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Memo

Date: January 19, 2023
To: ASAA Member schools
From: John Paton, Executive Director
cc: Jason Kozlow, Kirsten Dezutter (ASAA Volleyball Commissioners)
Re: ASAA Volleyball used at Provincials

On January 11, 2023, Tachikara notified the ASAA that they will not renew the ASAA's 5 year sponsorship agreement which expired after our 2022/23 volleyball provincials; this leaves the ASAA without a volleyball sponsor. As the previous Tachikara sponsorships have provided a cash payment to ASAA and provision of up to 8 free balls per championship, we are in need of a new sponsor.

ASAA Commissioners Jason Kozlow and Kirsten Dezutter have reviewed all brands and price points for school volleyballs and have recommended that we adopt a Molten V5M5000. This ball is at a similar price-point to the Tachikara ball, and seems more durable. Before we knew of Tachikara withdrawing sponsorship, our Commissioners were already trialling the Molten ball in schools and the responses have been largely favourable.

The relevant policy can be found at page 100 of the 2022-23 Handbook:

Playing Equipment (Current 2022/23 ASAA Handbook)

The official game ball to be used at ASAA Provincial Volleyball competitions shall be the Tachikara SV5W Gold-SWB

It does not make sense to bring forward a Notice of Motion at this time to amend the policy to refer to the Molten ball or any other ball, but we know the new sponsor will require a policy change. The likely outcome will be that the Molten V5M5000 will be selected in consultation with Jason & Kirsten and we will seek support for a motion naming it the official game ball for ASAA Provincial competitions at the June AGM.

We typically would not proceed with a decision requiring a policy change without the passage of a Notice of Motion. In this case, it's unavoidable that we confirm the sponsorship and then implement the policy change afterwards. With this "heads up", I hope you are comfortable with how we are proceeding but feel free to contact Jason or Kirsten with any questions or concerns:

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