



ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 9-11th 2025

ORDER PAPER

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.

BY-LAWS

The following motion is considered a fundamental change and requires a 2/3 majority of votes cast.

MOTION 1

MOTION – Richardson / Mcallan

Page B9, Article 4, Section 1 – Annual Assembly:

WHEREAS: As per Article 4, Section 1 of the OFSAA By-laws, there is one Annual Meeting scheduled per calendar/school year. This single annual meeting timeline creates a significant delay in addressing pressing issues, particularly those related to student eligibility and transfer policies, which can affect students for an entire school year.

Adjusting the timeline to include a semi-annual meeting will:

- Provide a more responsive framework to address urgent matters impacting student-athletes.
- Reduce the burden on families and schools caused by prolonged implementation of necessary amendments.
- Enhance equity and adaptability in OFSAA's decision-making processes.

The inclusion of a semi-annual meeting in fall allows for greater flexibility and responsiveness while maintaining the integrity of the current governance structure.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article 4, section 1 be replaced with the following:

Section 1 - The Semi-Annual and Annual Assembly

The Semi-Annual Assembly shall take place in the fall. The Annual Assembly shall take place in the spring of each school year. The agendas for the Semi Annual and Annual Assembly may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Recognition of members
- b. Plenary session
- c. Professional development
- d. Council and Committee meetings
- e. Semi and Annual Meeting

Mover: Rebecca Richardson
School: HDSB
Association: GHAC

Seconder: Christine McAllan
School: T.A. Blakelock HS
Association: GHAC

Speaker: Mark Freeman

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

REGULATIONS

All motions require 2/3 majority of votes cast.

MOTION 1

MOTION – Hargreaves / Barr

Pages 40-66, Regulation J – Appendices:

WHEREAS: In April 2023, the OFSAA Members approved a new set of *By-laws* and *Regulations* which served to comply with ONCA and improve the Federation's overall governance. The Regulations outline the governing rules and playing regulations of the Federation as it relates to sport competitions and activities between OFSAA Members.

AND WHEREAS: As a continuation, or next phase, of improving our core governing documents the Board of Directors (with recommendation from the Governance Committee) have proposed the Consent Agenda Motion to streamline the Appendices section of the Regulations.

AND WHEREAS: The content within the Appendices can better serve the Federation and the Members by being shifted in one of the following ways:

- Removed from the Regulations and becoming a stand-alone *Policy* of OFSAA. Policies can be revised by the OFSAA Board on an ongoing basis as required, often with input from members and to serve the members in a timely fashion;
- Moved from the Appendices section and into the applicable area of the Regulations so that it is not separated from other related content, or becomes its own new Section of the Regulations;
- Removed from the Regulations and becoming a *guideline* document which is less official or binding than a Policy but is more of an informational document.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The following 16 Resolutions be adopted:

1. **Resolution #1 (Appendix I):** That Appendix I - RULES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARTICIPANTS TO OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS (R40 – R41) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
2. **Resolution #2 (Appendix II):** That Appendix II - OFSAA CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES TO OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS (R42 – R43) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
3. **Resolution #3 (Appendix III):** That Appendix III - CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR SPECTATORS (R44) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.

4. **Resolution #4 (Appendix IV):** That Appendix IV - RECRUITMENT (R45 – R47) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
5. **Resolution #5 (Appendix V):** That Appendix V - BLOOD AND BODILY FLUIDS POLICY (R45 – R47) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
6. **Resolution #6 (Appendix VI):** That Appendix VI - RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES (R49 – R52) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
7. **Resolution #7 (Appendix VII):** That Appendix VII - TWO LEVELS OF INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION (R51 – R54) be stricken as an Appendix and moved to *Section D – Competition, Sub-section 5 (Inter-Association Competition)* of the OFSAA Regulations.
8. **Resolution #8 (Appendix VIII):** That Appendix VIII - OFSAA GENDER EQUITY POLICY (R55 – R57) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
9. **Resolution #9 (Appendix IX):** That Appendix IX - OFSAA POLICY ON DISPENSING DRUGS, MEDICATION AND FOOD SUPPLEMENTS (R58) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a Policy of OFSAA.
10. **Resolution #X (Appendix X):** That Appendix X - OFSAA TEAM AWARDS (R59 – R61) be stricken as an Appendix and moved to a new *Section H – Awards* of the OFSAA Regulations.
11. **Resolution #11 (Appendix XI):** That Appendix XI – PLAY DATES (R62) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a guideline document for OFSAA.
12. **Resolution #12 (Appendix XII):** That Appendix XII – MOTIONS CHART (R63) be removed/stricken from the OFSAA Regulations and established as a guideline document for OFSAA.
13. **Resolution #13 (Appendix XIII):** That Appendix XIII - PARTICIPATION LIMITS (R64) be stricken as an Appendix and moved to *Section D – Competition, new Sub-section 9 (Participation Limits)* of the OFSAA Regulations.
14. **Resolution #14 (Appendix XIV):** That Appendix XIV - HEADINGS (R65) be stricken as an Appendix and moved to a new *Section I – Headings* of the OFSAA Regulations.
15. **Resolution #15 (Appendix XV):** That Appendix XV - ADDITIONAL ENTRIES (R66) be stricken as an Appendix and moved to *Section D – Competition, new Sub-section 10 (Additional Entries)* of the OFSAA Regulations.

16. **Resolution #16 (Housekeeping):** That the Federation be authorized to correct section designations, cross-references, and to make such other technical conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the adopted resolutions.

Subject to the adoption of Motions 1 - 15, note the following:

- Current Section (J) - APPENDICES would either be stricken (if all motions are adopted) OR become Section (K) (not all motions are adopted, but motions 10 & 14 are adopted)

Subject to the adoption of Motions 10 & 14, note the following:

- Current Section (H) - COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND CHAMPIONSHIP/FESTIVAL CONDUCT would become Section (G)
- Current Section (G) - AMENDMENTS would become Section (J)

Mover: Valerie Hargreaves

Seconder: Scott Barr

School: Maple Ridge SS

School: Westdale SS

Association: GBSSA

Association: SOSSA

Speaker: Valerie Hargreaves

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Clayton / Chesney

Page R32, Regulations – Note Ten (10) | Page 6, Transfer Appeal Form – Note Ten (10):

WHEREAS: Currently Note 10 of the transfer appeal form reads the following:

A French-language school means a school within the French-language public district school board or a French-language separate district school board.

AND WHEREAS: As stated in the 2024 amendment approved by the assembly: *“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.”*

The intention of the appeal section was to address only those students who transfer from an English-language school to a French-language school.

AND WHEREAS: French-language schools have been negatively impacted by the current wording and students have transferred from one French-language school to another.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Note ten (10) be changed to read the following:

10. Students must have transferred from an English-language school to a French-language school. A French-language school means a school within the French-language public district school board or a French-language separate district school board.

Mover: Tim Clayton

School: Mother Teresa CSS

Association: WOSSAA

Seconder: Carolyn Chesney

School: Guelph CV&I

Association: CWOSSA

Speaker: Tim Clayton

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 3

MOTION – Chesney / Aitchison

Page R31, Regulations, Note Eight (8) | Page 6, OFSAA Transfer Appeal Form – Note Eight (8):

WHEREAS: Currently Note 8 of the transfer appeal form outlines telephone records as a possible proof of present and former residence.

AND WHEREAS: Most households do not have a LAN line and cell phone records do not always provide evidence of a change of address.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the word “telephone” be removed from the first two bullets of Note 8 within the transfer appeal form.

Mover: Carolyn Chesney

School: Guelph CV&I

Association: CWOSSA

Seconder: Peggy Aitchison

School: TDSB

Association: TDSSAA

Speaker: Carolyn Chesney

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 4

MOTION – Richardson / Mcallan

Pages R25-R26, Regulation E, Section 4 – Individuals:

WHEREAS: OFSAA Regulation E, Eligibility for Competition, Section 4 - Individuals, subsection (a) (iii), states:

“Meet the following age requirements” Senior: The individual’s birth certificate indicates that he/she has not yet reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

AND WHEREAS: The Community Pathways Program (CPP) (a Regional Program in the HDSB) is designed for students with intellectual exceptionalities who are primarily enrolled in non-credit courses. These students remain in the secondary school system until 21 years of age, engaging in meaningful educational, volunteer, and work experiences.

AND WHEREAS: The current OFSAA eligibility rules do not account for CPP students' extended timeline, which inadvertently excludes them from participating in athletics that foster personal growth, physical activity, and community integration. Amending the eligibility age aligns with OFSAA's values of inclusivity, equity, and opportunity for all students, regardless of program type.

Extending the eligibility age will:

1. Ensure CPP students are provided the same opportunities for athletic participation as their peers.
2. Promote inclusion and equality within school athletics.
3. Recognize the unique educational and developmental needs of CPP students

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A subsection (xi) be added to Regulation E, section 4 (a) that reads:

xi. The eligibility age for students enrolled in any Board based regional programs, where students remain in school after 18 years old (i.e., Community Pathways Program) to the current age limit of 21, be eligible to participate, thus aligning with their educational program completion timeline within the school system.

Mover: Rebecca Richardson
School: HDSB
Association: GHAC

Second: Christine McAllan
School: T. A. Blakelock HS
Association: GHAC

Speaker: Carolyn Mossey

Motion (Chesney/Wong): That Motion #4 be referred to the OFSAA Transfers Committee and return to the Order Paper - April 2026.

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 5

MOTION – Richardson / Mcallan

Page R30, Regulation E, Section 4 – Individuals:

WHEREAS: The current OFSAA Transfer Policy, effective September 2024, requires extensive documentation that can place undue stress on families and students, particularly in sensitive situations such as mental health issues.

AND WHEREAS: ‘Mental Health Professional Documentation’, is not easy to access due to limited access to care and deters students and families from accessing transfer opportunities due to privacy concerns and the stigma associated with mental illness. Accepting less intrusive evidence, such as a letter from a school administrator, guidance counselor, student success teacher or an educational support professional will reduce barriers while maintaining the policy’s intent.

By amending these requirements, OFSAA would:

- Promote inclusivity and reduce inequities among students.
- Alleviate unnecessary administrative and emotional burdens on families.
- Align with best practices in student data privacy and mental health support.

AND WHEREAS: OFSAA simplifies and standardizes the documentation requirements for the Transfer Policy to ensure clarity, accessibility, and sensitivity to privacy concerns and revises the requirement for "mental health professional documentation" to accept alternative and less intrusive forms of verification where applicable, respecting families’ right to privacy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Regulation E, Section 4 (g) (d) (vi) should read:

Has transferred schools as a result of the recommendation of a regulated mental health professional with education and training to assess, diagnose, and treat mental health conditions (psychiatrist, psychologist, and/or clinical psychiatric nurse). Documentation in the form of a letter from the school administrator, guidance counselor, student success teacher or an educational support professional can act to confirm the student is receiving care and treatment and requires a change in schools to assist with their recovery. If changing systems, the students must attend the designated school according to school

board boundaries (or is the closest school to the student's home residence if no school boundaries exist). If the independent school is faith based, the student must attend the closest independent school of that particular faith.

Mover: Rebecca Richardson

School: HDSB

Association: GHAC

Seconder: Christine McAllan

School: T.A. Blakelock HS

Association: GHAC

Speaker: Carolyn Mossey

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION 6

MOTION – Richardson / Mcallan

Page R31, Regulations, Note Eight (8) | Page 6, OFSAA Transfer Appeal Form – Note Eight (8):

WHEREAS: The current OFSAA Transfer Policy, effective September 2024, requires extensive documentation that can place undue stress on families and students, particularly in sensitive situations such as relocation.

AND WHEREAS: 'Proof of Termination of Residency' documentation may include private legal or financial records that families may not possess or feel comfortable disclosing.

Such evidence may include:

- Real estate documents verifying the sale of the former residence and purchase of the new one.
- Property tax bills listing the new residence.

Alternative forms of verification, such as proof of enrollment in the new school, utility bills, or updated government-issued identification, should suffice.

By amending these requirements, OFSAA would:

- Promote inclusivity and reduce inequities among students.
- Alleviate unnecessary administrative and emotional burdens on families.
- Align with best practices in student data privacy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Note 8 be changed to read:

When applying under section (a)(i), the student must provide written confirmation that they and their immediate family are residing in a new permanent residence and that they have completely and permanently moved from the former residence.

When applying under section d(ii) of the policy the student must provide evidence/documentation confirming that they are residing in a new permanent residence. In this case, such evidence/documentation may include: utility service operative at the new residence, updated government-issued identification, insurance slip for home and auto insurance; school documentation showing that sibling(s) attend local elementary school and/or the same high school as the transferring student; Any other documentation that is requested which establishes the student and their immediate family is living at the new residence.

For a(ii) only, students may provide documentation confirming they have been processed by the school board's assessment center. Production of evidence/documentation described above does not guarantee eligibility.

Mover: Rebecca Richardson
School: HDSB
Association: GHAC

Second: Christine McAllan
School: T.A. Blakelock HS
Association: GHAC

Speaker: Carolyn Mossey

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION 7

MOTION – Roser / Smith

Pages R55 – 57, Appendix VIII - Gender Equity Policy:

WHEREAS: The Gender Equity Committee completed an extensive review of the current OFSAA Gender Equity Policy, and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee is now proposing changes to move towards more inclusive language that will help OFSAA staff, representatives, and individual schools better navigate more complex scenarios involving gender identity through the policy.

AND WHEREAS: The proposed changes will integrate the 'Student-Athlete Participation Statement re: Gender Identity' that was previously circulated to Associations, into the updated policy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The current Gender Equity Policy be removed and replaced with the following:

OFSAA Gender Equity Policy

Gender equity in school sport is the belief and practice which ensures fair access for all student-athletes, coaches, officials and administrators to participate, compete and lead.

POLICY STATEMENTS

OFSAA is committed to gender equity as highlighted in the guiding principles of the Federation's Strategic Plan.

OFSAA believes that the elimination of barriers to participation will contribute to the achievement of gender equity.

OFSAA believes that gender equity should serve as a guiding principle for all decisions and operations of the Federation and is a key consideration when developing, updating or delivering Federation programs, policies and projects.

PROCEDURES

A. Championship Opportunities

Statement: OFSAA will strive to provide equitable championship opportunities for all student-athletes.

Actions:

- *OFSAA's Championship Review Committee will continue to assess championships and festivals using the tenets of the Gender Equity Policy.*
- *OFSAA will strive to recognize and promote championships and festivals in an equitable manner.*

B. Board and Committee Structure

Statement: OFSAA will strive to have equitable gender representation throughout the organization.

Actions:

- *OFSAA will encourage Associations to make a conscious effort to involve more women and historically marginalized gender identities in the leadership of Association Committees and activities.*
- *OFSAA will continually monitor Committee representation.*

C. Student-Athlete Participation

Statement: OFSAA is committed to providing student-athletes with equal opportunities to participate in school sports that best aligns with their gender identity. All students have the right and are welcome to

play for the sports team or sports activity that best aligns with their gender identity, regardless of their assigned sex at birth.

Actions:

- *An individual who identifies as female, non-binary or gender fluid is eligible to participate on a boys' team following a successful try out.*
- *An individual who identifies as male is not eligible to participate on a girls' team.*
- *All students may participate in any OFSAA sport, although they may only play on one team of the same sport (team or individual) during a school year.*

D. Partnership & Sponsorship

Statement: OFSAA will continue to partner with organizations that include the promotion of gender equity in their mandate. OFSAA sponsorship shall be solicited and apportioned equitably between girls' and boys' championships.

Actions:

- *OFSAA will search out new partnerships and opportunities with organizations that support and promote gender equity initiatives.*

E. Education

Statement: OFSAA will prioritize learning that focuses on gender identity and gender equity in sport.

Actions:

- *OFSAA will distribute and promote its Gender Equity Policy.*
- *OFSAA will share opportunities for professional development that focuses on gender identity and gender equity in sport.*

F. Evaluation & Monitoring

Statement: OFSAA will continue to monitor and evaluate their policies, programs and initiatives to ensure their adherence to the OFSAA Gender Equity Policy.

Actions:

- *OFSAA will continue to monitor and evaluate using in-house metrics.*

Mover: Eva Roser

School: St. John Henry Newman CSS

Association: TDCAA

Second: Steve Smith

School: OCDSB

Association: NCSSAA

Speaker: Suchetan James

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 8

MOTION – Cormier / Disher-Walters

Page R16, (D) Competition, Section 2 – Championship/Festival Dates:

WHEREAS: (D) Competition, Section 2 - Championship/Festival Dates of the OFSAA Regulations state that Boys' Rugby shall take place the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first (1st) week of June and Girls' Rugby shall take place the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first (1st) week of June.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Championship Review Committee and Rugby SAC believe that the Championship dates should rotate every other year to ensure greater equity in the championships by addressing key factors such as minimizing the impact of missing school time for participants, balancing the cost and availability of qualified officials on weekends, and enhancing visibility and attendance for Saturday games.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In Section (D), the chart under Section 2 be revised to read:

Boys' Rugby	the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first (1st) week of June in even-numbered years and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first (1st) week of June in odd-numbered years.
Girls' Rugby	the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first (1st) week of June in odd-numbered years and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first (1st) week of June in even-numbered years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (g) be added to the Sport Specific Directives of Rugby and read, the Boys' and Girls' Rugby Championship dates will be rotated every other year.

Mover: Jason Cormier

School: St. Francis Xavier SS

Association: ROPSSAA

Seconder: Shannan Disher-Walters

School: Clarke Road SS

Association: WOSSAA

Speaker: Nicole Clarke

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 9

MOTION – Derouard / Booker

Page R16, (D) Competition, Section 2 – Championship/Festival Dates:

WHEREAS: The current championship schedule contains multiple championships on the same days (i.e. both Soccer and Track & Field fall on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the first week of June).

AND WHEREAS: Especially in our smaller communities, we have multi-sports athletes who play on multiple teams which may both qualify for OFSAA.

AND WHEREAS: We sometimes have the situation where athletes must choose which championship to attend, which can result in teams losing players before championships.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: OFSAA alter dates for the Boys and Girls soccer championship to the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the first week of June

Mover: Megan Derouard
School: St. Thomas Aquinas HS
Association: NWOSSAA

Seconder: Frank Booker
School: Nipigon Red Rock District HS
Association: NWOSSAA

Speaker: Jen Huhta

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION 10

MOTION – DiFilippo / Iland

Page R17, (D) Competition, Section 2 – Championship/Festival Dates:

WHEREAS: (D) Competition, Section 2 - Championship/Festival Dates of the OFSAA Regulations currently states that the Ultimate Festival be played on the Thursday and Friday of the last week of May.

AND WHEREAS: There have been multiple instances where teams have left the competition before fulfilling their festival commitments to attend school-related events.

AND WHEREAS: The festival relies on full team participation to maintain the schedule and provide a positive experience for all attendees. Adjusting the festival dates may help reduce scheduling conflicts for teams and students.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (D) Competition, Section 2 - Championship/Festival Dates Co-ed Ultimate be changed to the Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of May.

Mover: Carla DiFilippo
School: Havergal College
Association: CISAA

Seconder: Yaacov Iland
School: Cameron Heights CI
Association: CWOSSA

Name of Speaker: Erik Espinola

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 11

MOTION – Annett / Pain

Page R64, Appendix XIII | Page H-1, Playing Regulations, Section 3(c):

WHEREAS: The OFSAA Football Bowl Series enforces the lowest and most restrictive staff size limits for football teams in the entire world.

AND WHEREAS: The OFSAA Bowl Series staff limit of just 9 individuals (*encompassing all coaches, coordinators, medical personnel, equipment managers, hydration staff, game film crew, and others*) is significantly lower than the staff allowances of all other community, high school, college/university and professional football leagues in North America.

For context, the next lowest staff limit is in British Columbia, where high school football teams are permitted a staff of up to 20 people. **This is more than double the limit imposed by OFSAA at the bowl series!**

Below is a comparison of the OFSAA Bowl Series staff size limit (9 people) to other high school football leagues across Canada and the United States:

- **British Columbia:** Maximum staff size is 20 people.
- **Alberta:** No staff size limit (unlimited number of coaches/staff).
- **Saskatchewan:** No staff size limit (unlimited number of coaches/staff).

- **Manitoba:** No staff size limit (unlimited number of coaches/staff).
- **Quebec:** No staff size limit (unlimited number of coaches/staff).
- **New Brunswick:** No staff size limit (unlimited number of coaches/staff).
- **United States (NFHS):** No U.S. state has a high school football staff limit under 20 people.

AND WHEREAS: Having such a glaring and significant difference in the number of staff allowed in a major contact sport (with unique equipment & safety needs) poses a major liability risk for OFSAA and all involved in the OFSAA Football Bowl Series.

If a serious incident, injury or lawsuit were to arise related to the OFSAA Football Bowl Series, OFSAA would be required to justify why their staff limit is significantly lower than that of any other high school football league in North America—restricting teams to **less than half the number of staff allowed in comparable leagues**.

The OFSAA staff limitations become especially problematic when key personnel responsible for player safety (e.g. team medical staff, equipment managers, and hydration staff) are forced off the sideline. Team medical professionals have in-depth knowledge of their athletes’ medical history, existing injuries, medications, and allergies, unlike OFSAA-appointed medical staff, who lack this critical background information.

AND WHEREAS: There are no Ontario high school football leagues that have staff size limits. This restrictive staff size rule only takes effect at the OFSAA Bowl Series. Multiple teams participating at the OFSAA Bowl Series over the past few years were forced to have valuable staff and/or medical personnel sit in the bleachers during their bowl game instead of being with their team on the sideline or in the press box where they can contribute.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 3 (c) – Football Playing Regulations (Entry) be replaced with:

Each team may register a maximum of fifty-six (56) players and up to twenty (20) team personnel on their AELS. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend Championship activities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: OFSAA REGULATIONS – PARTICIPATION LIMITS (Football) be changed to 76:

OFSAA Championship Participant Limits Sport Participant Limits	
Sport	Participant Limit
Football	76

Mover: Tom Annett
School: Korah C&VS
Association: NOSSA

Seconder: Tom Pain
School: Westmount SS
Association: SOSSA

Speaker: Tom Pain

AMENDMENT (Lowe/Coull): AELS be replaced with the OFSAA HUB.

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

PLAYING REGULATION MOTIONS

All playing regulations, sport specific rules of play, can be amended by 2/3 of the votes cast (excluding abstentions) of the Representatives' Council.

ALPINE – 1 Motion

MOTION 1

MOTION: Andras / Hellmann

Page A-4, Section 7 – Uniforms & Equipment, Sports Specific:

WHEREAS: OFSAA Alpine playing regulations currently state the current F.I.S. Rule Book shall govern competition at the OFSAA Championships

AND WHEREAS: OFSAA Alpine skiing does not have a clear statement regarding the specifics of what an acceptable helmet is for racing.

AND WHEREAS: OFSAA has a responsibility to provide a safe training and competitive environment for our participants.

AND WHEREAS: The current guidelines for helmets in our playing regulations require a clarification of the standards as set out by OPHEA/ OPASSE.

BE IT RESOLVED: That effective September 2026, the playing regulation 7 (ii) be changed to read:

In both practice and competition, students must wear a properly fitted (as per manufacturer's guidelines) and properly worn hard shell crash helmet that meets the FIS Equipment Specifications, as indicated by a FIS laminated sticker on the helmet. Helmets must bear a CE mark and conform to recognized and appropriate standards (for example, such as CEH. Din 1077, ASTM F2040, SNELL S98 or RS 98). For Slalom events, helmets must have an approved chin guard affixed to the helmet or the student must wear a mouth guard. If the helmet has Soft ear protection it must meet the FIS Equipment specifications and is only permitted for helmets used in Slalom.

Mover: Peter Andras
School: Lakefield College
Association: CISAA

Seconder: Dayna Hellmann
School: Aldershot HS
Association: GHAC

Speaker: Tim Larry

ACTION: CARRIED

CROSS COUNTRY – 1 Motion

MOTION 1

MOTION: Grepe / Moran

Page E-1, Section 2 – Championship Structure and Procedures:

WHEREAS: The current definitions for the Para Cross Country Running division are quite vague.

AND WHEREAS: The Para division is growing and OFSAA is responsible for providing as much direction as possible for coaches and athletes to guide them in this division properly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Playing Regulations for Cross Country add the following new section 2 (b). If passed, current 2 (b) and 2 (c) shall become 2 (c) and 2 (d).

Ambulatory - athletes who compete standing up. This includes athletes with amputations and/or limb deficiencies, as well as athletes with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injuries and/or neurological disorders.

V.I. (Visually Impaired) - athletes with visual impairment

I.I. (intellectually Impaired) - athletes with cognitive impairments influence athletic performance

Mover: Robert Grepe

School: McLaughlin SS

Association: LOSSA

Seconder: Steve Moran

School: Burlington Central HS

Association: GHAC

Speaker: Tim Larry

AMENDMENT (Cavanagh/Jameson): **Ambulatory** - athletes who compete standing up. This includes athletes with amputations and/or limb deficiencies, as well as athletes with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injuries and/or neurological disorders **that influence athletic performance.**

V.I. (Visually Impaired) - athletes with visual impairment that influence athletic performance

I.I. (intellectually Impaired) - athletes with cognitive impairments **that influence athletic performance.**

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

FOOTBALL – 4 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION: Pain / Corbin

Page H-3, Section 7 – Uniforms and Equipment, Sport Specific:

WHEREAS: Section 7 (vii) states that:

(vii) Any communication devices within the helmet, or on any part of the athlete is not permitted.

AND WHEREAS: Football Canada has amended Rule 1 Section 11 Article 2, Section (h) of the Football Canada Rulebook to allow for communication devices to be used during games.

(h) leagues can approve and administer the use of communication devices, providing such devices do not alter or change the construction of the helmet.

AND WHEREAS: Since OFSAA follows the Football Canada Rulebook at the OFSAA Football Festival, this amendment allows for consistency in the application of the rules of football and for the game to continue to evolve through the use of current, available technology.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 7 (vii) be replaced with the following:

(vii) leagues can approve and administer the use of communication devices, providing such devices do not alter or change the construction of the helmet.

Mover: Tom Pain

School: Westmount SS

Association: SOSSA

Seconder: Pat Corbin

School: Holy Cross CSS

Association: EOSSAA

Speaker: Jim Barbeau

AMENDMENT (Clayton/Coull): (vii) leagues can approve and administer the use of communication devices, providing such devices do not alter or change the construction of the helmet. **It is the responsibility of each league within an association to ensure that the communication device does not alter or change the construction of the helmet.**

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Clarke / Pain

Page H-1, Section 1 – Events and/or Classifications:

WHEREAS: Section 1 (c) states that:

(c) Every three years, if possible, the organizing committee will use the traditional pairings as listed below:

Western Bowl - SWOSSAA vs WOSSAA
Golden Horseshoe Bowl – GHAC vs SOSSA
Metro Bowl – TDCAA vs TDSSAA
Central Bowl – CWOSSA vs ROPSSAA
Simcoe Bowl – GBSSA vs YRAA
National Capital Bowl – NCSSAA vs EOSSAA
Northern Bowl – NOSSA vs NWOSSAA
Eastern Bowl – COSSA vs LOSSA Independent Bowl – CISAA / 2nd Entry or 2nd Entry (2 Associations)

AND WHEREAS: at the request of the Football Toronto Organizing Committee, the Metro Bowl name has been returned to that organizing committee for use in their regional playoffs, the Football SAC requests that the name Southern Bowl be substituted for the Metro Bowl name in the above list.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (c) be replaced with:

(c) Every three years, if possible, the organizing committee will use the traditional pairings as listed below:

Western Bowl - SWOSSAA vs WOSSAA
Golden Horseshoe Bowl – GHAC vs SOSSA
Southern Bowl – TDCAA vs TDSSAA
Central Bowl – CWOSSA vs ROPSSAA
Simcoe Bowl – GBSSA vs YRAA
National Capital Bowl – NCSSAA vs EOSSAA
Northern Bowl – NOSSA vs NWOSSAA
Eastern Bowl – COSSA vs LOSSA Independent Bowl – CISAA / 2nd Entry or 2nd Entry (2 Associations)

Mover: James Clarke

Seconder: Tom Pain

School: John McGregor SS

School: Westmount SS

Association: SWOSSAA

Association: SOSSA

SPEAKER: Jim Barbeau

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 3

MOTION – Weir / Coventry

Page H-1, Section 1 – Events and/or Classifications:

Page H-1, Section 2 – Festival Structure and Procedure:

Page H-3, 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.

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.

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 requesting a four (4) team unofficial semi-final playoff within the OFSAA BOYS; FOOTBALL BOWL FESTIVAL, based on the ONHSFBALL Ontario Coaches Poll held the week prior to the OFSAA Football SAC meeting to decide on the Bowl 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, however, ask that ONHSFB Ontario Coaches Poll be used as a tool within the decision making process in regards to the Bowl matchups.

AND WHEREAS: OFSAA Boys' Football Bowls under page R-16 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 will cover FULL funding of the unofficial Provincial Final and Football Ontario will take full responsibility of costs, booking, and any fees in accordance with organizing the game. Thus, not affecting the OFSAA football budget or timeline.

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

The organizing committee, in consultation with the OFSAA football SAC, will be responsible for determining the pairings of each Bowl Game with consideration and designation of two (2) unofficial Semi-Final matchups.

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

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 and one (1) unofficial Provincial Final Game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Page H-3, 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 Banner and be recognized as the OFSAA Provincial Football Champion until the next OFSAA Football Bowl Festival.

NOTE: Football Ontario will sponsor the unofficial Final game, the week following the OFSAA Bowl Festival. Details of the sponsorship are listed in the attached letter from Football Ontario.

Mover: Heath Weir

School: Huron Heights SS

Association: YRAA

Seconder: Geoffrey Coventry

School: St. Matthew CHS

Association: NCSSAA

Speaker: Mike Rowley

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION 4

MOTION – Annett / Dosen

Page H-6, Sport Specific Directives, Section 2 – Facilities and Equipment:

WHEREAS: The current OFSAA Football playing regs, Section H-6 SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES, 2b states that ***“In the OFSAA Bowl series, the official football used in the game will be provided by the convenor.”***

Finding a brand & style of football to use at the OFSAA bowl series has been inconsistent and unpredictable from year to year. Typically, a different brand of football is used each year at the Bowl Series and often coaches don’t know what ball is going to be used until a few days before the OFSAA Bowl game.

Some years, OFSAA has required teams to use a football that is not full leather. A composite/synthetic football is nowhere near the quality and feel of a full leather shell football. When a composite football is used in wet conditions it becomes very slick.

AND WHEREAS: The overwhelming majority of Ontario high school football leagues use a full leather football for all league play and regional playoffs. All major amateur and professional football leagues only use a full leather football (e.g. NHFS/American high school, JV and Varsity OSFL, CJEP, CJFL, USport, NCAA, CFL, NFL, etc.).

AND WHEREAS: It is understood that sometimes sponsors donate footballs to alleviate costs, and this is the reason why non-leather footballs were used in recent years. That said, the quality and credibility of the OFSAA Bowl Series should not be compromised to save a couple dollars. If additional costs are accrued to purchased leather footballs, these could easily be recouped via the entry fee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In the OFSAA Football playing regs, H-6 SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES, section 2b be changed to:

“The OFSAA Football Bowl Series games must be played with a full leather shell football (e.g. Wilson F2000, Wilson F2001, Wilson leather GST, Nike Vapor Elite, or a comparable top end leather football). Composite and/or synthetic shell footballs are not to be used in the OFSAA Bowl games.”

Mover: Tom Annett
School: Korah C&VS
Association: NOSSA

Seconder: Aleks Dosen
School: Etobicoke CI
Association: TDSB

Speaker: Tim Lowe

ACTION: DEFEATED

GIRLS' GOLF – 2 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – Spurs / Matches

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

WHEREAS: (c) A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an “open” participant within the individual division.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Golf SAC believe that further clarification is needed to better assist associations in determining which division their student is eligible to participate in.

AND WHEREAS Creating a list that can be updated and distributed each year would eliminate confusion and potential protests.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (c) be changed to read:

A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an “open” participant within the individual division. For clarification purposes, please refer to the list of championships provided by the OFSAA Golf SAC to the association convenors and linked on the OFSAA Golf websites at the beginning of each school year.

Mover: Rachel Spurs

School: Donald A. Wilson SS

Association: LOSSA

Seconder: Ryan Matches

School: Medway HS

Association: WOSSAA

Speaker: Nicole Clarke

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Spurs / Matches

Page J-7, Sport Specific Directives, Section 1 – Festival Structure and Procedure:

WHEREAS: Section 1 (e) states, On day 1, all competitors will play as one division over 18 holes with a shot-gun start on day 1. On day 2, the field will be split up into two flights and will play eighteen (18) holes with a shot-gun start.

AND WHEREAS: Section 1 (f) states, Flight A will constitute the top 50% - including ties - of the field. Flight B will constitute the remaining student-athletes in the field.

AND WHEREAS: The wording of the 'Flight A' and 'Flight B' has caused some confusion at the OFSAA Girls' Golf Festival and it should be revised to separate the two divisions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (e) be changed to read: On day 1, all competitors will play as one division over 18 holes with a shot-gun start on day 1. On day 2, competitors will play eighteen (18) holes with a shot gun start. Day 2 groups will be split up into the "open" and "high school" divisions and determined by scores from day 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (f) be removed entirely.

Mover: Rachel Spurs

Seconder: Ryan Matches

School: Donald A. Wilson SS

School: Medway HS

Association: LOSSA

Association: WOSSAA

Speaker: Nicole Clarke

Amendment (Clayton/Huhta): Section 1 (e) be changed to read: On day 1, all competitors will play as one division over 18 holes with a shotgun start on day 1. On day 2, competitors will play eighteen (18) holes with a shot gun start. Day 2 groups will be split up into the "open" and "high school" divisions. **Day 2 groups will be determined by scores from day 1.**

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

BOYS' GOLF – 1 Motion

MOTION 1

MOTION – Spurs / Matches

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

WHEREAS: (iii) A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state

or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an “open” participant within the individual division.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Golf SAC believe that further clarification is needed to better assist associations in determining which division their student is eligible to participate in.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Golf SAC believe that creating a list that can be updated each year would eliminate confusion and potential protests.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (iii) be changed to read:

A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an “open” participant within the individual division. For clarification purposes, please refer to the list of championships provided by the OFSAA Golf SAC to the association convenors and linked on the OFSAA Golf websites.

Mover: Rachel Spurs

School: Donald A. Wilson SS

Association: LOSSA

Seconder: Ryan Matches

School: Medway HS

Association: WOSSAA

Speaker: Brian Poste

ACTION: CARRIED

NORDIC SKIING – 2 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – Harris / Vereecke

Page M-5, Section 6 – Rules and Officials:

WHEREAS: Section 6 (f) (iv) states:

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.

AND WHEREAS: The most inclusive results for the team sprint event require the timing of all heats and finals.

AND WHEREAS: previously the playing regulations allowed Team Sprints to not be timed and thus results to only be generated for teams that made the Sprint Final.

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

6. f. Award Placing:

iv. In the Team Sprint competitions, team placings shall be determined by the order of finish in the Sprint Final. All remaining team placings shall be determined by finish times from the heats, where the fastest time from preliminary heats is given the next available placing, and the sequence of increasing times from preliminary heats will determine further team placings.

Mover: Todd Harris

School: Lakefield College School

Association: CISAA

Seconded: Aimee Vereecke

School: Owen Sound DSS

Association: CWOSAA

Speaker: Erik Espinola

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Harris / Vereecke

Page M-6, Section 7 – Uniforms and Equipment, Specific to Sport:

WHEREAS: The primary athlete responsibility, referenced by our playing regulations via the Canadian Competition Rules, expects athletes to always act with due care, considering such details as competitor congestion and available space.

AND WHEREAS: Maintaining attention to acting with due care can be challenging at our Championships as they are always congested and have limited space.

AND WHEREAS: the current playing regulations indirectly ban the use of headphones via the Canadian Competition Rules, the rise of headphone use requires a more direct, specific, and easily referenced restriction on their use.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 7 (iv) be added and read the following:

7. Uniforms and Equipment:

- iv. The use of headphones and/or speakers is not permitted by athletes, teachers, or coaches while on the course or in the competition area, including while warming up, cooling down, or competing, unless specifically used to communicate between a para-athlete and their guide.

Mover: Todd Harris

School: Lakefield College School

Association: CISAA

Seconded: Aimee Vereecke

School: Owen Sound DSS

Association: CWOSAA

Speaker: Erik Espinola

ACTION: CARRIED

RUGBY – 3 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – Cormier / Dewar

Page N-3, Section 6 – Rules and Officials:

WHEREAS: Section 6 (a) (i) states:

Based on agreement between opposing coaches and officials prior to the start of the game and at half time, unlimited substitution will be permitted during your possession. Once replaced the player cannot return.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Rugby SAC feel that further clarification is required with regards to the replacement of players following feedback from the OFSAA Rugby Championship coaches' meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 6 (a) (i) be changed to read:

First round and championship side matches will follow the laws of World Rugby in regards to substitutions except that all 30 roster players can be substituted. Substituted players can only return for a player identified as needing blood or head injury assessment by the referee or athletic therapist or if a player is injured as a result of foul play resulting in a yellow or red card. Consolation side matches will allow unlimited rolling substitutions.

Mover: Jason Cormier
School: St. Francis Xavier SS
Association: ROPSSAA

Seconder: Scott Dewar
School: Bayside SS
Association: COSSA

Speaker: Scott Dewar

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Cormier / Dewar

Page N-1, Section 2 – Championship Structure and Procedure:

Page N-8, Sport Specific Directives, Section 1 – Championship Structure and Procedure:

WHEREAS: The girls' 16 team draw currently mirrors the boys' 16-team draw.

AND WHEREAS: A motion was passed at the 2024 OFSAA AGM for the girls' 16-team draw to mirror the boys' 16 team draw, eliminating the friendly matches looking at equity, costs and injury prevention.

AND WHEREAS: Through feedback from the OFSAA participant survey, coaches meetings and emails, it has become apparent that the rugby community would like to see the previous girls' 16-team draw reinstated to ensure a three-game guarantee and to continue growing the girls game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 2 (a) be changed to read:

When the Boys' Championship is a 16 team draw, it shall be a single elimination tournament with a consolation round, as outlined in the sport specific directives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 2 (b) be added and read:

When the Girls' Championship is a 16 team draw, it shall be a single elimination with a consolation round and ranking matches, as outlined in the sport specific directives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 2 (b) be changed to (c), (c) be changed to (d), (d) changed to (e).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (b) of the Sport Specific Directives be added and read:

Boys' 16 Team draw will be a single elimination format with a consolation round. Each team in the Girls' 16 team draw is guaranteed 3 matches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (b) of the Sport Specific Directives be changed to (c), (c) changed to (d), (d) changed to (e) and (e) changed to (f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (f) (i) of the Sport Specific Directives is changed to read:

Boys' 16 Team Tournament Draw.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (f) (ii) be added and read:

Girls' 16 Team Tournament Draw and reinstate the previous draw.

Mover: Jason Cormier

Seconder: Scott Dewar

School: St. Francis Xavier SS

School: Bayside SS

Association: ROPSSAA

Association: COSSA

Speaker: Scott Dewar

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 3

MOTION – Cormier / Dewar

Page N-5, Section 7 – Uniforms and Equipment, Sport Specific:

WHEREAS: Section 7 (ii) currently states:

Uniforms, protective equipment and appropriate footwear must conform to laws of World Rugby.
Players shall wear identical rugby numbered jerseys (colour and style), rugby type shorts, and socks.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Rugby SAC believe that clarification is needed to demonstrate it is not required to have identical rugby shorts and socks.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 7 (ii) be changed to read:

Uniforms, protective equipment and appropriate footwear must conform to laws of World Rugby.
Players shall wear rugby type shorts and socks and identical rugby numbered jerseys (colour and style).

Mover: Jason Cormier
School: St. Francis Xavier SS
Association: ROPSSAA

Second: Scott Dewar
School: Bayside SS
Association: COSSA

Speaker: Scott Dewar

ACTION: CARRIED

SNOWBOARDING – 4 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – Chong / Veevers

Page P-4, Section 6 – Rules and Officials:

WHEREAS: Section 6 (b) (ii) states:

DNF (Did Not Finish) and those who missed gates shall receive a score which is twice the number of disqualifications or 50% of the total field whichever is greater, added to the last proper score in the event.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Snowboarding SAC believe that a racer should only receive a score if they finish properly and without any infractions.

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Snowboarding SAC believe that racers who are contributing to a team should only receive a score if they finish properly as this could skew overall results for teams.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 6 (b) (ii) be changed to read:

DNF (Did Not Finish) and those who are DQ'd (Disqualification) shall not receive a score.

Mover: Adrienne Chong
School: Markville SS
Association: YRAA

Second: Colin Veevers
School: Lo-Ellen Park SS
Association: NOSSA

Speaker: Adrienne Chong

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Chong / Vickers

Page P-4, Section 8 – Awards:

WHEREAS: Section 8 (ii) states: OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to members of the top three (3) Boys' and Girls' High School division teams.

AND WHEREAS: There are 5 members of the team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 8 (ii) be changed to read:

OFSAA gold, silver, and bronze medallions (5) shall be presented to the members of the first three (3) teams in each of Girls' High School and Boys' High School races.

Mover: Adrienne Chong

School: Markville SS

Association: YRAA

Seconder: Matthew Vickers

School: La Salle SS

Association: EOSSAA

Speaker: Adrienne Chong

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 3

MOTION – Weening / Chong

Page P-4, Section 8 – Awards:

WHEREAS: Section 8 (iv) reads:

OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to members of the top three (3) Boys' and Girls' Association teams in the Open Division. Each team will have a maximum of five members with the top three times counting.

AND WHEREAS: There are a lowering number of participants in the open division to warrant team awards by association in the Open Division (2023- Open Girls total 4 racers; Boys total 13 racers; 2024- Open Girls 5 racers, Boys 9 racers).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 8 (iv) be removed entirely.

Mover: Jen Weening

Seconder: Adrienne Chong

School: Country Day

School: Markville SS

School Association: CISAA

Association: YRAA

Speaker: Adrienne Chong

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 4

MOTION – Chong / Veevers

Page P-9, Section 4 – Scoring:

WHEREAS: Section 4 (a) reads:

The competitor with the fastest total time in each event shall receive 1 point; the 2nd fastest time, 2 points; 3rd, 3 points; etc. In case of ties, the competitors will be scored the same and appropriate places left out. The team with the lowest score is declared the winner. *Team scores in each of the Girls' and Boys' High School Divisions, and the Girls' and Boys' Open Division shall be calculated by adding the best three individual scores for that team in the Giant Slalom races. In the case of a tie for first place, the lowest total of individual times of the three racers will be used. If a tie still exists, the place of the tied teams' 4th place finisher shall be used.*

AND WHEREAS: There are no longer Open Division Team Awards.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 4 (a) be changed to read:

The competitor with the fastest total time in each event shall receive 1 point; the 2nd fastest time, 2 points; 3rd, 3 points; etc. In case of ties, the competitors will be scored the same and appropriate places left out. The team with the lowest score is declared the winner. *Team scores in each of the Girls' and Boys' High School Divisions shall be calculated by adding the best three individual scores for that team in the Giant Slalom races. In the case of a tie for first place, the lowest total of individual times of the three racers will be used. If a tie still exists, the place of the tied teams' 4th place finisher shall be used. There are no team awards for Open Division.*

Mover: Adrienne Chong

Seconder: Colin Veevers

School: Markville SS

School: Lo-Ellen Park SS

Association: YRAA

Association: NOSSA

Speaker: Adrienne Chong

ACTION: CARRIED

SWIMMING – 5 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – Bettig / Armstrong

Page R-1, Section 1 – Events and/or Classifications:

WHEREAS: Section 1 (b) (i) (b) and 1 (b) (iii) state that:

1 (b) (i) (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, age is based on as of December 31, 2022). Refer to www.swimontario.com for the most recent "championship standards by age group".

1 (b) (iii) 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.

AND WHEREAS: Swim Ontario is no longer publishing E times and therefore these times can no longer be used to establish the difference between high school and open level swimmers. Therefore, SAC proposes the use of the Swim Ontario age group times as the criteria.

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

Swimming Championships:

1 (b) (i) (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 whose best time has not met the "OFSAA Open Exemption Time" in ANY of the following events: 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 100 back, 100 breast, 100 fly, 200 IM. The "OFSAA Open Exemption Times" are determined as follows:

- for Junior aged swimmers, the cutoff time shall be the current 14 Year Old Ontario Age Group Standard plus 25%
- for Senior aged swimmers, the cutoff time shall be the current 16 Year Old Ontario Age Group Standard plus 25%

Refer to the Swim Ontario website for the most recent "Ontario Age Groups (OAG) Time Standards". "OFSAA Open Exemption Times" will be posted on the OFSAA Swim website.

1 (b) (iii) 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 OFSAA Open Exemption Times.
- any swimmer who trained/competed with a competitive swimming program during the PREVIOUS school year and whose best time has met the OFSAA Open Exemption time in any event.

Mover: Michelle Bettig

School: John Fraser SS

Association: ROPSSAA

Secunder: Sarah Armstrong

School: Notre Dame CSS

Association: GHAC

Speaker: Michelle Bettig

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION – Bettig / Armstrong

Pages R-2-R-3, Section 1 – Events and/or Classifications:

WHEREAS: Section 1 (c) states that:

1 (c) Boys' competition and girls' competition shall be conducted over two days in the following events:

i. High School Division:

Senior Events -

100 Metre Freestyle

200 Metre Freestyle

100 Metre Individual Medley

100 Metre Backstroke

100 Metre Breaststroke

200 Metre Freestyle Relay

50 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Butterfly

200 Metre Medley Relay

Junior Events -

50 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke
50 Metre Breaststroke
50 Metre Butterfly

100 Metre Freestyle
100 Metre Individual Medley
200 Metre Freestyle Relay
200 Metre Medley Relay

ii. Open Division:

Open Events -

200 Metre Individual Medley
100 Metre Butterfly
100 Metre Backstroke
100 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Freestyle

200 Metre Freestyle
100 Metre Breaststroke
400 Freestyle Relay (as defined in Regulation 5(h))
100 Metre Individual Medley
200 Metre Medley Relay (as defined in Regulation 5(h))

iii. Para-swimming Division

100 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke

50 Metre Freestyle

AND WHEREAS: The Swimming SAC has recently reviewed the events that are offered at the annual OFSAA Swimming Championships at each of the three levels of competition; boys, girls and para. This review took place with the goal of providing more relevant and interesting events for student-athletes by adding some new events and dropping some events that were considered out of date or poorly suited to the event. Following this review, SAC proposes the following additions and deletions to the Championship:

Senior Events:

- eliminate 100 metre backstroke and 100 metre breaststroke
- replace with 50 metre backstroke and 50 metre breaststroke
- add 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay, consisting of 2 boys and 2 girls and allowing for any combination of junior and senior swimmers

Open Events:

- eliminate the 4 x 100 metre freestyle relay
- replace with 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay
- eliminate 200 metre individual medley

Para Events:

- add 50 metre breaststroke

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

1 (c) Boys' competition and girls' competition shall be conducted over two days in the following events:

i. High School Division:

Senior Events -

100 Metre Freestyle	50 Metre Backstroke
200 Metre Freestyle	50 Metre Breaststroke
100 Metre Individual Medley	200 Metre Freestyle Relay
50 Metre Freestyle	200 Metre Medley Relay
50 Metre Butterfly	Co-Ed 4 x 50 Metre Freestyle Relay

Junior Events -

50 Metre Freestyle	100 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke	100 Metre Individual Medley
50 Metre Breaststroke	200 Metre Freestyle Relay
50 Metre Butterfly	200 Metre Medley Relay

ii. Open Division:

Open Events -

200 Metre Freestyle	100 Metre Butterfly
100 Metre Breaststroke	100 Metre Backstroke
4 x 50 Metre Freestyle Relay (as defined in Regulation 5(h))	
100 Metre Freestyle	50 Metre Freestyle
100 Metre Individual Medley	200 Metre Medley Relay (as defined in Regulation 5(h))

iii. Para-swimming Division

100 Metre Freestyle	50 Metre Freestyle
50 Metre Backstroke	50 Metre Breaststroke

Mover: Michelle Bettig

School: John Fraser SS

Association: ROPSSAA

Speaker: Michelle Bettig

Seconder: Sarah Armstrong

School: Notre Dame CSS

Association: GHAC

Amendment (Barker/Jameson): 200 Metre Freestyle be added to the junior events.

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 3

MOTION – Bettig / Armstrong

Page R-3, Section 2 – Championship Structure and Procedures:

WHEREAS: Section 2 (f) (iii) states that:

(iii) There shall be no time standards for the Para-swimming division.

AND WHEREAS: To ensure equity and fairness for all participants, time standards shall be used as a requirement for entry.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 2 (f) (iii) be replaced with the following:

Qualifying time standards for para events will be established by the Para Swim Committee.

Mover: Michelle Bettig
School: John Fraser SS
Association: ROPSSAA

Seconded: Sarah Armstrong
School: Notre Dame CSS
Association: GHAC

Speaker: Michelle Bettig

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 4

MOTION – Bettig / Armstrong

Page R-4, Section 3 – Entry:

WHEREAS: Section 3 (d) states that:

(d) Competitors may enter up to three (3) events; only two (2) of which may be individual events. Competitors that enter more than the allotted (3) events, will have their excess events removed at the discretion of the OFSAA Championship Convenor.

AND WHEREAS: The Swimming SAC believes that with the addition of the Co-Ed 4 x 50 metre Freestyle Relay event, and by allowing competitors to enter up to 4 events, only 2 of which may be individual events, the quality of the relays will improve by reducing the number of alternates/subs used and allow those who qualify to potentially have more events over the 2 days. Further and due to the fact that

Swimmers in the Para Division will now have 4 individual events to qualify for and none of these are relays, Swimmers in the Para Division should be allowed to enter up to 3 individual events.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 3 (d) be replaced with the following:

(d) Competitors may enter up to four (4) events; only two (2) of which may be individual events. Competitors that enter more than the allotted four (4) events, will have their excess events removed at the discretion of the OFSAA Championship Convenor. Swimmers in the Para Division may enter up to 3 individual events and any Para Swimming Competitor that enters more than the three (3) allotted events will have their excess event removed at the discretion of the OFSAA Championship Convenor.

Mover: Michelle Bettig

Seconder: Sarah Armstrong

School: John Fraser SS

School: Notre Dame CSS

Association: ROPSSAA

Association: GHAC

Speaker: Michelle Bettig

ACTION: CARRIED

MOTION 5

MOTION – Bettig / Armstrong

Page R-3, Section 2 – Championship Structure and Procedures:

WHEREAS: Section 2 (f) (ii) states that:

(f) (ii) If more than 34 swimmers qualify for an event, the new qualifying time for the next OFSAA championship will be 1% faster than the current qualifying time. If 30 to 34 swimmers qualify for an event, the qualifying time remains unchanged. If less than 30 swimmers qualify for an event, then the new qualifying time is 1 % slower than the current qualifying time.

AND WHEREAS: time standards for the new events to be offered in 2025 - 26 are not available initially, each association is to be guaranteed two representatives for each event for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 Championships.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 2 (f) (ii) be replaced with:

(f) (ii) If more than 34 swimmers qualify for an event, the new qualifying time for the next OFSAA championship will be 1% faster than the current qualifying time. If 30 to 34 swimmers qualify for an event, the qualifying time remains unchanged. If less than 30 swimmers qualify for an event, then the new qualifying time is 1 % slower than the current qualifying time.

For any new events that are added to the Championship, time standards will not be used during the first two years, and each association may send two representatives. In the third year time standards will be based upon the average of the fifth slowest recorded times from the previous two years. In all subsequent years, time standards will be calculated as per all other events.

Mover: Michelle Bettig

School: John Fraser SS

Association: ROPSSAA

Seconded: Sarah Armstrong

School: Notre Dame CSS

Association: GHAC

Speaker: Michelle Bettig

ACTION: CARRIED

TRACK AND FIELD – 6 Motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – Riverso / Gallant

Page T-2-T-3, Section 1 – Events and Classifications:

WHEREAS: OFSAA Para division does not use the same categories as Athletics Canada in Para Athletics.

AND WHEREAS: The Track and Field SAC believes the Para division should have some clarity in our classification divisions that are consistent with what classifications we use.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the current Section 1 (b) (iv) a,b,c,d,e be deleted from the playing regulations and be replaced with the following:

(iv) – Para Divisions – Definitions

Ambulatory – Athletes with a physical impairment that compete standing. A variety of conditions may be considered in this category, including but not limited to:

Neurological impairments (CP, traumatic brain injury, stroke, neuromuscular conditions)

Limb deficiencies and impairments (upper, lower, clubbed feet) and Dwarfism

V.I (Visually Impaired) – Athletes with visual impairment (no vision, limited vision, or very limited vision)

I.I (Intellectually Impaired) - athletes with cognitive impairments that influence athletic performance

• **Event Chart**

Race	Age Group	Classification	Event	Age Group	Classification
100m	OG/OB	V.I	Shot Put	OG/OB	V.I.
100m	OG/OB	I.I.	Shot Put	OG/OB	I.I.
100m	OG/OB	Ambulatory	Shot Put	OG/OB	Ambulatory (standing)
200m	OG/OB	Wheelchair	Shot Put	OG/ OB	Ambulatory (seated)
800m	OG/OB	V.I.			
800m	OG/OB	I.I.			
800m	OG/OB	Ambulatory			

- b. In all Para track events requiring lanes, semi-final heats will be scheduled and seeded accordingly to advance to the final. The Para 800m races at OFSAA will use a ‘waterfall’ start.
- c. Where eight (8) or fewer competitors are entered, the semi-final race will be run as a timed final. This timed section FINAL will be run at the scheduled FINALS time.
- d. If two (2) or more heats have been seeded for the semi-finals and eight (8) or fewer athletes show up for the event, the meet convenor and the Head Track Referee may choose to combine the heats of the semi-finals and run that race as a TIMED SECTION FINAL at the semi-final time. Athletes and coaches will be notified before the start of the race.
- e. In V.I. races, there will be an allowance for an athlete who requires a guide (thus 2 lanes). V.I. athletes must be tethered to their guide. Guides will be given the same medals earned by their athletes.
- f. Para Shot Put will be a standing event in V.I., I.I., and Ambulatory classifications. There will also be a Seated shot put (wheelchair) category for those athletes in a wheelchair. Shot put weights are 3 kg (girls) and 4kg (boys)
- g. Para Wheelchair participants MUST wear a helmet with a hard protective shell that meets international safety standards.

Mover: Orlando Riverso
 School: St. Marcellinus SS
 Association: ROPSSAA

Seconder: Dave Gallant
 School: Espanola HS
 Association: NOSSA

Speaker: Tim Larry

AMENDMENT (Beaulne/Clayton): **Ambulatory** – Athletes with a physical impairment that compete standing. A variety of conditions may be considered in this category, including but not limited to:

Neurological impairments (CP, traumatic brain injury, stroke, neuromuscular conditions)

Limb deficiencies and impairments (upper, lower, clubbed feet) and Dwarfism that **influence athletic performance**.

V.I (Visually Impaired) – Athletes with visual impairment (no vision, limited vision, or very limited vision) that **influence athletic performance**.

I.I (Intellectually Impaired) - Athletes with cognitive impairments that influence athletic performance

a. Event Chart

Race	Age Group	Classification	Event	Age Group	Classification
100m	OG/OB	V.I	Shot Put	OG/OB	V.I.
100m	OG/OB	I.I.	Shot Put	OG/OB	I.I.
100m	OG/OB	Ambulatory	Shot Put	OG/OB	Standing
200m	OG/OB	Seated	Shot Put	OG/ OB	Seated
800m	OG/OB	V.I.			
800m	OG/OB	I.I.			
800m	OG/OB	Ambulatory			

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION: Smith / Rverso

Page T-2, Section 1 – Events and Classifications:

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 it has been very successful in

providing equal opportunities to countries and athletes who may otherwise not be able to field gender specific teams.

AND WHEREAS: A goal of OFSAA and the Track & Field SAC is to increase participation numbers through opportunities that may 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 events list for OPEN Events add a MIXED 4 x 400m relay event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: as per World Athletics rules, the running order is male-female-male-female. Students may only compete in ONE of the OPEN 4 x 400m relay events offered.

Mover: Michael Smith

School: Dundas Valley SS

Association: SOSSA

Seconded: Orlando Rivero

School: St. Marcellinus SS

Association: ROPSSAA

Speaker: Tim Larry

AMENDMENT (Morris/Poirier): as per World Athletics rules, the running order is male-female-male-female. Students may only compete in ONE of the OPEN 4 x 400m relay events offered. **Points earned by the Mixed Open division relay teams shall be awarded to the school in the Senior Division, split equally between the boys and girls.**

ACTION: AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 3

MOTION – Dillabaugh / MacKay

Page T-4, Section 3 – Entry:

WHEREAS: OFSAA may be held at a site with a single shot circle.

AND WHEREAS: As para numbers grow the schedule has seven (7) sessions and up to ten (10) sessions may be needed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Each region may advance only four (4) Shot Put athletes regardless of category/division OR the OFSAA schedule is expanded to the increasing number of para athletes.

Mover: Kirk Dillabaugh
School: Glebe CI
Association: NCSSAA

Second: Todd MacKay
School: Sir Fredrick Banting SS
Association: WOSSA

Speaker: Brad Barker

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION 4

MOTION – Barker / Reid

Page T-6, Section 6 – Rules and Officials:

WHEREAS: It is socially isolating to run alone especially in front of large crowds.

AND WHEREAS: There are times it makes sense to combine heats due to low numbers.

AND WHEREAS: It assists in expediting the meet schedule.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: For para events, the meet convenor may combine races when it is appropriate to do so and results split back into their categories.

Mover: Brad Barker
School: A. Y. Jackson SS
Association: TDSSAA

Second: Chris Reid
School: Lawrence Park CI
Association: TDSSAA

Speaker: Brad Barker

ACTION: DEFEATED

MOTION 5

MOTION – Reid / Duncan

Page T-3, Section 1 – Events and Classifications:

WHEREAS: It is sometimes confusing for the participants to fully understand the instructions and parameters of the race.

AND WHEREAS: Many of the athletes commit violations and/or end up running a greater distance then required.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Add "the convenor may use a waterfall or box start if they deem it appropriate."
This only applies to the Para events.

Mover: Chris Reid

Seconder: Glenn Duncan

School: Lawrence Park CI

School: Birchmount CI

Association: TDSSAA

Association: TDSSAA

Speaker: Brad Barker

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

MOTION 6

MOTION – Leo / Bertram

Page T-12, Sport Specific Directives – Qualifying from Heats to Finals:

WHEREAS: There are a dwindling number of schools carrying programs for Intellectually impaired students and the higher concentration of students in these programs may provide an unfair advantage to these schools.

AND WHEREAS: A single athlete can sway the results of the able body categories.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: That no points earned by para will be counted toward overall or division scores. Instead, a banner will be awarded to the school with the highest number of points in the Overall Team Combined inclusive of all Para divisions in the open category. This will require adding a banner to the championships.

Mover: Sara Leo

Seconder: Fraser Bertram

School: Pine Ridge SS

School: Crescent School

Association: DDSB

Association: CISSA

Speaker: Brad Barker

ACTION: WITHDRAWN