

REPRESENTATIVES' COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 7th, 2023

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Voting Information:

As per OFSAA Regulations:

Page R38, G) Amendments, Section 3 – Amendments to the Playing Regulations (per sport)

- i. The Playing Regulations, as defined in these Regulations, are the sport specific rules of play at the various Championships and Festivals sponsored by the Federation. They are documented separately from these Regulations.
- The Playing Regulations of the Federation can be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast (excluding abstentions) of the Representatives' Council. No Representatives' Council member shall have more than one vote.

Eligible Voting members of the Representatives Council are:

- a. One (1) male and one (1) female representative from each Member Association, as determined by each Association. All Association male and female representatives shall be currently employed teachers/administrators.
- b. Six (6) regional principal representatives who are selected by the Principals' Council at its Annual meeting. The six representatives must represent the six regions as identified in these By-laws.

ALPINE SKIING – 2 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION ANDRAS/PASSI

Page A-5, Section 7 b. Sport Specific, ii.

WHEREAS Section 7 b ii, states "In both the OFSAA Giant Slalom and Slalom competition, hard shell crash helmets (designed for Giant Slalom alpine ski racing) that provide complete head protection (front & back) and full ear protection are mandatory for all High School and Open competitors. FIS-approved slalom helmets which must have a chin guard attached to the helmet and which bear the following certification codes (CEE 1077, US 2040, or Snell S98 or R98) are permitted for OFSAA slalom-specific events only."

AND WHEREAS OFSAA Alpine needs to remain consistent and compliant with current safety regulations in the sport of Alpine skiing.

AND WHEREAS the current codes in our playing regulations appear to be outdated as they are currently written in the OPHEA Safety Guidelines for Interschool Sports- Alpine skiing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the playing regulations for OFSAA Alpine reflect this update and be replaced with the following:

7b ii - "In practice and competition, students must wear properly fitted Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) approved giant slalom helmets with full ear protection while in competitions and gate training environments. With the addition of a chin guard or mouth-guard when in slalom gate environments or a Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) approved slalom helmet with a chin guard attached to the helmet and bearing the following certification codes (ASTM F2040, CEN 1077, or Snell S98)."

Mover:	Peter Andras	Seconder:	Karen Passi
School:	Lakefield College School	School:	LaSalle SS
Association	CISAA	Association:	NOSSA
Speaker:	Tim Larry		

MOTION 2

MOTION PASSI/ANDRAS

Page A8 - Sports Specific Directives – 1. Entry

WHEREAS Page A8, Section 1: Entry currently reads - A second team entry to the current championship will be awarded to the Association which placed first overall in combined slalom and giant slalom results from the previous year's championship in each of the following: High School girls, High School boys, Open girls and Open boys.

AND WHEREAS there are no specifics as to how these are calculated.

AND WHEREAS the formula for determining the entries needs to be in writing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Page A8 – Section 1 – Entry, the current wording be identified as 1a)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to create a new 1 b) to read as follows:

1b) To determine the second entry, a school's place finishes in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom be added together with the lowest total being declared the winner. (ie school A places 1st and 3rd for a total of 4). Ties will be broken by adding together the team scores (ie School A scores 23 in GS and 41 in Slalom for a total of 64). The Association, on behalf of the school winning, is the recipient of the additional entry.

Mover:	Karen Passi	Seconder:	Peter Andras
School:	Lasalle SS	School:	Lakefield College School
Association:	NOSSA	Association:	CISAA
Speaker:	Tim Larry		

CURLING – 3 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION JEAN/CARLISLE

Page F-4, Section 6 – Rules and Officials, a(ii)

WHEREAS CCA rules allow for teams to compete with 3 players in competition

AND WHEREAS adding another player to a team may upset the balance of team chemistry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6 Rules and Officials Section a (ii) be changed to read: During the competition if a team has only four (4) players and one player is unable to continue play because of illness or injury, they MAY select randomly from the host pool of curlers. The new curler may play in the position of the injured player or lead. If the original player is able to play again they may reenter the competition at the beginning of a game.

Mover:	Christine Jean (Fort Francis DHS),	Seconder:	Nigel Carlisle
School:	Fort Frances DHS	School:	Cornwall Collegiate
Association:	NWOSSAA	Association:	EOSSAA
Speaker:	Brian Poste		

MOTION 2

MOTION JEAN/CARLISLE

Page F-5, Section 8 - Awards

WHEREAS teams are allowed seven (7) participants

BE IT RESOLVED THAT page F-5, Section 8a) - Awards be changed to read seven (7) shall be presented ...

Mover:Christine Jean (Fort Francis DHS),Seconder:Nigel CarlisleSchool:Fort Frances DHSSchool:Cornwall CollegiateAssociation:NWOSSAAAssociation:EOSSAASpeaker:Brian PosteSeconder:Seconder:

MOTION 3

MOTION JEAN/CARLISLE

Page F-4, Section 6 Rules and Officials, Substitution a)

WHEREAS many teams bring 5 student athletes to the championship

AND WHEREAS all athletes should have an opportunity to compete

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6 Rules and Officials Part a (iv) be added to read as follows:

iv. Substitution will be allowed at the start of any end in the game. Once a substitution is made, that player must stay in the game unless an injury or illness occurs.

Mover:	Christine Jean (Fort Francis DHS),	Seconder:	Nigel Carlisle
School:	Fort Frances DHS	School:	Cornwall Collegiate
Association:	NWOSSAA	Association:	EOSSAA
Speaker:	Brian Poste		

FIELD HOCKEY – 3 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION DIETRICH/LEWIS

Page G-9, Section 1 (c) – Championship Structure and Procedure

WHEREAS: A team shall play a maximum of two (2) games in one day and be entitled to two and one-half (2.5) hours between the **start** of one game and the start of the next game.

AND WHEREAS: The current language could leave limited time for student athletes to find some nutrition/hydration, potentially travel to a different venue through traffic, and complete a pre-game warm-up.

AND WHEREAS: Starting the 2.5h break at the *end* of the first game ensures adequate time for recovery and preparing to play a second game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 1 (c) be replaced with the following: "A team shall play a maximum of two (2) games in one day and be entitled to two and one-half (2.5) hours between the **end** of one game and the start of the next game."

Mover:	Leanne Dietrich	Seconder:	Ray Lewis
School:	St John's-Kilmarnock School	School:	GDCI
Association:	CISAA	Association:	WOSSAA
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke		

MOTION 2

MOTION RUSCH/LEWIS

Page G-3, Section 6 a. iii. – Rules and Officials

WHEREAS: Players may stop, deflect and play the ball in a controlled manner in any part of the field, but it must be below shoulder height.

AND WHEREAS: The below shoulder height requirement is unique to OFSAA and the subjective variability, in terms of how it is enforced/interpreted by officials, is confusing to the student athletes, while doing little to diminish any of the perceived potential danger that it is intended to.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 6. a. iii. Be removed entirely.

Mover:Liz RuschSchool:Merivale HSAssociation:NCSSAASpeaker:Nicole Clarke

Seconder: Ray Lewis School: Goderich DCI Association: WOSSAA

MOTION 3

MOTION TREACY/LEWIS

Page G-3, Section 6 c. ii. – Rules and Officials

WHEREAS: In the event of a tie at the end of a regulation time in any playoff game the first tie breaker is two (2) seven and a half (7.5) minute overtime periods (not sudden victory shall be played after a five (5)

minute rest. Teams will toss for choice of ends prior to the start of the overtime period. Teams will change ends with no rest after the first seven and a half (7.5) minute period. Then, it moves to a shoot-out competition if still tied.

AND WHEREAS: Eliminating the overtime periods and going straight to a shoot-out competition would be in alignment with FIH and other levels of field hockey which have already done so.

AND WHEREAS: The championship would remain on schedule while reducing fatigue and injury in student athletes all while preserving the integrity of the game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The first bullet point under Section 6. c. ii. be removed entirely and state: "ii. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in any playoff game:

- Each team will select any five (5) players from those listed on the match sheet except a player who has received a red card or a temporary suspension at the end of the game. These five (5) players shall have a shoot-out competition if artificial turf is available. If not, teams will take penalty strokes alternately. A list should be provided within two (2) minutes after the end of the match and the shoot-out or penalty strokes will proceed from then. The first team to shoot being decided by a coin toss. The winner shall be the team scoring the most goals.
- If the score is still tied, a "sudden victory" system will be used with any five (5) players from those
 listed on the match sheet except a player who has received a red card or a temporary suspension at
 the end of the game or during the shoot-out. Each team will alternately send one player to take a
 shoot-out or penalty stroke until the tie is broken. The order of shoot-out or stroking will change
 with each pair of shoot-outs or penalty strokes. No player may take a second shot or stroke in this
 series until all five (5) players listed on the match sheet (except any under permanent suspension or
 temporary suspension at the end of overtime) have taken one stroke."

Mover:	Shannon Treacy
School:	St. Thomas Aquinas
Association:	GHAC
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke

Seconder: Ray Lewis School: Goderich DCI Association: WOSSAA

SLO-PITCH – 6 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION CLARK/MCPHEE

Page O-3, Section 6. b. i. – Rules and Officials - Playing Time

WHEREAS: Section 6. b. I. currently states: "A game consists of (7) innings. The game ends if the team batting second has scored more runs in six innings before the third out in the last half of the seventh inning than the other team has scored in seven innings."

AND WHEREAS: At the first Slo-Pitch Festival, there were some issues of games running very long which would be consistent across a lot of future Festival venues due to evening bookings.

AND WHEREAS: The Slo-Pitch SAC feels that a time limit of one hour and 15 minutes should be put in place as this is consistent with the Slo-Pitch Ontario guidelines and is actively in place in most Associations participating in Slo-Pitch.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 6. b. i. be edited to read: "A game consists of (7) innings. The game ends if the team batting second has scored more runs in six innings before the third out in the last half of the seventh inning than the other team has scored in seven innings. No new inning will begin after one hour and fifteen minutes. This must be declared by the umpire at the start of the inning."

Mover:	Steve Clark	Seconder:	Erin McPhee
School:	Nelson High School	School:	St. Marguerite d'Youville
Association:	GHAC	Association:	ROPSSAA
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke		

MOTION 2

MOTION CLARK/MCPHEE

Page O-3, Section 6. b. iv. - Rules and Officials - Playing Time

WHEREAS: Section 6. b. iv. currently states "11" Optic Yellow Worth Green or Gold Dot Elite ball will be used during festival play."

AND WHEREAS: The green dot is extremely hard to find in Canada as it has been recently discontinued.

AND WHEREAS: The 11" Optic Yellow Worth Hot Dot or Hot Dot Elite Ball are easy for schools to order and most are using them currently in their Associations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 6. b. iv. be edited to read "11" Optic Yellow Worth Hot Dot or Hot Dot Elite ball will be used during festival play."

Mover:	Steve Clark
School:	Nelson High School
Association:	GHAC
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke

Seconder:Erin McPheeSchool:St. Marguerite d'YouvilleAssociation:ROPSSAA

MOTION 3

MOTION CLARK/MCPHEE

Page O-4, Section 6. b. – Rules and Officials - Playing Time

WHEREAS: There is nothing in the current playing regulations that refers to the distance between the bases.

AND WHEREAS: At the first Slo-Pitch Festival, there were some issues of innings running very long and teams running up the score.

AND WHEREAS: The Official Rules of Slo-Pitch Ontario shall govern play at the OFSAA Festival, there is a chart that outlines various base distances that can be used for the high school age group.

AND WHEREAS: At the first Slo-Pitch Festival coaches meeting, there was lots of discussion surrounding the base distance and what would be used as they were using various ones in league play.

AND WHEREAS: Seventy feet in between the bases is outlined as an option in the Slo-Pitch Ontario Guidelines and is usually the standard set up for diamonds where bases are already secured.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: xi. be added to Section 6. b. and read: "The distance between the bases shall be seventy feet."

Mover:	Steve Clark	Seconder:	Erin McPhee
School:	Nelson High School	School:	St. Marguerite d'Youville
Association:	GHAC	Association:	ROPSSAA
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke		

MOTION 4

MOTION CLARK/MCPHEE

Page O-4, Section 6. b. - Rules and Officials - Playing Time

WHEREAS: There is nothing in the current playing regulations that refers to time limits in the event of a rain delay.

AND WHEREAS: At the first Slo-Pitch Festival, the schedule was significantly delayed due to rain on the diamonds and teams still had to play the full seven innings.

AND WHEREAS: It is common practice for games to be considered complete after five innings in the event of inclement weather.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: xii. be added to Section 6. b. and read: "In the event of inclement weather causing a delay, the game will be considered complete after five (5) innings."

Mover:	Steve Clark
School:	Nelson High School
Association:	GHAC
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke

Seconder:Erin McPheeSchool:St. Marguerite d'YouvilleAssociation:ROPSSAA

MOTION 5

MOTION CLARK/MCPHEE

Page O-4, Section 6. b. – Rules and Officials - Playing Time

WHEREAS: There is nothing in the current playing regulations that refers to the maximum runs per inning.

AND WHEREAS: At the first Slo-Pitch Festival, there were some issues of innings running very long and teams running up the score.

AND WHEREAS: It is common practice within the Associations for a maximum run per inning and mercy rule to be in place.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: xiii. be added to Section 6. b. and read: "A maximum of five runs scored per team per inning as well as a mercy rule of twelve runs after five complete innings"

Mover:	Steve Clark	Seconder:	Erin McPhee
School:	Nelson High School	School:	St. Marguerite d'Youville
Association:	GHAC	Association:	ROPSSAA
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke		

MOTION 6

MOTION ROULEAU/GIUDICE

Page O-4, Section 7. b. iv. – Uniforms and Equipment

WHEREAS: Section 7. b. iv. states: "All bats used must adhere to the USSSA Licensed/Approved Bat Policy. To be legal, they must be marked with the "USSSA BPF 1.20" mark on its taper (known as the "Thumbprint"). These were made from 2012 to 2020 and meet the 220 lb compression testing. Manufacturers can make bats to meet the 220 lb compression standard but they can no longer have the USSSA Stamp. Beginning with 2021 Models, USSSA is using the new 240 lb compression standard with the NTS stamp (left). Moving forward, 240 lb bats are all that can be approved to have a USSSA Stamp on them."

AND WHEREAS: Schools participating in the OFSAA Slo-Pitch Festival will be permitted to use bats that include a "Thumbprint." This is standard in Slo-Pitch across Ontario and the new language will allow for further understanding and flexibility when purchasing equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 7. b. iv. be edited to read: "All bats used must adhere to the USSSA Licensed/Approved Bat Policy. To be legal, they must be marked with the "USSSA BPF 1.20" mark on its taper (known as the "Thumbprint"). Both the 220 lbs and 240 lbs compression stamps will be accepted. See images below."



220 lbs compression



240 lbs compression

Mover:Viviane RouleauSchool:ESC. Notre-DameAssociation:WOSSAASpeaker:Nicole Clarke

Seconder:Charles GiudiceSchool:St. Mary's CSSAssociation:GHAC

SWIMMING – 1 motion

MOTION 1

MOTION BETTIG/MAHONEY

Page R-2, Section 2 (f) (i) (ii) - Championship Structure and Procedures

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

(f) (ii) The time of the 35th place finisher from each event in the 2022-23 Championships shall be used as the qualifying time for the next OFSAA Championships.

AND WHEREAS: There were 9 events at the 2022-23 Championships that did not have a 35th place finisher and therefore the Swim SAC is unable to establish time standards for these events at this time. SAC is proposing that increasing the 2020 qualifying time standard by adding 8.8% will provide for a reasonable time standard for this year.

AND WHEREAS: There were 6 events which had 35th place finishers but whose qualifying time was at least 20% greater than the 2020 qualifying time. SAC believes that using these times would lead to an unreasonable number of entries in each of these events and therefore is proposing that the 8.8% being used in above situations be applied to these events as well.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Effective immediately, for the 2023-24 school year only, Section 2 (f) (ii) be replaced with the following:

2 (f) (ii) In events where there was no 35th place finishing time from the 2022-23 Championships, the qualifying time from the 2020 Championships plus 8.8% be used as the qualifying time for the 2023-24 Championships. As well, in events where there was a 35th place finisher but that time is more than 20% higher than the 2020 qualifying time, that the increase in the qualifying time for these events be limited to 8.8% as well.

Mover:Michelle BettigSchool:John Fraser SSAssociation:ROPSSAASpeaker:Michelle Bettig

Seconder: Rick Mahoney School: York Mills Ci Association: TDSSAA

ULTIMATE – 3 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION – DIFILIPPO/WONG

Page U-4, Section: 6 (c) – Rules and Officials

WHEREAS: Section 6 (c) Gender ratio rules states:

At the start of the game, after the first disc flip, an additional disc flip happens with the winner selecting the gender ratio for the first point.

And whereas currently, regardless of gender ratio any gender can pull. (Throw by the defense) And whereas, adding the proposed rule will ensure gender equity in development as coaches will now need to train females in this skill.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section: 6 (c) ii. is added and read as follows:

If the personnel ratio for a point has four (4) female players, a female player must undertake the pull at the start of that point. If the personnel ratio for a point has four (4) male players, a male player must undertake the pull at the start of that point.

MOVER:Carla DiFilippoSchool:Havergal CollegeAssociation:CISAASpeaker:Erik Espinola

SECONDER: Kevin Wong School: St. Ignatius Loyola Association: GHAC

MOTION 2

MOTION - DIFILIPPO / ILAND

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

WHEREAS: Section 6 States:

The Rules of Ultimate as they appear in the 11th Edition USA Ultimate Rules shall govern play in the OFSAA Ultimate Festival with the following exceptions:

AND WHEREAS the 11th edition is no longer the newest edition of Ultimate Rules.

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 shall govern play in the OFSAA Ultimate Festival with the following exceptions:

MOVER:Carla DiFilippoSchool:Havergal CollegeAssociation:CISAASpeaker: Erik Espinola

SECONDER:Yaacov IlandSchool:Cameron HeightsAssociation:CWOSSA

MOTION 3

MOTION – DiFilippo / Iland

Page U-9, Section: SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

WHEREAS: 16 Team Schedule - 1st Day Round Robin Schedule is currently shown as;

Time	Field 5	Field 6	Field 7	Field 8	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Field 4
9:40-	A1 vs A4	A2 vs A3	B1 vs	B2 vs	C1 vs	C2 vs	D1 vs	D2 vs
11:00			B4	ВЗ	C4	C3	D4	D3
11:10-	A1 vs A3	A2 vs A4	B1 vs	B2 vs	C1 vs	C2 vs	D1 vs	D2 vs
12:30			B3	B4	С3	C4	D3	D4

AND WHEREAS: The first-round games are critical placement games for the 2/3 seeds. It would be ideal to swap the second-round and first-round games so that all seeds do not play a team one lower or higher in the first round.

AND WHEREAS: Game lengths have not been determined, and the current 10 minutes between rounds does not comply with Sport Specific Directive Section 1 b.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section: 16 Team Schedule- 1st Day Round Robin Schedule is revised and shown as follows:

Day 1:

In pool play, everyone plays three games. Games will consist of 30-minute minute halves and a 5- minute halftime. Games end when time expires or when a team reaches 13 points (whichever comes first).

Time	Field 5	Field 6	Field 7	Field 8	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Field 4
9:40-	A1 vs A3	A2 vs A4	B1 vs	B2 vs	C1 vs	C2 vs	D1 vs	D2 vs
11:00			B3	B4	C3	C4	D3	D4
11:10-	A1 vs A4	A2 vs A3	B1 vs	B2 vs	C1 vs	C2 vs	D1 vs	D2 vs
12:30			B4	ВЗ	C4	C3	D4	D3

MOVER:Carla DiFilippoSchool:Havergal CollegeAssociation:CISAASpeaker:Erik Espinola

SECONDER: School: Association: Yaacov Iland Cameron Heights CWOSSA

VOLLEYBALL – 2 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION KUZMAR/FARRELL

Page V-6, Section 7. - Uniforms and Equipment, b. Sport Specific

WHEREAS: The rules of Volleyball Canada (VC) shall govern play at the OFSAA Championship and VC has edited the clause "All players **should** wear playing uniforms for the complete protocol and warm up" to "All players **must** wear playing uniforms for the complete protocol and warm up" in their Rulebook for the 2023-2024 season.

AND WHEREAS: Some participants choose to wear warm up jerseys, t-shirts or long sleeves while warming up. Participants will still be in uniform but by stating 'should' it allows for flexibility. Participants must be in playing uniform for the match but can wear an alternate warm up jersey, t-shirt or long sleeve while warming up. Warm up attire shall not be removed within the playing area but in designated change areas. Warm up attire should not have any Club recognition and be respectful to OFSAA values, beliefs and rules.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: v. be added to Section 7. b. and state: "All players **should** wear playing uniforms for the complete protocol and warm up."

Mover:	Natasha Kuzmar	Seconder:	Pat Farrell
School:	St Thomas Aquinas	School:	Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS
Association:	GHAC	Association:	EOSSAA
Speaker:	Nicole Clarke		

MOTION 2

MOTION FARRELL/SHORT

Page V-5, Section 6. – Rules and Officials

WHEREAS: The rules of Volleyball Canada (VC) shall govern play at the OFSAA Championship and VC has removed the clause "Jewelry must be either removed or taped" from their Rulebook for the 2023-2024 season.

AND WHEREAS: To ensure the safety of all participants, the SAC believes that all jewelry should be removed or taped.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: k. be added to Section 6 and state: "Jewelry must be either removed or taped."

Mover:	Pat Farrell	Seconder:	Tammy Short		
School: Regiop	olis-Notre Dame CHS	School Sir Winston Churchill - St. Catharines			
Association:	EOSSAA	Association:	SOSSA		
Speaker: Nicole Clark					

WRESTLING – 1 motion

MOTION 1

MOTION MACDOUGALL/COX

Page W-4, Section 6, Rules and Officials, section b(ii) and

Page W-9, Sport Specific Directives, Section 2 b(ii)

WHEREAS the point system does not allow for additional points in the consolation round

AND WHEREAS the database system used to calculate points requires the same points in both consolation and championship rounds to be used

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6 Rules and Officials Part B(ii) and Sport Specific Directives Section 2 b(ii) be changed to read as follows:

ii) In both the Championship and Consolation rounds each match won by default, disqualification, fall or by grand superiority - one (1) additional point will be awarded for that match.

Mover:	Guy MacDougal	Seconder:	Belinda Cox
School:	Cairine Wilson SS	School:	Centre Wellington DHS
Association:	NCSSAA	Association:	CWOSSA
Speaker:	Brian Poste		