

Notice of Motion Preamble:

In a normal year, a Notice of Motion like this may be proposed at the Annual Planning Meeting or the AGM. However, there is a mechanism in ASAA policy for Amendments to be made outside of the Annual Planning Meeting or Annual General Meeting if circumstances warrant. This Notice of Motion will be an email vote of the ASAA Board as is permitted in policy.

With recent decision by Tachikara to no longer sponsor the ASAA, ASAA needed to seek out another sponsor for Volleyball. In anticipation of our contract coming to an end, our Volleyball Commissioners examined various options and decided to trial (with approx 20 ASAA member school volleyball programs) and subsequently recommend the Molten V5M5000. This led us to have conversations with Molten and subsequently we have been able to sign a significant sponsorship agreement with Molten. With the support of the ASAA Executive Committee the following Notice of Motion was developed.

As institutional ball suppliers need many of months lead time on purchasing new product, and with chain supply issues still being an issue following COVID-19, the ASAA believes it is important to have this Notice of Motion conducted via email vote so institutional suppliers will be able to make every effort to have the Molten balls available for member schools for the 2023/24 school year.

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Current:

Playing Equipment

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

Proposed: (Effective immediately)

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Rationale:

- Tachikara informed the ASAA in mid-January 2023 that they are no longer doing ball sponsorship, so the current sponsorship of ASAA is over. The Tachikara volleyball is no longer used by any other Provincial High School Association in Canada; and every other School Sport Association has moved away from a leather ball towards a microfiber volleyball.
- The durability issues (air-flow problems, bladder bulges, panels ripping) due to construction of the ASAA's previous ball was reported as a concern by schools
- ASAA needs to have a sponsor for volleyballs so as to eliminate the need for hosts to purchase game balls when they host ASAA Provincials and also to cover the losses incurred from Tachikara withdrawing their cash and product sponsorship of ASAA.

- The ASAA Commissioners have sent sample Molten Balls to 22 schools and while boys programs favour the Molten ball in a significant way, girls programs had a mixed reaction but lean towards the Molten
- The sponsorship agreement with Molten involves a significant increase in free balls to hosts, the addition of a ball cart to each host, a gold ball for each championship winning team, promotional miniature balls to hosts for promotional purposes or distribution to competing teams, and increased cash to ASAA.
- For similar cost as the previous ball, the Molten Volleyball offers:
 - Premium microfiber composite cover
 - Increased grip and promotes crisper passes and easier to set
 - Better control (less “bouncy”)
 - Nylon Wound
 - More durable longer-lasting volleyball
 - Official CCAA / ACAC Match Ball; most of our athletes moving forward in volleyball will be at this level