

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ORDER PAPER RESULTS

Order Paper #1 – Articles, By-Laws and Standing Rules – Page A-10, Article 8 – Amendments Section 1 & Page B-27 Bylaw 9 – Amendments, Section 1

1. **Articles, By-Laws and Standing Rules** (Standing Rules are general sections of the Playing regulations – relevant to all Championships)

Can be amended at the AGM by a 2/3 majority vote of the entire Council membership (Executive Council, Representatives' Council, Principals' Council, Presidents' Council) present at the beginning of the April AGM, and no member shall have more than one vote.

Order Paper # 2 – Standing Rules – Sport Specific “Rules of Play” – Page B-27, Bylaw 9 – Amendments, Section 2

1. **Standing Rules – Sport Specific “Rules of Play”** (ie Rules and Officials, Uniforms and equipment, Seeding) governing competition at the various Championships sponsored by the Federation can be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at a Representatives Council Meeting, including 6 Principal Representatives, providing there is a quorum.

ORDER PAPER #1

ARTICLES, BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

BY-LAWS

#1 MOTION AUBERTIN/LOWE

Page B-4, By-Law 2, Section 2 – Executive Council, (a) Selection Members at Large

WHEREAS OFSAA strives towards equity on all committees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective the next time a Member-at-large is selected, the section Members at Large read:
The Executive Council shall designate two(2) teacher-coaches, one male and one female, who are members of the College of Teachers and one of the teaching federations of OTF, or retired as a member of the College of Teachers and one of the teaching federations of OTF, to serve as members at large.

ACTION: CARRIED

#2 MOTION CHAMBERS/LOWE

Page B-5, By-Law 2, Section 5a, Nominations for Vice President

WHEREAS nominations are currently received in February.

AND WHEREAS the Executive Council presents its slate of candidates for ratification to the AGM in April.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the last sentence be changed from: *Nominations must be forwarded to the Executive Director prior to June.*

to read:

“Nominations must be forwarded to the Executive Director prior to March.”

ACTION: CARRIED

#3 MOTION KELMAN/HUDDLESTON

Page B-10, By-Law 4 – Competition, Section 1

WHEREAS a clear definition of when a sport can be removed from OFSAA Jurisdiction is needed.

AND WHEREAS the OFSAA Executive Council will be responsible for deciding if an OFSAA sport will be considered within its jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT In By-Law 4 Section 1- Sports the following be added after the list of sports:

“The OFSAA Executive Council has the authority to remove sports that do not meet the criteria as provided in appendix VII of the OFSAA By-Laws.”

ACTION: CARRIED

#4 **MOTION HUDDLESTON/BASSO**

Page B-12, Section 3 (a) (b) – Inter-Association Competition

WHEREAS the current OFSAA By-Laws do not explain the process by which an OFSAA event status may change.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 4 Section 3 (a) (b) be changed to read:

There shall be two (2) levels of OFSAA competition:

- (a) (i) OFSAA Championship
- (a) (ii) OFSAA Festival
- To be classified as an OFSAA championship or festival a sport must meet the criteria provided in appendix VII.
- (b) (i) In order for an OFSAA event to change from festival to championship status or championship to festival status, formal approval must be made by the OFSAA Executive Council.
- (b) (ii) In order for a championship or festival to be removed as an OFSAA event, formal approval must be made by the OFSAA Executive Council.

OFSAA Championships and Festivals include all facets of competition, player/team registration, coaches' meeting and banquet, where applicable, not exceeding a maximum of 3 school days for Championships and 2 school days for Festivals, unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change at the discretion of the OFSAA Executive Director or designate. See Appendix VII for full outlines of each level of competition. OFSAA Championships and Festivals shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) appended hereto. The provisions of the Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) shall apply from the beginning of the Championship/Festival (the arrival and/or registration of teams/individuals at the venue and vicinity of the Championship/Festival) to its conclusion (the departure of teams/individuals from the venue and vicinity of same) at the end of Championship/Festival play.

ACTION: CARRIED

By-Law 5 – Classifications – (9 motions)

#5 **MOTION KELMAN/ROWLAND**

Page B-14 By-law 5, section 2 (b) new (ii)

WHEREAS in 2014 at the Annual General Meeting By-Law 5 section 2b (i) classification was changed to read "There shall be 3 classification levels A, AA, AAA effective 2015."

WHEREAS a reduction from four classifications to three classifications requires a change in the FTE numbers for each level;

AND WHEREAS the OFSAA Classifications Committee has reviewed the FTE numbers from October 31st, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the OFSAA Classifications Committee, taking a provincial perspective, feels it is most equitable to have fairly equal distribution of schools among the three classification levels;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective in the 2015-16 school year, By-law 5, section 2 (b) (ii) be added, which will read as follows:

Associations shall place their schools in classifications for the following school year based on their student full time equivalent enrolment as of October 31st of the current school year:

A = 1 – 500

AA = 501- 950

AAA = 951+

An all-boys or all-girls school shall have their enrolment doubled for the purposes of determining student population numbers.

The OFSAA Classifications Committee shall review FTE numbers annually and propose changes to the classifications numbers as it sees fit.

ACTION: CARRIED

#6 **MOTION AUBERTIN/BERGERON**

Page B-14, Section 2 - Schools (b) Classification

WHEREAS in 2014 at the Annual General Meeting By-Law 5 section 2b (i) classification was changed to read “There shall be 3 classification levels A, AA, AAA effective 2015.”

AND WHEREAS this reduction from four classifications to three classifications requires a change in the FTE numbers for each level;

AND WHEREAS it is hoped to achieve a relative balance of the number of schools in each classification;

AND WHEREAS the FTE numbers that determine the three classifications should allow for the continuing decrease of enrolment in Ontario schools;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective in the 2015 – 2016 school year, By-law 5, Section 2 (b) (ii) be added to read as follows:

Associations shall place their schools in classifications for the following school year based on their student full time equivalent enrolment as of October 31st of the current school year:

A = 1 to 450 AA = 451 to 850 AAA = 851 +

Northern Associations (NEOAA, NOSSA, NWOSSAA, and schools within the Muskoka-Parry Sound Athletic Association (part of GBSSA)) shall be allowed an additional 100 students in the A classification and shall be allowed an additional 50 students in the AA classification which would set the determining numbers for classification as follows:

A = 1 to 550 AA = 551 to 900 AAA = 901 +

An all-boys or all-girls school shall have their enrolment doubled for the purpose of determining student population numbers.

ACTION: OUT OF ORDER

#7 **MOTION GREEN/COOTES**

WHEREAS the NORTH has been allocated an adjustment on the OFSAA Classification numbers for each category in past practice.

AND WHEREAS the NORTH faces some differing challenges from the rest of the province such as geographical separation of competing schools, travel distance to tournaments, extra travel expense, students travelling larger distances to their school which impacts sport participation, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current adjustment of +100 students for upper cap at the ‘A’ category and +50 for upper cap at the ‘AA’ category be maintained in any new classification numbers.

ACTION: CARRIED

Rationale: Maintains the past practice of adjusting classification numbers for the NORTH due to various barriers, as the classification numbers are changing, but the barriers remain the same.

Classifications as related to Standing Rules – (5 motions)

#8 MOTION KELMAN/ROWLAND

Page M-1, Section 3 – Events & Classifications

BOYS' HOCKEY

WHEREAS boys' hockey has both a A/AA and AAA/AAAA championship;

AND WHEREAS there will be a change to three classification levels in 2015-16;

AND WHEREAS the Sport Advisory Committee recommends having a A/AA Championship and a AAA Championship;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT rule 3 be changed to indicate two championships: "A/AA" and "AAA"; replacing "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA".

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT rule 1 be changed to reflect the change to "A/AA" and "AAA".

ACTION: CARRIED

#9 MOTION KELMAN/ROWLAND

Page N-1, Section 3 – Events & Classifications

GIRLS' HOCKEY

WHEREAS girls' hockey has both a A/AA and AAA/AAAA championship;

AND WHEREAS there will be a change to three classification levels in 2015-16;

AND WHEREAS the Sport Advisory Committee recommends having a A/AA Championship and a AAA Championship;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT rule 3 be changed to indicate two championships: "A/AA" and "AAA"; replacing "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA".

ACTION: CARRIED

#10 MOTION KELMAN/ROWLAND

Page Q-1, Section 3 – Events & Classifications

BOYS' RUGBY

WHEREAS boys' rugby has both a A/AA and AAA/AAAA championship;

AND WHEREAS there will be a change to three classification levels in 2015-16;

AND WHEREAS the Sport Advisory Committee recommends having a A/AA Championship and a AAA Championship;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT rule 3 be changed to indicate two championships: "A/AA" and "AAA"; replacing "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA".

ACTION: CARRIED

#11 **MOTION KELMAN/ROWLAND**

Page P-1, Section 3 – Events and Classifications

GIRLS' RUGBY

WHEREAS girls' rugby has both a A/AA and AAA/AAAA championship;

AND WHEREAS there will be a change to three classification levels in 2015-16;

AND WHEREAS the Sport Advisory Committee recommends having a A/AA Championship and a AAA Championship;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT rule 3 be changed to indicate two championships: "A/AA" and "AAA"; replacing "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA".

ACTION: CARRIED

#12 **MOTION KELMAN/ROWLAND**

Page 0 – 1, Section 3 – Events & Classifications

BOYS' FIELD LACROSSE

WHEREAS boys' field lacrosse has both a A/AA and AAA/AAAA championship;

AND WHEREAS there will be a change to three classification levels in 2015-16;

AND WHEREAS the Sport Advisory Committee recommends having a A/AA Championship and a AAA Championship;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT rule 3 be changed to indicate two championships: "A/AA" and "AAA"; replacing "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA".

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT rule 1 be changed to reflect the change to "A/AA" and "AAA".

ACTION: CARRIED

#13 **MOTION HAMLIN/POSTE**

Page B-15, By-Law 5, Section 3 – Teams, (c) (ii)

WHEREAS declining enrolment of students, particularly in rural areas, is further reflected in a decrease in coaches. This is further compounded by the fact that the remaining coaches are significantly older and/or may be, as a result of surplus action, traveling significant distances from their home to work and thus for both reasons are unable to commit to coaching duties.

AND WHEREAS schools of under 500 students already find it difficult to offer a wide variety of sports that are offered at larger schools, in particular large team sports like football, soccer, field hockey and rugby.

AND WHEREAS when students are choosing their high school, the unknown of whether a small school will be able to offer certain athletic programs is already playing a significant role on whether a Grade 8 student chooses their home school or one just a few miles down the road. The most recent motion regarding recruitment does nothing to address this issue.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 5 – Section 3 b(ii) the student population of one of the schools is under 100 students; be removed.

ACTION: DEFEATED

By-Law 5 – Eligibility for Competition – (4 motions)

#14 MOTION MUTRIE/JOHNSON

Page B16, By-law 5, section 3, new “c”

WHEREAS eligibility rules such as transfers, age requirements, etc. should be applied equally in all associations that wish to be OFSAA members and who plan on qualifying teams to OFSAA championships;

AND WHEREAS when associations do not follow OFSAA eligibility rules, it can result in unfair recruitment of student-athletes;

AND WHEREAS the use of ineligible players causes problems with seeding in some sports;

AND WHEREAS teams are being eliminated by other teams using ineligible players;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added as “(c)” to By-law 5, Section 3:

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

Notes:

1. The term “competition” does not exclusively refer to league play; it is defined as anytime two teams play against each other on a playing surface, whether in Ontario or elsewhere.
2. The requirement that only OFSAA-eligible athletes be used in all competition applies solely to teams qualifying for OFSAA Championships or Festivals. This does not apply to teams in leagues that do not send teams to OFSAA Championships or Festivals unless otherwise stated by the local or regional high school athletic body of which the school is a member.
3. Team sports shall be considered to be:
 - a. Boys’ golf
 - b. Field hockey
 - c. Football
 - d. Basketball
 - e. Volleyball
 - f. Hockey
 - g. Curling
 - h. Baseball

- i. Rugby
- j. Field Lacrosse
- k. Soccer

CHAIR'S DECISION TO LET THE MOTION STAND: CARRIED

ACTION: CARRIED

#15 **MOTION BERTRAM/KING**

Page B13, By-law 5, section 1

Whereas: Article 2 of the OFSAA Constitution states its Aims and Objectives include:

- To provide leadership on behalf of its member Associations in support of the educational value of school sport;
- To conduct Ontario-level high school sport Championships which provide incentives for students at the local level to participate in interschool sport, and which create an awareness of the educational benefits of participation;
- To provide services for participants, teachers, coaches, schools, District School Boards and Associations to conduct and enhance school sport;
- To encourage the recognition of the integral role of school sport in any sport and fitness delivery system.

AND WHEREAS: Associations have membership in good standing within OFSAA and comply with the requirements set out in **Section 3 of By-Law 1, part (c)**;

Section 3 - Membership Requirements

(c) The Federation shall recognize the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of its member Associations provided that in so doing the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Federation are in no way compromised.

AND WHEREAS: Association Constitutions and Sport Guidelines fully support the Aims and Objectives set forth by OFSAA and in no way compromise the integrity of the OFSAA Constitution, By-Laws and Playing regulations and both OFSAA and all member associations support education based high school athletics,

BE IT RESOLVED the following be added to **By-Law 5, section 1**:

(c) Associations must provide within their Constitution a detailed description of their OFSAA qualification process as pertains to association entries for team and individual OFSAA Championships and Festivals. This description must include:

- (i) A declaration of whether the association allows all students of age the opportunity to participate in "competition" or only those deemed OFSAA eligible.
- (ii) An outline of the procedures used to comply with OFSAA eligibility rules for teams and individuals that qualify for OFSAA participation.
- (iii) Where an association allows all students of age, including those Transfer Students deemed OFSAA ineligible, the opportunity to participate in competition, any seeding information provided to OFSAA convenors must only contain regular season league play results and playoffs within their own association. In addition and more importantly for seeding purposes, no tournament results or exhibition play, outside of their association, will be allowed for seeding purposes, unless, it was an OFSAA sanctioned event using OFSAA eligible players only.

ACTION: OUT OF ORDER

#16 **MOTION MORRIS/HUDDLESTON**

Page B-17, By-law 5, section 4, (f)

WHEREAS there is a by-law regarding the eligibility of students who have returned to high school from a post-secondary institution;

AND WHEREAS the existing by-law needs clarification because it does not indicate which sports a student is ineligible for;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to (f) to read as follows: Any student who registers and either (i) attends.....is ineligible for OFSAA competition **in all sports** for the remainder of his/her high school career.

ACTION: CARRIED

#17 **MOTION MORRIS/HUDDLESTON**

Page B-17, By-law 5, section 4 – Individuals (f)

WHEREAS there is a by-law regarding the eligibility of students who have returned to high school from a post-secondary institution;

AND WHEREAS the existing by-law prohibits a student from competing in OFSAA events if they practiced or played with an intercollegiate team at a post-secondary institution;

AND WHEREAS tryouts with an intercollegiate team are not included in the existing by-law;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE following be added to (f) to read as follows: Any student who registers and either (i)
...or (ii) practices, plays, **or attends a tryout...**

ACTION: CARRIED

By-Laws – Transfer Policy – (4 motions)

#18 **MOTION BRIARD/LEWIS**

Page B-18 By-law 5, section 4, (g), Transfer Policy

WHEREAS a student in grade 9 may transfer and be eligible under sections b (i) and b (ii) of the transfer policy;

AND WHEREAS a student in grade 9 may potentially play for three different schools in three different sports in one school year;

AND WHEREAS section d (i) provides an avenue for students to be eligible who have transferred prior to their grade 10 year;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a final sentence be added to both sections b (i) and b (ii) of the transfer policy which reads:
“Students in their first year of grade 9 may not apply under this section.”

ACTION: CARRIED

#19 **MOTION CARSCADDEN/LEWIS**

Page B-18 By-law 5, section 4, (g), Transfer Policy

WHEREAS section d (i) of the policy requires that documentation must accompany the appeal to confirm exceptional reasons;

AND WHEREAS there are no specifics in the policy describing who should be providing documentation;

AND WHEREAS parents are frequently the sole source of the documentation;

AND WHEREAS documentation from independent parties would confirm that the transfer was for exceptional reasons;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the second sentence in section d (i) of the transfer policy be removed and replaced with:
“The appeal must be accompanied by documentation from the sending school’s administration and/or independent sources to confirm the exceptional reasons.”

ACTION: CARRIED

#20 **MOTION AITCHISON/BRIARD**

Page B-19, By-law 5, section 4, (g), Transfer Policy – Notes

WHEREAS students may move to alternative schools and their OSR usually moves with them;

AND WHEREAS when the student completes their time at the alternative school and transfers back to the original school they are not eligible under the transfer policy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new Note 5 be added to the transfer policy which shall read:

5. Students who attended an alternative school or alternative program who are returning to the school they attended prior to the alternative school or alternative program, are not considered transfer students provided they did not play sports while at the alternative school or alternative program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subsequent Notes to the policy be re-numbered.

ACTION: CARRIED

#21 **MOTION AITHISON/LEWIS**

Page 19 By-law 5, section 4, (g), Transfer Policy – Notes

WHEREAS the term “closest school” is used in the transfer policy;

AND WHEREAS there is nothing to define “closest school” and it can therefore be interpreted in different ways;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new Note 7 be added to the transfer policy:

7. Driving distance shall be used to determine the closest school to a student’s home residence.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subsequent Notes to the policy be re-numbered.

ACTION: CARRIED

By-Laws – Sport Schools, Sport Academies & Sport Programs – (2 motions)

#22 MOTION ARSENAULT/GRATTA

Page B-22 and B-23, By-Law 5, Section: 4 – Individuals, Section: (i) – Sport schools, sport academies and sport programs, Sub-section (iii)

WHEREAS the original intent of the sport school, sport academy motion was to provide equal opportunity for athletes attending all schools and to ensure competitive opportunities for students are as equitable as possible.

AND WHEREAS Sport Schools, Sport Academies and Sport Programs have competitive advantages for team sports only due to the concentration of student-athletes and there is no competitive advantage for student-athletes competing in individual sports.

AND WHEREAS the following Sport Advisory Committees support the motion; Badminton, & Track and Field.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Subsection (iii) is modified to read:

“Any student enrolled in a sport school or sport academy and the school is not their designated school according to school board boundaries will be eligible to compete in any team event except in their declared or designated sport of specialty. Team events are competitions whereby more than one athlete participates together on a team, including relays, doubles competitions and team events within individual sports. The period of ineligibility will continue as long as the student attends the sport school or sport academy.

Any student enrolled in a sport school or sport academy shall be eligible to compete in all individual sport competitions. If the student is competing in an individual sport that is their declared or sport of specialty, then any points earned by that athlete will not be counted towards a team or overall championship.”

ACTION: DEFEATED

#23 MOTION ARSENAULT/GRATTA

Page B-22 and B-23, By-Law 5, Section: 4 – Individuals, Section: (i) – Sport schools, sport academies and sport programs, Sub-section: iv

WHEREAS the original intent of the sport school, sport academy motion was to provide equal opportunity for athletes attending all schools and to ensure competitive opportunities for students are as equitable as possible.

AND WHEREAS needing to review the primary sport played on an annual basis presents a difficult challenge considering there could be up to 1500 students to review annually in any given association.

AND WHEREAS Students are using the reapplication on a yearly basis to circumvent the rule, (e.g. to change to no sport of specialty).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Subsection (iv) is modified to read:

“The declared or designated sport of specialty shall be the sport played at the highest level within the 12 months prior to the student entering the sport school or sport academy. Schools must submit each new student’s declared or designated sport of specialty along with a list and the level of all sports played outside the school system for approval by the local

athletic association (e.g. district, zone) by September 15th of the current school year or within 15 school days of the student's enrolment at the school."

ACTION: CARRIED

By-Law 9 – Amendments – (2 motions)

#24 MOTION REID/PLATT

Page B-27 By-Law 9, Section 1(a)

WHEREAS current voting results are directly affected by who is, and who is not, counted.

AND WHEREAS Abstentions are in effect, no votes without the requirement of taking a position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1 a) delete the following: - "by a two-thirds majority of the entire membership present at the beginning of the April AGM and no member shall have more than one vote" and replace with the following: - "by a two-thirds majority (2/3) vote of the entire membership present providing there is a quorum. Abstentions and spoiled ballots shall not be included in the calculation of ballots cast or of members present. No member shall have more than one vote."

ACTION: DEFEATED

#25 MOTION REID/PLATT

Page B27, By-Law 9, Section 2a)

WHEREAS Current voting results are directly affected by who is, and who is not counted.

AND WHEREAS Abstentions are in effect, no votes without the requirement of taking a position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 2 a) delete the following: - "can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire Executive Council, Representatives' Council, Presidents' Council, and Principals' Council present at the beginning of the Annual Assembly", and replace with "can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire Executive Council, Presidents' Council, and Principals' Council present providing there is a quorum. Abstentions and spoiled ballots shall not be included in the calculation of votes cast or of membership present. No member shall have more than one vote".

ACTION: DEFEATED

By-Laws – Appendix IV – Recruiting – (1 motion)

#26 MOTION MUTRIE/JOHNSON

Page B-34, Appendix IV – Recruiting

WHEREAS concerns frequently come forward to OFSAA regarding the unfair recruitment of athletes;

AND WHEREAS OFSAA recognizes that recruiting of student-athletes conflicts with the aims and objectives of the organization;

AND WHEREAS OFSAA presently has very little documentation on recruiting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Appendix IV of the by-laws be removed and replaced with the following:

Definition of Recruitment:

Recruiting is defined as a representative of a school, either directly or through another party, encouraging a student to attend a school other than that in whose catchment area he or she resides and/or within a shared catchment area for the purpose of being involved in extracurricular sport. The school representative could be a teacher, administrator, school district employee, school employee, student, parent, alumnus, or any person representing themselves as a school contact.

Rationale:

A recruiting prohibition discourages exploitation of students; prevents over emphasis of athletics; gives average student-athletes more opportunity to participate; discourages adults from jeopardizing a student's eligibility; and prevents misuse of athletic programs.

Indicators and Inducements for Athletic Purposes:

There may be many legitimate times that a school representative and/or coach of a school team will be in contact with students from another school. Therefore, indicators of recruiting have been developed to provide parameters of behavior and expectations for coaches and other school representative(s).

- a school representative shall not initiate contact with any student who does not attend, or does not directly feed into a school, in order to suggest, encourage or explain a transfer to a different school.
- a school representative shall not encourage any other person, including past and present players, to contact any student to suggest, encourage or explain a transfer to a different school.
- a school representative shall not permit a student who is not currently enrolled at a school, or whose present school does not directly feed into the representative's school, to participate in team practices or participate in scheduled team activities (including travel to games/events, team meetings or trips).
- a school representative shall not permit a student who is not currently enrolled at the representative's school, or whose present school does not directly feed into the representative's school, to attend "open gym" at the representative's school or attend spring or summer practices, games or camps specifically designated for enrolled students.
- a school representative shall not entice a student who is not currently enrolled at the representative's school, or whose present school does not directly feed into the representative's school, into transferring to the representative's school.
- where a coach or school representative is approached by a student-athlete or representatives of student-athlete who is not enrolled at the school or at a feeder school, with inquiries concerning the school's sports teams or programs, the coach or school representative must direct the student-athlete or representative of the student-athlete to the school administration.

A student-athlete may not receive or be offered any remuneration of any kind or receive or be offered any inducement of any kind, which is not made available to all students who enroll in or apply to a school.

Inducements for athletic purposes include, but are not limited to:

- offer or acceptance of money or other valuable consideration such as free or reduced tuition during the regular school year or summer school by any person associated with a school.
- offer or acceptance of room, board, textbooks or clothing, or financial allotment for textbooks or clothing.
- offer or acceptance of pay for work that is not performed or that is in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service.

- offer or acceptance of free transportation by any person associated with the school.
- offer or acceptance of a residence with any person associated with the school which would result with the student-athlete living with a non-custodial parent.
- offer or acceptance of any privilege not afforded to non-athletes.
- offer or acceptance of free or reduced rent for parents or guardians.
- offer or acceptance of payments of moving expenses of parents or guardians or assistance with the moving of parents or guardians.
- offer or acceptance of employment of parent (s) or guardian(s) in order to entice the family to move to a certain community if any person associated with the school makes the offer.
- offer or acceptance of help in securing a post secondary athletic scholarship.
- offer or acceptance of the opportunity to gain significant playing time.
- offer or acceptance of the opportunity to be associated with a more competitive team

Grade 8 Recruitment

A school representative(s) may make general presentations (not just athletic) to eighth grade students (not just athletes). There should be a diversity of presenters, speaking on a variety of topics to students of all interests.

When an eighth grade student or the parents of that student, contacts the coach or school representative about attending the representatives school, the coach or representative shall refer the student or parent to the appropriate school administration

High school coaches or their representatives may not attend grade school or youth club games for the purpose of evaluating and recruiting specific prospective athletes.

OPEN HOUSE – The intent of an open house is to allow incoming grade 8 students to gather information regarding curriculum, programs, and the admissions process. School representatives may provide general information to prospective incoming students but no specific details or enticements as to participation if they were to enroll.

ACTION: CARRIED

By-Laws – Appendix VII – (1 Motion)

#27 MOTION KELMAN/HUDDLESTON

Page B-39 By-Laws, Appendix VII – Two Levels of Inter-Association Competition

WHEREAS Championship/Festival criteria should be used annually to provide accurate and up-to-date recommendations and appropriate improvements to championships and festivals.

AND WHEREAS Championship/Festival criteria does not reflect current trends specific to the demographics found in Secondary Schools.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following OFSAA Championship/Festival Criteria and Requirements be used and replace appendix VII of the OFSAA by-laws.

Ref. By-Law 4, Section 3

(3) OFSAA Championship and Festival

Each championship and festival will undergo an annual review to determine if it is meeting the criteria provided below.

- Sports which have championship status, and no longer meet the criteria, shall be moved to festival status. A sport in this situation shall remain a festival for a maximum of five years provided it meets festival criteria. After five years, if the sport does not meet championship criteria, it will no longer operate under OFSAA jurisdiction.
- Sports which have festival status and do not meet the criteria, shall have one year to meet the criteria or will no longer operate under OFSAA jurisdiction.
- New sports which have festival status will have a maximum of five years to meet championship criteria or will no longer operate under OFSAA jurisdiction.

OFSAA Championship/Festival Criteria and Requirements

The following is required ONLY for an association to be counted as participating in the sport NOT for the association to be eligible to attend the OFSAA event. Please see playing regulations for specific eligibility requirements.

CRITERIA	CHAMPIONSHIP	FESTIVAL
Minimum # of Associations Participating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associations must have a minimum of four (4) schools participating in the sport by gender. - Associations must have their own recognized league &/or playoff/OFSAA qualifying competition. 	10 of 18	6 of 18
Minimum # of Regions:	4 of 6	3 of 6
Minimum # of Schools Participating in Sport Across Province (Team Sports):	200/gender	100/gender
Minimum # of Individuals Participating in Sport Across Province (Individual Sports):	Boys-850 Girls-850	Boys-450 Girls-450
EVENT STRUCTURE & REQUIREMENTS		
Maximum # of school days in length	3	2
Banquet/Social fee permitted (in addition to entry fee)	YES	YES
OFSAA eligibility/supervision rules apply	YES	YES
Established/Approved competition format w/ firm # of entries ¹	YES	NO
Entries approved by association	YES	YES
Standing Sport Advisory Committee	YES	YES
Approved Playing Regulations in place ²	YES	YES
Individual-based sports require a high school trained division	YES	YES

¹ Festivals have flexibility in competition structure (including number of entries) as approved by SAC and compliant with Ophea Guidelines

² Festivals shall have minimum playing regulations along with guidelines which provide flexibility.

CONVENOR REQUIREMENTS		
Preliminary budget submitted 60 days prior to event	YES	YES
Final budget submitted within 60 day following event	YES	YES
Convenor evaluation submitted within 30 days following event	YES	YES
Hosting Fee Applicable	YES	YES
OFSAA Athlete Participation Fee collected	YES	YES
EVENT BENEFITS		
Travel Grant funding (if available)	YES	NO
OFSAA assigned staff support	YES	YES
Event webpage and online registration provided (where applicable)	YES	YES
Invitation to convenor workshop (including travel and associated costs)	YES	YES
Sport Advisory Committee meeting (travel and associated costs)	YES	YES
OFSAA Medals provided	YES ³	YES ⁴

3. Provided by OFSAA. 4. Must be purchased through OFSAA.

Amendment – MOTION KELMAN/HUDDLESTON
“This will be Effective September 2016”

ACTION: CARRIED

ACTION: CARRIED

STANDING RULES

#28 MOTION BASSO/CHAMBERS

Participant Limits – All playing regulations section 5 – Entry

WHEREAS most team sports do not have a limit on the number of participants that can register for an OFSAA Championship or Festival.

AND WHEREAS this makes it difficult for convenors to plan the logistics of a Championship or Festival.

AND WHEREAS Convenors are sometimes subsidizing the cost of banquet meals and the number of participants may exceed the size of a banquet hall.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following participant limits for each team sport be adopted as Appendix 15.

2015/2016 OFSAA Championship Participant Limits	
Sport	Participant Limit
Field Hockey	23
Boys'/Girls' Basketball	18
Boys'/Girls' Volleyball	18
Boys'/Girls' Hockey	25
Lacrosse	30
Boys'/Girls' Soccer	24
Boys'/Girls' Rugby	34
Baseball	22
Curling	7
Football	56

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT participant numbers be added to section 5-ENTRY of each team sport playing regulation as follows:

“Each team may register a maximum of X number of participants, which includes players and team personnel. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend Championship activities.” (ref. Appendix XV)

ACTION: CARRIED

#29 MOTION CHAMBERS/HUDDLESTON

Playing Regulation #2 – Location, of all Playing Regulations

WHEREAS not all convenors for OFSAA championships for the coming school year may be in place in April.

AND WHEREAS Association representatives may be able to find convenors to fill any spaces that still exist after the Annual Meeting.

AND WHEREAS OFSAA makes every effort to offer a full complement of championships/festivals each year

AND WHEREAS the Executive Council approves the final championship calendar at their meeting in mid-June.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regulation #2 – Location, of all Playing Regulations be amended to ***change the words*** “The location of the Championship/Festival shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual meetings held in April of the school year prior to the Championship/Festival”, to ***“shall be decided no later than June 1st of the school year prior to the Championship/Festival”***.

ACTION: CARRIED

Awards – (4 motions)

BASEBALL

#30 MOTION SOLARSKI/WHENT

Page F5, Section 11 – Awards

WHEREAS plaques are no longer awarded.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 11 now read: The members of the championship team will receive gold OFSAA medallions. The members of the second place team will receive silver OFSAA medallions. The members of the third place team will receive bronze OFSAA medallions. The members of the fourth place team will receive antique bronze OFSAA medallions. The Championship team will receive the OFSAA Championship banner and be presented with the Prentice Cup.

ACTION: CARRIED

CROSS COUNTRY

#31 MOTION BAKER/ADAM

Championship Review has not seen this motion

Page G-5, Section 11 – Awards

WHEREAS Para race presented all participating athletes in the Para Race.

WHEREAS it is time to present Para athletes with OFSAA Awards.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gold, Silver, & Bronze medals will be presented to the top three finishers for the following categories (ambulatory, intellectual impaired, visual impaired). Participant ribbons will be presented as well to all.

ACTION: CARRIED

FOOTBALL

#32 MOTION WEIR/DERKS

Championship Review has not reviewed this motion.

Page K-4, Section 11 - Awards

WHEREAS we still have the five championship trophies.

AND WHEREAS we can purchase the remaining four trophies through donations.

AND WHEREAS we would like to present each team with a participating banner similar to other championships.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT delete – “The winning team in each OFSAA Festival Bowl Game shall be presented with a banner to be retained by the school”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following replace section 11 – Awards:-

- a) The winning team in each Bowl game will receive a championship trophy and a championship banner.
- b) Each participating team will receive a team banner.

ACTION: DEFEATED

GIRLS' GOLF

#33 **MOTION READ/MOONEY**

Page Y-4, Section 11 - Awards

WHEREAS the addition of awards for the Flight B golfers after day 2.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the first bullet of the Awards Section, effective beginning in Sept. 2016, should read:

Awards will be presented to the top 3 golfers **of Flight A. Awards will be presented to the top 3 golfers of Flight B.**

Mover:	Kendra Read	Second:	Jackie Mooney
School:	All Saints CHS	School:	Bayview SS
Association:	NCSSAA	Association:	YRAA
Name of Speaker:	Kendra Read		

Motion to table the motion until April 2016: Mover: Kendra Read CARRIED

ACTION: TABLED

Jury of Appeal – 1 motion

CROSS COUNTRY

#34 **MOTION ADAM/SLOMKE**

Page G-7, Section 17 – Jury of Appeal

WHEREAS the current playing regulations indicate that a dispute may be submittedwithin 30 minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT “from the time of posting results” be added after “30 minutes”.

ACTION: CARRIED

ORDER PAPER #2

STANDING RULES – SPORT SPECIFIC “RULES OF PLAY”

BADMINTON – 4 motions

#35 MOTION MEIJER/BLANCHARD

Page C-1, Section 1-Date

WHEREAS under the new tournament structure added time is needed on the first day of competition.

AND WHEREAS the additional time will allow championship convenors flexibility with the overall logistics of the tournament.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1 be changed to the following:

1. Date:

The OFSAA Co-educational Badminton Championship shall be held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first week in May unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change with the recommendation that the first round of matches begin no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

ACTION: CARRIED

#36 MOTION WHITNEY/BLANCHARD

Page C-1, Section 4-Championship Structure and Procedure

WHEREAS under the current playing regulations, explanation does not adhere to recent changes in the championship draw.

AND WHEREAS a simplified explanation for appendix I is needed in the playing regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 4 (a) and (i) be changed to the following and section 4 (b) be removed:

4. Championship Structure and Procedures

(a) The tournament will consist of three flights. Loser of matches 1-16 in “A”, enter the first round of “B” flight. Loser of matches 17-24 in “A” flight, enter the second round of “B” flight. Loser of matches 25-48 in “B” flight, enter first round of “C” flight.

(i) Seeding and Draw Development: (See Appendix I) Current ratings must be obtained from the Ontario Badminton Association. A maximum of eight (8) positions in each event shall be seeded. If at all possible Ontario-ranked players should not meet in the first round. Players from the same Association should be placed in opposite halves of the draw in ‘A’ flight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (c) through (i) be re-numbered.

ACTION: CARRIED

#37 MOTION MEIJER/BLANCHARD

Page C-2, Section 5-Entry

WHEREAS clarification is needed as to the process for dealing with late cancellations.

AND WHEREAS convenors should have the discretion as to where late entries are placed in the tournament draw.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5 (c) read:

(c) An Association may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors in each event, with the exception of the TDSSAA which may enter a maximum of four (4) competitors in each event. The host association may enter four (4) competitors in each event. **In the event of an Association not having a full entry or in the event of a late cancellation, the host Association is allowed an additional entry in that event and will be placed in a draw at the discretion of the Championship Convenor.**

ACTION: CARRIED

#38 **MOTION WHITNEY/BLANCHARD**

Page C-4, Section 9-Equipment

WHEREAS it has been difficult for coaches to adhere to the regulation that all student-athletes wear ASTM F803 protective eyewear during competition.

AND WHEREAS Current OPHEA guidelines allow for student-athletes to wear equivalent protective eyewear to ASTM F803 in high school programs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 9 be changed to read the following:

Equipment:

The OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee shall recommend a suitable eyewear for the OFSAA Championship based on input from Association convenors.

All competitors participating in OFSAA championships must wear protective eyewear **C-5** whenever they are on the court. Protective eyewear must meet ASTM F803 **or equivalent approval.**

ACTION: CARRIED

BASEBALL – 5 motions

#39 **MOTION SOLARSKI/WHENT**

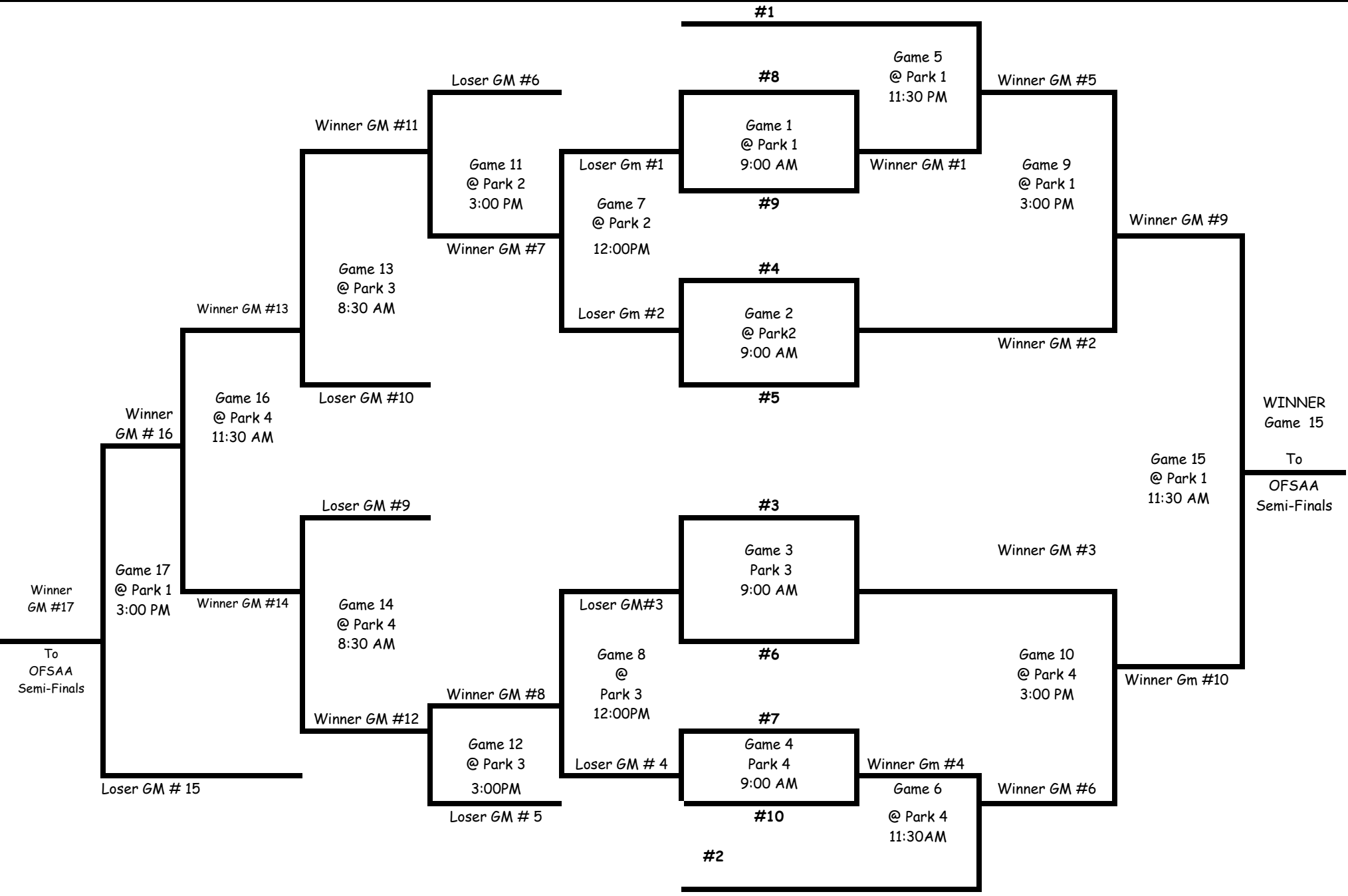
Page F1 Section 4 Championship Structure and Procedure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new paragraph be added after the first paragraph stating " For a twenty (20) team structure: There will be two regional elimination tournaments with 10 teams at each sight. See Appendix C for Schedule

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current Appendix C be eliminated and replaced by attached Appendix C

ACTION: CARRIED

Appendix C attached next page...



#40 **MOTION SOLARSKI/WHENT**

Page F3, Section 8 Rules and Officials b

WHEREAS there has been some confusion over the breaking of ties

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section b now read: Tie games will be broken as follows: With no outs in their offensive half of the extra inning the teams will place a runner at second base(last player who made an out) and play extra innings until a winner is declared.

Mover:	Paul Solarski	Seconded:	Geoff Whent
School:	Brebeuf	School:	Sinclair Secondary
Association:	TDCAA	Association:	LOSSA
Speaker:	Paul Solarski or Brian Riddell		

ACTION: CARRIED

#41 **MOTION SOLARSKI/WHENT**

Page F4, Section 8 Rules and Officials d

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it be corrected to Appendix B can be found on page F-10.

Mover:	Paul Solarski	Seconded:	Geoff Whent
School:	Brebeuf	School:	Sinclair Secondary
Association:	TDCAA	Association:	LOSSA
Speaker at meeting	Paul Solarski or Brian Riddell		

ACTION: CARRIED

#42 **MOTION SOLARSKI/WHENT**

Page F4, Section 8 Rules and Officials

WHEREAS the re-entry rule allows more athletes to participate in games.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new section e read “with the exception of the pitcher each starting player may re-enter the game once. (a pitcher who once removed may not pitch again if removed from the field)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT current sections e-n be renamed f-o

ACTION: CARRIED

BOYS’ BASKETBALL – 1 motion

#43 **MOTION JAMES/GRAHAM**

Page D-3 & D-4, Section 5-Entry

WHEREAS effective 2015-2016 school year OFSAA will have three classifications levels: A, AA, AAA.

AND WHEREAS the current entry structure needs to reflect the new classification levels. A new entry structure is needed for the AAA division for 2015-2016.

AND WHEREAS the Boys' Basketball Sports Advisory Committee in 2015-2016 will propose a new entry structure for all classification levels.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5 (b) be changed and the following chart be used for the 2015-2016 school year.

Association	"A"	"AA"	"AAA"
COSSA	(1)* (playoff with NCSSAA)	1	1
CISAA	1	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	1
CWOSSA	1	1	1
EOSSAA	2	2	1
GBSSA	(1)* (playoff with LOSSA)	1	1
GHAC	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	1
LOSSA	(1)* (playoff with GBSSA)	(1)* (playoff with YRAA)	1
NCSSAA	(1)* (playoff with COSSA)	1	1
NEOAA	1	1	0
NOSSA	1	1	1
NWOSSAA	1	1	0
ROPSSAA	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	1
SOSSA	1	2	1
SWOSSAA	1	1	1
TDCAA	(1)* (playoff with YRAA)	(1)* (playoff with CISAA)	1
TDSSAA	1	1	2
WOSSAA	1	1	1
YRAA	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	(1)* (playoff with LOSSA)	1
HOST ASSOCIATION ENTRY	1	1	1
TOTAL TEAMS	16	18	18

ACTION: CARRIED

GIRLS' BASKETBALL – 1 motion

#44 MOTION GRAY/LEBOUTILLIER

Page E-2 & E-3, Section 5-Entry

WHEREAS effective 2015-2016 school year OFSAA will have three classifications levels: A, AA, AAA.

AND WHEREAS the current entry structure needs to reflect the new classification levels. A new entry structure is needed for the AAA division for 2015-2016.

AND WHEREAS the Girls' Basketball Sports Advisory Committee in 2015-2016 will propose a new entry structure for all classification levels.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5 (b) be changed and the following chart be used for the 2015-2016 school year.

Association	"A"	"AA"	"AAA"
COSSA	(1)* (playoff with NCSSAA)	1	1
CISAA	1	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	1
CWOSSA	1	1	1
EOSSAA	2	2	1
GBSSA	(1)* (playoff with LOSSA)	1	1
GHAC	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	(1)* (playoff with ROPSSAA)	1
LOSSA	(1)* (playoff with GBSSA)	(1)* (playoff with YRAA)	1
NCSSAA	(1)* (playoff with COSSA)	1	1
NEOAA	1	1	0
NOSSA	1	1	1
NWOSSAA	1	1	0
ROPSSAA	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	(1)* (playoff with GHAC)	1
SOSSA	1	2	1
SWOSSAA	1	1	1
TDCAA	(1)* (playoff with YRAA)	(1)* (playoff with CISAA)	1
TDSSAA	1	1	2
WOSSAA	1	1	1

YRAA	(1)* (playoff with TDCAA)	(1)* (playoff with LOSSA)	1
HOST ASSOCIATION ENTRY	1	1	1
TOTAL TEAMS	16	18	18

ACTION: CARRIED

GIRLS' AND BOYS' BASKETBALL – 1 motion

#45 MOTION JAMES/PEDATELLA

General Information

The following motion has been put forward to be discussed and voted on at the Representatives Council Meeting in April. Please review the motion and supporting document which outlines the differences between Federation and FIBA rules using a shot clock. Should you have feedback on the motions please communicate it to your Association Representatives prior to the April AGM in April 2015.

BASKETBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS

Boys' Basketball, Page : D-5 Section. 8, Rules and Officials

Girls' Basketball, Page: E-5 Section: 8, Rules and Officials

FIBA Motion

WHEREAS there has been interest expressed from teacher-coaches to move to a consistent set of basketball rules as currently Federation and FIBA rules are used for game play in Ontario.

AND WHEREAS moving to one set of rules will allow for greater consistency among officials, coaches, and players.

AND WHEREAS there is an understanding of the challenges involved with changing floor markings, game length and changing uniform numbers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Beginning in September 2016, OFSAA adopt the FIBA playing regulations for both the boys and girls basketball with the following modifications:

For the Boys Basketball Playing Regulations, Section 8 – Rules and Officials, the sentence “The current National Federation Rule Book...” be replaced with “The current FIBA Rule book shall be the official governing rule book governing play at the OFSAA Basketball Championships with the following exceptions:”

- 1) A 35 second shot clock will be used. Full reset on foul shot attempts and shots off the rim.
- 2) Fouls and Offensive rebounds would result in 35 second reset.
- 3) Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available
- 4) Federation game length will be used (including overtime)
- 5) No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul (s) assessed to player (s))
- 6) Federation time out procedure will be used.

For the Girls Basketball Playing Regulations, Section 8 – Rules and Officials (a) be replaced with “The current FIBA Rule Book shall be the official governing rulebook governing play at the OFSAA Basketball Championships with the following exceptions:

- 1) A 35 second shot clock will be used. Full reset on foul shot attempts and shots off the rim.

- 2) Fouls and Offensive rebounds would result in 35 second reset.
- 3) Federation lines will be used even when FIBA lines are available
- 4) Federation game length will be used (including overtime)
- 5) No dunking in the warm-up will be permitted (technical foul (s) assessed to player (s))
- 6) Federation time out procedure will be used.

ACTION: CARRIED

CROSS COUNTRY – 4 motions

#46 MOTION SMITH/SLOMKE

Page G-2, Section 5 - Entry, Section (b) & (d)

WHEREAS we raised the number of athletes competing on a team to five athletes a few years ago.

AND WHEREAS the SAC committee does not feel that increasing the number of individuals from 4 to 5 will have an impact on the race.

AND WHEREAS currently each association box consist of Team # 1 (5 runners) Team # 2 (5 runners) ; and 4 Individuals.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT b reads as follows:-

(b) Each association shall be permitted to enter two teams and five individuals (who are not a member of the representative team) in each of the 3 classifications (midget, junior, senior). The TDSSAA shall be permitted to enter four teams and ten individuals. Team members must be from the same school

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT d read as follows:-

(d) The host Association (region) will have a complete second field of teams (2) and individuals (5) in each age category.

ACTION: CARRIED

#47 MOTION BAKER/ADAM

Page G-2, Section 5 – Entry

WHEREAS there is nothing in the Cross Country Playing regulations about the Para Race except naming the Para Event (3000m) in the Championship Structure and in the awards section that all Para Participants will receive a participation ribbon.

AND WHEREAS Para 3000m is currently an official race at OFSAA Cross Country.

AND WHEREAS there is a need to have consistency with Track & Field.

AND WHEREAS Para athletes did not need to compete previously, at their association meet to qualify for OFSAA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we create a second paragraph in (e) to read as follows:

“Para athletes must compete at their association meet either in a Para event (if the association has a Para Race) or in one of the other age classification events.”

ACTION: CARRIED

#48 **MOTION SMITH/ADAM**

Page G-3, Section 8 – Rules and Officials, last paragraph

WHEREAS in Cross Country there is no “head official” in the event.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT delete this paragraph from the playing regulations.

ACTION: CARRIED_

#49 **MOTION SMITH/SLOMKE**

Page G-6, Section 13 - Registration

WHEREAS some schools attending OFSAA Cross Country have a teacher designated from another school to register that school.

AND WHEREAS some forms must be handed in at registrations and the remaining forms must be in the possession of the association convenor or designate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 13 be replaced with - “Registration materials will be given to the teacher accompanying the athletes. The OFSAA Supervision Form / Rules of Behaviour Form / Photo Release Form (only if there is an athlete who does not want their photo taken) /Eligibility Form must be handed in at Registration. All other forms must be in the possession of the association convenor or designate.

ACTION: CARRIED

FOOTBALL – 3 motions

#50 **MOTION DYCE/VOROS**

Page K-3, K-4 – Section 9 – Uniforms & Equipment

WHEREAS teams are beginning to use “Drones” to tape action on the field.

AND WHEREAS such technology provides a possible safety hazard.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT “Drones” may not be used in the field of play.

ACTION: CARRIED

#51 **MOTION CARL/GAW**

Page K-3, K-4, Section 9 – Uniforms and Equipment

WHEREAS communication devices within the helmet are being approved by some manufactures.

AND WHEREAS the Amateur Football Rule Book does not permit the use of any electronic devices within the helmet

AND WHEREAS In the CFL, the communication is turned off by league personnel when a team breaks the huddle or the head official indicates it when there is no huddle. In amateur football, there is no means to turn off the communication at the appropriate time.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT any communication devices within the helmet, or on any part of the athlete is not permitted.

ACTION: CARRIED

#52 MOTION CARL/OLDFIELD

Page K-1, Section 3 – Events and Classifications (b)

WHEREAS the OFSAA Football Bowl Games format may change from year to year.

AND WHEREAS the committee wants to maintain the old regional bowl game format (Rogers Centre) without creating semi-final games for each region.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 3 – Events and Classifications: (b) be replaced with the following:-

For the next two years (2015 & 2016) the following nine games will take place.

There will be two associations assigned to each bowl game. In 2015, only one of the two associations will compete in that bowl game (determined by a draw). In 2016 the other association will automatically participate in that bowl game.

The remaining nine associations will be drawn to determine their pairing. An association cannot draw the bowl game they were removed from.

An association cannot play an association they played the previous year.

Bowl Games

Western Bowl – SWOSSAA / WOSSAA

Golden Horseshoe Bowl – GHAC / SOSSA

Metro Bowl – TDCAA / TDSSAA

Central Bowl – CWOSSA / ROPSSAA

Simcoe Bowl – GBSSA / YRAA

National Capital Bowl – NCSSAA / EOSSAA

Northern Bowl – NOSSA / NWOSSAA

Eastern Bowl – LOSSA / COSSA

Independent Bowl – CISAA / 2nd Entry or 2nd Entry (2 associations)

ACTION: CARRIED

GIRLS' GOLF – 5 motions

#53 MOTION READ/MOONEY

Page Y-1, Section 4, Subsection e) – Coaching during the Festival

WHEREAS individuals try to coach student-athletes while they are competing which contravenes the rules in place currently.

AND WHEREAS the addition of potential penalties to the student-athlete for the individual's actions should curb that illicit behaviour and reinforce its illegality.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Festival Structure and Procedures Section 4 e) should read:

e. Coaching will not be permitted by anyone on the course. **Any contact by a coach or spectator to the student-athlete may result in a stroke penalty or even disqualification to said student-athlete.**

ACTION: CARRIED

#54 **MOTION READ/MOONEY**

Page Y-3, Section 8 – Rules and Officials

WHEREAS the duty of the convenor, with regards to the Festival head official, must be to contact their Regional Golf Association to select the head official.

AND WHEREAS the head official must be at the Festival for the entirety of the Festival and must direct the rest of the officials at the meeting prior to the start of the Festival.

AND WHEREAS in the effort to maintain the pace of play and to limit the potential for outside factors to influence any individual stroke, there be a limitation put on the types of electronic devices that a student-athlete can legally use during the Festival.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rules and Officials Section 8 paragraph 2 should read:

The convenor must designate a head official for the festival. The convenor **must** contact the Golf Association of Ontario/**Regional Association** to assign this individual and consult with them on course set-up.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rules and Officials Section 8 paragraph 3 should read:

The head official must attend the coaches' meeting **and stay on site for the duration of the Festival**, and **must** hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the competition. **In addition**, the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rules and Officials Section 8 paragraph 4 should read:

Distance finders are permitted as per RCGA rules **but must be pre-approved by officials at the site of the festival before competition begins and can be brought forward for approval by student-athletes only. Devices with distance finding functions only are permitted.** All other electronic devices including, but not limited to, music players, cell phones and tablets, will not be permitted for the duration of the round.

ACTION: CARRIED

#55 **MOTION READ/MOONEY**

Page Y-3, Section 9 – Golf Attire

WHEREAS student-athletes sometimes wear clothing that is not suitable for an OFSAA event or the elements that they are competing in.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Uniforms and Equipment Section 9 paragraph 2 should read:

“In order to be allowed to play, competitors must dress in **appropriate** golf attire.”

ACTION: CARRIED

#56 MOTION READ/MOONEY

Page Y-4, Section 10 - Tiebreakers

WHEREAS there is often some confusion as to what the RCGA tie breaking procedures are.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following addition be made to the end of the Tiebreakers section:

The tie breaker procedure is:

If a playoff is not possible, the winner will be determined on the basis of the best score over the last nine (9) holes (Hole 10 to 18). If the tying players have the same score on the last nine (9) holes, the winner will be determined in the best last six (6) holes (Holes 13 to 18), the best last three (3) holes (holes 16 to 18) and finally the best last hole (Hole 18).

ACTION: CARRIED

#57 MOTION READ/MOONEY

Page Y-1, Section 4 – Festival Structure and Procedures

WHEREAS the current format of the festival did not make participants feel like they were at an OFSAA event.

AND WHEREAS two days of competition promotes greater participation as well as the greater likelihood of success for a greater number of student-athletes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT beginning at the start of the 2016-2017 Girls' golf season, Festival Structure and Procedures Section 4 subsection a) should read:

The festival will operate as a two-day competition over 36 holes. The festival will operate as one division over 18 holes with a shotgun start on day 1. **On day 2, the field will be split up into two flights and will operate as two divisions over 18 holes with a shotgun start. All Student-athletes in the field will contribute to the total association score, no matter which flight they end up in.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT beginning at the start of the 2016-2017 Girls' Golf Festival, Festival Structure and Procedures Section 4 subsection b) should be removed and replaced with the following:

Flight A will constitute the top 50% - including ties – of the field. Flight B will constitute the remaining student-athletes in the field.

ACTION: CARRIED

BOYS' HOCKEY – 9 motions

#58 MOTION KELMAN/FULLER

Page M-6, Section 8 – Rules and Officials

WHEREAS safety must be our first priority;

Adolescents are more sensitive to the effects of sport-related concussions than adults or children, and these injuries affect their working memory – the brain function that enables them to process and store short-term information which is essential for activities such as reading and mental calculation;

A first concussion will result in six months to a year of neurophysiological side effects, along with impairment of the working memory (the ability to sustain attention focus).

At the 2014 OFSAA Boys' Hockey Championships there were 153 head contact penalties, 36 boarding penalties, and eight checking from behind penalties;

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

School hockey teams have limited practice time due to the cost of ice time. Football and rugby practice teams practice for free and coaches have far more time to teach proper contact drills;

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

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

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

High school hockey excludes all students who play all levels of community junior hockey – approximately 150 junior teams with approximately 3,000 high school age players who are ineligible to play making boys high school hockey the most restrictive competition of all high school sports; for the remaining players, body checking should be removed for the safety of all concerned;

Players that play contact in the community are discouraged from playing school hockey because of the concern of the community coach about being exposed and potentially injured in high school hockey at the same time that the students play community hockey because of the allowance for body checking in high school hockey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 8, Rules and Officials, include a new (f) that shall read:

A minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a major penalty and a game misconduct shall be assessed any player who, in the opinion of the referee, intentionally body checks, bumps, shoves or pushes any opposing player. If a player is injured, a major penalty and a game misconduct must be assessed.

When the offensive player is skating towards the defensive player, the defending player may not hit the offensive player by going in the opposite direction to that player. The body contact must be as a result of the movement of the offensive player. There must be no action where the offensive player is pushed, checked or shoved into the boards. Where, in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be assessed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current (f) to (j) be re-numbered.

ACTION: DEFEATED

#59 **MOTION FRENCH/HEWITT**

Page M-5, Section 7 Eligibility (b)

WHEREAS there are some associations that do not have a league.

AND WHEREAS there are huge differences when leagues start league play.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we change “after his association/school board first regular season game” to after his association / board first regular season game **or December 1**, whichever comes first.

ACTION: CARRIED

#60 **MOTION TURNER/FRENCH**

Page M-5, Section 7 – Eligibility

WHEREAS there is considerable discussion around concussions with all high risk sports.

AND WHEREAS there is concern is some sports where Grade Nine athletes are competing against Grade Twelve or older athletes (some sports already have placed limitations on eligibility).

AND WHEREAS SAC does not feel that age is necessarily the issue but rather, physical maturity, size and weight, and whether the athlete is competing in a Rep. Contact League.

AND WHEREAS Hockey Canada currently allows contact in their Associations to Minor Bantam (Grade 8).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT grade nine athletes are not eligible for OFSAA Hockey unless they are currently playing Rep. Hockey where there is contact.

ACTION: DEFEATED

#61 **MOTION TURNER/HEWITT**

Page M-6, Section 8 – Rules & Officials, Paragraph 2

WHEREAS the OPHEA Guidelines are changing regularly.

AND WHEREAS the equipment requirements for the head area are continuously modified.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) Replace Paragraph 2 with the following:

Goalies:-

- 1) Must wear properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask
- 2) Must wear throat protector (guard)
- 3) Recommended that they wear plastic throat bib attached to the mask. The plastic throat bib does not replace the throat protector (guard)
- 4) Strongly recommended that goalies wear a mouth guard

Other Skaters

- 1) Must wear properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask
- 2) Must wear throat protector (guard)
- 3) Strongly recommended that all other skaters wear a mouth guard

ACTION: CARRIED

#62 **MOTION WIGGINS/FRENCH**

Page M-6, Section 8 – Rules & Officials, Paragraph 3

WHEREAS Hockey Canada is the official body that governs play.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT “CAHA” be replaced by Hockey Canada

ACTION: CARRIED

#63 **MOTION WIGGINS/FRENCH**

Page M-6, Section 8 – Rules & Officials

WHEREAS we have seen a decrease in the fighting majors / match penalties / and gross misconducts at OFSAA which carry an automatic suspension for the remainder of the championship.

AND WHEREAS we would like to add some teeth to these types of penalties that occur at OFSAA to the local association.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an athlete who receives a fighting major or match penalty or gross misconduct at the OFSAA championship will be suspended for the remainder of the current championship plus the following year’s OFSAA Championship. The suspension is subject to appeal.

ACTION: CARRIED

#64 **MOTION WIGGINS/FRENCH**

Page M-7, Section 8 h)- Exception- subsection a)

WHEREAS current reading states that the goalie does not participate in the shootout unless designated.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT add “**prior to the start of the shootout**”.

ACTION: CARRIED

#65 **MOTION TURNER/HEWITT**

Page M-12, Appendix A - OHF Minimum Suspension List

WHEREAS the OHF Suspension List has a date on it and is updated annually.

AND WHEREAS it is possible the latest suspension list has not replaced the previous year list.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current years OHF Suspension List will be in effect for the current championship.

ACTION: CARRIED

#66 **MOTION TURNER/HEWITT**

Page M-13, Appendix - B

WHEREAS OFSAA Hockey has traditionally been a 20 team draw. However, it appears that we will be have more 16 team draws.

AND WHEREAS the current appendix has a detailed outline for a 20 team draw but not a 16 team draw.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:-

A) The format for 16 team draw

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4
# 7	# 8	# 5	# 6
# 12	# 11	# 10	# 9
# 14	# 13	# 16	# 15

Note: All Pools add up to 34

B) The format for all playoff pairings remain the same as the former AAA / AAAA

ACTION: CARRIED

BOYS' RUGBY – 2 motions

#67 **MOTION GANA/PENDAKIS**

Page: Q-4, Section: 8 (E)-Game Sheet

WHEREAS the spirit of Rugby has been questioned in regards to coaching strategy at OFSAA Championships.

AND WHEREAS the participation of all players attending the championship should be considered and maximized.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 8 (e) should be changed to read-

The player/game roster sheet provided by the Convenor prior to start of each game must identify a maximum of **30** players to compete in each game. **iRB Laws regarding substitution and replacement of players shall be followed during all games.**

ACTION: CARRIED

#68 **MOTION ANDREWS/HEWITT**

Page: Q-5, Section 8 (f) - Tie Situations

WHEREAS the playing regulations do not clarify which rules will be used during overtime at an OFSAA Boys' Rugby Championship.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 8 (f) shall have the following added - **(iii) 15 aside laws shall be followed in the overtime period.**

ACTION: CARRIED

TRACK & FIELD – 4 motions

#69 **MOTION BAKER/BROWN**

Page V-3, Section 3, Events & Classifications

WHEREAS there are declining numbers in Wheelchair Events.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 400m Wheelchair event be deleted.

ACTION: CARRIED

#70 **MOTION BAKER/WHITE**

Page V-3, Section 3 – Events & Classifications

WHEREAS there has been strong interest in having an 800m event for all Para athletes.

AND WHEREAS we currently have an 800m event for visually impaired and ambulatory.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we add an 800m event for Intellectual Impaired (T/F 20).

ACTION: CARRIED

#71 **MOTION BAKER/WHITE**

Page V-3 and V-4, Championship Structure and Procedures

WHEREAS there has been an increase in the number of competitors in Para Events to warrant heats.

AND WHEREAS to be consistent with all able bodied track events

BE IT RESOLVED THAT after Chart #2 the following statements be inserted.

- 1) Where there are sufficient numbers in Para Track Events, there will be heats to finals.

Note : In visually impaired events, there will be an allowance for an athlete who requires a guide (thus two lanes)

ACTION: CARRIED

#72 **MOTION CAVANAGH/LEWIS**

Page V-8, Section 9 – Uniforms & Equipment

WHEREAS there have been requests to put athletes names on the back of the jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 9b) read

- 1) Athlete names be permitted on the back of the jersey provided that they are consistent – first name only, surname only , first and last name .
- 2) No nick names will be permitted
- 3) This would not make the jerseys for relays unacceptable (jerseys must be identical for relays)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT b) becomes c) and so on.

ACTION: CARRIED

VOLLEYBALL – 2 motions

#73 **MOTION AUBERTIN/HUDDLESTON**

Page W-6, Section 8, Subsection 2 e) (i) (ii) – Pre-Match Protocol

WHEREAS the duration players and teams need in order to have a proper warm up has increased in Volleyball due to changes in the rules and regulations of the sport.

AND WHEREAS the addition of an additional championship day allows for more time between games and therefore provides an opportunity to add additional warm-up time.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 8 e) (i) & (ii) be removed and replaced with the following:

i. A minimum of 5 minutes will be allowed for common on-court warm-up time for each team.

ii. The Official warm-up will begin at 13 minutes before game time. The serving team will have the first 5 minutes on the court (until 8 minutes remaining on the clock) and then the receiving team will have 5 minutes on the court (until 3 minutes remaining on the clock). The remaining 3 minutes is to serve as pre-match preparations and protocol.

ACTION: CARRIED

#74 **MOTION AUBERTIN/HUDDLESTON**

Page W-6, Section 8, Subsection 2 (a) (iii) (a) and (b) – Tie Breaking

WHEREAS currently when a 3 way tie exists determining the order of ranking may result in a head to head loss advancing to a higher placing.

AND WHEREAS a better way of tie breaking needs to be established in order to improve the student-athlete experience at an OFSAA Volleyball Championship.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 8 2 (a) Tie Breaking (iii) (a) should read: **criteria (ii) (a) to (c) above shall be used to determine the higher ranked team.**

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT Section 8 2 (a) Tie Breaking (iii) (b) should be changed to read: **the remaining tied teams will play an additional set to 15 points (2 point margin of victory),**

ACTION: CARRIED

WRESTLING – 1 motion

#75 **MOTION KNILL/HAWKINS**

Page X3 Section 5 - Entry

WHEREAS wrestling at a lower weight may require cutting weight in a short period of time and wrestling at a higher weight can result in an unsafe match.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new section b be added stating” An athlete must compete at OFSAA at the weight class he/she competed at during his/her qualifying tournament.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the remaining sections b-f be renamed c-g.

ACTION: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION CIRCULATED FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 2016

#1 MOTION AUBERTIN/LOWE

Page B-3, By-Law 2, Section 2 – Executive Council (a) Selection Vice President

WHEREAS OFSAA strives to maintain equity on all committees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a) Selection Vice President be changed to read: “The position of Vice President of the Executive Council shall be approved every two (2) years at the AGM. The incoming Vice President shall be of the opposite sex to the former Vice President who shall become the President, and the former President shall become the Past President. These changes in positions shall occur effective September 1st of the following school year.”

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