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

**To: SAC Reps**  
**From: Amanda Maks / Don McEwen**  
**Date: Wednesday June 13, 2012.**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave. - Lawrence Patterson Room**

**MINUTES**

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

411 – Protest procedure

412 – AAESQ tournaments

413 – Student Accident insurance

414 – TWKF Summer Camp Location

415 – Default Rule

416 – Referees

Motion to approve: Laurie Traylen – STUDY Seconded: Marc Faubert - STT

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec. 2011

Motion to approve: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Pat Sullivan - JFKHS

300 Business arising

a. Indoor Soccer season

**Div. 1 – Begin Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013?**

A motion was put on the floor by Nino Cavallaro that the Division 1 Indoor Soccer calendar should remain status quo for the coming season (2012-2013). It is noted that teams are not forced or required to play before the January, they can schedule games in November and December if they are ready but if they do not want to start until January that is permitted.

Moved: Nino Cavallaro - VMC

Seconded: Sam Mendolia - LCCHS

Unan.

**Div. 3 – Feb. – April**

The Division 3 Indoor Soccer calendar will change back to the old dates, with the season beginning in late January and ending in April. This was already passed at the December SAC meeting.

b. Media coverage

The Suburban is still proving the GMAA with excellent coverage of all events. There is a page in each edition dedicated the GMAA activities with articles and photos. You can check online in the archive section to see past articles.

The Cub reporter program hasn't worked well in the past. If you have any interest at your school, you can contact the office and we will get you the information. If there is interest at your school, the Suburban people have offered to come into your school to set up the program and give a clinic to any interested students.



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c. Delinquent payments / June invoice / 2012-2013 pre-payments

Invoices were handed out to each school in their packages. Many Spring pre-season payments were not sent in – the office is owed over \$50,000... Please get your payments in asap before the books close on this year (June 30<sup>th</sup>).

Overall the budgeting went well in the Fall and Winter, but the office underestimate costs in the Spring. Many sports had a balance due at the end of the season.

The list of pre-payments for the 2012-2013 season was handed out. 16 sports pre-payments have either remained the same or increased by \$5 or \$10. 13 sports were increased by more than \$10. The reasons for those increases include; increased referee costs, increased travel costs, increased affiliation fees from the FUS', rental cost increases, etc.

The Finance committee (made up of members of the GMAA Board of Directors) has also implanted a user fee in order to increase revenue for the 2012-2013 year. Each team will have \$10 added to their pre-season payment in order to try to increase revenue. (Member fees and Halo fees will remain the same for 2012-2013).

#### 400 **New Business**

401 Board of Directors report - All motions from the December SAC meeting were passed at the board level. The Board discussed the Hockey non-contact D3 league at length and decided that the GMAA would offer a non-contact option for D3 hockey in the GMAA. No AA players would be permitted in this league.

402 Basketball ages for 2012-2013 – an information sheet was handed out with the entries for the past 6 year in basketball (2006-2012). It shows the corresponding increases and decreases in entries during the years that the age groups were changed. Next year we will continue with this year's ages (1-2-2 format). At the end of next season (2012-2013) we will re-evaluate. The one issue that came up this year was the fact that our bantam team who attended provincials was substantially younger than the other bantam teams. Our bantam ages are grade 7s only, whereas the other regions permit grade 8s in bantam. For provincials only, grade 8 students would be permitted to play on bantam teams.

403 Handbook revision proposals: Please see annex #1 for the motions that were passed in the following sports committee meetings:

- Rugby 7's
- T&F
- Girls Softball – Provincially ranked players
- Bantam Football weight limit increase
- Hockey

A motion was put on the floor by Mike Maurovich to accept all motions from the various sports committees.

Moved: Mike Maurovich – SELW

Seconded: Chris Viau – LCC

Vote: For 33 - Abstentions 4 – Opposed 0

All motions are approved.



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404 2102-2013 Calendar - to be presented at the meeting – Some slight adjustments were made to the calendar. Fall sports meetings were bumped a week later so the championships also were scheduled a week later. Most of the venues are not yet confirmed so the calendar might change once venues are booked. It was asked if we could try to set dates for the Division 3 championships due to the 'never-ending season' issue. Unfortunately with school conflicts and breaks, we cannot set Division 3 dates. They will be determined asap. A motion to approve the calendar was put on the floor (with the addition of the Indoor Soccer Division 3 dates)

Motion to approve: Marc Faubert - STT      Seconded: Jaime Guy – MACD      Unan.

405 Year end summary – a two-sided sheet was handed out with the summary of this year's activities, ejections, withdrawals and defaults. Although ejections of coaches are actually down, the office is now getting written complaints from officials after games. They are not ejecting the coaches, but are writing complaints into the league after the fact. The office has asked the assignors to ask their officials to take action (yellow cards, technical fouls) during the games so that we can subsequently take action as a league. If a complaint comes in with no yellow, red, technical, ejection, etc, the office forwards this complaint to the school and it becomes a school-level issue. Next year the office will keep track of warnings given to coaches so that we can address the issue with any schools who are 'repeat offenders'. It was suggested that the office send out guidelines to both the officials and coaches on what is tolerated. It was also suggested that the referees allow for open lines of communication with the coaches.

It was asked that any complaints regarding a coach be sent not only to the SAC rep at the school, but to the administration as well. It was also mentioned that we could add a monetary fine to any coaches ejection.

The office will look at creating a sheet for officials to submit to the league outlining the conduct of the coaches, and possibly another sheet for coaches to do the same for officials. Any schools that have examples of such a form, please send them into the office.

406 RSEQ Report – a two-page report was handed out with the news from the RSEQ. (See Annex 2)

407 Volunteers for hosting 2012-2013 championships – for Division 1 showcases. Fall: Soccer – Sam from LCCHS is hoping that Riverside park is available to host the Soccer Championships on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. That is to be confirmed.

Winter

Hockey: LCC volunteered to host the Hockey Championships

Indoor Soccer: PCHS volunteered to host the Indoor Soccer Championships

Basketball: Bialik offered to host the Girls Basketball Championships

Basketball: JRHS offered to host the Boys Basketball Championships

If any other schools would like to volunteer, please send the information into the office as soon as possible.



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408 Concussion Program follow-up – there is a survey in your packages to fill in and hand back concerning the Montreal Children's Hospital Concussion Kits and how useful they are to your teams. Please leave the completed survey on the back table or get it into the office asap.

409 Introduction to Cricket and Martial arts – a document was handed out with information on the potential of starting up a martial arts and/or cricket league. Please read the information and contact the various parties with any questions.

410 SAC Chair – Rob Reid from WIC has served as SAC Chair for the past 5 years, he is stepping down this year due to a shift in his position. The office and SAC Reps would like to extend their gratitude to Rob for his service. We really appreciate all that he has done while serving in this role. The position of SAC chair will be open. Please think about people from this body who you would like to represent you at the board level.

The responsibilities include:

- 1) Running the December and June SAC meetings
- 2) Being a member of all discipline committees for all sports
- 3) Being the chair of the competition committee
- 4) Attending all board of directors meetings as the representative from SAC
- 5) Any other issues that may arise where the office needs assistance.

The SAC chair should have a good overall knowledge of all the sports and will make decisions based on the good of all the schools.

The office will ask for volunteers or nominations at the August SAC meeting so that we can have someone in place for the beginning of the 2012-2013 year.

Thanks again Rob Reid for all your hard work.

411 Appeals and Protests – this year an issue came of where a coach protested a game due to a procedural issue. The coach was correct in his interpretation of the GMAA rules, the referee was not. However, the protest was not upheld due to the fact that at the game the coach agreed to proceed using the wrong rule. In order to clarify the protest and appeal procedure in the handbook Marc Faubert suggests that we add, 'A protest must be stated on the scoresheet by the coach (or staff member) at the time of the procedural issue.' This would be added to the Handbook in the Governing Rules Section Under Rule VII – Protests. It was requested that we also add (within 48 hours) or prior to that teams' next game to clarify the timing. The handbook would read:

***'Rule VII – PROTESTS***

***Section 1 – General***

*A protest must be stated on the scoresheet by the coach (or staff member) at the time of the procedural issue. All official protests must then be made in writing to the GMAA within forty-eight (48) hours after the contest has been held, or prior to that teams' next scheduled game. A copy of the letter...etc'*

Motion: Marc Faubert – STT                      Seconded – Patrick Mischook – WWHS                      Unan

It is also suggested that all coaches have a copy of that sports' handbook at each of the GMAA contests so that confusion over the GMAA rules can be clarified.



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412 – AAESQ Tournaments. The English schools tournaments take place throughout the year at various locations. For more information you can contact Laurie Traylen at the Study.

413 – Student Accident Insurance – the GMAA is in the middle of two lawsuits where we are being sued by the parents of students who were injured in GMAA competitions. Both were injuries that occurred in GMAA soccer games. Please make sure the students who are playing on your school teams have extra insurance (either through their parents or that they have bought in to the insurance offered by the school or school board). The GMAA leagues are covered with insurance because of negligence, but we do not have coverage for 'participant-to-participant' accidents. The RSEQ is looking into the possibility of offering schools the option to buy into an insurance policy. As the information concerning this becomes available, it will be sent out to the schools. Please make sure the students on your teams are insured.

414 – TWKF Summer Basketball Camps – The Trevor Williams Kids Foundation and Basketball Academy are looking for a location to host their annual summer basketball camps. If anyone is interested, they can contact the foundation at 514-484-7696.

415 – Default Rule – it was requested that the office examine the default rule and how it is used in order to determine playoff positioning. Especially in regards to rugby where points against are examined since there is not enough time to play tie-breaker games. This issue will be discussed at the next Competition Committee Meeting.

416 – Referees – there was a lengthy discussion regarding the relationship between referees and coaches. It was asked that referees try to keep the lines of communication with the coaches open during the games. If the request of the coach is reasonable and at an appropriate time during the game, it is asked that the coaches be permitted to dialogue with the officials in order to clear up any issues that arise. The office has agreed to draft a letter to both coach and referees in order to help clear up the communication issues. It is asked that the officials know and understand the specific rules of the GMAA and how they differ from other leagues. The handbooks are sent to all assignors and are posted on each GMAA website.

A few rule problems that repeatedly come up in basketball are:

1) Halftime rule – in the GMAA handbook it states that halftime is 10minutes, except in a double header where it is 5 minutes. Some officials argue that all halftimes must be only 5 minutes long.

2) Substitution rule – in all Bantam and Division III leagues subs should occur at the first whistle *or basket* after the 4-minute mark.

3) The 15-minute grace period for visiting teams applies to all GMAA contests.

It is asked that all schools make sure they train their tables before they work games.

The office sends out a table-training document to be used.

A problem that comes up in soccer is:

The red-card rule – it is asked that any student who is given a red-card and therefore ejected from the game be permitted to stay at the field so that he/she may be



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supervised by the coach and staff member at the game.

The office has agreed to draft up and send out a letter to all GMAA coach and all referees who work GMAA games. It will outline how we would like to open the lines of communication between these two parties. It will also remind coaches to be respectful and considerate at all times. It will also remind officials to make sure they know and understand the specific rules of the association. Hopefully this will help clear up issues between these two parties.

A motion to adjourn was put on the floor by Jeff Bateman and seconded by Pat Sullivan.



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## **ANNEXE 1 – Proposed Handbook Revisions**

### **Rugby 7's**

- Substitutions: As per IRB laws. Maximum of 3 per match & player may not re-enter (except to replace a player with bleeding or open wound). Substitutions can be made at any time during the game at a stoppage in play, other than a penalty, or free kick. The permission of the referee must be given before the substitutions are made.

- Teams can dress a maximum of 10 players per game.

### **Track & Field**

- We continue with the weight we have been using (4kg) for Juvenile Girls Shot put.

- 3000m added to the Bantam events.

### **Girls Softball**

- Proposal to limit or exclude provincially ranked players was defeated. – THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY THE SOFTBALL COACHES SO DOES NOT NEED TO BE VOTE ON.

### **Bantam Football**

- Increase the Line Of Scrimmage player weight limit from 160 lbs to 170 lbs (+5 during season)

- Increase the non-LOS player weight limit from 145 lbs to 155 lbs (+5 during season as opposed to 10)

- Maintain these non-LOS player weight limits but allow grade 7s and 8s to play on LOS with no weight limit (put a sticker on their helmet if needed to show they are in MS)

### **Hockey**

- GMAA offer Non Contact Bantam Division 3. No "AA" will be permitted.

- In girls Division 3, a maximum of 4 "AA" players from grades 9-11 may dress per game. (This includes goalies).

- The Championship Showcase include a Girl's game. If there is only 1 division, the Div 3 championship game will be played at that time.

- Overtime rule: The 1<sup>st</sup> overtime period will be 15 minutes running time – 4 against 4.

- Bantam "AAA": Federated AAA players shall not be eligible at any level of GMAA hockey.

- The maximum number of games at the Bantam level be increased to 18.

- The maximum number of games at the Juvenile level be increased to 20.

- In the Championship Showcase, the ice will be cleaned after the 2<sup>nd</sup> period of the bantam and juvenile boy's games.

- The PW championship games have 3 officials.

- In Division 1 Pee Wee, the minimum number of skaters required be increased to 11.



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**ANNEXE 2 - RSEQ Report June 2012**

**De Facto**

For the second year, our region will have opportunity to get involved in the De Facto program. De Facto is a non-smoking project directed at High School student-athletes. There is a website to refer to with information and statistics. ([www.defacto.ca](http://www.defacto.ca)) One of the main aspects of the program involves t-shirts with the De Facto logo on them, the RSEQ is offering schools low-cost t-shirts so that student-athletes may proudly wear them knowing they are ambassadors in the fight against tobacco. Because of a grant, they are able to offer the t-shirts at a very low price. For next year, there is a greater variety in styles of t-shirts, starting with the basic (white, black or grey) at \$2.75 each, and colour at \$3.75 ea. You can also put your school logo on the front. In order to get this low price for the shirts, schools have to sign a 'contract' stating that they will promote the De Facto program in their school, as well as post De Facto posters and banners in their school that are sent from the RSEQ. Robin sent out a letter a few weeks ago with details for next years' program (see attached). If you place your order by Friday, June 13 you will receive them in the beginning of September. You can also place your order in September for late fall delivery. This past year, LPHS was involved in the program from our region.

**Provincial Stuff**

**1) Provincial Costs 2012-2013**

The costs for attending the RSEQ provincials will increase for the 2012-2013 season. Most team sports registration fees will increase from between \$7.00 per team to \$30.00 per team. For individual sports the registration fees will increase from between \$2.00 per individual to \$20 per individual. The meals and lodging will also increase (meals from \$42pp to \$46pp and lodging from \$5pp per night to \$7pp per night).

**2) GMAA results at the RSEQ Provincials**

Indoor Soccer	Basketball	Volleyball
BG - VMC 6 <sup>th</sup>	BB – LAURN 16 <sup>th</sup>	BG – WWHS 19 <sup>th</sup>
MG – PCHS 8 <sup>th</sup>	MB – JRHS 9 <sup>th</sup>	MG – SHSM 20 <sup>th</sup>
MB - LAURN 9 <sup>th</sup>	JG – STT 5 <sup>th</sup>	MB – LMAC 15 <sup>th</sup>
JG - VMC 2 <sup>nd</sup>	JB – JRHS 6 <sup>th</sup>	JG – ROYAL 19 <sup>th</sup>
JB - VMC 11 <sup>th</sup>		

**Indoor Track and Field** - 14 girls and 16 boys from 12 different schools

**Outdoor Track and field** – 9 girls and 11 boys from 8 different schools

**3) Provincial Hockey League:** Congratulations to JRHS who ended up first overall in the RSEQ hockey league after the regular season. JRHS also went on to win RSEQ Provincial Playoff Championships - congrats!

**4) Provincial Outdoor Track and Field 2013**

Next year the date for the Outdoor Track and Field Provincials will be moved to earlier in June (June 7-8-9, 2013) This year the Meet is being held on June 22-23-24. We will see how this affects our number of athletes who participate since it is during the exam period at the end of the year.





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## 5) Provincial Golf 2012

The provincial golf tournament for this coming fall (2012) will be held during the week (Thursday, Friday) instead of over the weekend (Saturday, Sunday), final dates will be confirmed asap. The schools who have participated in Provincial Golf in the past were emailed to notify them of this potential change.

### New Logo

Next year we will be continuing the transition from the old red/black logo and to the RSEQ blue logo, any new orders we make will have the new logo. We will also eventually be adjusting our website to be [www.rseq.gmaa.ca](http://www.rseq.gmaa.ca) and emails to [gmaa@rseq.gmaa.ca](mailto:gmaa@rseq.gmaa.ca) (which is proving to be more difficult than originally anticipated). In order to help with the transition to the new logo, the RSEQ is asking all the schools to purchase a "Bannière D'Appartenance" These banners are approximately \$70 each. We will begin to offer them to our schools starting in December of 2012 (December SAC meeting).

### Protocols with the various Sports Federations signed by the RSEQ

The RSEQ is mandated by MELS to sign protocols with the various Quebec Sport Federations. This is why certain GMAA teams pay fees to their Sport Federations – these fees are already included in pre-season payments but help explain why each year the costs for various sports increase.

The current protocols include:

**Football Quebec** – current payment of a per team fee (which in the next year will probably increase by 25-35%)

**Basketball Quebec** – The current payment is \$15 per scheduled GMAA game to the FBBQ. This protocol is up for re-negotiation before next season. We are warned that the FBBQ affiliation fee will probably remain the same at \$15 per scheduled game.

**Badminton Quebec** – The current payment is \$1.25 per registered athlete. This protocol was renewed this year with an increase for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 to \$1.50 per registered student and for 2014-2015 to \$1.75 per registered student.

**Hockey Quebec** – negotiations are happening with Hockey Quebec, we currently do not pay any fees to Hockey Quebec for our High School hockey teams.

**Soccer Quebec** – negotiations are also underway with Soccer Quebec. We currently do not pay any fees to Soccer Quebec for our High School Soccer Teams.

**Volleyball Quebec** – a new protocol was signed in February 2012. We are currently paying a fee of \$27 per GMAA team to Volleyball Quebec. The new protocol states that for 2012-2013 the fee will increase to \$70 per team and for 2013-2014 the fee will increase to \$80 per team.

**Flag Football Quebec** – GMAA teams are currently paying \$20 per team for Flag Football Affiliations fees. For next season, as far as we know, the affiliation fee will remain the same.