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**COMPULSORY Meeting for All G.M.A.A. High Schools**  
**Meeting: First Secondary Advisory Meeting**

**To:** SAC Reps  
**From:** Amanda Maks/Don McEwen  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Place:** EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, William Dawson Room

**MINUTES**

**100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda**

415 – Basketball Issues (Pat & Jeff)

416 – Officiating (Jaime)

417 – Villa Maria entrance (Marc)

Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT Unan.

**200 Approval of Minutes of June 2013**

Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Elad Ben Eli – HZHS Unan.

**300 Business arising**

The only business arising is outlined in section 211 of the August 2013 minutes. It reads:

'All motions that were passed by SAC in June were passed by the Board of Directors except:

1) The Coin Toss / Point Differential rule will be the same as it was last year. No points will be looked at for tied teams in the standings. The Board did not want to run the risk of having teams run up the score to better their playoff positioning.

2) The Division I showcase no shows – The board included any School Activity as a reason to miss the Showcase Championships. This includes Grad Trips, Ski Trips, etc.'

**400 New Business**

401 Board of Directors Report

Jeff mentioned that besides the above motions that were adjusted at the board level, no other issues arose.

402 Score sheets & Sports line / Registration / Commitment forms

Please make sure your coaches are sending in their scoresheets on time and filled in properly with game numbers and dates.

Please also make sure your coaches are calling the sportsline the night of the game with the score. Once the scores are uploaded for that day, a \$10 fine will be issued for a score not called in.

You or your coaches can check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required paperwork is in the office. Check the date at the top of the page to make sure the checklist has been recently updated.

All teams have been emailed for winter player registration forms that are missing. Please get those in asap.

A letter will be sent to the schools next week outlining all the fines that schools received on their fall invoices if those fines were over \$50.

It was requested that the office come up with a legend to put on the schedule files so that coaches and SAC reps know the codes used on the schedules. Here are some examples:

DH – double header Red box – no form or no scoresheet

Blue star – have form or scoresheet

Def – defaulted game Red star – sportsline fine was issued

OR – own referees

Game in bold in red or highlighted in yellow – conflict with game, it will not be played as scheduled

Two blue stars – a note for the office that there is a suspension to be served during that game

403 Fall & Winter Summary (Date changes for winter events) AND  
405 Withdrawals & Defaults

A sheet was handed out with the Fall Sports Summary of teams, ejections, defaults and withdrawals. This winter we had 5 teams withdraw from Basketball and 3 from hockey. That is too many. Schools have seen their students for almost 6 weeks before we ask for the entries, please try not to withdraw teams after the schedules have been made.

Another sheet was also handed out with all the date changes of various winter events. We had trouble confirming swimming dates and therefore have had to switch around Cross Country Skiing dates. The wrestling dates were also changed due to some schools not being available. Claude Robillard is under construction and had to reschedule our two indoor track and field meets from February to March.

These changes are posted on the GMAA Calendar online in red, but they will not show up in the printed calendars that were distributed at the beginning of the year.

404 Invoices

Each school will find their Fall invoice and statement in their package, please check them and let us know if there are any mistakes. For the most part a team with no fines will be getting a credit for the season, most pre-season payments were very accurate with only an \$8-10 difference (credit or payment). Please be sure to let your coaches know about their teams' credits based on your statements, some didn't know that the school was credited on its account for the surplus. Some schools have still not paid their fall payments, or their payments from last year - please get those in immediately. Surcharges are reflected for payments that are not yet in. Fines letters will be sent out to the schools shortly, they are sent to any school who has amassed \$50 or more in fines for the Fall Season. Please use your credit towards your next team registration fee.

406 Schedule changes

To date we have 62 changes on the basketball schedule. 62 games changed out of 511 games played, not including games to be removed and others to be rescheduled due to teams pulling out of the league. There is still a \$10 charge for all changes after the five day grace period that are not an emergency. Also changes are not accepted after noon the day before the scheduled game.

For the soccer schedule we had 28 charged changes of 465 total games. However, if we had charged for every single game changed, there would have been well over 100 games charged.

Please try as much as possible to limit the number of changes to the schedule.

407 Post-Season Evaluation Sheet (online, Survey Monkey)

We have had an online .pdf form for the last few years as a post-season evaluation. Since we started the form, we have received about 20-30 forms total from our thousands of coaches and teams. Amanda will look into the possibility of using an online survey to email out to the coaches at the end of the season. (Survey Monkey). In theory a link would be sent to the coaches that they would follow to get to an online 5-6 question survey. This might be better received than another form to fill out. We might try it for the Basketball league this year to see if it is well received by the coaches.

408 Handbook Revisions / Motions Sports Committees

There were no motions from the various fall and winter sports committees. The following addition was proposed in order to clarify the 'Staff Member Rule' for the private schools.

This is what the handbook now reads,

**Staff Member Rule:** *The staff member will assume responsibility for the team.*

- To assume the responsibility for the students the staff member must be an employee of the school or school board and legally able to assume said responsibility.

- The staff member is responsible for providing adequate supervision of the team members and must be with the students from the moment the team members enter a host school (arena, etc.) until the team members leave said venue. Supervision includes the locker room, corridors as well as the site of the competition.

The intent of the rule is to ensure that outside people volunteering to coach are always accompanied by a staff member. A coach who is hired just to coach cannot be considered a staff member.

The following classified employees in a school board can be considered as staff member for a school in that school board:

-certified teacher	-guidance counselor	-retired teacher	-substitute teacher
-integration aid	-special aid teacher	-child care worker	-administrator
-full time supervisor of students	-support staff		

It is recommended that the school appoint one person as staff member per team per sport.

**We would like to add: In Private schools, the above listed employees will also be considered as staff members provided they are either past or present permanent members of that school's staff.**

A motion was put on the floor to add the above passage to the GMAA Governing Rules.

Moved: Sarah Neeff – ECS

Seconded: Maxine Rupert – LCC

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409 Spring Activities and Playoffs starting times

The office would like to remind the SAC reps that in the spring starting times for games will be later due to the in-class exams that take place and the fact that early dismissals are impossible to get. All Spring Playoff games will start at 4:15pm or later.

It was noted that some schools who use city fields, lose their field at 6pm.

410 MVP Dinner - Location, Speaker, Date

The MVP Dinner will be held at the Crown Plaza again this year on June 3rd, 2014. We have only received good feedback and reactions to this new location. If anyone has possibilities for a speaker, please send their name and contact information into the office.

411 RSEQ Report The following report was distributed to all SAC Reps.

#### **GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials**

9 students from 3 schools attend the RSEQ Golf Provincial Tournament this year. It was held in Terrebonne on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

19 students and 4 chaperones from 10 schools participated in the RSEQ Cross Country Running Provincials October 18-19 in Shawinigan.

#### **Upcoming Provincials**

Indoor Soccer (March 28, 29 and 30, 2014) – Midget TBA, Juvenile – TBA

Indoor Soccer (April 4, 5 and 6, 2014) – Bantam – a request was made by PCHS to host the Bantam Girls and Boys Indoor Soccer Provincials. It was approved by the RSEQ yesterday.

Indoor Track and Field (April 13, 2014) – at Claude Robillard, (LSL and MRG)

Basketball (April 11-12-13, 2014) – Bantam Girls and Boys St Laurent (Lac St Louis), Midget Girls and Boys – Sherbrooke (Cantons de l'Est), Juvenile Girls and Boys – Grand-Mere (Mauricie)

Volleyball (April 11-12-13, 2014) – Bantam Boys and Girls - Chicoutimi (Saguenay Lac St Jean), Midget Boys and Girls – Ste-Anne-des-Monts (Est du Quebec), Juvenile Boys and Girls – Chicoutimi Riviere du Loup (Saguenay Lac St Jean)

Badminton (April 25-26-27, 2014) – Drummondville

Outdoor Track and Field (June 6-7-8, 2014) – Saguenay Lac St Jean

**DeFacto** – We have 8 schools participating in the RSEQ DeFacto non-smoking program this year. RHS, STT, BHS, LBPHS, MMA, WHS and WWHS. Over 1400 De Facto tshirts were ordered from those GMAA schools so far this year.

It was requested that we look into the payments due for DeFacto. Schools have not received their bills yet.

It was also requested that at the Juvenile Boys level, we request to enter 2 teams from the GMAA. We should get the opportunity to send two since the JRHS JB team won the provincials last year.

412 Championship Venues (spring)

Thank you to all schools who hosted Championships in the Fall (LCCHS Soccer and Loyola Volleyball). It is much appreciated.

If anyone is interested in hosting the spring events, please let us know. Flag Football, Touch Football, Rugby, etc.

The two Rugby 7s tournaments will be hosted at Concordia University. Tennis will again be held at Cote de Liesse.

413 Review of D2 Soccer and Basketball – An information table was distributed to all SAC reps outlining the number and percentage of games won by substantial scores (4 or more goals in soccer and 25 or more points in basketball).

With the introduction of the Division 2 in soccer, overall the goal differential in the games this year improved by about 10%. Going from about 36% of games won by 4 or more goals to 26%. This did not however have a huge effect on the Division III games (only a 2% decrease), which leads us to believe that teams who should not be in Division III are still entering Division III.

In Basketball, the introduction of the Division II has actually slightly increased the number of lopsided scores. (29.52% of total games to 29.59% of total games). The number of blowouts increased by 5% in Division I and by 3% in Division III. This is rather alarming since the whole reason we introduced the Division II was to reduce the number of games won by big scores.

Many SAC reps had comments and suggestions

- After the first two games of the year most teams are then able to tell what division they should be in.
- We should look at the possibility of hosting a pre-season tournament in order to help schools choose the correct division.
- Coaches should also try to limit scoring in games that are lopsided, some coaches play their best players all game long against teams that they know are not going to be close.
- Coaches in D1 should be aware in the games that they 'know' they are going to win. They should pull back right away, not pressure, play their bench, etc.
- The competition committee will be looking at the impact of 1 or 2 AA or AAA players on a team. The suggestion has come up that one or two AA or AAA players be permitted to play in a lower division so that those teams can enter the lower division where they should be. (Examples: 1 AAA player on a DII team, or 1 AA player on a DIII team).
- Technical fouls can be assessed to coaches who are not abiding by the mercy rule.
- SAC reps can have the ability to evaluate the team based on the team and not based on AA or AAA players.
- SAC reps should be looking at the results of that team in the previous year, then assessing the number of students who have gone up to the next level, and the number of students who remain on the team, that way they can make a good choice when deciding on their division.
- Another suggestion was to make a schedule and then after 3-4 games, make another schedule after separating the teams into their proper sections.
- A sportsmanship form can be added to the games so that if a coach is running up a score and acting unsportsmanlike, they can be reprimanded by the office.

The main points were:

- A pre-season Tournament
- Allowing AA or AAA to drop a division
- Sportsmanship form to send after all games
- Onus on coaches to manage the game properly when they are playing a weaker team
- Mercy rule implemented and enforced by referee

This issue will be discussed at the upcoming Competition Committee Meeting.

#### 415 – Basketball Issues (Pat JFK and Jeff ROYAL)

Pat had three questions regarding the GMAA Basketball league

- 1) Is it mandatory to have a visual shot clock – the answer is no, in our handbook it says that any timing device will do.
- 2) Are numbers required on the front of uniforms – the answer is no, numbers are not required on the front of uniforms. Pat has access to a bunch of numbers if people would like to purchase them.
- 3) Pat asks the SAC reps to please remind the students working their tables at games to pay attention to the game – no cell phones at the table. It was requested that we fix the link to the Minor Official guidelines on the GMAA Website.

Elad from HZHS also asked that SAC reps please not allow students to shoot and be on the court during the stoppages of play during their home basketball games. (Basketball Etiquette).

Jeff from Royal West would like to see the bantam basketball leagues become all one division. This would allow teams to play against other high schools in their geographic area. Since the Bantam category is all grade 7 no school really knows what they are getting in terms of bantam basketball so it would make sense that all the teams enter the same division. We could also look at a two-tiered playoff system so that the lower seeded teams have a chance to win a championship as well.

A motion was put on the floor to send this issue to the competition committee to discuss and come up with a proposal.

Moved: Duane Collins – LAURN

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT

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This will be discussed at the upcoming competition committee meeting.

#### 416 – Officiating

It was requested that we ask our assignors to make sure the referees in our leagues are being consistent with not only the rules of the game, but also the league rules (Example, soccer, 30min halves, 35 min halves or 40 min halves).

It was requested that all referees firstly know the rules of our leagues and then apply those rules to the best of their abilities.

It was also requested that 2 officials be hired to cover GMAA volleyball playoff tournaments.

It was also requested that we remind officials to try to show up on time and/or to show up at all in some cases.

#### 417 Villa Maria Entrance

There was some confusion with all the construction in and around NDG on how to actually get into the Villa Maria gym. It was asked that directions be updated on the Villa website in order to make it easier for teams to arrive at their games on time.

#### 414 Office Issues

In each package, SAC reps will find a letter from one of the basketball players at Concordia. He helps with a charity and would like donations of sports equipment. For more information, please contact him directly.

In the office we are receiving more and more complaints from parents and students regarding our leagues. Any complaint that comes from a parent or student we will transfer directly back to your schools. Please do not encourage this behavior.

Please remind your students and parents that we do not have accident insurance. We do not cover injuries that occur in our leagues. Students must have outside insurance.

If you are looking for experienced Athletic Therapists to cover your events, Don has cards of the people we use at the front. They are extremely professional and we use them for all of our events.

Also we want to take this opportunity to thank the SAC Reps for everything that they do. Upon leaving Amanda will distribute a thank you gift to all the SAC reps.

Motion to adjourn.