



## ANNUAL MEETING

**APRIL 18 and APRIL 19, 2024**

### **ORDER PAPER - RESULTS**

**OFSAA Bylaws, Page B9, Article 4 – Meetings, Section 4 – Annual Meeting (Member Meeting), K.  
Voting at Meetings of Members**

**a. Voting at Meetings of Members**

Members will have the following voting rights at all Member meetings:

- i. Each Member Association will have four (4) voting Delegates as follows:
  - a. The one (1) male and the one (1) female representative from each Member Association who both serve on the Representatives' Council;
  - b. The one (1) President, or duly authorized substitute, from each Member Association who serves on the Presidents' Council;
  - c. The one (1) Principal, or Vice Principal, from each Member Association who serves on the Principals' Council.
- ii. Athletic Coordinators do not vote.
- iii. Any Board Director who does not fulfill a role identified in sub-section (i) is entitled to vote.
- iv. Each voting Delegate and Director is entitled to one vote and no voting Delegate or Director shall have more than one vote.
- v. No proxy votes will be permitted.
- vi. For the **By-laws** of the Federation an Ordinary Resolution (a majority of votes cast) will decide each issue/motion/resolution. This includes proposed amendments to the By-laws that are not considered Fundamental Changes as per Article 11 (which require a Special Resolution - 2/3 majority of votes cast) or are not otherwise provided in these By-laws, or the Act. In the case of a tie vote, the matter is defeated.
- vii. For the **Regulations** of the Federation a 2/3 majority of votes cast will decide each proposed amendment.
- viii. Votes will be determined by a show of hands, orally or electronic ballot, except in the case of elections which require a secret ballot, unless a secret or recorded ballot is requested by a Member.

# BYLAWS

## MOTION 1

### MOTION FERREIRA/ROSER

**Page B4, Article 2 – Membership, Section 1 – Classes of Membership, a) Member Associations and OFSAA Regulations B) Associations, Page R4**

**WHEREAS OFSAA Bylaws, Article 2 – Membership, Section 1 – a) Member Associations**

Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association (TDCAA) is noted as a member association in subsection a) xvi.

**AND WHEREAS OFSAA Regulations B) Associations, Page R4** states **Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association (TDCAA)** - Catholic high schools within the City of Toronto, and independent high schools within the boundaries of the City of Toronto not operated under the regular Ministry of Education Boards in the area, but not those which are members of the CISAA.

**AND WHEREAS** this definition does not include the French Public and French Catholic schools who operate within the City of Toronto who are also association members,

**AND WHEREAS** a clear articulation is required as two associations share the same geographic boundaries,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the definition now read:

Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association (TDCAA) – Catholic high schools with the City of Toronto, **French Public and French Catholic schools within the City of Toronto**, and independent high schools within the boundaries of the City of Toronto not operated under the regular Ministry of Education Boards in the area, but not those which are members of the CISAA.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## MOTION 2

### MOTION ANDERSON/CHESNEY

**Pages Bylaws – B19, Article 7 – Committees, Section 1, Standing Committees – new m.**

**Pages Regulations – R5, (C) Committees, Section 1, Standing Committees – new j.**

**Pages Regulations – R5, (C) Committees, new Section 12**

**WHEREAS** the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (formerly Gender Equity Committee) is currently an Ad Hoc Committee.

**AND WHEREAS** Ad Hoc Committees are to be established for a certain amount of time and for a specific issue and the Inclusivity Task Force feels that the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (formerly Gender Equity Committee) should be a Standing Committee.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** In the OFSAA **Bylaws, Page B19**, Article 7 - Committees, Section 1, Standing Committees m. be added and read 'The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee as defined in the Regulations of the Federation.'

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** In the OFSAA Regulations, Page R5, (C) Committees, Section 1 - Standing Committees, j. be added and read 'The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.'

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** In the OFSAA Regulations, Page R15(C) - Committees, Section 12 be added and read as follows:

*Section 12 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee*

*a. Structure*

- i. The committee shall be comprised of a minimum of six (6) members. The members shall represent each of the Federation's Regions and the different classifications, where applicable. A member of either the Board or OFSAA's Staff shall be present at each meeting.*
- ii. The members of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, with a maximum of three (3) terms – although this maximum term limit may be extended by the Board if members are not forthcoming.*
- iii. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee for a three (3) year term.*

*b. Duties*

- i. Provide guidance and support to OFSAA and member associations with equity, diversity and inclusion related issues or concerns.*
- ii. Perform review of OFSAA ByLaws, Regulations and Policies annually through an Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity lens.*
- iii. Perform other duties as requested by the Board.*

*c. Meetings*

- i. The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall meet three (3) times per year, ideally in October, February and June.*
- ii. The quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Committee.*

*d. Voting*

- i. Each committee member shall have one (1) vote. Proxy votes shall not be accepted.*
- ii. A majority of votes cast, providing there is quorum, will carry or defeat a motion.*

**ACTION: CARRIED**

# REGULATIONS

## **MOTION 1**

### **MOTION CHESNEY/HARGREAVES**

**Reference – all sections of the regulations that identify “Gender Equity Committee”**

**WHEREAS:** As leaders in the school sport community, OFSAA is committed to creating an equitable and inclusive educational environment where race, religion, gender identity, sexuality and ability do not serve as barriers to participation.

**AND WHEREAS** OFSAA currently has an AD HOC committee named the Gender Equity Committee whose mandate is to monitor the gender equity policy and make recommendations for updates and/or changes to the policy.

**AND WHEREAS:** OFSAA will continue its’ progress towards equity and inclusion for all members of the school sport community and the Inclusivity Task Force feels the transition from a Gender Equity Committee to an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee is necessary to advance the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion within school communities and beyond.

**AND WHEREAS:** The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee would work together to further support associations and OFSAA with issues or concerns related to equity, diversity and inclusion and consistently review the OFSAA governance structure.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Gender Equity Committee be renamed to the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee where noted in **all OFSAA Regulations**.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2**

### **MOTION CLARKE/ROWLEY**

**Page R-15, Section 2: Championship/Festival Dates**

**WHEREAS** Tennis is currently played in the Spring season.

**AND WHEREAS** To balance the championship calendar the Championship Review Committee is recommending that the OFSAA Tennis Championship be moved to the Fall.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the Tennis championship will take place during the fall season. The Sport Advisory Committee shall determine the best week for the championship to take place.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 3**

#### **MOTION – PRESS/DEWAR**

##### **Page R-15. Section 2: Championship/Festival Dates**

**WHEREAS** Girls Slo-Pitch is currently played in the Spring season.

**AND WHEREAS** To balance the championship calendar the Championship Review Committee is recommending that OFSAA Girls Slo-Pitch Festival be moved to the Fall.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the Girls Slo-Pitch Festival will take place during the fall season. The Sport Advisory Committee shall determine the best week for the festival to take place.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

### **MOTION 4**

#### **MOTION – PRESS/DEWAR**

##### **Page R-15. Section 2: Championship/Festival Dates**

**WHEREAS:** Baseball is currently played in the Spring season.

**AND WHEREAS:** To balance the championship calendar the Championship Review Committee is recommending that OFSAA Baseball championship be moved to the Fall.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the OFSAA Baseball championship will take place during the fall season. The Sport Advisory Committee shall determine the best week for the championship to take place.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

### **MOTION 5**

#### **MOTION NAHIRNIAK/BETTIG**

##### **Page R23 - Section (E) Eligibility for Competition, Section 3 – Teams, c.**

**WHEREAS** the current regulation mandates that teams use OFSAA eligible athletes in all competitions, including tournaments and exhibition games.

**AND WHEREAS** not all local and regional associations monitor tournament/exhibition activities of their membership, and not all tournaments make game information available, making this regulation at best inconsistently enforced.

**AND WHEREAS** some schools use tournament or exhibition play as a form of choosing their teams for league competition.

**AND WHEREAS** some schools may have students who are not able to pass, or have not yet passed the OFSAA transfer policy, but should not be restricted from participating in games that do not have any bearing on league standings or OFSAA qualifying.

**AND WHEREAS** local and regional associations formerly had the flexibility to grant eligibility for local competition, and restricted OFSAA ineligible athletes only for OFSAA qualifying events/playoffs.

**AND WHEREAS** the impacts on seeding for the championships would be minimal compared to the impacts on students being restricted from participation.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the current regulation be replaced with the following:

c) OFSAA Championships or Festivals for team sports shall only involve teams which have used OFSAA-eligible student-athletes in all association sanctioned competition during the school year. OFSAA-eligible means the student-athlete meets all eligibility requirements as defined in the OFSAA Playing Regulations. Any team using an ineligible student-athlete(s) in any association sanctioned competition during the school year forfeits the right to participate in the OFSAA Championship or Festival.

Association Sanctioned refers to regular season league play, and playoff competition. It does not include exhibition games or tournaments that do not contribute to league standings.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **MOTION 6**

### **MOTION CHESNEY/AITCHISON**

**Page R27, Regulation E – Eligibility for Competition, Section 4 – Individuals g) The Federation’s Transfer Policy a) – new (iv).**

**WHEREAS:** Some students are required to change schools as directed by their school board (i.e. demitted from a program, personal safety, completed expulsion program).

**AND WHEREAS:** Students cannot choose to stay at the school they originally attended and are required to attend the board designated school.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Sub-Section (iv) be added to section (a) of the transfer policy and read as follows:

The student has transferred as a result of a board designated placement (i.e. demitted from a program, personal safety, completed expulsion program) and is attending that designated school. The appeal must be accompanied by documentation from the school or school board confirming the designation.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 7**

### **MOTION LIMOGES/MACADAM**

**Pages R28 & R30, Regulation E – Eligibility for Competition, Section 4 – Individuals g) The Federation’s Transfer Policy c) – new (iv), new note (10).**

**WHEREAS** The current OFSAA Transfer Policy does not provide a ground of appeal for students who are transferring from an English/immersion school into a French-language school. Students who may be affected normally fall into one of the following categories:

1. A student admitted to a French-language school pursuant to a school board admissions committee process (Education Act, s. 293, as amended).

2. Student whose admission is constitutionally protected because their parent/guardian is a rights holder under s. 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**AND WHEREAS** the absence of recognition of the statutory process set out in the Education Act and more importantly the constitutional right protected under the Charter puts OFSAA, its affiliates and school boards at risk of litigation.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Sub-Section (iv) be added to section (c) of the transfer policy and read as follows:

(iv) The student has transferred to a French Language school and has a parent/guardian who is a rights holder or has been admitted to a French-language school pursuant to a school board admissions committee process. The French-language school shall provide evidence of their admission. (See **note 10**)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The following note be added to the transfer policy as number ten (10).

10. A French-language school means a school within the French-language public district school board or a French-language separate district school board. Evidence must confirm the parent/guardian is French-language rights holder or the student has passed the school board admission test.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 8**

### **MOTION CHESNEY/CLAYTON**

**Page R30, Regulation E – Eligibility for Competition, Section 4 – Individuals g) The Federation’s Transfer Policy a) – new note (11).**

**WHEREAS** Refugees arriving to Ontario are typically sponsored and come on short notice. They are provided with temporary housing in a specific location (i.e. church, shelter, hotel). This location is intended to be used for a short period of time until they can secure employment and more permanent housing.

**AND WHEREAS** Refugees may move several times, in a short period of time, due to their housing situation and these moves may not be within the same vicinity of the school they originally attended.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The following note be added to the transfer policy as number eleven (11).

11. Refugee students, arriving to Ontario, are not considered transfer students and are eligible for all sports within the first two years from their date entry into school.

Refugees are defined as those students who have been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 9**

### **MOTION - FERGUSON/ROWLEY**

#### **Page R35, Regulation F-Supervision and Department, Section 1(a)(b)(c)- Supervision**

#### **Standing Rules – ALL Playing Regulations - Section 9 - Supervision**

**WHEREAS** Section 1 - Supervision reads: A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

**AND WHEREAS** The rule is discriminatory and non-inclusive. The supervisor must be a member of staff from the school or a retired member of staff, be approved by the Principal and meet the OFSAA requirements.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Regulation F, Section 1 preamble, and sub-sections (a)(b)(c) be replaced with the following:

A teacher is defined as a member **or retired member** of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent. **A supervisor is defined as a member of the school staff or retired member of the staff of the school participating and approved by the school principal.**

- a. For team sports, (reference Regulation E, Section 3), a teacher **or supervisor** from the same school, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- b. For individual sports (those sports in which student-athletes from a school qualify for Federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school must designate a teacher **or supervisor** to accompany and be responsible for the student-athletes throughout the duration of the competition. In addition, the principal may also designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the student-athletes along with the designated teacher **or supervisor**.
- c. For all sports, where the teacher **or supervisor**, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the student-athlete(s), and where the student-athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the student-athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Section 9 of all playing regulations be changed to read the following:

#### ***9. Supervision: (Reference **Regulation F, Section 1**)***

A teacher is defined as a member **or retired member** of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent. **A supervisor is defined as a member of the school staff or retired member of the staff of the school participating and approved by the school principal.**



- a. For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference **Regulation E, Section 3**}), a teacher **or supervisor** from the same school as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- b. For all sports, where the teacher **or supervisor**, as indicated in (a) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **MOTION 10**

### **MOTION CHESNEY/ANDERSON**

**Page R35 – Section F – Supervision and Deportment  
Standing Rules, All playing Regulations**

**WHEREAS:** An updated OFSAA Uniform Policy is necessary to include religious exemptions and should include both sponsorship and general requirements.

**AND WHEREAS:** The OFSAA Board of Directors has tentatively adopted the OFSAA General Uniform Policy should the membership be in favour of the proposed changes:

#### **OFSAA General Uniform Policy**

*All competitors are expected to dress for Federation Championships in uniforms that are neat, clean, conform to uniform requirements outlined in this policy, OFSAA Playing Regulations, and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs.*

*A uniform is defined as a top, a bottom, **singlet, swimsuit**, warm-up **attire** and a tracksuit.*

*a. General:*

- i. Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.*
- ii. These criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.*
- iii. **Religious exemptions will always be accepted. Where religious requirements present a safety concern, accommodations will be addressed by the OFSAA Board of***

**Directors.**

**b. Sponsorship**

**i. Commercial Sponsorship Criteria**

1. *Commercial sponsorship may be recognized on athletes' uniforms at Federation Championships/events provided the following criteria is met:*
  - a. *the product and/or service provided by the sponsor must be commensurate with the philosophical practices and policies of the Federation, the school, the Association and the local Board of Education;*
  - b. *only the same singular sponsor may be recognized on a team's set of uniforms;*
  - c. *the manufacturer of the uniform may be recognized as the sponsor. If the manufacturer is not the sponsor, then the manufacturer's logo must be displayed very discreetly (i.e. smaller than 64 sq. cm. and not longer than 10 cm.)*
  - d. *this criterion must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area.*

**ii. Commercial Sponsorship Placement Guidelines**

1. **Singlets/Swimsuits/Vests/Jerseys**
  - a. *Where uniform tops have sleeves, recognition of the sponsor must appear on one of either the left or right sleeve. The maximum area to be covered by the advertising on the sleeve is 64 sq.cm. (maximum length 10 cm.).*
  - b. *Uniform tops without sleeves may display sponsorship on the left or right breast of the uniform top. The maximum area to be covered by the advertising on the uniform top without a sleeve is 24 sq.cm. (maximum length 8 cm.).*
2. **Shorts/Bottoms**
  - a. *One piece of advertising, similar in nature to that permitted on the top of the uniform, will be permitted on the left or right thigh. The maximum area to be covered by the advertising on the shorts/bottoms is 64 sq.cm. (maximum length 10 cm.).*
3. **Warm-Up Attire/Track Suits**
  - a. *The permitted advertising on warm-up attire and track suits will conform to the criteria for uniform tops and bottoms.*
  - b. *Schools may choose whether to recognize sponsors on the sleeve or breast area of the uniform top. If the manufacturer's logo is discrete (i.e. smaller than 64 sq.cm. and not longer than 10 cm.), then the sponsor's name may be displayed on the warm-up T-shirt and/or track suit.*

*Failure to abide by all aspects of this Section may result in disqualification from the Federation Championship.*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** In the OFSAA Regulations, **Page R35 Section (F) Supervision and Deportment, Section 2 - Deportment (h). 'The Federation's Uniform Sponsorship Policy'** be removed entirely and edited to read "All competitors are expected to abide by the General Uniform Policy as well as the Sport-Specific Uniform Requirements outlined in the Playing Regulations."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** In all of the OFSAA Playing Regulations, under section 7. Uniforms and Equipment, (a) General, points i. to v. be removed and it now read “All requirements outlined in the OFSAA General Uniform Policy must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** In the OFSAA Regulations, **Page R40, APPENDIX I - RULES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARTICIPANTS TO OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS 5.** be edited to read: “All participants will deport themselves in a manner becoming representatives of their school, Association and OFSAA while attending a Federation Championship. Attention must be paid to:

- Respect for others; all participants have the right to freedom from harassment (as defined by the Canadian Human Rights Commission), equal treatment without discrimination based on race, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, creed, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or sex;
- Respect for property;
- Conduct;
- Language;
- Dress. I am aware of the dress code for Championships as stated in **the General Uniform Policy** and Playing Regulations.
- Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 11**

##### **MOTION CLARKE/HENDRIE**

**Page R45, Appendix III – Code of Behaviour for Spectators – added statement.**

**WHEREAS:** Spectator conduct is increasingly becoming an issue for high school athletics.

**AND WHEREAS:** Local athletic associations or member associations of OFSAA may ban or suspend spectators for unruly conduct.

**AND WHEREAS:** OFSAA does not currently address suspension of spectators during local or association play.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The following be added to Appendix III-Code of Behaviour for Spectators.

**Any suspensions or disciplinary actions of spectators during association play shall be upheld at OFSAA championships and festivals.**

**ACTION: CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 12**

##### **MOTION JEAN/CARLISLE**

**Page R62, Appendix X – OFSAA Team Awards**

**WHEREAS** the participation limit for Boys' and Girls' curling is seven (7) per team

**AND WHEREAS** the current number of medals per team is six (6)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Total Medals for each of Boys' and Girls' Curling be increased from twenty-four (24) to twenty-eight (28).

**ACTION: CARRIED**

**MOTION 13**

**MOTION PRESS/CLAYTON**

**Page R-70, Section: APPENDIX XVI – ADDITIONAL ENTRIES**

**WHEREAS:** APPENDIX XVI – ADDITIONAL ENTRIES does not currently state the maximum number of entries per association, nor specify that the host association earns an additional entry.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** #3 be added and read:

The host association is entitled to an additional entry for most events. The association will determine how the entry is awarded.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** #4 be added and read:

There will be a maximum of two entries per association. A third entry will only be permitted if required. If the host association has medaled in the previous year, OFSAA will move to the next available association to facilitate the draw.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The current #3 on the number list be changed to #5.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

# PLAYING REGULATION MOTIONS

## BADMINTON – 1 motion

### MOTION 1

#### MOTION LACHNER/KOWALSKI

**Page B-1, Section: 1 – Events and/or Classification:**

**WHEREAS:** Section 1 C reads: **High School Division:** i. A badminton player who exclusively trains with and competes with/for their high school and does not train or compete with/for any other badminton program. ii. A badminton player is eligible who ceased to train and compete with/for any badminton in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.

**AND WHEREAS:** Section 1 D reads: **Open Division:** All other badminton players (i.e. not high school badminton players) who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Playing Regulation five (5), and who are bona fide members of the school program are classified as Open participants.

**AND WHEREAS:** The classification of a High School division athlete has been challenging to interpret, with many coaches inquiring about their student's classification. By listing specific events that classify an Open Division player, the process of identifying players should be simpler.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Section 1 D be changed to read:

**Open Division:** A student-athlete who has won a match at any junior B competition or competed in any HP A tournament or equivalent level with a state or national body (National Championships) within the past three (3) years outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an “open” participant within the individual division.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT:** Section 1 C be changed to read:

**High School Division:** any player who does not meet the criteria for an Open player.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## BASKETBALL – 1 motion

### MOTION 1

#### MOTION – DRISCOLL / ROWLEY

**Page D-3, Section: 5 – Eligibility (b): Individual Student Eligibility:**

**WHEREAS: b. IX. Reads:** No student-athlete is eligible for an OFSAA basketball championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet or who has played in a game for a team in the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) or the National Preparatory Association (NPA), after September 30th of the current school year.

**AND WHEREAS:** This currently doesn't encompass all leagues and divisions.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Section 5, B. ix be changed to read:

No **senior-aged** student-athlete is eligible for an OFSAA basketball championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet or who has played in a game for a school prep/elite team or a non-school prep/elite team after September 30th of the current school year.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **CROSS COUNTRY – 1 motion**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION GREPE/ADAM**

##### **Page E1, Section 2(a)**

**WHEREAS** The sport of cross-country running requires unique training to properly and safely prepare students for the demands of competition.

**AND WHEREAS** the goal of school sports is to provide opportunities for participation to as many students as possible.

**AND WHEREAS** we have seen a decline in the total number of students at the grassroots level in the sport due to several factors.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Page E1, Section 2 (a) - race distances be changed to the following:

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|------|----------------------------|------|
| i.   | Para Event                 | 3 km |
| ii.  | Novice Boys & Novice Girls | 3 km |
| iii. | Junior Boys & Junior Girls | 4 km |
| iv.  | Senior Boys & Senior Girls | 5 km |

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **CURLING – 2 motions**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION JEAN/CARLISLE**

##### **Page F-5, Section 7 Uniforms and Equipment: General (vi)**

**WHEREAS** the current description of legal brooms is out of date and broom regulations are changing regularly with the technology.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section Vi: Brooms Part 1 be replaced with

World Curling Federation (WCF) compliant brooms.

**ACTION: WITHDRAWN**

## **MOTION 2**

### **MOTION JEAN/CARLISLE**

**Page F5 & F6, 8. Awards: Section a.**

**WHEREAS** the participation limit for Boys' and Girls' curling is seven (7) per team

**AND WHEREAS** the current number of medals per team is six (6).

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the number of medals be increased from six (6) to seven (7)

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **FOOTBALL – 2 motions**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION COVENTRY/ANNETT**

**Page H-1, Section 1 (b.) Events and/or Classifications (Entry)**

**Page H-1, Section 2 (a.) Festival Structure and Procedure (Entry)**

**Page H-4, Section 8. Awards**

**WHEREAS Page H-1, Section 1. Events and/or Classifications:** b. The organizing committee, in consultation with the OFSAA SAC Committee, will be responsible for determining the pairings of each Bowl Game. Where possible, no two (2) associations will play each other in consecutive years.

**AND WHEREAS Page H-1, Section 2. Festival Structure and Procedure:**

a. The OFSAA Football Bowl Festival will be a minimum of five (5) games to a maximum of nine (9) games.

**AND WHEREAS Page H-4, Section 8. Awards:**

The school represented by each winning team in each OFSAA Festival Bowl game shall receive an OFSAA banner to be retained by the school.

**AND WHEREAS** Football Ontario & Ontario High School Football do not seek to change any of the bowl formatting other than implementing a four (4) team playoff within the OFSAA BOYS' FOOTBALL BOWL FESTIVAL, adding or including two (2) Semi-Final Playoff Games and an OFSAA/Football Ontario Championship Game with the winners of those two matchups.

**AND WHEREAS** Football Ontario & Ontario High School Football do not seek to change the organizing committee or the consultation with the OFSAA SAC Committee, only that ONHSFB Coaches Poll rankings always be used in the decision making process and the Top 4 remaining OFSAA eligible Boys' football teams be made to play each other in a One vs. Four (1v4) and Two vs. Three (2v3) Playoff format within the OFSAA BOYS' FOOTBALL BOWL FESTIVAL.

**AND WHEREAS** OFSAA Boys' Football Bowls under page R16 section two (2) state that the date that championship/festival shall be held is during the latter part of November and before the second weekend of December.

**AND WHEREAS** Football Ontario & Ontario High School Football are willing to fund the OFSAA Provincial Final and are aware that the timeline pushes the length of the season by one (1) for two remaining teams. Football Ontario would take full responsibility of costs, booking, and any fees in accordance to organizing the Provincial Championship Game under the OFSAA banner thus not affecting the OFSAA budget or timeline for Senior Football in Ontario.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Page H-1 Sec 1 (b.) – Events and/or Classifications be replaced with:

b. The organizing committee, in consultation with the OFSAA SAC Committee, will be responsible for determining the pairings of each Bowl Game with consideration and designation of two (2) Bowl Game pairings as OFSAA Provincial Semi-Final matchups. Where possible, no two (2) associations will play each other in consecutive years for non-Semi-Final games.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Page H-1 Sec 2 (c.) – Festival Structure and Procedure be replaced with:

a. The OFSAA Football Bowl Festival will be a minimum of five (5) games to a maximum of ten (10) games with two (2) already existing OFSAA Bowl Games designated as OFSAA Provincial Semi-Finals and one (1) OFSAA Provincial Final Game.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Page H-4, Section 8. - Awards be replaced with:

The school represented by each winning team in each OFSAA Festival one (1) Bowl game shall receive an OFSAA banner to be retained by the school. The school represented by each winning team in the OFSAA Provincial Football Finals shall receive a Trophy and be recognized as the OFSAA Provincial Football Champion until the next OFSAA Football Bowl Festival.

*NOTE: Football Ontario will look to sponsor two games during the OFSAA Bowl Festival and also assume all the costs for the two remaining OFSAA finals teams to be hosted for the OFSAA Provincial Final including buses, hotels, and field.*

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **MOTION 2**

### **MOTION: ANNETT / CORBIN**

#### **Page H-1, Section 3 (c) Football Playing Regulations (Entry)**

**WHEREAS** High school football teams with over 56 players on the roster are not uncommon. Many Ontario high school football teams had over 56 players on their roster over the past few seasons (e.g. Korah Collegiate in 2021, 2022, 2023 and Holy Cross [Kingston] in 2021 and 2022).

It is commonplace in the US to see high school football rosters with over 60 and even 70 players. Most of these teams also have staffs of 15 to 20+ (coaches, medical personnel, equipment managers, hydration, etc.).

**AND WHEREAS** Bringing over 56 players to an OFSAA Football Bowl game would result in zero additional costs for the OFSAA hosts/convenors. There is no OFSAA Football banquet and there were no hats or t-shirts given to players at the last three Football Bowl series events. All additional costs incurred would be the responsibility of the individual team, not OFSAA or the hosts.



**AND WHEREAS** It would be disheartening for a student-athlete who committed to their football team for a full season (or even multiple years of high school) to learn that they cannot be with their team at an OFSAA Football Bowl game due to arbitrary roster limit rules. This would be a heart-breaking conversation to have with a student athlete and their parents.

**AND WHEREAS** The intent of the 56-player roster cap rule at OFSAA Football is understood. It would be unreasonable to have an unlimited number of players & coaches on the sidelines for the Football Bowl games. However, **increasing the maximum football roster size from 56 players to 60 players would reduce the likelihood of a student-athlete being excluded from participating in the OFSAA Football Bowl Series.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Sec 3 (c) – Football Playing Regulations (Entry) be replaced with:  
Each team may register a maximum of **sixty (60) players and up to twelve (12) team personnel** on their AELS. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend Championship activities. (ref. Appendix XIV)

***\*If approved, this would require an edit to APPENDIX XIII on page R-66 (see below table). The number of participants in the chart on page 66 would need to be changed from 65 to 72.***

## **APPENDIX XIII - PARTICIPATION LIMITS**

OFSAA Championship Participant Limits	
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Participant Limit</b>
Field Hockey	25
Boys'/Girls' Basketball	18
Boys'/Girls' Volleyball	18
Boys'/Girls' Hockey	25
Lacrosse	30
Boys'/Girls' Soccer	24
Boys'/Girls' Rugby	34
Baseball	22
Curling	7
Football	72
Ultimate	28
Slo-Pitch	22

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **HOCKEY – 6 motions**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION ORDANIS/JONES**

##### **Page K-1, Section 2 - Championship Structure and Procedure**

**WHEREAS** The Hockey Playing Regulations do not explicitly state the number of points for a win/tie/loss.

**AND WHEREAS** Consistency is needed across all OFSAA Championship events when determining teams that advance from pool play.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a new ( e) be added be added to Page K-1, Section 2 and read: The total number of points obtained by each team determines its order of finish within the pool. Points will be awarded as follows; Win = 2; Tie = 1; Loss or Default = 0.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the current (e) become (f).

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2**

#### **MOTION CLAYTON/ORDANIS**

##### **Page K-2, Section 5 - Eligibility**

**WHEREAS** The SAC receives questions from teacher-coaches across the province each year with regards to student-athlete eligibility as it relates to their participation in training camps for the Canada Winter Games.

**AND WHEREAS** Clarification is needed to ensure the same message is being relayed to all schools across the province with regards to individual student eligibility.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** iii. be added to Section 5. c. and read: “Eligible student-athletes that participate in training camps for Team Ontario and/or the Canada Winter Games will maintain their OFSAA eligibility for high school hockey.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** iii. be added to Section 5. d. and read: “Eligible student-athletes that participate in selection camps for Team Ontario and/or the Canada Winter Games will maintain their OFSAA eligibility for high school hockey.”

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 3**

#### **MOTION CLAYTON/ORDANIS**

**Page K-3, Section 5 - Eligibility**

**WHEREAS** Section 5. d. i. currently states: “No competitor is eligible for the OFSAA Hockey Championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet for any teams of the PHF within the current school year.”

**AND WHEREAS** The language needs to be updated as the PHF no longer exists.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 5. d. i. be edited to read: “No competitor is eligible for the OFSAA Hockey Championship whose name has appeared on a game sheet for any women's professional league within the current school year.”

**ACTION: CARRIED**

**MOTION 4**

**MOTION HENDRY/GREEN**

**Page K-3, Section – 5. Eligibility, d. Girls Hockey Eligibility (ii)**

**WHEREAS Section 5d. Girls’ Hockey eligibility (ii)** reads “Any member of the National Development Under 22 team, or National Senior team is ineligible for OFSAA.

**AND WHEREAS Section 5c. Boys’ Hockey eligibility i)** reads no competitor is eligible for the OFSAA Hockey Championship who name appeared on a game sheet..... for a team in “A”, “B”, “C”, Major Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior or GMHL Divisions in any National and/or International Association, or any league deemed equivalent to “A”, “B”, “C”.

**AND WHEREAS** The OWHL U22 Elite markets itself as Women’s Junior Hockey.

**AND WHEREAS** OFSAA Eligibility regulations have inequitable eligibility limitations in Hockey.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 5d(ii)** be changed to read “Any member of the National Development Under 22 team, or National Senior team, **or OWHL U22 Elite team** is ineligible for OFSAA.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

**MOTION 5**

**MOTION HARGREAVES/ORDANIS**

**Page K-3, Section 6 - Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS** Hockey Canada with the support from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), currently bans body checking in divisions of U13 and below, in female hockey, and any other divisions approved by a Member of Hockey Canada (Hockey Canada Playing Rules 2022-2024 V2-Revised July 2023, Rule 7.3);

Currently, in the OMHA, body checking is not permitted at any age division of Recreational hockey, including House League, Local League and Minor Development and is only introduced at U14 at the Representative level;

**AND WHEREAS** the growing conversations related to non-body checking in youth hockey over the past eight years, motions related to the removal of body checking at OFSAA Hockey Championships have been brought forward and defeated four times;

**AND WHEREAS** Safety must be the first priority;

Body checking creates a higher risk level for players, where body contact allows the game to be played at a high skill level;

High school teams have limited access to players for practices since many of the players are playing community hockey at the same time;

Several high school-age hockey community leagues have a non-body checking policy in place – these players who are eligible to play high school hockey are not being taught body-checking in their community team practices;

OFSAA hockey rules allow students from grades 9 to 12+ to play on the same team therefore allowing for a five-year age grouping in a contact sport – many schools only have a single team for the entire school;

Players who play body-checking on community teams are often prevented or discouraged from playing high school hockey by their community coaches out of fear of injury/fatigue. At the same time, students who are playing minor hockey in their community may have not experienced body-checking and if not properly instructed, may be exposed to injury as a result of playing games with body-checking.

**AND WHEREAS** OFSAA's vision is to be recognized as the leader in providing opportunities for education through school sport;

Non-body checking creates more opportunities for high school student-athletes and non-body checking leagues are continuing to grow;

As of February 1, 2024, two (2) associations have exclusively non-body checking leagues (NCSSAA, GBSSA) and nine (9) associations (CISAA, CWOSSA, EOSSAA, LOSSA, ROPSSAA, SOSSA, TDCAA, TDSSAA, YRAA) offer both non-body checking and body checking boys' hockey leagues.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** In the OFSAA Playing Regulations for Hockey, Section 6, Rules and Officials, include a new (f), that shall read:

Body checking is prohibited at all levels at OFSAA Hockey Championships. In the event that body checking occurs, a penalty will be assessed at the discretion of the official.

Body-checking is an attempt by a player to gain an advantage on their opponent with the deliberate use of the body. Body-checking results when a player makes deliberate contact with an opposing player with opposite-directional force, when a player leaves their skating lane to make contact, or when a player extends an arm, shoulder, or hip after angling an opponent.

*Note/Interpretation: No body-checking does not mean "no contact." Body contact is incidental contact of two opposing players in pursuit of the puck on the ice in the same direction. If, in the opinion of the Referee, incidental contact has occurred, no penalty will be assessed.*

*A player may steer or direct an opposing player into the boards, without actually touching or body-checking them. This is acceptable. This is often seen when a player is skating down the ice with the puck and has to go around a defending player. Often, the puck carrier will try to go wide along the boards. In this case, the defender has the right to close off the boards, in order to force the puck carrier to slow down or move towards the middle of the ice. This is legal, as long as either player does not use their body to intentionally body-check, bump, push, or shove an opponent.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the current (f) change to (g) and the current (g) change to (h).

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **MOTION 6**

### **MOTION ORDANIS/JONES**

#### **Page K-13, Section 1 - Sport Specific Directives - Championship Structure and Procedure**

**WHEREAS** The Hockey Playing Regulations do not explicitly state which team is the home team for the playoff games.

**AND WHEREAS** There is an advantage to being the home team in hockey as it determines which team gets the last change of players before a face-off.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** (j) be added to Page K-13, Section 1 and read: In the playoff rounds, the higher-seeded team, determined prior to the start of the Championship, will be designated as the home team.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **LACROSSE – 1 motion**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION – BROPHY/LYLE**

#### **Page L-5 Section: 7 - Uniforms and Equipment C. Player Equipment.**

**WHEREAS:** C) i. Reads: All players must wear:

- CSA-approved helmet and mask with chinstrap properly fastened on both sides.
- Full fit interior mouth guard at all times when on the field of play.
- Gloves with fingers fully encased.
- Shoulder pads.
- Arm pads.
- Athletic support and protective cup.

**AND WHEREAS:** Some players do not wear the shoulder caps and instead wear a chest protector.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Section 7 Uniforms and Equipment C) i. be changed to read:

All players must wear:

- CSA-approved helmet and mask with chinstrap properly fastened on both sides.
- Full-fit interior mouth guard at all times when on the field of play.
- Gloves with fingers fully encased.
- Shoulder pads **or Chest Protector**
- Arm pads.
- Athletic support and protective cup.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **NORDIC SKIING – 5 motions**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION HARRIS/VEREECKE**

**PAGE: M-8; Section 13 Protest Committee**

**WHEREAS** The OFSAA Nordic Skiing Championship has relied for many years on a single volunteer fulfilling the role of Head Official;

**AND WHEREAS** OFSAA and Cross-Country Ski Ontario (XCSO) have entered into an agreement whereby XCSO will annually assign a suitable Technical Delegate (Head Official) for the OFSAA Nordic Skiing Championship;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Section 13 (a) be amended and read the following:

- a. The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals:
  - The Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate,
  - The Championship Convenor or designate, and
  - The XCSO Technical Delegate (Head Official)

Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2**

#### **MOTION HARRIS/VEREECKE**

**PAGE: M-4 through M-7; Section 6 Rules and Officials and Section 8 Awards**

**WHEREAS** The previous addition of Open and High School Divisions left ambiguous regulations on the determination of Award Placings;

**AND WHEREAS** The awarding of medals and ribbons has been inconsistent due to further ambiguity in the regulations on Awards;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 6 (f) be amended and read the following:

- f. Award Placing:

- i. In the Individual Distance competitions, individual placings shall be limited to those individuals in the same gender-classification and division, and determined by time. The fastest time will determine the Individual Distance competition winner, and the sequence of increasing times will determine further individual placings.
- ii. Overall placing in the Individual Distance competitions shall be determined by time regardless of division and this placement shall be used to determine all team placings which are based on the Individual Distance competitions as outlined below, but shall not be used for any Individual Distance competition awards.
- iii. In the Team Distance competitions, team placings shall be determined by adding up the overall placings of the four fastest Team members in the Individual Distance competition. The lowest total will determine the Team Distance competition winner and the sequence of increasing totals will determine further team placings. No Team with three or fewer members shall receive a placing.
- iv. In the Team Sprint competitions, team placings shall be determined by the order of finish in the Sprint Final. If the Team Sprint heats were timed, all remaining team placings shall be determined by time from the heats. If the Team Sprint heats were not timed, no team placings shall be given for teams that did not race in the final.
- v. In the Combined Team competitions, team placings will be determined by adding the team placings from the Girls' Team Distance, Girls' Team Sprint, Boys' Team Distance and Boys' Team Sprint competitions where the same Girls' team and Boys' team from each competition are combined for a single team total, and where both teams are from the same school and classification. The lowest total will determine the Combined Team competition winner and the sequence of increasing totals will determine further combined team placings. No Combined Team without a placing in all four corresponding Team competitions shall receive a placing.
- vi. All Individuals who fail to complete the Individual Distance competition due to lost or broken equipment will receive a place one greater than the last proper place for that competition
- vii. Where a tie exists in the final placing of the Individual Distance or Team Sprint competitions the same placing shall be awarded and the subsequent placing will not be awarded. Medals and ribbons may be awarded at a later date.
- viii. Where a tie exists in the final placing of the Team Distance competition the tie shall be broken by the fastest time of the 4th team member in that competition. For the Combined Team competition, the lowest total time of the 4th girl and 4th boy from the Team Distance competitions, shall be used to break the tie. In both team competitions in this context, 4th means the slowest skier on a team of four (4).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Section 8 be amended and read the following:

**8. Awards:**

- a. Individuals: Individual Champions shall be declared for eight (8) individual competitions:
  - i. Boys' and Girls' Junior High-school Division Individual Distance competitions
  - ii. Boys' and Girls' Junior Open Division Individual Distance competitions
  - iii. Boys' and Girls' Senior High-school Division Individual Distance competitions
  - iv. Boys' and Girls' Senior Open Division Individual Distance competitions
- b. OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to the first three (3) finishers in each of the eight (8) individual competitions. OFSAA ribbons shall be presented to fourth through eighth place finishers.
- c. Teams: Team Champions shall be declared for ten (10) team competitions:
  - i. Boys' Junior and Senior Team Distance competitions
  - ii. Girls' Junior and Senior Team Distance competitions

- iii. Boys' Junior and Senior Team Sprint competitions
- iv. Girls' Junior and Senior Team Sprint competitions
- v. Junior and Senior Combined Team competitions
- d. OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to the five (5) members of the top three (3) teams in each of the eight (8) single-gender Team competitions. OFSAA ribbons shall be presented to the five (5) members of the fourth through eighth place teams.
- e. The schools represented by the Championship Team in the ten (10) Team competitions shall receive an OFSAA banner to be retained by the schools.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 3**

#### **MOTION HARRIS/MARK**

**PAGE: M-3; Section 3 Entry**

**WHEREAS** The playing regulations refer to entries submitted separately by Association Convenors and by coaches without a need for these to be consistent;

**AND WHEREAS** Entries are to be based on the specific athletes that competed at the Association Championship or OFSAA qualifying events;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 3 (b) be amended and read the following:

- b. Individual entries into the online registration system will be the responsibility of coaches and must match those entered by the Association convenor, and be submitted by the deadline date and time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Section 3 (e) and 3 (f) be amended and read the following:

- e. An Association may apply for additional entries which will be accepted at the OFSAA convenor's discretion if they can be accommodated.
- f. Girls' and Boys' Teams shall be made up of the student-athletes that qualified together as a team representing the same school and gender-classification at their Association Championship or OFSAA qualifying meet, with a maximum of five (5) student-athletes and a minimum of four (4) student-athletes entered per team. Junior and Senior Combined Teams shall be made up of one Boys' Team and one Girls' Team from the same school and competing in both the Team Distance and Team Sprint competitions for the same classification.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 4**

#### **MOTION HARRIS/MARK**

**PAGE: M-1 through M-3; Section 1 Events and/or Classifications, Section 2 Championship Structure and Procedures**

**WHEREAS** The OFSAA Playing Regulations stipulate that the Nordiq Canada Canadian Competition Rules (CCR-FIS) govern competition at OFSAA Championships;



**AND WHEREAS** The OFSAA Playing Regulations use different language than the CCR-FIS for the same idea;

**AND WHEREAS** Some of the terminology in the OFSAA Playing Regulations has a different meaning in the CCR-FIS;

**AND WHEREAS** The competitions held at the OFSAA Championships are not consistently named in the OFSAA Playing Regulations;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 1 (b), 1 (c) and 1 (d) be amended and read the following:

- b. A student may only compete in one gender and age classification.
- c. A student may only compete in one division in Distance competitions.
- d. The competitions to be conducted are:

First Day:

- Exhibition Para-nordic Individual Distance competitions
- Boys' and Girls' Junior Individual Distance competitions
- Boys' and Girls' Junior Team Distance competitions
- Boys' and Girls' Senior Individual Distance competitions
- Boys' and Girls' Senior Team Distance competitions

Second Day:

- Boys' and Girls' Junior Team Sprint competitions
- Boys' and Girls' Senior Team Sprint competitions
- Junior and Senior Combined Team competitions (two-day point total)
- Exhibition sprints – at the discretion of the OFSAA convenor

Schedule and awards will be at the discretion of the OFSAA convenor.

Note: In each gender-classification High School and Open division athletes will compete in the same race, and Para-nordic athletes may compete in the same race at the OFSAA convenor's discretion. Results separated by Division will be generated after the race for the Individual Distance competitions only.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Section 2 be amended and read the following:

**2. Championship Structure and Procedures**

- a. The Championship shall take place over two (2) days. Distance competitions will be held on the first day and Sprint competitions will be held on the second day.
- b. Courses for Distance competitions will be as follows:
  - i. Senior Boys' and Girls' will ski the same course which is to be between 6.5 and 7.5 km in length.
  - ii. Junior Boys' and Girls' will ski the same course which is to be between 4.5 and 5.5 km in length.
  - iii. Time, climb and descent of the chosen course for each classification will be taken into account.
- c. Courses for Team Sprint competitions will be as follows:
  - i. All genders, classifications, heats and finals will ski the same course which is to be approximately 800 meters in length.
  - ii. Convenors shall take into account time and difficulty of the chosen course and shall, at their discretion, set the exact distance.
- d. Team Sprint competitions:
  - i. Team Sprint competitions shall be a series of elimination sprint relays with each of

four athletes skiing one time for their team in each relay heat or final. For each gender-classification the Sprint teams will be divided into two (2) preliminary heats using serpentine seeding based on the placings from the Team Distance competition (see section 6f). Therefore, Team Sprint Heats will be as follows:

- Heat #1: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, etc.
  - Heat #2: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, etc.
- ii. The first through fourth place Sprint teams in each of the two Preliminary heats will advance to race together in a Team Sprint Final.
  - iii. If in either of the Preliminary heats, there is a tie for the fourth-place position, then both Sprint teams will advance to the Team Sprint Final.
  - iv. The Team Sprint competitions will be conducted by running the Preliminary heats for all gender-classifications, followed by the Finals for all gender-classifications at start times published beforehand by the Convenor.
  - v. For the Team Sprint preliminary heats, team placement in the start chevron will be selected by the starting athlete or coach as athletes enter the start chevron in order based on the placings from the Team Distance competitions (see section 6f).
  - vi. For the Team Sprint finals, team placement in the start chevron will be selected by the starting athlete or coach as athletes enter the start chevron in order based on the team's placing in the preliminary heats of the Team Sprint. Where two (2) teams have the same placing, their placing in the Team Distance competitions will determine priority (see section 6f).
- e. The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 5**

### **MOTION HARRIS/MARK**

**PAGE: M-3 through M-6; Section 3 Entry, and Section 6 Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS** The OFSAA Playing Regulations stipulate that the Nordiq Canada Canadian Competition Rules (CCR-FIS) govern competition at OFSAA Championships;

**AND WHEREAS** The OFSAA Playing Regulations use different language than the CCR-FIS for the same idea;

**AND WHEREAS** Some of the terminology in the OFSAA Playing Regulations has a different meaning in the CCR-FIS;

**AND WHEREAS** The competitions held at the OFSAA Championships are not consistently named in the OFSAA Playing Regulations;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 3 (c) and 3 (d) be amended and read the following:

- c. Associations shall be allowed to enter the following teams to compete in the Team Distance and Team Sprint competitions:
  - i. Two (2) Junior Boys' Teams who each qualified at the Association Championship or OFSAA qualifying meet in the Junior Boys team competition.

- ii. Two (2) Junior Girls' Teams who each qualified at the Association Championship or OFSAA qualifying meet in the Junior Girls team competition.
  - iii. Two (2) Senior Boys' Teams who each qualified at the Association Championship or OFSAA qualifying meet in the Senior Boys team competition.
  - iv. Two (2) Senior Girls' Teams who each qualified at the Association Championship or OFSAA qualifying meet in the Senior Girls team competition.
- d. Associations shall be allowed to enter the following individuals to compete in the Individual Distance competitions:
  - i. All athletes competing in or qualified to compete in the Team Distance and Team Sprint competitions (as outlined in 3c above)
  - ii. Six (6) High-school division athletes in each classification and gender who are not already eligible as members of a qualifying team.
  - iii. Six (6) Open division athletes in each classification and gender who are not already eligible as members of a qualifying team.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Section 6 (c), 6 (d), and 6 (e) be amended and read the following:

- c. Athletes must be registered in one of five start order groups for the Individual Distance competition, where start order group one (1) will start first and start order group five (5) will start last
  - i. Each member of a qualifying team (4 or 5 skiers) must be entered in a separate start order group. (Coaches MUST NOT enter any two skiers from the same team in the same start order group.)
  - ii. Schools with more than one qualifying team must enter each team separately. For example, an "A" and "B" team from the same school must be entered as in item (i) above.
  - iii. Athletes who are not members of a team may be entered in any of the start order groups.
  - iv. Within each of the five start order groups a full random draw will be used.
  - v. There is no requirement or expectation that athletes of a particular ability be placed in certain start order groups.
- d. Only teams with a placing in the Team Distance competitions (after the first day) will be entered in the Team Sprint competitions (for the second day). Substitutions and change of order on Sprint Teams between the Preliminary heats and Sprint Finals are permitted.
- e. For the Individual Distance and Team Distance competitions, substitutions can be made only from the Association's eligibility list. Except for medical reasons, all substitutions must be made the evening before the race.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Section 6 (g) be amended and read the following:

- g. OFSAA participants (those who appear on the OFSAA Behaviour Form) are permitted to enter competition courses for unidirectional skiing during the window between races, subject to the discretion of the Protest Committee.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

# SWIMMING – 2 motions

## MOTION 1

### MOTION BETTIG/ARMSTRONG

#### Page R-1, Section 1 (b) (i) - Events and/or Classifications

**WHEREAS** Section 1 (b) (i) states that:

1. (b) Classification of swimmers is as follows:

(i) High School Division

- a. A swimmer who exclusively trains with and competes with/for their high school and does not train or compete with/for any other aquatic program or program with an aquatic component.
- b. A swimmer is eligible who has ceased to train or compete with/for any other aquatic program or program with an aquatic component prior to the previous high school season (as stated in (a) above).

**AND WHEREAS** each year there are hundreds of appeals made to the Swimming SAC Chairperson from swimmers who take part in community aquatic programs that do not directly enhance their swimming mechanics. Swimmers must therefore appeal to the Chair of the Swimming SAC in order to be granted permission to swim in the high school division.

**AND WHEREAS** the Swimming SAC has agreed that the following programs are not be considered to be competitive swim programs: diving, kayak, canoe, sailing, artistic swimming, water polo and triathlon. In addition, the Swimming SAC felt that it would be beneficial to include the Swim Ontario E Time Standard as additional criteria for those swimmers who have been part of a competitive swimming program previously. It was also felt that a swimmer who trained with a recreational (non-competitive) swim program should be limited to a maximum of 3 (three) hours per week.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 1 (b) (i) be replaced with the following: 1 (b) (i) High School Division

- a) A swimmer is eligible to compete who exclusively trains with and competes for their high school. The student must not train/compete with any other competitive swimming program. The following programs are NOT considered to be competitive swim programs: diving, kayak, canoe, sailing, artistic swimming, water polo, lifeguarding and triathlon. A swimmer is eligible who has ceased to train/compete with a competitive swim program prior to November 1 of the previous school year.
- b) A swimmer is eligible to compete who has ceased to train/compete with a competitive swim program prior to November 1 of the current school year AND has not met the Swim Ontario E Time Standard in any event during the previous school year. The age for the E standard is based on the swimmer's age as of December 31 of the previous school year (e.g. OFSAA 2024 is the 2023-2024 school year so age is based on as of December 31, 2022). Refer to [www.swimontario.com](http://www.swimontario.com) for the most recent "championship standards by age group".

- c) A swimmer is eligible to compete who trains with a recreational (non-competitive) swim program for a maximum of 3 hours per week in addition to training with their high school.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2**

### **MOTION BETTIG/ARMSTRONG**

#### **Page R-1, Section 1 (b) (iii) - Events and/or Classifications**

**WHEREAS** Section 1 (b) (iii) states that:

iii. Open Division

All other swimmers (i.e. not Para-swimmers or high school swimmers as defined above) who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Regulation #5, and who are bona fide members of the school team must compete in this division.

**AND WHEREAS** The Swimming SAC felt that the Swim Ontario E Time Standards should be included in the definition of the Open Division to provide additional clarity.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 1 (b) (iii) be replaced with the following:

1. (b) (iii) Open Division

All other swimmers (i.e. not Para-swimmers or high school swimmers as defined above) who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Regulation #5, and who are bona fide members of the school team must compete in this division. This includes:

- any swimmer who has trained/competed with a competitive swimming program after November 1 of the current school year, regardless of whether or not they have met the Swim Ontario E Time Standard.
- any swimmer who trained/competed with a competitive swimming program during the PREVIOUS school year and has met the Swim Ontario E Time standard in any event.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **TENNIS – 2 motions**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION - MORRIS/LAUGHLIN**

#### **Page S-1, Section 2 – Championship Structure and Procedure a)**

**WHEREAS** the current format of an 8 game pro-set is no longer used at the provincial, national or international tennis tournaments

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Tennis Association currently uses short sets for their U9/U10 competitive programs and results in a similar amount of tennis points played as the current format

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Page S-1, Section 2, a) be changed to read as follows:

a) The OFSAA Tennis championship structure shall be the best of three short sets. The first two short sets will be up to 4, no ad scoring with a 9-point tie-breaker at 3 games all. The 9-point tie-breaker is up to 5 points, at 4-4, it will be the next point who wins the set. In the event of a deciding third set, a

match tie breaker up to 10 points will be played to decide the winner. NOTE: All 10-point tie-breakers must be won by 2 points.

i) Service Rotation in a 9-point tie-breaker will be as follows:

Player/Team A - serves first 2 points

Player/Team B - serves next 2 points (change of ends after first 4 points)

Player/Team A - serves next 2 points

Player/Team B - serves next 3 points

NOTE: In a 9-point tie-breaker, you do not have to win by 2 points.

b) The tournament structure shall follow a double elimination format up to and including the semifinals. That is: student-athletes with one loss up to and including the semifinals shall compete for a bronze medal. Finalists on the championship side shall compete for gold and silver.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Sections b – f be changed to sections c through to g.

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2**

### **MOTION MARCIL/WONG**

#### **Page S-3, Section 6 a. Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS** Section 6 states that:

a. The Tennis Canada Rules of the Court shall govern play at the OFSAA Tennis Championship with the exception that:

i. The structure of the championship shall be an eight (8) game pro-set.

ii. No advantage scoring with a twelve (12) point tie breaker at seven (7) all, unless otherwise indicated by the convenor. .”

**AND WHEREAS** Tennis Canada’s Rule 30 allows for *“a team captain who is sitting on-court to coach the player(s) during a set break and when the players change ends at the end of a game, but not when the players change ends after the first game of each set and not during a tie-break game.*

*In all other matches, coaching is not allowed.”*

Coaching is now allowed at the high school, college (USports & NCAA) and professional levels (ATP & WTA). Allowing coaches to coach their high school tennis teams during OFSAA Tennis will be consistent with the rules being applied by other governing bodies.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following section be added to the Section 6 - Rules and Officials as iii.

iii) On court high school coaches are allowed to coach players during changeovers but not when the player(s) change ends after the first game. A maximum of two high school coaches can coach on a

court at a time and each coaching visit is limited to 1 minute. There will be a maximum of 2 coaching visits per match. If a match requires a tiebreaker, one additional coaching visit will be permitted before the commencement of the tiebreaker. It is important to note that a maximum of two high school coaches are permitted to stay on court throughout the entire match in order to avoid match disruption during coaching visits.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## **TRACK & FIELD – 4 motions**

### **MOTION 1**

#### **MOTION SMITH/RIVERSO**

**Page T1, Section 1. Events and Classifications b.iii). Open Events – “new” - “Mixed 4 x 400m Relay”**

**WHEREAS** World Athletics, the sport governing body of track and field has included a Mixed 4 x 400m relay event in recent Olympic and World Championship events

**AND WHEREAS** the goal is to increase participation numbers through opportunities that may otherwise not be available to many smaller schools that are unable to field a gender-specific 4 x 400m relay team but have students capable of competing in a 4 x 400m relay

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the OFSAA Track and Field program add a MIXED 4 x 400m relay event, to be held in the OPEN category. Students may only compete in ONE of the 4 x 400m relay events offered.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

### **MOTION 2**

#### **MOTION GALLANT/BELL**

**Page T-5, Section 5, b) Individual Student Eligibility x)**

**WHEREAS** maintaining the integrity of a bona fide high school track and field program is philosophically aligned, and necessary, with the aims and objectives of OFSAA

**AND WHEREAS** currently there is room for interpretation and ambiguity in the specifications of how many practices a student must attend to be eligible for OFSAA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** section 5b) (x) be replaced with “Have participated in a minimum of sixteen (16) team practices as a member of a bona fide high school program during the high school season (March- June) under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school Principal at a location where the majority of their high school practices are held.”

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 3**

#### **MOTION GALLANT/DILLABAUGH**

##### **Page T – 10, Sport Specific Directives 1. Championship Structure and Procedure # 1-C**

**WHEREAS** OFSAA Track and Field represents the pinnacle of high school track and field for both athletes and coaches.

**AND WHEREAS** we currently limit the number of coaches' passes based on the number of qualifying athletes per school, and this number sometimes results in some coaches being forced to pay for entry to the meet at a time when we should be looking at providing access as a small measure of gratitude to them for their time and effort.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 1 c) be replaced with the following:

The OFSAA Convenor will provide coaches' passes based on the number of athletes that have qualified for OFSAA from their school.

1-6 athletes - 2 passes

7-15 athletes - 4 passes

16 + athletes - 6 passes

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

### **MOTION 4**

#### **MOTION RIVERSO/GALLANT**

##### **Page T-11 Sport Specific Directives, #1 b.a.iii) and iv),**

**WHEREAS** OFSAA Track and Field has followed the recommendation of the World Athletic Sport Governing body regarding lane assignments of qualifiers from heats to finals in races of 100m to 400m, including the 4 x 100m relay and 4 x 400m relay

**AND WHEREAS** this has now changed in the World Athletic Technical Rules, effective 2023

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** # 1 b.a.iv be eliminated and a new #1 b.a.iii now read:

##### **For straight races:**

- a. one draw for the four highest-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6;
- b. another for the fifth and sixth-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 2 and 7, and
- c. another for the two lowest-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 8.

##### **For 200m races:**

- a. one draw for the three highest-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 5, 6 and 7;
- b. another for the fourth, fifth, and sixth-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, and 8, and
- c. another for the two lowest-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 2.

##### **For 400m races, all relays up to and including 4 x 400m and 800m races started in lanes:**

- a. one draw for the four highest-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 4, 5, 6 and 7;



- b. another for the fifth and sixth-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3 and 8, and
- c. another for the two lowest-ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 2.

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

## ULTIMATE – 1 motion

### MOTION 1

#### MOTION DIFILIPPO/WONG

**Page U-3, Section: 6 – Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS:** Section 6 States:

The Rules of Ultimate as they appear in the most recent edition of USAU Official Rules of Ultimate shall govern play in the OFSAA Ultimate Festival with the following exceptions:

**AND WHEREAS:** The US Ultimate rules govern the general aspects of the sport, but it doesn't differentiate when single-gender vs mixed-gender is played

**AND WHEREAS:** At OFSAA Ultimate we play mixed-gender

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section: 6** is revised and read as follows:

The Rules of Ultimate as they appear in the most recent edition of USAU Official Rules of Ultimate **and USAU Club Guidelines** shall govern play in the OFSAA Ultimate Festival with the following exceptions:

**ACTION: CARRIED**