone. Also, a number of schools have been added to Metro since the "grandfathering" occurred.

Housekeeping Notice #2 - Rugby Game Ball - Housekeeping NOM

Current:

SECTION XVI - RUGBY

7.B.

The official game ball will be a Gilbert Match size 5 ball.

Proposed:

SECTION XVI - RUGBY

7.B.

The official game ball will be a Gilbert **Barbarian** size 5 ball.

Rationale:

The ASAA would like to be more specific in our policy regarding the Official Game Ball. The barbarian ball is the one that has been used at ASAA Rugby for years and this makes it easier for Gilbert in supplying balls for ASAA provincials.

Housekeeping Notice #3 - Track & Field - Housekeeping NOM

Current:

Section XVIII

6. Scoring

A. All competitors will score points on the basis of a 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system for each event.

I. In events limited to 8 lanes, 1st–8th places are based on final times and 9th–16th places will be ranked by heat times.

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II. Relays – allocation of points for relays will be determined by the number of schools participating on the team.

Examples:

- a. Team A comes first (16 points) and has four students from the same school. The school receives 16 points.
- b. Team B comes second (15 points) and has two students from each of two schools. Each school receives an equal share; i.e. 7.5 points.

III. A separate scoring system will be developed by the ASAA Commissioner and approved by the ASAA Executive Director, to take into account the number of competitors in the para category. This scoring system will be noted in the event information package.

Proposed:

Section XVIII

6. Scoring

Points will be awarded to all competitors numerically starting at 16 for 1st through to 1 point for 16th place.

- a) In running events where there is a preliminary heat, the athletes ranked 9th through 16th, will receive points accordingly.
- b) All field events and 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 4 x 400m relay, and 4 x 400 mixed relay will have competitors ranked 1st through 16th.
- c) All relay competitions will have points allocated depending upon the number of competitors representing a particular school. Each athlete from a school will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ of the allocated points for finishing position.
- d) In Pentathlon, points will be awarded as follows: 1st – 24 points; 2nd – 22; 3rd – 20; 4th – 18; 5th – 16; 6th – 14; 7th – 12; 8th – 10; 9th – 9; 10th – 8; 11th – 7; 12th – 6; 13th – 5; 14th – 4; 15th – 3; 16th – 2.
- e) Para contributes to school/zone points and the scoring is as follows:
 - 5 competitors or fewer: 1st – 8 points; 2nd – 6; 3rd – 4; 4th – 3; 5th – 2.
 - 6-10 competitors: 1st – 16 points; 2nd – 14; 3rd – 12; 4th – 10; 5th – 8; 6th – 6; 7th – 4; 8th – 3; 9th – 2; 10th – 1,
 - 11 or more competitors – use a scoring system as per all events.

Delete

4.II ***Scoring of Pentathlon 1st 24pts; 2nd 21pts; 3rd 18pts; 4th 15pts; 5th 12pts; 6th 9pts; 7th 6pts; 8th 3pts

Rationale:

The proposed changes are consistent with the scoring that has been used in recent years.

Housekeeping Notice #4 Section 6.B.iv - Housekeeping NOM

Current:

“Any weight class at the provincial championship with five or fewer competitors shall wrestle in a single pool round robin format. Each weight class.....”

Proposed:

Addition of a second sentence before “Each Weight class....”

“Upon the completion of the round robin the top two placements in pools with five or fewer competitors will wrestle in the finals with the winner getting the gold medal.”

Rationale:

This is to clarify and put into the rules the common practice used at Provincials. Some hosts have not been clear on previous practice and this avoids future misunderstanding.

REGULAR NOTICES OF MOTION (NOM) 2022 -

Notice #1 - Regular NOM (As this is a Bylaw, it requires 75% vote to pass)

Proposed: ADD NEW

Under Bylaws Article III G: One representative from each of the following:

Add

X. Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta

Rationale:

Following the ASAA AGM in June 2022, and considering the unique nature of First Nations schools in the ASAA membership, the ASAA Executive Committee felt that it was appropriate to provide an ASAA Board position to the Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta.

Notice #2 - Football - Regular NOM

Current:

Section XIV

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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:

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| 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 |

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| 6-a-side | Alberta 6-a-side Football League |
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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. B teams coming out of any region are given on the basis of the number of teams in that tier.
- 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. Any changes to the number of regional berths will be strictly based 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 of 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 \$1,000. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$750 to the replacement team.

F. Vacant Berths

- I. In the event that a region does not fill their berth, or a team withdraws prior to the provincial quarterfinals, this spot will become a vacant berth.
- II. In all classifications and divisions, a vacant berth is allocated to the region with the most registered teams in that Tier, that does not already have a second berth
- III. A region cannot receive more than one vacant berth per Tier

5. F. The Tier II provincial quarterfinal (northern semi-final) playoff rotation is as follows:

| Year | Quarter Final Matchup 1 | Quarterfinal Matchup 2 |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - 2022 | 5a vs. 7 | 5b vs. 8 |
| 2 - 2023 | 7 vs. 5a | 8 vs. 5b |
| 3 - 2024 | 5a vs. 5b | 7 vs. 8 |
| 4 - 2025 | 5b vs. 5a | 8 vs. 7 |
| 5 - 2026 | 5a vs. 8 | 5b vs. 7 |
| 6 - 2027 | 8 vs. 5a | 7 vs. 5b |

9. 6-a-side Football

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

The rules for 12-a-side football established by Canadian Amateur Football Association will apply to 6-a-side, 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-a-side Football. Kicked conversion - 2 points. 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-a-side football follows the rules for 12-a-side tackle football and is governed by all the above stated policies included in Section XIII of the handbook.
- VI. In 6-a-side football, onsite grade 9 students in member schools are eligible to participate on 1A and 2A school teams.

Proposed:

Section XIV

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- A. For Tiers I, II, III, IV, the ASAA Provincial Playoffs are 8-team brackets made up of a north region and a south region for each Championship category.
- B. Zones will determine their representatives to provincials for Tiers I, II, III, IV.
 - a. The North Central Zone and North West Zone are combined and must coordinate with one another to determine their representative to ASAA quarterfinals.
 - b. If a team plays in a league that is made up mostly of teams from a different zone, that school (or the zone secretary of the impacted school(s)) may submit a request

to the ASAA Executive to compete out of their league's zone for football only. Requests must be submitted by June 15.

- C. Quarterfinal and semifinal matchups will be determined based on proximity (i.e. north and south regions).
 - a. North Region - Edmonton, North Central/North West, North East
 - b. South Region - Calgary, South, South Central
 - c. Central Zone will float and act as an opposite to the wildcard
- D. Regional matchups and host privileges will alternate on an annual basis. Ideally, zones will host once every two years, but may have to travel two years in a row because of wildcard allocations.
- E. All teams must register and declare their intention to participate in provincials through their zone secretary by June 15.
- F. If a zone does not have a team registered (with intention to compete in provincials) by June 15, their spot in that Tier will be considered a wildcard.
- G. Wildcards are awarded to the zone with the highest number of registered teams as of June 15 in that classification. If that zone already has a second berth, the wildcard will go to the zone with the next highest number of teams. A zone cannot receive more than one wildcard.
 - a. Where a zone has more than one berth, it is that zone's responsibility to determine which team is their #1 representative and which team is #2. This must be communicated to the ASAA office by the Monday before the quarterfinals.
 - b. If there is a tie between zones for the highest number of teams registered, the ASAA office, in consultation with the commissioner and the ranking committee, will make the final decision on which zone receives the wildcard.
- H. If the wildcard allocation results in an unreasonable travel expectation for the wildcard team, the ASAA reserves the right to adjust the brackets to ensure greater travel equity.
 - a. Wildcards will not be granted home field advantage unless mutually agreed upon by both teams and approved by the ASAA office.
- I. If a team receives an automatic berth into the quarterfinals by virtue of being the only team in a zone at a given Tier and pulls out of the quarterfinal game after September 30, that team will be charged \$1,000. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$750 to the replacement team.
- J. The final draws for each tier (absent of team names) will be sent out by the ASAA office no later than June 30.

9. 6-a-side Football

- A. **ADD:** The ASAA supports the Alberta 6-a-side Football League by providing ASAA Provincials Playoffs and the Provincial Championship at the Alberta Bowl.
 - a. The playoff structure needs to be approved by the ASAA Executive Director by June 25.
 - b. This support will be revisited every 5 years (years ending in 0 & 5), with the goal of eventually having the ASAA take over jurisdiction.
 - c. This support is contingent on the premise that all 6-a-side teams and associated schools in the ASAA Provincial Playoffs abide by ASAA bylaws and policy and are registered appropriately.
 - d. Only 1A/2A teams are eligible.

Delete 3B, 4B, 4C, 4D & 5F, 9A.VI.

Rationale:

- The ASAA and its zones need to have more clearly defined jurisdiction over football. The current structure which has ASAA utilize existing leagues confuses member schools around jurisdiction and it needs to be clear to all parties that these are ASAA run and organized events, and do not fall under Football Alberta jurisdiction.
- The ASAA consistently requires zones to be responsible for what happens within their zones, including determining provincial representation in all other ASAA sports, so football should follow suit.
- The current regions mostly align with the ASAA geographic zones so there will be minimal impact on current structures.
- Tables 4C & 5F are based on the assumption that certain zones will receive wildcards. This should not be in policy as it could contradict 4.C.II. and 4.C.III. Proposed policy 4G addresses wildcard allocation adequately.
- There are several independent teams in football and no policy exists that clearly addresses their path to provincials (NB) Big Sky and Big Rock leagues in region 2 no longer exist.
- In 2021, the North Central Zone had one team registered (in Tier III). In 2022, the North Central Zone had two teams (one in Tier III, and one in Tier IV). North Central teams generally play in the same league as North West teams. Based on fairness, logistics and proximity, it is reasonable to have them compete with the North West Zone for all tiers.

Notice #3 - Rugby Sevens - Regular NOM

Proposed addition to policy:

Section XVI

5. Competition

E. Hosting of the Provincial Championship is open to all bids. If no bids are presented, the championships will be awarded based on a rotation as follows:

2023 – Lethbridge

2024 – Edmonton

2025 - Calgary

2026 – Other*

* If no host bids are received, Lethbridge will assume the 2026 host responsibility and the rotation will start again with Edmonton in 2027.

Rationale:

A rotation needs to be put in place to ensure that a zone/region is aware well in advance that it is hosting provincials.

Notice #4 - Rugby Sevens - Regular NOM

Current: – Rugby Sevens

5.D.i The tournament shall consist of 16 teams.

Proposed: – Rugby Sevens

5.D.i The tournament shall consist of 16 teams.

Team rosters shall not exceed 19 players. The number of interchanges must not exceed 14.

The administration and rules relating to the rolling replacements are the responsibility of the match organizer.

If a sub occurs for injury, the injured player(s) can not return to play in that match.

Temporary replacements include - blood subs, injury due to foul play

Only the designated 14 players for the game can be on the side lines. The rest need to be in a different color (no uniform).

Rationale:

The maximum team roster of 19 allows some flexibility to replace injured athletes, multi-sport athletes, unexpected illness, etc. through the course of the competition.

The 14-player roster provides for [2] additional players [than World Rugby] to increase management flexibility.

Flexibility of rolling substitutions at stoppages or half-time will allow teams to field 2nd string athletes when a strong lead has been established without jeopardy of NOT putting 1st string athletes back on should the opponent narrow the gap. Also, it removes the need for organizers/match officials to track replacements/substitutions (beyond the 14 declared athletes who are in the technical zone for the match).

This will help the officials when they are doing substitutions.

The limit of 19 players for the entire tournament will ensure that medals are available for all athletes.

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Notice #5 - Rugby - Regular NOM

Current:

SECTION XVI - RUGBY

Proposed:

SECTION XVI - RUGBY XV

Rationale:

There is some inconsistency in policy when referring to Rugby (Rugby XV, 15's etc.).

There can be confusion with naming a sport as "Rugby" and then another sport as "Rugby Sevens". Having Rugby renamed to Rugby XV should make things clearer.

To be consistent and clear, all references to Rugby in policy will be clarified as either Rugby XV or Rugby Sevens.

Note - The ASAA will aim to be consistent in referring to Rugby Sevens as “Sevens”, not “7’s” or “7s”, or “VII’s” etc. The “Sevens” designation is consistent with World Rugby Rules. We ask that all zones also aim to be consistent on how both rugbys are labeled.

Also note - there will still be two rugby commissioners, one per gender. Each will be responsible for both XV & Sevens.

Notice #6 - Rugby XV

Current:

Section XVI

4.B

Hosting of the provincial championship will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of three regional hosting zones.

Rotation:

2023 – Calgary

2024 – Other

2025 – Edmonton

2026 – Calgary

2027 – Other

2028 - Edmonton

Proposed:

Hosting of the Provincial Championship is open to all bids. If no bids are presented, the championships will be awarded based on a rotation as follows:

2023 – Calgary

2024 – Other*

2025 – Lethbridge

2026 - Edmonton

2027 – Calgary

2028 – Other

2029 - Lethbridge

2030 - Edmonton

* If no host bids are received, Lethbridge will assume the 2024 host responsibility and the rotation will start again with Edmonton in 2025.

Rationale:

Lethbridge has been a regular host of ASAA Rugby and has the facilities required to host it in one location like Edmonton and Calgary can do. Adding “other” keeps the door open for other areas to host if they are interested and have the required facilities.

Notice #7 - Team Handball Policy – Section XVII - Team Handball - Item 7.B., page 90

Current:

The official game ball will be an Alberta Team Handball Federation approved size 3 (boys) and size 2 (girls).

Proposed:

The official game ball will be an Alberta Team Handball Federation approved size 2 (boys) and size 1 (girls).

Rationale:

Handball is still a developing sport in Alberta and many of our student-athletes have never been exposed to the game prior to entering high school. As such, coaches must spend a significant amount of time on basic technical skills. Currently the size of balls being used makes this difficult for many athletes who are unable to grip the ball properly.

Many other countries where handball is more popular follow this model with younger age groups using the smaller ball sizes. This allows for proper instruction of passing, catching and especially throwing technique. Most of these countries allow for the use of stickum (adhesive) once athletes transition to the larger ball size. We do not want to go the route of allowing stickum as it damages floors, uniforms and the balls. We have been using the smaller balls in the provincial club u19 leagues for several years with great success. There has been a slight increase in offence but nothing major. And there has been no increase in injuries to goalies. In fact, there has likely been a decrease in player injuries to arms, shoulders and elbows as players are now taught how to shoot properly.

There will be a cost involved for schools to purchase some size 1 balls for the girls' teams. Schools can continue using their size 2 balls not for the boys' teams instead of the girls' teams. The switch to a smaller ball will also allow us to explore more options for ball suppliers/sponsors as students should be able to grip these new balls better and the use of the highest (most expensive) quality balls would no longer be required.

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Notice #8 - Wrestling

Current:

Section XX

5.A.II. Female Competitors:

44kg, 53kg, 65kg, 80kg

47kg, 57kg, 70 kg, 90kg

50kg, 61kg, 75kg, 90+kg

Proposed:

Section XX

5.A.II. Female Competitors:

44kg, 53kg, 65kg, **82kg**

47kg, 57kg, 70 kg, 90kg

50kg, 61kg, 75kg, 90+kg

Rationale:

The gap of 10kg between weight classes has been determined to be too large a gap and potentially unsafe. Instead of adding a new weight class, as female participant numbers at this level are not high, it is recommended that we go from 75kg to 82 kg to 90 kg, thereby making the weight gaps 7kg and 8kg instead of 5kg and 10 kg.

The rotations in 6.B.III will be updated accordingly as this is a housekeeping change if the above policy is passed.

