



2016 N.O.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 29th – Hampton Inn, Elliot Lake

- M I N U T E S -

Attendance: See appendix "A".

OPENING ITEMS:

- Call to order at 9:36am.
- **The 2016 recipient of the Pete Beach Award winner, Michel Leroux (retired from Esc Champlain), was introduced and his many years of contributions to NOSSA were acknowledged.**
- **Heather Chambers** expressed thanks to all conveners of NOSSA activities this past school year and explained the voting procedures in place for the meeting.
- NOSSA Chair **Kim Chezzi MacLennan** addressed the assembly and welcomed all in attendance.
- **55** eligible voters counted – **28** required for straight majority, **37** for two-thirds majority. Voting cards were distributed accordingly.
- Minutes from 2015 annual meeting were accepted as posted and distributed. Reports from the secretary, president and treasurer were distributed and presented (Moved by **Kim Chezzi**, seconded by **Denis Gauthier**, CARRIED).
- Convener reports from 2015-2016 activities have been posted to the NOSSA website – all had been submitted as required by the AGM meeting date.
- General motions were accepted (moved by **Kim Chezzi**, seconded by **Denis Gauthier**).
- Officers, conveners, sport committee reps, 4-year calendar and activity calendars were presented.
- the CBA reps to OFSAA presented their reports (summary provided as Appendix "B").
- **Ryan Mussen from T. Litzen Sports** addressed the assembly providing info on some product lines and thanked all for their support.

NOTICES OF MOTION TO OFSAA

1. Reference: By-Law 5 – Section 3 – Eligibility for OFSAA Teams

Add section (d) as follows: “No student shall participate in more than one age division (ex. Junior and senior) at their association championships that lead to the OFSAA Girls Basketball Championship competition.

Dawn Russell (Lo-Ellen) – Miranda Lehto (Lo-Ellen)

Action: CARRIED.

2. Reference: NOSSA Representation in OFSAA “A” Championships

Whereas,

The NOSSA region has thirty-one (31) “A” schools,

And whereas,

The EOSSA region has forty-one (41) “A” schools and has the opportunity to enter two (2) schools in the OFSAA “A” championships,

Be it resolved that,

NOSSA be given the opportunity to enter two (2) schools in the OFSAA “A” championships”.

Ron Poulin (ESM) – Denis Gauthier (LAS)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

N.O.S.S.A CONSTITUTION

1. Reference: Article VI – Voting, Section I (tabled from 2015 AGM)

Whereas;

There is no indication in the constitution as to how abstentions are counted or not counted.

And whereas; Past practice has counted absentions against motions,

And whereas;

The number of votes that are counted at the beginning of the AGM may differ as motions are presented, yet the number for defeating or accepting motions remains the same as the beginning of the AGM;

Be it resolved that Article VI, Section I be removed and replaced with the following:

(a) written proxy votes are allowed and must be registered at the beginning of the AGM. No other proxy votes will be allowed after the original count for proxy votes is completed,

(b) each school gets two votes (1 male, 1 female) and must be present to cast their vote with the exception of proxy votes that have been registered at the beginning of the AGM,

(c) two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the membership (who are present during the vote) and all proxy votes that have been registered at the beginning of the AGM is required to pass motions providing there is a quorum. Absentions will not be included in the calculation of the number of votes cast.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin)

Action: CARRIED.

2. Reference: Article VI – Voting, Section 2 (tabled from 2015 AGM)

Whereas;

There is no indication in the constitution as to how abstentions are counted or not counted.

And whereas; Past practice has counted absentions against motions,

And whereas;

The number of votes that are counted at the beginning of the AGM may differ as motions are presented, yet the number for defeating or accepting motions remains the same as the beginning of the AGM;

Be it resolved that Article VI, Section 2 be removed and replaced with the following:

(a) proxy votes are not allowed.

(b) each school gets two votes (1 male, 1 female) and must be present to cast their vote,

(c) straight majority of the votes cast by the membership who are present during the vote is required to pass motions providing there is a quorum. Absentions will not be included in the calculation of the number of votes cast.

(d) in case of a a tie vote, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin)

Action: CARRIED.

**3. Reference: Article VI – Voting, Section 3
(tabled from 2015 AGM)**

Whereas;

There is no indication in the constitution as to how abstentions are counted or not counted.

And whereas;

Past practice has counted absentions against motions,

And whereas;

The number of votes that are counted at the beginning of the AGM may differ as motions are presented, yet the number for defeating or accepting motions remains the same as the beginning of the AGM or CGA/CBA;

Be it resolved that Article VI, Section 3 be removed and replaced with the following:

(a) proxy votes are not allowed.

(b) each school gets two votes (1 male, 1 female) and must be present to cast their vote,

(c) straight majority of the votes cast by the membership who are present during the vote is required to pass motions providing there is a quorum. Absentions will not be included in the calculation of the number of votes cast.

(d) in case of a a tie vote, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin)

Action: CARRIED.

4. Reference: ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY

Whereas;

Several Alternative Education Programs are operating within our district;

And whereas;

The present eligibility policies do not allow these students to participate and enjoy the many benefits of athletics to the complete secondary school experience;

Be it resolved that;

To ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY Section 4 d) 3) add as follows:

d) No student who is registered in one school shall be eligible to participate for another school.

Exceptions

3) Alternative Education Sites (Programs not Part of Other Composite Member Schools)

- students of these Alternative Programs may participate for another school subject to the following:

i) The Alternative Education does not already have an entry in the sport

ii) Other eligibility requirements are met

iii) The student attending the Alternative Education Program in their choice of system (public, catholic or independent) is eligible for competition at the composite school closest to his/her home in the same system (public, catholic or independent).

Seth Cond (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

5. Reference: Article VII: Eligibility
Section 4: Participation Requirements, subsection (d)

Whereas;

The two schools Notre-Dame-du-Sault and White Pines Collegiate have entered a mutual agreement of co-participation for the purposes of all sports not currently offered at the smaller school.

And whereas;

The student population at Notre-Dame-du-Sault is 57 F.T.E. as of 2014 (47 – 2015) and White Pines Collegiate is 502.74 FTE of 2014 (497 – 2015).

And Whereas;

The local SSMWAA and SSMMAA support the mutual arrangement of co-participation of the two schools for all sports not currently offered at Notre-Dame-du-Sault.

Be it resolved that;

The following be added as number 3) to the Exceptions listed under subsection (d): The student-athletes from Notre-Dame-du-Sault may participate on the same team as student-athletes from White Pines Collegiate in all sports not currently offered at Notre-Dame-du-Sault.

Louis Charbonneau (ND du Sault) - Mike Cowan (White Pines)

Action: DEFEATED.

6. Reference: Article XIV – Sanctions
Add new section 3

Add as follows: “If a team has been declared ineligible for OFSAA competition, then that team will not be considered eligible to participate at the NOSSA level”.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Sean Green (Lockerby)

Action: CARRIED.

7. Reference: Article XVI – NOSSA Gender Equity Policy
Section C – Student-Athlete Participation

Reads Presently: “If a sport activity is not available for a female on a girl’s team, she is eligible to participate on a boy’s team following a successful try-out. Where a sport activity is available for a female on a girls' team, she is eligible to participate on a boys' team if she demonstrates comparable skill and ability during a successful try out”.

Add as follows: “A female volleyball player may be eligible to participate in both boys and girls volleyball competition to fulfill their obligations to both seasons. By doing so the school that chooses this approach commits to NOSSA “B” in both seasons. The program leader must declare to Dave Makela in September of their intentions in participation in NOSSA “B”.

Anne Blanchette (Hanmer) – Marc Bertrand (Sacré-Coeur)

Action: CARRIED.

8. Reference: Add new Article XVIII – NOSSA Honorary Lifetime Membership

The Robert “Sonny” Gawalko Award for NOSSA Honorary Lifetime Membership

Robert “Sonny” Gawalko dedicated 40 years of volunteering to the success of NOSSA. Sonny was involved in NOSSA as a long time coach, department head, convener, administrator, treasurer, mentor, and (above all) a leader that NOSSA called upon to provide guidance and expert advice through many years of involvement. Sonny truly cared about high school sports in general. His involvement will forever stand as the gold standard to aspire to for NOSSA members in their efforts to develop the best possible regional high school sports championships.

The recipient of this award should:

- a) Have been active at the local level for a minimum of 20 years in any capacity;
- b) Have demonstrated a minimum of 15 years involvement in NOSSA activities;
- c) Have served in different roles at the NOSSA level including coach, convenor, or AGM voting delegate;
- d) Have espoused the highest possible standard of conduct throughout all levels of involvement.
- e) Have been a teacher/coach who is retired or currently employed as a teacher.

Each year, the four districts of NOSSA may nominate individual(s) who shall be awarded The Robert “Sonny” Gawalko Award and inducted into the NOSSA Honorary Lifetime Membership List. The individual(s) will be presented the award at the Annual NOSSA AGM. Districts must ensure that the individual(s) are worthy of this award as well as recognizing that a balance between the genders is considered each year.

The district that submits the award recipient(s) is responsible for submitting the following form to the NOSSA Secretary four full weeks prior to the scheduled date of the NOSSA AGM. The information to be submitted will include a biography and a recent photo of the award recipient. The NOSSA Secretary will include the list of the recipients (including biography, photo and district) of this award on the NOSSA website and will update it on a yearly basis. As well, the NOSSA Secretary will include the names of the new recipients in her/his annual report. [A presentation will be made at the annual general meeting.](#)

The award will include an engraved plaque and a NOSSA Honorary Lifetime Membership Card. The plaque is to be ordered through the NOSSA Secretary and the cost of the award(s) will be billed back to the nominating district. The NOSSA Honorary Lifetime Membership Card (upon presentation) will allow the card holder free entry into all games (district, NOSSA and OFSAA levels) that are played within the NOSSA area. The recipient(s) of this award will also be entitled to attend the NOSSA AGM luncheon.

Those that choose to attend the luncheon must notify their district secretary one month prior to the NOSSA AGM who in turn, will notify the host district secretary so the numbers can be included for the luncheon. The costs for the honorary members’ luncheons are to be covered by the district that put forth the member’s name.

THE ROBERT "SONNY" GAWALKO AWARD FOR
NOSSA HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

SUBMISSION FORM

NAME: _____

DATE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

SCHOOL(S) AS TEACHER: (Please list most recent first.)

1) School - _____ Dates - _____

2) School - _____ Dates - _____

3) School - _____ Dates - _____

4) School - _____ Dates - _____

5) School - _____ Dates - _____

ROLE(S) AND YEAR(S) ACTIVE IN DISTRICT:

ROLE(S) AND YEAR(S) ACTIVE IN NOSSA:

DISTRICT SECRETARY: _____ DATE: _____

NOSSA SECRETARY: _____ DATE: _____

A current photo of the recipient must be included with this application. Applications must be received by the NOSSA Secretary four weeks prior to the scheduled date of the NOSSA AGM.

Laura Aubertin (Confederation) – Tim Lowe (Algonquin) **Action: CARRIED (as amended).**

N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - COED

1. Curling

Reference: Series, page 12, points 6 and 7, page 13, point 13

Whereas,

The playing regulations currently state: "6. Practice time of seven (7) minutes per team, shall be made available before each game if time permits. The team with the hammer in the first end shall practice first".

And whereas,

The playing regulations also currently state: "7. A minimum of 20 minutes prior to the game time, the opposing vices will meet behind the glass of their designated sheets to toss for choice of last rock or rock colour. The team with last rock will have first practice.

And whereas,

The playing regulations also currently state: "13. Last rock advantage shall be determined by a flip of a coin for all draws in the NOSSA tournament".

Be it resolved that the following items be re-worded as follows:

"6. A minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time, the opposing vices will meet behind the glass of their designated sheets to toss a coin for first or last practice. Practice time of seven (7) minutes per team, shall be made available before each game if time permits".

"7. Immediately after their practice, a player from the team will have one minute to deliver a stone (full sweeping allowed) and the closest draw to the button between the two teams will receive last stone advantage in the first end. The team practicing first will chose either the clockwise or counter clockwise turn. The team practicing second will deliver the opposite turn. The stones will be measured by the official. The team without last rock will choose rock colour".

Eric Simons (JN) - Helene Rancourt (JN)

Action: CARRIED.

COED motions continued on next page >>>

2. Track and Field

Reference:

Whereas;

Sault Ste. Marie does not have a safe and competitive venue to host N.O.S.S.A. championship.

And whereas;

Sault Ste. Marie facilities are deteriorating and will not be upgraded in the near future

And whereas;

The track surface requires attention and repair and is not in this year's budget

And whereas;

The field competition areas require upgrading, and are not slated for repair

And whereas;

Sault Ste. Marie does not have pole vault.

Be it resolved that;

Sault Ste. Marie does not host a N.O.S.S.A. track and field championship

Shawna Wooton (Superior Heights) - Jim Pedetella (St. Mary's)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

3. Track & Field

Reference: Schedule

That blind and wheelchair events be included in the NOSSA track schedule as follows:

- 100m boys blind – Day two – run prior to senior boys 100m heats (9:00am)
- 800m boys blind – Day one – run prior to 800m senior boys 800m (12:00pm)
- 400m girls wheelchair – Day one – run prior to 400m senior girls (4:20pm)
- 200m girls wheelchair – Day two – run prior to 200m senior girls (10:30am)

Dan MacLean (l'Horizon) – Luc Giroux (Notre-Dame)

Action: CARRIED.

4. Wrestling

Reference: SERIES AND TOURNAMENT

Currently reads: "A NOSSA tournament must be held on the Friday 14 days (two weeks) prior to the OFSAA Tournament and in line with OFSAA elimination policies....",

Change to read as follows: "A NOSSA tournament must be held a minimum of 9 days prior to the OFSAA Tournament and in line with OFSAA elimination policies...."

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

5. Wrestling**Reference: SERIES AND TOURNAMENT**

Remove “Nipissing” from the rotation of hosting NOSSA.

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

6. Wrestling**Reference: RULEBOOK**

Currently reads: The official rule book will be the most recent CAWA rule book with OFSAA modifications

Change to read as follows: The official rule book will be the most recent W.C.L. rule book with OFSAA modifications

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

7. Wrestling**Reference: COACHING – Section (a)**

Currently reads: “The coach must remain in a minimum of 2 metres from the edge...”

Delete and replace with: “The coach must remain seated in chairs provided at the edge...”

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

8. Wrestling**Reference: COACHING – Section (c)**

Delete and replace with: “If the coach behaves in an unacceptable fashion, the mat chairman will give the coach a yellow card. If the offence is repeated, the coach will be given a red card and ordered to leave the corner and go into the stands. He will not be allowed to continue his function as a coach for the tournament.”

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

COED motions continued on next page >>>

9. Wrestling**Reference: AWARDS**

Current section reads: "The boys team winners will be awarded the R.R. Donnelly Trophy. Girls trophy (TBA) Combined (TBA)"

Change to read as follows: "The boy's team winners will be awarded the R.R. Donnelly Trophy. The girl's team winners will be awarded the Mel Prodan Trophy. Combined team winners will be awarded the Ken Zayette Trophy."

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

10. Wrestling**Reference: Awards**

Whereas;

Most other individual sports do not award a bronze medal to third place,

And whereas;

The Wrestling Playing Regulations, section Awards currently reads: "suitable awards will be provided for 3 boys and 3 girls in each of the 29 categories

Be it resolved that;

It be changed to "Gold and silver N.O.S.S.A. medals will be provided for 1st and 2nd place respectively in each of the 29 categories for both boys and girls."

And;

The table in the N.O.S.S.A. constitution, Article XI: Awards reflect the change.

Brent Fryia (Superior Heights) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

11. Badminton**Reference: Breaks**

Current playing regulations states that 5 minutes between matches. Amend to read 90 seconds be allowed between matches.

Michel Landriault (ELSS) – Troy Brushett (SBS)

Action: CARRIED.

COED motions continued on next page >>>

12. Badminton**Reference: Breaks**

That players switch sides at 11 points in the event of a 3rd game. Coaching may also occur at this time (only in 3rd game).

Michel Landriault (ELSS) – Troy Brushett (SBS)

Action: CARRIED.

13. Badminton**Reference: Breaks**

Water breaks at 11 points in all games. It is recommended that this indicated in the regulations

Michel Landriault (ELSS) – Troy Brushett (SBS)

Action: CARRIED.

14. Badminton**Reference: Uniforms**

That the NOSSA badminton playing regulations uniform item be amended to include the following; shorts must be above the knee and no spandex permitted.

Michel Landriault (ELSS) – Troy Brushett (SBS)

Action: CARRIED.

15. Badminton**Reference: Scoring System**

The current point scoring system is as follows;

1st- 5 points, 2nd- 4 points, 3rd – 3 points, 4th - 2 points, 5th 1 - point

Change to read as follows:

1st – 5 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 1 point

Michel Landriault (ELSS) – Troy Brushett (SBS)

Action: CARRIED.

Discussion Items:

- **NOSSA logo** – interest has been expressed to improve the NOSSA logo. One suggestion was made to head up a contest and bring suggestions to a future AGM. Another suggestion was to simply “clean up” and/or colorize the existing logo and present.

That the NOSSA logo be brought to a graphic artist with a view towards improving and/or colorizing and presenting at next year’s AGM.

Luc Giroux – Heather Windrem

Action: CARRIED.

- **“AAA”** – within a few years, NOSSA could be void of “AAA” schools entirely. Discussion took place with respect to how future NOSSA championships may be affected. One suggestion was to advance two teams from each association to NOSSA (champion and finalist) to compete in a so-called “Super NOSSA”. Each district was requested to take the matter back to their local associations to come up with ideas.
- **Filling draws** – question was raised about where to turn to find a fourth team in a NOSSA championship draw where needed. Suggestion was made to simply approach the district closest to the host district.
- **NOSSA soccer** – with a three-district set-up in junior and senior AA and AAA, the 2016 boys championships could possibly involve a total of eight semi final games, possibly too many to fit into one site (North Bay is scheduled to host).

The 2016 recipient of the Robert “Sonny” Gawalko Award, sponsored by the Westmont Hospitality Group, John Catterick of Central Algoma SS, was introduced and his many years of contributions to NOSSA were acknowledged.

N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - BOYS

1. Basketball “A”, “AA” and “AAA”

Reference: Rulebook

Delete: “Currently this is the National Federation of State High School Associations rulebook”.

Add: “NOSSA will adopt the Federation 3 pt line for the next two years”.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Kent Rendell (Sudbury Secondary)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

2. Basketball “A”, “AA” and “AAA”

Reference: Rulebook

Add: “NOSSA will use the OFSAA official ball for all games”.

Martin Nadeau (Notre-Dame) – Denis Gauthier (Lasalle)

Action: CARRIED (as amended).

3. Basketball “A”, “AA” and “AAA”

Reference: Rulebook

Add as follows: “NOSSA will use the OFSAA official ball for all games. The brand of ball used by OFSAA will be reviewed at the pre-season meeting”.

Martin Nadeau (Notre-Dame) – Denis Gauthier (Lasalle)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

4. Basketball “A”, “AA” and “AAA”

Reference: Officials

Add: “For all junior and senior NOSSA games, a 3-person officiating crew will be used”.

Rick Giommi (Lockerby) – Clint Jameus (Sudbury Secondary)

Action: DEFEATED.

Boys motions continued on next page >>>

5. Basketball “A”, “AA” and “AAA”**Reference: Officials**

Presently reads: “The host city shall avail itself of at least two qualified I.A.B.O. officials. The referee of a given.... and/or cousins.”

Replace in the statement above: “I.A.B.O.” with “I.A.A.B.O.”

Add: Officials must be a minimum level 2 to 3 official under NOCP.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Bill Gordon (Sud Sec)

Action: CARRIED.

6. Basketball “A”, “AA” and “AAA”**Reference: Tournament Schedule and Format.**

Whereas;

N.O.S.S.A. offers A, AA, and AAA Basketball

And whereas;

All districts have the opportunity to play at all levels

And whereas;

Some districts decide to not send a representative

And whereas;

Some districts have unexpectedly withdrawn from N.O.S.S.A. Tournaments

Be it resolved that;

All N.O.S.S.A. Basketball A, AA, and AAA schedules follow the following format:

i) 4 Team Tournament Draw

- Status quo

ii) 3 Team Tournament Draw

1 vs. 3 2 vs. 3 1 vs.2 (Round robin)

- The top 2(two) teams play in Championship

- Tie breaker Procedure

1) Points for vs. points against to determine +/-

2) If there are still 2 teams tied, head to head record with the 2 tied teams

iii) 2 Team Tournament Draw

Best of 3 series (1vs.2, 1vs.2 1vs.2)

iv) 1 Team Tournament Draw

- Team automatically qualifies for OFSAA

Dave Zagordo (St. Mary’s College) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

7. Basketball – Midget Boys**Reference: Pages 9-10**

Delete section in its entirety.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Bill Gordon (Sud Sec)

Action: CARRIED.

8. Football**Reference: General, Item 4.**

Reads as follows: “Teams will be allowed to use their own football in the NOSSA playoffs. The football must be the official CIS/CFL size and weight”.

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following: “The host team will be responsible to provide two CIS/CFL game balls”.

Brandon Dougan (Confederation) – Kim Labrosse (St Benedict)

Action: DEFEATED.

9. Football**Reference: General.**

Add new item as follows: “In the event that an agreement to exchange game film in advance of NOSSA playoff games, then the film must be of each team’s championship final”.

Brandon Dougan (Confederation) – Rejean Bonin (Lively)

Action: CARRIED.

10. Volleyball**Reference: Event Date.**

Reads presently: “NOSSA “A” Volleyball shall schedule the NOSSA Championships on the Friday, one week prior to the OFSAA Championships”.

Change to read: “NOSSA A, AA, AAA, B Volleyball shall schedule the NOSSA Championships either on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday, one week prior to the OFSAA Championships depending on officials’ availability”.

Dan MacLean (L’Horizon) - Marc Savage (Macdonald Cartier)

Action: CARRIED.

N.O.S.S.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS - GIRLS

Twenty-seven were counted in attendance (14 votes for straight majority).

Motion to accept conveners reports was moved by Peter Kategiannis and seconded by Sue Lin – CARRIED.

1. Basketball

Reference: Levels of Classification

Delete in its entirety.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Bill Gordon (Sud Sec)

Action: CARRIED.

2. Basketball

Reference: Rules and Officials, Section (a)

Reads as follows: “The rules shall be according to the official rules of the National Basketball Committee for the U.S.A. and Canada”.

Revise to read: “The rules shall be according to the official rules as per O.F.S.A.A. Sport Advisory Committee”.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Bill Gordon (Sud Sec)

Action: CARRIED.

3. Basketball

Reference: Rules and Officials, Section (c).

Reads presently: “In all games, both officials shall be rated officials holding an I.A.B.O. rating. Officials shall not officiate three consecutive games in NOSSA Championships.”

Replace in statement above: “I.A.B.O” with “I.A.A.B.O.” (updated term)

Add: “Officials must be a minimum level 2 to 3 official under NOCP”.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Bill Gordon (Sud Sec)

Action: CARRIED.

Girls motions continued on next page >>>

4. Basketball**Reference: Rules and Officials, New Section (e).**

Add as follows: “Minor officials (timekeepers, scorer and shot clock operator) will be provided for each of the games at the NOSSA championships”.

Denis Gauthier (Lasalle) – Bill Gordon (Sud Sec)

Action: CARRIED.

5. Basketball**Reference: Tournament Schedule and Format.**

Whereas;

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And whereas;

All districts have the opportunity to play at all levels

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And whereas;

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Be it resolved that;

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vii) 2 Team Tournament Draw

Best of 3 series (1vs.2, 1vs.2 1vs.2)

viii) 1 Team Tournament Draw

- Team automatically qualifies for OFSAA

Dave Zagordo (St. Mary's College) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

Girls motions continued on next page >>>

6. Basketball “AAA”**Reference: Tournament Schedule and Format**

Whereas;

It only applies in the AAA NOSSA Basketball playing regulations

And whereas;

It can take an extra day of travel

And whereas;

It is not consistent with the boys playing regulations

And Whereas;

The common format is one(1) game Friday and two(2) games Saturday

Be it resolved that;

The recommendation that the teams play a balanced schedule of two games Friday and the Championship game to be played Saturday be deleted.

Dave Zagordo (St. Mary’s College) - Gary Cormier (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

7. Basketball**Reference: Tournament Schedule and Format.**

Add as follows: “If a district does not send a representative after committing to the championship, the schedule will run as is. The team facing the ‘no show’ team will win by default with a score of 2-0. This will occur for all games the ‘no show’ team is scheduled to play”.

Ron Poulin (Macdonald Cartier) – Denis Gauthier (Lasalle)

Action: WITHDRAWN.

8. Hockey**Reference: Rules and Officials, section (a)**

Change second sentence to read: “Inner mouth guards are strongly recommended but are not mandatory.”

Rick Emond (St Charles) – Kim Chezzi (Lively)

Action: CARRIED.

Girls motions continued on next page >>>

9. Hockey**Reference:**

Whereas,

Current OFSAA Girls Hockey Championships consist of one "A"/"AA" event and one "AAA" event,

And whereas,

The only NOSSA school by definition that fits the "AAA" criteria is within a district that does not participate in NOSSA Girls Hockey,

And whereas,

Conveners have had issues filling two, four team NOSSA draws in past years,

Be It Resolved That,

The NOSSA Girls Hockey Championship consist of a single four team championship, with entries as specified in the playing regulations depending upon the number of competing districts,

And be it further resolved that,

The playing regulations be updated to reflect a single championship for all sections affected.

Jason Michelutti (St Charles) – Denis Piquette (Notre-Dame)

Action: CARRIED.

10. Hockey**Reference: Classification, add as follows**

Whereas,

NOSSA Girls hockey entries have historically been competitive at the "AAA" level when competing as "A" or "AA" schools,

And whereas,

OFSAA combines "A" and "AA" for girls hockey championships,

Be it Resolved That,

Two representatives to OFSAA be declared from the NOSSA Girls Hockey championship, one for "A"/"AA" and the other for "AAA".

And Be It Further Resolved That,

If a third representative is needed, the team that finishes with the best record during round robin play will qualify.

Jason Michelutti (St Charles) – Denis Piquette (Notre-Dame)

Action: CARRIED.

11. Hockey**Reference: Classification, add as follows**

"In the event that two qualifiers to OFSAA are permitted from the same NOSSA Girls Hockey championship, the NOSSA champion shall have the first right to choose their OFSAA event of choice, providing their choice does not displace the NOSSA finalist from a chance to participate."

Rick Emond (St Charles) – Kim Chezzi (Lively)

Action: CARRIED.

12. Soccer A, AA and AAA**Reference: Tournament Structure and Procedure**

Whereas;

Boys offer a junior NOSSA

Whereas;

NOSSA is an equal opportunity organization

Whereas;

There is no OFSAA competition at the junior level

Be it resolved that;

NOSSA offer a junior girls championship in A, AA and AAA.

Jim Pedetella (St. Mary's College) - Janis Hogan (Korah)

Action: CARRIED.

NOSSA Rep to OFSAA:

- Lori Vezina was nominated by Heather Windrem (1st) and Dan Stevens (2nd)
- Kim Chezzi was nominated by Sherri Green (1st) and Yves Poirier (2nd)
- They both left the room and a vote was taken and Kim Chezzi was voted in as the NOSSA rep to OFSAA

New Business:

Flag Football was brought up by Marymount representative asking if anyone from the Sault, North Shore, Nipissing would be interested in considering it as a sport. Nipissing mentioned that they have a summer program. Marymount can be contacted if anyone is interested in competing with them.

Adjourned @ 1:24pm

APPENDIX "A"

2016 N.O.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, April 29th – North Shore District

ATTENDANCE

North Shore District	Nipissing District	Sudbury District
<p>Nigel Good – Central Algoma SS Mitch Landriault – Elliot Lake SS Dave Gallant – Espanola HS Tony Yachuk – Espanola HS Joanna Castonguay – Esc Franco-Ouest Peter Kategiannis – Manitoulin Pamela Burnham – VFJ Jillian Peltier – Wikwemikong HS Mark Tarantini – WC Eaket</p>	<p>Tim Lowe – Algonquin Colleen Egan – Chippewa Dez Forget – Chippewa Kareena Lindsay – Esc Elisabeth-Bruyère Roch Lachance – ES Franco-Cité Chris Davis – F.J. McElligott Scot Quarrington – F.J. McElligott Richard Lachance – Es Northern SS Daniel Stevens – Es Northern SS Ray Ouellette – l’Odyssee Laurie Vezina – St Joseph/Scollard Hall John Whittet – St Joseph/Scollard Hall Heather Windrem – Widdifield Sean Mullan – Widdifield</p> <p>Heather Chambers – Resolutions Chair</p>	<p>Sue-Lynn Boudreault – Esc Champlain Joel Lavallee – Esc Champlain Glenn Murray – Chelmsford Jody Nadjiwon - Chelmsford Jamie Bouchard – Confederation Jen Stobo - Confederation Matt Cootes – Lasalle Denis Gauthier – Lasalle Yves Poirier - Lasalle Kim Chezzi-MacLennan – Lively Michael Asunmaa - Lively Karin Augenstein – Lockerby CS Sean Green – Lockerby CS Sherry Green – Lo-Ellen Dan Bartolucci – Marymount Luc Giroux – Notre-Dame Lynn MacLean – Notre-Dame Martin Nadeau – Notre-Dame Marc Bertrand – Sacré-Coeur Troy Brushett – St Benedict Lexi Asunmaa – Sudbury Secondary Bill Gordon – Sudbury Secondary</p> <p>Dave Makela – Secretary</p>
Sault District		
<p>Gary Cormier – Korah Janis Hogan - Korah Jim Pedatella – St Mary’s Dave Zagordo – St Mary’s Seth Cond – Superior Heights Shauna Wootton – Superior Heights Wendy Basawa – White Pines Kim Policicchio – White Pines</p>		

APPENDIX "B"**2016 N.O.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, April 29th – North Shore District****OFSAA Report to NOSSA Delegates 2015-16**

Firstly, Laura Aubertin, Kim Chezzi and I – Tim Lowe (NOSSA representatives to OFSAA Reps Council) would like to thank all NOSSA delegates for attending this meeting. We would also like to thank the North Shore for hosting the meetings as well as the Hospitality Suite last night. We would be remiss in not thanking two individuals that perform the unenviable task of essentially running NOSSA – Dave Makela and Heather Chambers deserve our thanks!

Secondly, we would like to congratulate all the athletes, teams and coaches that represented our association at the various championships. It's nice to go to the meetings and know that not only do our teams perform well; they are also very well behaved, which is a true testament to the quality of our teacher/coaches

NOSSA hosted 7 OFSAA Championship this year: Boys A Basketball (Joey Turco), Badminton (Guy Horth), Girls' A and AA Soccer (Ryan Culhane), boys and girls Curling (Sean Mullan) and Girls AAA Volleyball (Colleen Egan). On behalf of OFSAA and all student-athletes we thank you for what you do for high school sports. In 2016-17, our association will be hosting 8 championships and we're sure that they'll put on first class events.

OFSAA will be entering a new partnership with the CIAAA (Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association). The partnership will help Athletic Administrators/Coordinators in Ontario receive professional development. Since the CIAAA is a Western Canada based Ass'n the first step is to provide training for providers in Ontario – OFSAA will send 6-8 people to Edmonton in June to train as instructors and courses would (could?) begin in Sept 2016. As well, OFSAA will hire a staff person to coordinate the program in Ontario. As well, in 2017 OFSAA will host the CIAAA conference instead of the OFSAA Coaching Symposium. This is potential revenue for OFSAA in the delivery of these courses (PD sessions). The CIAAA also offers Master's Program Credits as well as a Leadership Training Program and Certification Program. Please visit the CIAAA website for further information. (www.ciaaa.ca)

A reminder of the rule changes for OFSAA championships in Boys and Girls Basketball beginning next September (2016) – essentially FIBA rules with some minor tweeks (which can be found in the OFSAA Website and OFSAA Bulletin).

Much confusion exists with the changes regarding coaching certification, safety guidelines and supervision requirements that will take effect Sept 2016. A reminder that these are to be implemented and enforced by each individual SCHOOL BOARD. Most School Boards will follow the OPHEA guidelines/recommendations, but they can choose to do whatever they want with regards to the supervision guidelines, the safety guidelines and the certification guidelines. Best course of action is for you to contact your School Board for further information.

The OFSAA staff has changed in the past year with long-time Executive Director Doug Gellatly moving on to the OCAA. His replacement is Donna Howard. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge and huge amount of energy. As well, Lexy Fogel (Ass't Executive Director) returned to the office after being on a medical leave of absence. Shamus Bourdon (Ass't Executive Director) is finishing his first full year and is fast becoming a leading source of information concerning anything OFSAA. Beth Hubbard and Devin Gray round out the staff with Beth being the Administrative Assistant with Devin taking the lead with all things internet and website. All the staff will gladly answer any questions regarding OFSAA and their contact info is on the OFSAA website at www.ofsaa.on.ca

Items of General Interest:

- If your team (or school's team) has qualified for an OFSAA championship, please adhere to the entry deadlines. If you feel we cannot (for various reasons) please contact either Kim or myself.
- Colin Hood School Sport Awards - info available - please feel free to contact the OFSAA office – deadline for order is TODAY!
- At the CGA it was stressed that OFSAA hosting committees should really pay attention to the Gender equity in nominating the Leadership in School Sport Award. We're noticing that not enough women are getting the recognition for the time they spend developing student-athletes in their respective sports.
- Please fill in the Survey Monkey for Fall and Winter participation stats. These stats are important for OFSAA to continue receiving their grants from various gov't ministries.
- For all OFSAA Programs, please visit the website at www.offsaa.on.ca for information regarding Try Day, Bridging the Gap, KidSport Financial Assistance, Coaching in Ontario Schools (CIOS), Scholarships and the Officials Clinic Subsidy Program.
- Reminder to submit your request for Colin Hood Awards in April 29 (today) and the deadline for the CHARACTER Athlete Award is May 2.
- The Three Year Calendar for OFSAA championships is complete for the 2016-17 school year. If you'd like to host a championship for 17-18 or 18-19, please contact Kim, Laura or myself. You will be required to fill out The Championship Bid Process Form that is available on the Website. The process has undergone another change and it will no longer be first-come first-serve. We've included the new policy at the end of this report.
- And finally, the entry structure for all OFSAA championships will guarantee 1 entry per Association.
- This years' OFSAA AGM was very low-key due to the moratorium on changes to playing regulations. However, the Order Paper with all the voting outcomes will be place on the NOSSA Website once we receive it.
- Much discussion occurred surrounding 2 motions that were controversial –Ie: dealing with the new Eligibility rules that were put in place last year. Despite many passionate and emotional speakers, both these motions were overwhelmingly defeated and the bylaws as passed last year will be followed.
- **Scholarships (see website for info):**
 - OFSAA Alumni –** Diana Ranken
 - Maple Leafs Alumni –** Brian Riddell
 - Brian Maxwell –** Peter Morris

And finally, on a personal note, I'd be remiss in not taking the time to wish Laura Aubertin all the best in her retirement. She's been our NOSSA Rep to the OFSAA CGA for 12 years and has been such a great source of her leadership, knowledge, loyalty and respect. She worked tirelessly not only for the student-athletes in her school and the SDSSAA, but also for all the North Region and OFSAA. Her truly "Northern Representation" will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Aubertin, Kim Chezzi and Tim Lowe
 OFSAA Female and Male representatives to OFSAA Reps Council