

2019 ASAA NOTICES OF MOTION

GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

Notice #1: Bylaw – Article XII - Meetings, 1., page 23

Current:

1. The Board of Governors shall hold two general meetings annually. The Annual General Meeting will occur during the second week (2nd Thursday/ Friday) in May. The Annual Planning Meeting will occur during the first week (1st Thursday/Friday) in December. Time and location to be set by the Executive.

Proposed:

1. The Board of Governors shall hold two general meetings annually. The Annual General Meeting will occur during the **third week (3rd Thursday/ Friday) in June**. The Annual Planning Meeting will occur during the first week (1st Thursday/Friday) in December. Time and location to be set by the Executive.

Rationale:

The spring calendar can be overwhelming for Board members with multiple events occurring in a row each week. A June meeting could alleviate some of these concerns. Additionally, the workload for Board members at their respective schools is typically less in mid June than it is in May and it is hoped that teacher sub costs for ASAA and zones can be alleviated by having the meeting during exam period. This change opens the second weekend in May to possible changes to spring sport provincial dates. A June meeting also provides the opportunity to conclude the year after ALL Provincials are over.

NOTE: Additional sections to update include Appendix, Section 1. A., ii page 145

CODE OF ETHICS NOTICES

Notice #2: Policy – Section I - Code of Ethics - 2. Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco, page 28

Current:

Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

- A. The ASAA is unequivocally opposed to athletes using any banned substance as identified by Sport Canada in addition to alcohol, tobacco and cannabis. It is equally opposed to the use of such substances by individuals in a position of leadership when involved in school sport activities including practices, games, tournaments and any time whilst supervising student athletes (i.e., coaches, trainers, managers, and administrators). In addition, the ASAA is opposed to any illegal and/or unethical physiological manipulation, such as blood doping or hormones, employed for the purpose of performance enhancement.
- B. The ASAA prohibits athletes possessing/consuming or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or cannabis while on their way to, from or during ASAA activities even if those athletes are 18 years of age or older. ASAA is opposed to the use of such substances by individuals in a position of leadership in school sport (i.e., coaches, trainers, managers, or administrators) while involved in ASAA activities.
- C. The ASAA prohibits athletes, coaches/teacher sponsors and any other individuals in a position of leadership such as trainers, managers, administrators from smoking/vaping any substance and/or using spit tobacco on-site while involved in ASAA activities. Vaping refers to any device used to vaporize a substance for initiation including but not limited to e-cigarettes, pocket vaporizers, pen vaporizers, box mod vaporizers or any similar products. This applies to all activities held on school property and rented community facilities for events such as Rugby, Track and Field, Football, Golf, Cross-Country Running or other sports as required.

Proposed:

Drugs, Alcohol, ~~and~~ Tobacco, and Cannabis

- A. The ASAA is unequivocally opposed to athletes using any banned substance as identified by Sport Canada in addition to alcohol, tobacco and cannabis. It is equally opposed to the use of such substances by individuals in a position of leadership when involved in school sport activities including practices, games, tournaments and any time whilst supervising student athletes (i.e., coaches, trainers, managers, and administrators). In addition, the ASAA is opposed to any illegal and/or unethical physiological manipulation, such as blood doping or hormones, employed for the purpose of performance enhancement.
- B. The ASAA prohibits athletes possessing/consuming or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or cannabis while on their way to, from or during ASAA activities even if those athletes are 18 years of age or older. ASAA is opposed to the use of such substances by individuals in a position of leadership in school sport (i.e., coaches, trainers, managers, or administrators) while involved in ASAA activities.

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- D. ASAA Provincial Championship hosts reserve the right to eject from the Championship facility any person violating the above conditions regarding substance use. If necessary this may involve the host school calling the appropriate authorities to enforce removal.
- E. Violations of the above policy will be addressed under the ASAA's Discipline and Misconduct Policy.

Rationale:

Not only does this add cannabis to prohibited substances at an ASAA championship, it also empowers Provincial Championship hosts to handle the issue accordingly, plus it clarifies the process that will be used to deal with violations of this policy

ASAA Executive Committee

Notice #3: Policy – Section I - Code of Ethics, page 28

Current:

Addition of new item after Policy - Section I Code of Ethics - New section 3

Proposed:

3. Social Media

- A. All use of social media by an ASAA member school or its representatives (i.e. coaches, students and all school personnel) must demonstrate good citizenship, showing respect and a high standard of courtesy, fair play and good sportsmanship.
- B. Exhibits of rude, abusive behavior to any other person, uses of vulgar, obscene or abusive language and/or gestures found on social media outlets toward any person is subject to the Discipline and Misconduct policies as found in Section II Discipline and Misconduct, Sections 1-13.

Rationale:

Addition of this section is due to increased cases of cyber-bullying and unsportsmanlike conduct that we are seeing in school aged youth.

ASAA Executive Committee

Notice #4: Policy – Section I - Code of Ethics, page 28

Current:

Addition of new item after Policy - Section I - Code of Ethics, New Point 4.

Proposed:

4. Honest and Full Disclosure

- A. When providing information to the ASAA regarding any/all matters, including but not limited to: transfers, appeals or disciplinary matters, all parties involved (students, coaches, educators, parents/guardians and others), are expected to provide complete and accurate information regardless if the information requested may be perceived by the party member(s) to have a less desirable impact on decision outcomes.
- B. Full disclosure of information by all parties in all ASAA matters is expected. This includes verbal communication, documentation and an expectation that relevant information will **not** be omitted or altered.
- C. The ASAA reserves the right to investigate and/or follow up to ensure the accuracy of information presented during any ASAA matter. Decisions made by the ASAA (including but not limited to: Executive Committee, Executive Appeals Committee, Compliance Officer, Executive Director, or other) can be reversed afterwards if omitted or dishonest information is discovered or if a party is found to not be in compliance with statements or considerations initially presented.
- D. Any third party that is made aware of omission or deceit in an ASAA matter may report to the Executive Director of the ASAA in writing. ATA Code of Professional Conduct must be adhered to if a teacher is reporting about another teacher's actions. The report to the Executive Director will not be addressed unless it is accompanied by the complainant's full name and contact information with the understanding that this will be provided to the party against whom the complaint is made if requested by that party.

- i. If a report is submitted, the ASAA Executive Director will conduct an investigation. The Executive Director will prepare a final report for the ASAA Executive Committee on the investigation within 30 days of the verified complaint being received. The ASAA Executive Committee reserves the right to take action, if any, which may include a hearing. Any party relevant to the ASAA matter may be contacted and is expected to comply with any requests for further information. If a contacted party fails to comply with the investigation, that party may be subject to penalties at the discretion of the ASAA Executive Committee.
- E. If verified during an investigation that either incomplete, omitted or erroneous information was provided by any party in an ASAA matter, immediate consequences will apply which may include but are not limited to: immediate retraction of eligibility to participate, application of probation, monetary fines or other action as determined by the appropriate ASAA party.

Rationale:

Addition of this section is due to increasing cases of deceitful or purposeful omission of information in transfer applications, any type of appeals, disciplinary matters and other issues. It is very disconcerting when, in good faith, an ASAA Executive Committee, Executive Director, Compliance Officer or other individual as appropriate to the situation, provides support or approval on a matter and then finds out months later, for example, that they were lied to. This will add necessary teeth to policy by providing an opportunity to more easily hold people accountable for what they write, say and do.

DISCIPLINE AND MISCONDUCT NOTICES

Notice #5: Policy – Section II - Discipline and Misconduct, 4., page 30

Current:

4. Penalties

Any student, coach, teacher, school staff or administrative personnel of a member school, or spectator who violates the discipline and misconduct policy may be excluded from participating in or attending a competition at any level (i.e. local, Zone, Provincial) in any sport by the ASAA Executive for any period of time that the ASAA Executive in its absolute discretion deems appropriate, and may be subject to such other penalty as the ASAA Executive in its absolute discretion deems appropriate. Member school will be expected to cooperate in the enforcement of any penalties imposed by the Executive Committee.

Proposed:

4. Penalties

Any student, coach, teacher, school staff or administrative personnel of a member school, or spectator who violates the [Code of Ethics](#) or Discipline and Misconduct policy may be excluded from participating in or attending a competition at any level (i.e. local, Zone, Provincial) in any sport by the ASAA Executive for any period of time that the ASAA Executive in its absolute discretion deems appropriate, and may be subject to such other penalty as the ASAA Executive in its absolute discretion deems appropriate. Member school will be expected to cooperate in the enforcement of any penalties imposed by the Executive Committee.

Rationale:

The Code of Ethics covers a number of bases, and the Executive feels it needs to be clearly stated in policy that penalties for violation of policy apply to Code of Ethics issues generally, as well as in relation to Discipline and Misconduct issues.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

ASAA Executive Committee

Notice #6: Policy – Section III – Membership - 1. High School Membership, A., page 36

Current:

A. Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual fee according to the following scale:

	1A 1-99	2A 100- 299	3A 300-799	4A 800-1199	4A 1200+	Jr.
ASAA Fee	\$330*	\$330*	\$330*	\$330*	\$330*	\$35
+ \$1/student cap	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$675	\$750	
Total maximum	\$405	\$555	\$705	\$1005	\$1080	
AIAAA Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
SchoolCoach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	

*\$30 per member school is allocated to funding a Compliance Officer position

Enrollment is to be taken as of September 30 of the current school year. When determining school enrollment for classification purposes, all students who meet the following ASAA eligibility requirements shall be included in the count:

- i. under 19 before September 1 of the current year;
- ii. minimum 800 instructional minutes per week i.e., 10 credits or two full time courses and registered as a student in grades 10, 11, or 12;
- iii. maximum three consecutive years from date of starting grade 10 (see note to SECTION IV - ELIGIBILITY 2. Student Eligibility, page 38).

Proposed:

A. Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual fee according to the following scale:

	1A 1-99	2A 100- 299	3A 300-799	4A 800-1199	4A 1200+	Jr.
ASAA Fee	\$340*	\$340*	\$340*	\$340*	\$340*	\$35
+ \$1/student cap	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$675	\$750	
Total maximum	\$415	\$565	\$715	\$1015	\$1090	
AIAAA Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
SchoolCoach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	

*\$40 per member school is allocated to funding a Compliance Officer position

Enrollment is to be taken as of September 30 of the current school year. When determining school enrollment for classification purposes, all students who meet the following ASAA eligibility requirements shall be included in the count:

- i. under 19 before September 1 of the current year;
- ii. minimum 800 instructional minutes per week i.e., 10 credits or two full time courses and registered as a student in grades 10, 11, or 12;
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Rationale:

Since the Compliance Officer position was introduced in 2011, the \$30 fee per school has been the same and the compensation paid to the Compliance officer has been the same. The work of the Compliance Officer has increased significantly and it is an appropriate time to recognize the Excellent work of the Compliance Officer by increasing the compensation for the position. Processing approximately 600 transfers per year, a \$10 increase in Compliance Officer fees per school is nominal.

Notice #7: Policy – Section III – Membership - 1. High School Membership, A., page 36

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AIAAA Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	
SchoolCoach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	
Legal Expense Fee**	\$15	\$25	\$35	\$50	\$65	

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**A capped annual fee will be applied

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- ii. minimum 800 instructional minutes per week i.e., 10 credits or two full time courses and registered as a student in grades 10, 11, or 12;
- iii. maximum three consecutive years from date of starting grade 10 (see note to SECTION IV - ELIGIBILITY 2. Student Eligibility, page 38).

Rationale:

ASAA’s legal fees have steadily increased in recent years as the need to seek legal counsel on a number of issues continues to be a regular occurrence and is necessary to maintain integrity of the Association’s programs and policies. The uncertainty surrounding the Association’s ability to hit budgeted expenses in this area hinders the budgeting process. The proposal here will provide an annual revenue stream of approximately \$10,000, which is in keeping with this year’s budget for legal fees and is intended to cover day to day/issue to issue legal expenses of the ASAA. On an annual basis, any of the funds collected from this fee that are not spent during that year will be added to an internally restricted fund. Once that internally restricted fund reaches \$30,000, the annual fee will be eliminated, and not reinstated until the fund drops below \$20,000.

Notice #8: Policy – Section III – Membership - 1. High School Membership, A., page 36
Current:

- A. Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual fee according to the following scale:

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 - iii. maximum three consecutive years from date of starting grade 10 (see note to SECTION IV - ELIGIBILITY 2. Student Eligibility, page 38).
- B. Registration of schools for Zone and Provincial membership shall be the responsibility of the Zone Secretary. A single fee per school shall be paid to the Zone and shall cover the Zone membership fee and the Provincial membership fee (as Stated in Item A. above), which includes a \$40 fee for the ASAA yearbook.

Proposed:

- A. Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual fee according to the following scale:

	1A 1-99	2A 100-299	3A 300-799	4A 800-1199	4A 1200+	Jr.
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 - iii. maximum three consecutive years from date of starting grade 10 (see note to SECTION IV - ELIGIBILITY 2. Student Eligibility, page 38).
- B. Registration of schools for Zone and Provincial membership shall be the responsibility of the Zone Secretary. A single fee per school shall be paid to the Zone and shall cover the Zone membership fee and the Provincial membership fee (as Stated in Item A. above), which includes a \$50 fee for the ASAA yearbook (not to be reconsidered until 2024).

Rationale:

The cost of the ASAA yearbook has increased in cost both from inflation and because of the additional sports, activities or categories we have added in recent years which adds to the number of pages being printed. There has not been an increase in the yearbook fee since 2012 and revenues are not covering the cost of producing the yearbook. With a \$10 increase in fees for the current year's printing (paid in the fall of 2019) the ability for this to be a break-even prospect should be possible. ASAA will guarantee there will not be a further proposed increase to schools, unless there are major subsequent yearbook cost increases (which are not anticipated), until the AGM of 2024.

ASAA Executive Committee

Notice #9: Policy – Section III – Membership - 1. High School Membership, C. Online Coach Education, page 36 Current:

C. Online Coach Education

- i. All member schools will be required to have at least one teacher coach or agent of the Board on staff who has completed the Fundamentals of Coaching online course, available at www.schoolcoach.ca, by October 10 of the current school year. Schools not completing this requirement may lose eligibility for participation in ASAA sanctioned activities; this will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 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 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 will be assessed a penalty of \$50 per coach not in compliance, and may lose eligibility for participation in ASAA sanctioned activities; this will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. 37
- iii. At least one team official (Head Coach, assistant coach or teacher sponsor) must complete the online "ASAA Bylaws and Policies Module" at schoolcoach.ca prior to being involved with his or her team's games. Teams not completing this requirement may lose eligibility for participation in ASAA sanctioned activities; this will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Each member school will be assessed an annual fee as noted below and this would allow for unlimited participants to register for and complete the course at no additional cost:
1A Schools \$30
2A Schools \$40
3A Schools \$50
4A Schools \$60

Proposed:

C. Online Coach Education

All mandatory online courses are exclusively available on www.schoolcoach.ca. It is mandatory for all member schools to ensure that they are in compliance with the following expectations:

- I. Fundamentals of Coaching - One school staff member i.e. teacher coach or support staff designated as an "agent of the Board" must complete the course by **October 10th** of the current year.
- II. ASAA Bylaws and Policies - One team official (head coach, asst. coach, teacher sponsor, or other) on every team must complete the course prior to any interschool sport being played.
- III. ASAA Concussion Course - **Every** team official (head coach, asst. coach(es), teacher sponsor, or other) must complete the course by one month into the respective season of play and be registered in the SRS. A \$50 penalty will apply for every team official not in compliance.
NOTE: The required concussion course will change to Making Headway, offered online for free by the Coaching Association of Canada, as of the start of the 2020/21 school year. All team officials will be required to complete Making Headway to coach in the 2020/21 school year.
- IV. Any member school not in compliance with one or more of these requirements may lose eligibility to participate in any ASAA sanctioned activities, at the discretion of ASAA Executive Committee.
- V. Each member school will be assessed an annual fee as noted below and this would allow for unlimited participants to register for and complete the course at no additional cost:
1A Schools \$30
2A Schools \$40
3A Schools \$50
4A Schools \$60

Rationale:

This modification does not change current policy away from current practice, with the addition of requiring all coaches to be registered (which should already be done anyway). The rewrite presents a format that is easier to follow in assisting member schools to understand current minimum online coach education expectations.

- It should be noted that throughout 2019/2020, the ASAA and School Sport Canada partners are working on a complete rewrite of the Fundamentals of Coaching course. Note that the course title will change as we switch from a U.S. built course to a Canadian built course for implementation in the 2020/21 school year. Each school will be required to have at least one teacher on staff who has taken the new course starting Fall 2020. By then it will have been almost 10 years since most coaches took Fundamentals of Coaching.
- Further, the ASAA and School Sport Canada have formally partnered with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) and all courses at www.schoolcoach.ca will be transferred over to CAC’s online coach platform known as “The Locker” by the summer of 2020. The required concussion course will then become the CAC’s *Making Headway* course. The *Making Headway* course will be an excellent resource for Alberta’s coaches, many of whom have not had to take a concussion course since the ASAA first made it a requirement in 2012; the concussion landscape has changed since and we need coaches to be up to date on concussion management in order to keep student athletes safe.

Notice #10: Policy – Section III – Membership - 1. High School Membership, page 37

Current:

Addition of a new item after Policy – Section III – Membership - 1. High School Membership, F. Legal Contingency Fund

Proposed:

F. Legal Contingency

- All member schools will be charged a one-time Legal Contingency Levy based on size of school. The intent of the levy is to allow the association to sustain a legal contingency fund of at least \$60,000. The legal contingency is intended to be a safeguard against any legal action brought or threatened to be brought against the association. At the direction of the Executive Committee, the fund will be used in the event of a court challenge over an ASAA related issue or in the event of significant legal costs around a single issue impacting the association’s annual budgeted legal expenses.
- At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the fund may be accessed to retain legal counsel to advise the Executive Appeals Committee in the event that the Executive Committee deems an appeal “high-risk” in terms of potential litigation or for other preventative purposes.
- If the Legal Contingency Fund is accessed during a school year, there will be a pro-rated fee charged to member schools the following school year to bring the fee back up to \$60,000 based on the fees noted below.

1A schools	\$75
2A schools	\$150
3A schools	\$225
4A schools	\$300

Rationale:

- The above figures represent \$60,825 based on current membership numbers. The ASAA needs to be able to stand behind its policies and not be concerned about threats of legal action when appeals do not go the way a family, student, coach, school or other party hoped it would go. If the association Executive and staff know that they have a Legal Contingency Fund that can be accessed when needed, they will be more able to feel comfortable saying no to an appeal without fear of repercussions that can be very expensive and can, right now, send the association into a significant deficit position
- The number of threats of legal action against the ASAA have been increasing over the years and are now a much more regular occurrence. In 2019 so far, we have already had several threats of legal action against the association. We need to be able to defend the association and its policies that are created by our member schools.
- A single court case can run upwards of \$25,000 and a few years ago, a recruitment case cost the association over \$22,000 in legal fees even though the case did not go to court. This would be an example the “single issue” (non court-case) referred to in the proposed policy
- Based on current membership in ASAA, the levy will reach the \$60,000 figure in one year.

ELIGIBILITY NOTICES

Notice #11: Policy – Section IV – Eligibility, 5. Participation on a Non-School Team, A-D., page 41-42

Current:

5. Participation on a Non-School Team

- A. To be eligible for high school Provincial competition in the ASAA sports of Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Cheerleading, Team Handball and Rugby, a high school student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season. Where a community/club Basketball program exists, students are permitted to play for the community/club Basketball team while trying out for an ASAA member school team but can no longer play for the community/ club team as of the school team's first game or midnight of the Saturday of Volleyball Provincials, whichever comes first. 42

In Rugby, students are permitted to play on a club/tour up until the conclusion of the Canada 7's Rugby Tournament while still trying out for an ASAA member school team. Otherwise, after March 15, no students can participate on any community/club team or non-school tour. After the conclusion of the Canada 7's Rugby Tournament students are only permitted to play for their respective school team or an interschool touring team that will travel during designated spring breaks.

- B. Exemptions to 1. above may be considered for students who have been invited to participate on Provincial/national/international Basketball, Volleyball, Team Handball and/or Rugby teams only by the recognized sports governing body and cultural (Treaty 7 Games) events. Written requests for exemptions must be submitted by the school concerned to the Executive Director for approval.

Proposed:

5. Participation on a Non-School Team

- A. To be eligible for high school Provincial competition in the ASAA sports of Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Cheerleading, Team Handball and Rugby, a high school student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season. Where a community/club Basketball program exists, students are permitted to play for the community/club Basketball team while trying out for an ASAA member school team but can no longer play for the community/ club team as of the school team's first game or midnight of the Saturday of Volleyball Provincials, whichever comes first. 42
- B. **In Rugby only, students are permitted to participate in a maximum of 1 club or non-school team Rugby tour per school year up to and including the Saturday following Easter Sunday.**
- C. Exemptions to A. above may be considered for students who have been invited to participate on Provincial/national/international Basketball, Volleyball, Team Handball and/or Rugby teams only by the recognized sports governing body and cultural (Treaty 7 Games) events. Written requests for exemptions must be submitted by the school concerned to the Executive Director for approval.

Rationale:

- **Rugby, as an outdoor sport is in the unique position of having the shortest outdoor season, along with track, although students can usually get on tracks earlier than they can get onto grass fields. Rugby fields are not often open until mid to late April and sometimes not until May. The shortness of the season compromises skill development, and as a result, safety of student athletes**
- **Students may only participate in one non-team event, so this should avoid concerns about students on tours having unfair competitive advantages over students not going on tours.**
- **The current policy deadline of March 15 for tours was put in place to address the date of Canada Rugby 7's in Vancouver, and policy should revolve around one non-school event.**
- **Tours only up until designated spring breaks create problems because adjacent school districts from where students may come from may have different spring break dates and cannot make a traveling team because they cannot combine.**
- **With the introduction of Rugby 7's at ASAA level, the ASAA should be creating more opportunities for rugby students to both practice and play.**

Current:

9. Sport Specific School Programs/Courses/Academies

The following rules of eligibility apply to students registered in a sport specific school program:

- A. Students registered in sport specific school programs/courses or academies in Alberta or any other province shall not be eligible for competition in ASAA sanctioned events in that sport or sports (only) for that school year.
- B. In the event of a program/course or academy occurring after the season of play, the student will be ineligible to participate in that sport for the following Season of Play.
- C. These students remain eligible to represent their school in any other ASAA sport.
- D. The rationale for establishing policy regarding sport specific school programs/courses/academies is in keeping with the ASAA Mission Statement of ensuring that competitive opportunities for all members are as equitable as possible. Schools, students and families who choose sport specific programs/courses/academies must understand that in doing so, they forego the opportunity to participate in the competitive activities offered through the ASAA and its member schools in those sports.

Proposed:

9. Sport Specific School Initiatives

- A. Sport specific school initiatives may include but are not limited to the following: sport specific school programs or courses, sport academy programs, preparatory programs or any initiatives that may bear similarity to any of the foregoing. The rationale for establishing policy on this topic is that competitive opportunities in high school sport in Alberta must ensure an atmosphere of “fair play and equal opportunity” (ASAA Policy Section I, Mission Statement). Students involved in sport specific school initiatives have access to sport specific opportunities that are not available to other students. Therefore, the competitive balance for teams across the Province may be compromised since equal opportunity for students is not present.

In light of the above, the ASAA recognizes that students and families are entitled to make their own educational choices. The ASAA notes that those who choose involvement with sport specific school initiatives surrender the opportunity to participate in the competitive activities offered through the ASAA and its member schools in those sports.

- B. The role of defining whether or not a program/initiative in question falls under the umbrella of this policy will be at the discretion of the ASAA Executive Committee.
- C. Students who register or participate in a sport specific school initiative in Alberta, any Canadian Province or Territory, in any American state, district or territory, or in a similar program anywhere else in the world:
 - i. Shall not be eligible for competition in ASAA sanctioned events in the sport (or sports) that they participated in, in a sport specific school initiative should they transfer back to an ASAA member school during that school year
 - ii. Shall not be eligible for competition in ASAA sanctioned events in that sport or sports (only) for a full school year following their involvement in the sport specific school initiative.
 - iii. If participation in one of the above noted sport specific initiatives occurs after the ASAA designated Season of Play for that sport, the student will be ineligible to participate in that sport for an ASAA member school for the entire following ASAA Season of Play.
 - iv. Students impacted by (i), (ii) or (iii) above are still eligible to represent their school in any other ASAA sport
- D. It is the responsibility of the ASAA member school to inform students considering moving for a sport specific school initiative that their ASAA eligibility will be impacted by that decision.

NOTE: Ignorance of this policy on the part of schools, coaches, students, their families or others will not be accepted as a valid reason for granting ASAA eligibility to a returning student or new transfer student. All affected parties are to adhere to the Honesty Disclosure, Bylaws and Code of Ethics.

Rationale:

While the intent of this policy is to address all sports, the majority of issues the ASAA staff and Executive have had to deal with this year in relation to prep school basketball programs alone has been exponential compared to the previous school year. The ASAA Executive Committee feels it is important at this time to clearly outline the impact on students whose families make the choice to send them to a prep school program. There are some semantic changes to reflect the need to allow the ASAA staff and Executive to interpret the intent of this policy in relation to ALL Sport Specific School Initiatives, not just prep school programs.

ACTIVITIES NOTICES

Notice #13: Policy – Section V - Activities, F. Finances, page 66-67

Current:

F. Finances

- i. The intent is that all ASAA Provincial competitions be organized in such a manner as to be self sufficient while keeping costs to participating teams/individuals minimal.
- ii. An entry fee, subject to approval by the ASAA Executive and the sport Commissioner, may be charged by the host Committee for 67 Provincial competitions.
- iii. Pay It Forward Loonie Fee: Each Provincial Championship will charge an additional \$1 for each participating student and remit those funds to the ASAA office after the championship. 100% of funds will be directed into an ASAA scholarship fund to recognize student athletes who give back to their schools and communities by either coaching or officiating in school or community sport.
- iv. Provincial Competition hosts will be eligible to apply for a hosting subsidy of a maximum of \$500 per event should the event show a loss or a profit of less than \$500. In the event of a profit of less than \$500 being realized, the host may only apply for a subsidy for the difference between the profit earned and the \$500 maximum.

Proposed:

F. Finances

- i. The intent is that all ASAA Provincial competitions be organized in such a manner as to be self sufficient while keeping costs to participating teams/individuals minimal.
- ii. Each ASAA Championship host is responsible for submitting a pre event budget for approval and a post event financial statement to the ASAA office.
- iii. An entry fee, subject to approval by the ASAA Executive and the sport Commissioner, may be charged by the host Committee for Provincial competitions.
- iv. If the event profit is over \$1,500 (not including local sponsorship income and local cash donations), 20% of the profits will be remitted to the ASAA. Revenues collected via this policy will be utilized for provincial championship enhancement initiatives or student leadership initiatives.
- v. Pay It Forward Loonie Fee: Each Provincial Championship will charge an additional \$1 for each participating student and remit those funds to the ASAA office after the championship. 100% of funds will be directed into an ASAA scholarship fund to recognize student athletes who give back to their schools and communities by either coaching or officiating in school or community sport.
- vi. Provincial Competition hosts will be eligible to apply for a hosting subsidy of a maximum of \$500 per event should the event show a loss or a profit of less than \$500. In the event of a profit of less than \$500 being realized, the host may only apply for a subsidy for the difference between the profit earned and the \$500 maximum.

Rationale:

- a. The ASAA's government funding was cut by 18% in 2010 and there has been no increase since then, yet cost of living increases continue to impact the bottom line. There is a desire to enhance the provincial championship experience and/or promote and subsidize student leadership initiatives like IMPACT workshops. Income from this initiative will assist the association with these enhancements
- b. Over the past three years, only between one and four championships would qualify to pay the 20% noted in this policy
- c. Some championships make significant dollars simply as a result of their size or prestige. The hosts of those events don't necessarily put in significantly more work to host the championship than other hosts, but do benefit from the higher profile. The Executive feels a small percentage of those profits should serve the larger good.

- d. **The Executive made sure to exclude local sponsors and donations from consideration as the hosts, especially in rural areas, work very hard to obtain that local support and it deserves to stay in the local community**

BASKETBALL NOTICES

Notice #14: Policy – Section X - Basketball, 6. Competitions, D. Provincial Seeding Process, ii. page 84

Current:

D. Provincial Seeding Process:

- i. All Basketball Provincial Championships shall be seeded.
- ii. In order of priority, the following will guide the seedings:
 - a. Final ASAA Ranking*
 - b. Placing in Zone championship*
 - c. Note: Winning the Zone championship will automatically qualify the team for the Provincial Championship but does not guarantee that the team will enter Provincials as the number one seed from their respective Zone

*Not withstanding 'a' and 'b' above, every effort will be made to prevent teams from the same Zone meeting in their first game of the Provincial competition. This may require minor adjustment of seedings to accomplish. Note that avoiding Zone match-ups in second or subsequent rounds of competition is not within the purpose of the seeding process or rankings/seedings Committees.

Proposed:

D. Provincial Seeding Process:

- i. All Basketball Provincial Championships shall be seeded.
- ii. In order of priority, the following will guide the seedings:
 - a. Final ASAA Ranking*
 - b. **Body of Work, including all games played after the final ranking period.**
 - c. Placing in Zone championship*
 - d. **Note: Winning the Zone championship will automatically qualify the team for the Provincial Championship but does not guarantee that the team will enter Provincials as the number one seed from their respective Zone**

*Not withstanding 'a', 'b' and 'c' above, every effort will be made to prevent teams from the same Zone meeting in their first game of the Provincial competition. This may require minor adjustment of seedings to accomplish. Note that avoiding Zone match-ups in second or subsequent rounds of competition is not within the purpose of the seeding process or rankings/seedings Committees.

Rationale:

Currently the seeding process for provincials does not include games played between the final ranking period and zones. Some important games are played during this time period and, based on the current policy, can't be used. Additionally, a teams' Body of Work is used throughout the year for ranking purposes, so it should be included as a priority in the seeding process.

Notice #15: Policy – Section X – Basketball, 8. Representation to Provincials, A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 87

Current:

8. Representation to Provincials

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 "
Total	12 teams

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:

8. Representation to Provincials

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 & Calgary Zones 1 representative in total

Central Zone	1 representative
South Zone	1 "
North Central Zone	1 "
South Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Wildcard berths	4 representatives
Total	12 teams

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

The Edmonton and Calgary zones combine for one berth to be determined in a tournament/playoff game format agreed upon by both zones. The top team after the tournament/playoff game will receive the provincial berth.

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

***For the purposes of wildcard allocations, any points earned by the zones are combined.**

Rationale:

The ongoing debate at any level of provincials is that it is hard to justify those schools that automatically qualify for provincials based on the fact that they are the only size school in that category. Teams/schools want to feel like they have earned the right to go to provincials and when in a zone that only has one team of that size it is hard to justify the costs associated with automatically qualifying year after year. There is of course the ability to opt out of provincials or remove your intent to participate but that is also doing a disservice to the athletes of the school because it would be too hard to justify to those athletes why you are choosing to opt out of provincials that particular year.

Edmonton and Calgary have worked well together this past year to 'trial' this scenario and it went very smooth and benefited not only our two zones but also allowed the better teams to be involved at provincials and made for a higher quality/caliber provincial event as it added a wildcard berth, which is awarded to the strongest zone. There were no complaints about this trial over the past year and we would like to now officially add it to policy as a continuous agreement moving forward.

CHEERLEADING NOTICES

Notice #16: Policy – Section XI – Cheerleading - 2. Eligibility, A. iv, page 93

Current:

- 2. Eligibility
 - A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - i. High School Division I – 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 2018/19 season) – 4-28 members

Proposed:

- 2. Eligibility
 - A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - i. High School Division I – 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 – 4-28 members

Rationale:
 After a 3 year trial basis, it’s recommended that Game Day is adopted as a permanent official category for ASAA Cheerleading Provincials.

CROSS-COUNTRY NOTICES

Notice #17: Policy – Section XII – Cross Country - 4. Events, vi., page 97

Current:

- A. The race distances shall be as follows:
 - i. Junior Boys 4000 metres
 - ii. Intermediate Boys 5000 metres
 - iii. Senior Boys 6000 metres
 - iv. Junior Girls 4000 metres
 - v. Intermediate Girls 5000 metres
 - vi. Senior Girls 5000 metres
 - vii. Ambulatory Open *2000 metres
- *both genders (trial distance)

Proposed:

- A. The race distances shall be as follows:
 - i. Junior Boys 4000m
 - ii. Intermediate Boys 5000m
 - iii. Senior Boys 6000m
 - iv. Junior Girls 4000m
 - v. Intermediate Girls 5000m
 - vi. Senior Girls 6000m**
 - vii. Ambulatory Open *2000 metres

*both genders (ongoing trial distance)
 **Full Gender Parity for both girls and boys race distances, equal progressive race distances for both girls and boys will be offered by the ASAA

Rationale:

- See Cummings’ Notes on Gender Parity Attached
- A) female athletes and coaches alike want to see parity in XC running much like other running events have (equal distances in track and road racing).
- B) Girls want to have the same opportunities for goal setting and progression when it comes to increase in distance and coaches are concerned about breaking down long held archetypal gender inequities in XC running.

- C) Physiologically, there is no difference in the stress on girls' and boys' bodies when training for long distance running events. Boys simply have more muscle mass and less fat, hence the difference in speed. Girls metabolize fat more efficiently than boys and at extremely long distances (ultra-running), performances equalize or in some cases females have a slight performance advantage over males. Muscle physiology is the same in boys as it is in girls, a sarcomere is a sarcomere. Boys simply have more sarcomeres.
- D) Basing race distances on parameters such as total time is not supported by the peer reviewed literature regarding physiological stress. There is no good physiological reason why boys and girls should be running different race distances.
- E) It's important for our sports to keep up with current knowledge and changes in societal attitudes about sex and gender as we continue to learn more about the human condition. As national and provincial organizations modify their practices in response to shifting cultural attitudes the CSHSAA's practices must reflect the people we serve. Gender parity needs to be a consideration in XC running in the CSHSAA and the ASAA, the CSHSAA IS taking the lead on this issue.
- F) Having different race distances in HS and University XC is an outdated historical practice based on patriarchal hegemonic notions. The existence of non-equal race distances in these contexts is a vestigial anomaly of a bygone era. It is a cultural carry-over from when we were less informed about the athletic capabilities of females. Boys and girls do not run different distances in track & field, and they do not prepare for different race distances in other running pursuits outside of the school system (road running, ultra-running, trail running etc.). Questioning these historical norms are important, and when we have better information it is important to change them when necessary. This is what this motion aims to do.
- G) The majority of participants at road races are female, whether these athletes are elite or your everyday runner, they need the same progressive opportunities that their male counterparts have. Having true progression at the High School level sets girls up for greater success in running over the long term. Gender parity is reflective of what female athletes will encounter in the sport of running outside of secondary and post-secondary athletics.
- H) The fear of participation dropping among the female ranks is also unfounded. This is a marketing issue that coaches need to address properly. If coaches have a negative attitude towards race distance changes, then so will their athletes. If coaches deal with race distance changes in a positive manner, then there will be no issue. There has been no participation drop offs in other jurisdictions that have increased female race distances (OFSAA, BC, American jurisdictions, in fact, the opposite is the reality). The preparation for a 4km race vs a 6km race is not that different from a physiological perspective; the larger barriers are psychological. Its important for female athletes to realize they can overcome the same challenges that their male counterparts will have in high school athletics; there will be more female athletes that excel in running over the long term than male athletes based on statistics. Thus, we need to reinforce this reality with our girls from an early age; having unequal race distances sends negative messages about what female athletes are capable of in comparison to their male counterparts. It is just simply no longer acceptable or logical to have different race distances given the contemporary knowledge we possess about this issue.

CURLING NOTICES

Notice #18: Policy – Section XIII – Curling - 5. Events, B. Hammer, iii., 1, page 100

Current:

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 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.

Proposed:

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 **185.4 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.

Rationale:

185.4cm has become the standard distance given for a rock not in the house used by Curling Alberta, Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation

Current:

C. Tie Breaker Policy

- i. If two teams are tied for first, the game between the two teams will determine first and second places.
- ii. The tie-breaking procedure will include a draw to the button to take place after the conclusion of each practice, by all teams involved in the competition. The measurements of the three round robin games will be recorded and totaled for tie breaking placing only.
 1. If three teams are tied for first, the team with the lowest total draw to the button will be awarded 1st place in the pool. The other two teams will play a four-end game to determine the 2nd place team. Extra ends will be played if necessary.
 2. If three teams are tied for second place, the team with the lowest total draw to the button will be awarded a bye. The other two teams will play a four-end game with the winner then playing the team with the bye in another four-end game to determine 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.

Proposed:

C. Tie Breaker Policy

The tie-breaking procedure will include a draw to the button to take place after the conclusion of each practice, by all teams involved in the competition. The measurements of the **four** round robin games will be recorded and totaled for tie breaking placing only. **Head to head records will be used when possible, total measurements from the draws to the button will be used if teams are still tied.**

- i. If two teams are tied for first, the game between the two teams will determine first and second places.
- ii. **If two teams are tied for 2nd, the two teams will play a four-end game to determine 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.**
- iii. If three teams are tied for first, teams will be ranked **according to policy C i, the top ranked team will be award 1st place in the pool.** The other two teams will play a four-end game to determine the 2nd place team. Extra ends will be played if necessary.
- iv. If three teams are tied for second place, **teams will be ranked according to policy C i and the 1st ranked team** will be awarded a bye. The other two teams will play a four-end game with the winner then playing the team with the bye in another four-end game to determine 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.
- v. **If four teams are tied for first, teams will be ranked according to policy C i, The 1st ranked team will play a four-end game against the 4th ranked team, the 2nd ranked team will play a four-end game against the 3rd ranked team. Extra ends will be played if necessary. The round robin game between the winning teams will determine who is awarded 1st and 2nd in the pool.**
- vi. **If four teams are tied for 2nd place, teams will be ranked according to policy C i, The 1st ranked team will play a four-end game against the 4th ranked team, the 2nd ranked team will play a four-end game against the 3rd ranked team. The winners will play a second four-end game for 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.**
- vii. **If five teams are tied for 1st place, teams will be ranked according to policy C i, the 1st ranked team will be awarded 1st place in the pool. The 2nd ranked team will play a four-end game against the 5th ranked team, the 3rd ranked team will play a four-end game against the 4th ranked team. The winners will play a second four-end game for 2nd place in the pool. Extra ends will be played if necessary.**

Rationale:

This proposal does two things. First it places head to head games between tied teams above the draw to the button as the first ranking method. This places more importance on the overall ability of the team than on one particular skill.

The second thing it addresses is that a 10 team tournament with pools of 5 has created the potential for more ties, as was seen at provincials this year.. This proposal provides a tie breaking procedure for all potential situations.

Current:

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 the 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
Total	10 teams	

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

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		3 representative
Total	12 teams	

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

ii) Additional Berths

1. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative three-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
2. 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 zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
3. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent provincial championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken.

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 the 1A Tournament.

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

Calgary Zone & Edmonton Zone	1 representative total
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	2 representatives
Total	10 teams

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

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

Calgary Zone & Edmonton Zone	1 representative total
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	4 representatives
Total	12 teams

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

The Edmonton and Calgary zones combine for one berth to be determined in a tournament/playoff game format agreed upon by both zones. The top team after the tournament/playoff game will receive the berth to provincials.

ii) Additional Berths

1. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative three-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.
2. 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 zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
3. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent provincial championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken*.

***For the purposes of wildcard allocations, any points earned by the zones are combined.**

Rationale:

The ongoing debate at any level of provincials is that it is hard to justify those schools that automatically qualify for provincials based on the fact that they are the only size school in that category. Teams/schools want to feel like they have earned the right to go to provincials and when in a zone that only has one team of that size it is hard to justify the costs associated with automatically qualifying year after year. There is of course the ability to opt out of provincials or remove your intent to participate but that is also doing a disservice to the athletes of the school because it would be too hard to justify to those athletes why you are choosing to opt out of provincials that particular year.

Edmonton and Calgary have worked well together this past year to 'trial' this scenario and it went very smooth and benefited not only our two zones but also allowed the better teams to be involved at provincials and made for a higher quality/caliber provincial event as it added a wildcard berth, which is awarded to the strongest zone. There were no complaints about this trial over the past year and we would like to now officially add it to policy as a continuous agreement moving forward.

Boys Volleyball
Commissioner

Notice #21: Policy – Section XIX – Volleyball - 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 134

Current:

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone	3 representatives
South Central Zone	1 representative
Central Zone	1 representative
Edmonton Zone	3 representatives
North West Zone	1 representative
North East Zone	1 representative
South Zone	1 representative
Host school or Zone	1 representative
TOTAL	12 teams

Proposed:

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone	2 representatives
South Central Zone	1 representative
Central Zone	1 representative
Edmonton Zone	2 representatives
North East Zone	1 representative
North Central Zone	1 representative
North West Zone	1 representative
South Zone	1 representative
Host school or Zone	1 representative
Wild Card	1 representative
TOTAL	12 teams

There will be a maximum of four representatives per Zone (includes host team).

- ii. For the wildcard berth(s) for the 4A Championship, including vacant berth(s) resulting from a Zone vacating their Zone berth(s):
1. Each Zone will receive up to two (2) eligible teams to be considered for the wildcard berth. After each Zone Championship, the team(s) who are eligible to be considered for a wildcard berth will be the highest placed teams in each Zone that has not already qualified for the Provincial Championship (even if they are in the Zone that is hosting the championship)
 2. During the final ranking conference call, the ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on their Zone's strength, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the year. Based on the discussion and the recommendation of the ranking Committee; the ASAA representative and the

Volleyball Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wildcard berth into the Provincial Championships.

Rationale:

This will also eliminate Section on 4A Regionals regarding the North Central needing to travel to the North West Regional Tournament.

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This possibly gives representation to all zones in the 4A competition. This also has financial implications as it is very expensive for teams opting up in the North Central to drive for a regional playoff. As we have 2 zones without 4A schools, there would more often than not be multiple wildcard berths for the Provincial Championship.

Notice #22: Policy – Section XIX – Volleyball - 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 134

Current:

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone	3 representatives
South Central Zone	1 representative
Central Zone	1 representative
Edmonton Zone	3 representatives
North West Zone	1 representative
North East Zone	1 representative
South Zone	1 representative
Host school or Zone	1 representative

12 teams TOTAL

There will be a maximum of four representatives per Zone (includes host team).

- ii. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A Championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a Zone vacating their Zone berth(s):

1. Each Zone will receive one (1) eligible team to compete for the wildcard berth. The team eligible to receive this wildcard berth will be the highest ranked team not already qualified for the Provincial Championship (even if they are in the Zone that is hosting the championship).

2. During the final ranking conference call, the ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on their Zone's strength, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the year. Based on the discussion of the ranking Committee, the ASAA representative and the Volleyball Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wildcard berth into the Provincial Championships.

Proposed:

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone	3 representatives
South Central Zone	1 representative
Central Zone	1 representative
Edmonton Zone	3 representatives
North West Zone	1 representative
North East Zone	1 representative
South Zone	1 representative
Host school or Zone	1 representative

12 teams TOTAL

There will be a maximum of four representatives per Zone (includes host team).

- ii. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A Championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a Zone vacating their Zone berth(s):

1. Each Zone will receive one (1) eligible team to compete for the wildcard berth. **After each Zone Championship, the team(s) who are eligible to be considered for a wildcard berth will be the highest placed team in each Zone that has not already qualified for the Provincial Championship (even if they are in the Zone that is hosting the championship)**
2. During the final ranking conference call, the ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on their Zone's strength, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the year. **Based on the discussion and the recommendation of the ranking Committee; the ASAA representative and the Volleyball Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wildcard berth into the Provincial Championships.**

Rationale:

Just to fix the wording, and way wildcard teams are discussed.

The wildcard berth(s) will now be a discussion at the final meeting to help produce the most qualified team(s) available to compete at the Provincial Tournament. The committee will look at rankings as well as season of play, including final zone tournaments, to determine the most qualified team(s).

Notice #23: Policy – Section XIX – Volleyball, 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, ii., page 135

Current:

ii. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A Championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a Zone vacating their Zone berth(s):

1. Each Zone will receive one (1) eligible team to compete for the wildcard berth. The team eligible to receive this wildcard berth will be the highest ranked team not already qualified for the Provincial Championship (even if they are in the Zone that is hosting the championship).
2. During the final ranking conference call, the ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on their Zone's strength, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the year. Based on the discussion of the ranking Committee, the ASAA representative and the Volleyball Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wildcard berth into the Provincial Championships.

Proposed:

ii. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A Championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a Zone vacating their Zone berth(s):

1. Each Zone will receive one (1) eligible team to **be considered** for the wildcard berth. **After each Zone Championship, the team(s) who are eligible to be considered for a wildcard berth will be the highest placed team in each Zone that has** not already qualified for the Provincial Championship (even if they are in the Zone that is hosting the championship).
2. During the **Provincial Championship** ranking conference call, the ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on **the strength of their Zone**, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the **season**. Based on the discussion **and the recommendation** of the ranking Committee; the ASAA representative and the Volleyball Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wildcard berth into the Provincial Championships.

Rationale:

As a result of numerous discussions with the Volleyball Rankers, Volleyball Coaches, Volleyball Commissioners, Zone Secretaries and Michael Steele at the ASAA, it was recommended that the writing of the above policy be adjusted with the intent to clarify the process of wildcard selection in the Provincial 4A Volleyball Championships. We believe that these changes make the policy clearer and that it ensures that the policy is implemented consistently. We feel that this is in the best interest of all of the student-athletes who are competing for their schools and who deserve to be considered in the wildcard berth selections.

WRESTLING NOTICES

Notice #24: Policy – Section XX – Wrestling - 1. Rules, B., page 138

Current:

- B. Wrestlers are required to wear a red or blue singlet for ASAA rural and Provincial Championship Events as per the requirements in the WCL rulebook for a national championship. As exceptions to this rule, the ASAA allows a school team to wear a singlet of school colour(s) which may or may not display a school logo and/or name. Also, the ASAA will allow the new two-piece uniform, which may or may not include a UWW (United World Wrestling) logo or emblem or in particular situations, competitors may wear athletic shorts of the same singlet colour over the singlet. Aside from these exceptions, the ASAA does not allow any club logos or colours, Provincial and/or national logos and/or emblems on singlets to be worn.

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Rationale:

The rationale for these changes is to update the wording of our rules to reflect current accommodations made in our sport for athletes to be able to compete while maintaining faith observance, being comfortable around issues of body image or any other individual issues athletes may have that could otherwise bar them from competition. At the same time these changes reflect a desire to maintain a standard of uniformity and trim polished appearance on the mat. There are no financial implications as this is an update to uniform policy to give clear direction to coaches and officials. Teams should not have any financial issue either as current singlet designs are fine and this is meant to give direction for individual accommodation.

Notice #25: Policy – Section XX – Wrestling - 1. Rules, D., page 138

Current:

- D. One person in addition to one coach may be in the corner during competition if the person is acting only as a photographer or videographer. This person will not be granted any coaching privileges. He or she shall not in any way attempt to coach the athlete: any attempt to do so will result in that person's loss of corner privileges for the duration of that match.

Note: Coaching includes shouting at or calling encouragement to the athletes. Coach apparel should be neat and tidy in appearance.

Proposed:

- D. Two persons may be in the corner during competition, these may comprise any combination of coach, trainer, photographer or videographer. No more than two are permitted. For purposes of challenges coach in the chair will be deemed "head coach" to throw in signal and explain point of challenge.

Coach apparel should be neat and tidy in appearance. Any team apparel must represent high school teams not clubs.

Rationale:

Videographers are no longer a required figure with the new technology adjustments made by officials. The purpose of this rule is to provide officials and coaches with clear direction and also make enforcement of the rule easier for officials they don't need to monitor who is talking merely count. There are no cost issues to this policy change.

Notice #26: Policy – Section XX – Wrestling - 5. Weigh Ins, page 140

Current:

5. Weigh Ins

A. Weight classifications for ASAA Wrestling shall be as follows:

i. Male competitors:

43-47 kg 56 kg 65 kg 76 kg 98 kg 120+ kg*

50 kg 59 kg 68 kg 82 kg 108 kg

53 kg 62 kg 72 kg 90 kg 120 kg

* In order to compete in the 120+kg category, the wrestler must weigh over 120kg.

Note: Each weight listed represents the upper limit of the weight class.

ii. Female competitors:

44 kg 53 kg 65 kg 80 kg

47 kg 57 kg 70 kg 90 kg

50 kg 61 kg 75 kg 90+ kg*

*In order to compete in the 90+ category, the wrestler must weight over 90kg.

Note: Each weight listed represents the upper limit of the weight class.

Proposed:

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In addition provisional weight classes above 120+ male and 90+ female are eligible when required. The first increment will be 135kg male and 100kg female with additional increments in 15kg steps male and 10kg steps female. Zone hosts are responsible to notify tournament organizers and creation of these weight classes shall be approved by Committee as structured in section 6. B. vii.

Rationale:

These alterations to the weight classes as agreed upon by coaches at the Provincials meeting are intended to ensure safety while allowing us to include as many athletes as possible. The alteration to the lightest male class allows for a weight class at 43kg and eliminates a minimum weight that put some athletes in the position of having to gain weight to compete.

The provisional weight classes above 120+ and 90+ are to ensure the safety of athletes and prevent differences in weight beyond a safe margin. There will be times when there will not be athletes in these highest categories and so they will not be contested.

There will be a nominal cost in medals/ribbons for these categories if they are contested.