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

To: SAC Reps
From: GMAA Office
Date: Wednesday, December 6th, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, William Dawson Room (Light lunch provided)

MINUTES

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

- 414- The possibility of offering only one bantam division in basketball – ROYAL
- 415- Determining play-off dates at the beginning of the year- LAURN
- 416- Staff member clarification- VILLA
- 417- Referees- MMA

Moved: Elad Ben- Eli- HZHS Seconded: Kathleen Casey- Cook- TRAF

200 Approval of Minutes of June 2017

Moved: Marie- Helene Roy Rioux- VILLA Seconded: Gil Manon- Og- LA

300 Business arising

Amanda is officially off on maternity leave, Don is back in the office for the remainder of the year.

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors Report

Everything that was passed last June by SAC was approved without amendments by the board of directors.

Derogation: Just a reminder that all derogation requests must be discussed at a Board of Directors Meeting. This includes any gender or age derogation or any transgender requests. The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, December 19th and the following meeting will only be held on Tuesday, February 6th, so please get your requests in as soon as possible.



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402 Competition Committee Proposals

Competition committee met for over 3 hours on November 22nd to discuss various items from SAC, the sports committees or the office. The minutes were sent out to all of SAC last week. The following motions were passed and are being proposed to SAC for approval. Each will be voted on separately.

Cross country:

Fine for scratches to diminish the number of scratches on the day of the race the office would like to propose a 5\$ fine for every cross-country scratch. (OFFICE REQUEST)

A motion was put on the floor, that within 48 hours prior to and including the race, each school is allowed 5 scratches maximum per category (regardless of gender), with no carry overs. For every scratch that surpasses 5 in the appropriate category there will be a \$5.00 charge per student.

Moved: Louise Bianchini- VMC Seconded: Elad Ben- Eli- HZHS Unan.

Team Medals The office would like to discuss the need for team medals. The office currently budget for 6 medals per team, some schools have upwards of 30 runners in a category. How many medals should each team get (gold and silver)? Should we offer the school to buy extras if they want the whole team to have medals?

A motion was put on the floor to hand out medals to the top 6 runners on the school team. If the school decides that they would like to give medals to their entire team, the office will order them and charge the school.

Moved: George Spiliotakis- RHS Seconded: Chris Bedic- PCHS Unan.

Soccer:

VMC requested for bantam soccer to play with a size 4 ball.

A motion was put on the floor to have Bantam Outdoor Soccer should be played with a size 4 ball, however if both teams show up to a game and do not have a size 4 ball, they will play with what they have.

Moved: Elad Ben- Eli- HZHS Seconded: Chris Bedic- PCHS

Vote: For: 34

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion is carried.



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Governing Rules

Completion of regular season game:

A motion was put on the floor that for all sports (with the exceptions listed) in regular season games ONLY, if 75% of a game is completed, the game would stand. If 75% is not completed the game would be rescheduled and played from the beginning.

Exceptions:

Hockey -If two periods are played the game stands, if two periods are not completed the game will be replayed from the beginning.

Softball – If four innings have been completed the game will stand, if four innings have not been completed the game will be replayed from the beginning.

Volleyball – If a set is completed it stands, if a set is not completed it will be played from the beginning.

Moved: Kathleen Casey- Cook- TRAF Seconded: George Spiliotakis- RHS Unan.

It was questioned if it would be a possibility to replay the game if both teams agreed and the answer was no.

Completion of a Play off Games:

A motion was put on the floor that in all sports for playoff games ONLY, a game must be completed from where it stands from the moment it was stopped, at the discretion of the losing team.

Moved: George Spiliotakis- RHS

Seconded: Chris Bedic - PCHS

An amendment was added to the motion to include that the same game sheet must be used to complete the game. No players may be added to the lineup.

Moved: George Spiliotakis- RHS

Seconded: Chris Bedic - PCHS

Vote: For: 34

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

It was questioned as to what would happen if on the rescheduled day three players from the original lineup were not available to play and resulted in not enough players to play the game.

Uniforms If there is a uniform colour conflict the home team will be required to change or wear pinnies.

Moved: Louise Bianchini- VMC

Seconded: Duane Collins- LAURN Unan.

It was asked that we list the uniform colors on the checklists for all sports.



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Playoffs - Re-seeding based on the rule that 1 and 2 from the same section cannot meet until the finals. The office has always switched the lower seed, the office would like to clarify this in the governing rules.

4) The 1st & 2nd placed team of the same section shall not meet until the finals. If sections crossover in the regular season, and no section is guaranteed a spot in the playoffs, the sections will be considered one section. Teams will be reseeded prior to the playoffs beginning to ensure that they appear on separate sides of the playoff bracket. When reseeding the lower seeds will be switched.

Moved: Chris Bedic- PCHS Seconded: Sarah Neef- ECS Unan.

Playoffs - changes possible additions to the play off exceptions:

Current Rule: 3) *Playoff games will be played on the scheduled date. The only accepted reasons for changing a game are: (SAC REQUEST)*

- 1) *Spring Break*
- 2) *Ped Days*
- 3) *Religious Holidays*
- 4) ~~*A school-sanctioned, grade-wide, overnight or out of town activity*~~
A school-sanctioned overnight or out of town activity. This activity must be grade - wide. (Clarification)
- 5) *Parent/Teacher Interviews*
- 6) *When the coach has a conflict with another GMAA playoff game on the same date*

Europe Trip – the whole grade does not go but students and coaches have signed up for it a year in advance, should they need to choose between a big trip and playoffs? If the coach is on the trip, but not the team, should the game be changed?

A motion was put on the floor that a playoff game will be rescheduled only if the school cannot field the minimum number of players to start a game because they are on an overnight trip of 4 nights or more.

Moved: Megan Littman- SHSM Seconded: Sarah Neef- ECS

After much discussion, an amendment was made to the motion to put the commas back in #4; *A school-sanctioned, grade-wide, overnight or out of town activity.*

Moved: Megan Littman- SHSM Seconded: Sarah Neef- ECS Unan.

Before talking about breaking ties, Don clarified that we will be taking out the word “loss” in the explanation of a “win/loss record”. We will be looking at the “win percentage” only.



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Playoffs - Tie Breaks

Breaking ties when a team is eliminated from playoffs, in the case of a three-way tie, instead of picking names out of a hat the office suggest using the point differential between the teams involved in the tie.

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The criteria for Tie-Breakers are: head to head competition, win %, point differential between the teams involved and then a tie-breaker game. Teams cannot be eliminated from the playoffs because of points differential. In this situation we would have three teams tied at 4-2, all having split during the year.

Ex: Based on the points differential in a three-way tie between WIC-BHS-MACD:

WIC beat BHS by 8 – BHS beat WIC by 11 = BHS is +3 on WIC

BHS beat MACD by 13 – MACD beat BHS by 12 = BHS is +1 on MACD

WIC beat MACD by 6 – MACD beat WIC by 15 = MACD is +9 on WIC

BHS – will be 1st place

MACD & WIC will play a tie-breaker game at MACD to see who will be seeded 2nd place

3) Breaking ties in standings when a team will be eliminated from playoffs:

a) The higher place will go to the team(s) which defeated the other in the game(s) between the tied teams. (Head-to-head competition)

b) The winning percentage of the teams involved in the tie shall be calculated. The higher place will go to the team with the better winning percentage.

c) If still tied, the teams will play a sudden death tie breaker. The team with the better points differential between the tied teams will host the game.

d) If 3 teams tied and tie breaker required

The team with the better points differential (between the tied teams) will receive a bye. The team with the second-best points differential will host the third team in a sudden death game. If needed the winner of the sudden death game will travel to the team having received the bye.

~~d) 3 teams tied and tie breaker required~~

~~– place name of teams in a hat and draw one team's name. The team drawn receives a bye.~~

~~– The remaining 2 teams play a sudden death game. The team having received the bye will travel to the winner.~~

Moved: Andy D'Alessandro- LMAC

Seconded: Marc Faubert-STT

Vote: For: 34

Opposed: 0

Abs: 1

Motion carried.

It was also added that in both tie breaker rules, if after we look at point deferential, if the teams are still tied we look at points against between the tied teams.

Moved: Chris Merrit-WIC

Seconded: Marc Faubert- STT

Unan.



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Section 2 – Breaking Ties

Ties shall be broken in the following manner (Unless otherwise stipulated in that sports handbook):

2) Breaking ties in standings when all teams involved in the tie make playoffs:

- a) The higher place will go to the team(s) which defeated the other in the game(s) between the tied teams. (Head-to-head competition)
- b) The win/loss record of the teams involved in the tie shall be calculated i.e. wins as % of games played. The higher place will go to the team(s) with the better win percentage.
- c) The higher place will go to the team(s) with the better goal/points differential in the game(s) between the tied teams.
- d) The higher place will go to the team(s) with the lower goal/points against in the game(s) between the tied teams.**
- e) If teams are still tied the higher place will be decided by a coin toss.

Moved: Chris Merrit-WIC

Seconded: Marc Faubert- STT

Unan.

Basketball D3 BG and bantam hockey: B2 rule (Rule Clarification)

*** Exception * Bantam Girls Division 3:** *On a one-year trial, each team is **permitted to register** three (3) players who are under 14 years as of October 1st of that school year (“B2”), however none of these players may be “AA” players. These players must be indicated on the score sheet beside the students’ name.*

We would like to change the wording to be: each team is **permitted to play** three players who are under 14 years as of October 1st of that school year (“B2”), however none of these players may be “AA” players. These players must be indicated on the score sheet beside the students’ name.

We would do the same for the B2 rule in bantam hockey.

Moved: Phil Moreau- LBPHS

Seconded: Chris Merrit- WIC

Unan.

Futsal

Addition of Division Two

The GMAA currently offer division 1 and division 3 futsal, the number of D.1 schools has diminished greatly, while the number of D.3 schools has increased. The increase has developed a large discrepancy between the top D.3 schools and the bottom D.3 schools. The office believes that offering D.1 – D.2 -D.3 in futsal would offer better competition for the teams involved. (OFFICE REQUEST)

A motion was put on the floor to starting this year offer division one, two and three this year

Moved: Marie Helene Roy-Rioux- VILLA

Seconded: Louise Bianchini- VMC

Vote: For 33

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried.



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A motion was put on the floor as for division two eligibility:

Division I – open to everyone (AAA, AA, house league, etc)

Division II – One AAA player DRESSED per game, unlimited number of AA players (unlimited AAA can be registered)

Division III – no AAA players are permitted (Unlimited AA and lower)

With the addition of: *Any student who is enrolled in a soccer sports concentration program shall not be eligible to play on a division 3 futsal team.*

Moved: Chris Bedic- PCHS

Seconded: George Spiliotakis- RHS

After much discussion, an amendment was put on the floor to follow the same eligibility requirements as basketball, where only 1 AA player per game is permitted to dress in Division 3.

Moved: Gil Monon- Og- LA

Seconded: Chris Bedic- PCHS

Unan.

Scheduling

Due to the staggered seasons, we were only able to offer JB1, JG1, BG1 futsal leagues this year. In the governing rules we outline that D.1 will always be offered: (FUTSAL MEETING REQUEST)

Divisions: Activities will be organized into Divisions

Division I being the stronger division

Division II (only in Outdoor Soccer and Basketball)

Division III being a participation division

There will always be a Division I. If less than four (4) teams apply for Division I all Division II teams will be moved up to Division I and there will not be a Division II. If less than four (4) teams apply for Division II they will be given the option to switch to Division I or Division III.

A motion was put on the floor to re-adjusting the D.1 and D.3 seasons to be scheduled at the same time.

Moved: Sarah Neef- ECS

Seconded: Duane Collins- LAURN

With very minimal gym availability and little commitment from their students, most people felt it was impossible for them to schedule in November for January.

After much discussion it was brought up to possibly have everyone register their teams in November, but still have everyone in D2 & D3 schedule in January. This way it allows the office to ask schools if they want to go D1 if need be.

The motion was tabled to the June meeting.

Division 2 Basketball

A motion on the floor to eliminate the participation rule in Juvenile Division 2 Basketball.

Moved: Elad Ben- Eli- HZHS

Seconded: Pat Sullivan- JFKHS

It was brought up to possibly remove the 1 AAA player allowed to dress in Division 2 games.



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After much discussion, the motion was tabled to the June meeting.

403 Score sheets & Sports line / Registration / Commitment forms: Please make sure coaches are sending in their score sheets on time and filled in properly including game numbers and dates. If coaches are taking pictures and sending them, please remind them that we need to be able to see the referees' signatures at the bottom. Also, make sure coaches are calling the sports line 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. SAC Reps or coaches can check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required paperwork is in the office. Forms that are late or missing are subject to a fine, which is now listed at the top of the checklist. Check the date at the top of the page to make sure the checklist has been recently updated. Unless there is a blue star in the box, the office has not received the forms. Please check to see that all your winter player registration as well as coaches' commitment forms are in and send in any missing forms asap.

404 Fall & Winter Summary: A Fall Sports Summary sheet was handed out with the number of teams and participants listed. Overall our numbers of teams and students registered is around the same as last year.

Winter sports are well underway, Basketball, Hockey, Futsal, Curling and Wrestling leagues are running. Swimming player forms including their events for meets 1+2 are due by December 13th and in January we will schedule D3 Futsal and Badminton. Indoor Track and Field entries are also due in January.

For all the swimming meets, our main officials are all volunteers from the swimming community. Many of whom started volunteering when their, now adult, kids swam. If you have parents at your school who you know have experience at swim meets, they don't necessarily need to be FNQ certified officials. If they are available to help at the swim meets it would be greatly appreciated by the office as well as our current officials.

405 Ejections, Withdrawals & Defaults: On the Fall summary sheet, we also listed ejections, defaults and withdrawals.

The number of ejections in soccer has thankfully dropped drastically going from 21 in 2016 to 4 in 2017, this brings it closer in line with previous years, where there were generally around 10.

We have had 4 hockey ejections compared to 14 at this point last year. Hockey issues range from violent conduct, to game infractions to verbal abuse of referee issues and unsportsmanlike conduct.

The number of defaults in our leagues were up slightly in the fall but we have already had a total of 10 in basketball and hockey compared to two at this point last year.

Team withdrawals were a disaster last year, things seem to be getting better this season.



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406 Schedule changes: As in years past the number of schedule changes are high, please keep in mind that with more changes comes an increased possibility for miscommunication between teams and officials. This year in particular, we are having issues with **teams re-scheduling games with the office but not informing the opposing school. Please remind your coaches that if they must make a change they are responsible for confirming the change with the opposing coach as well as the office.** To avoid the need for scheduling changes we highly encourage SAC reps to ensure that their coaches are attending the scheduling meeting with an up to date school calendar. (or any calendar, and a pen or pencil...)

It was mentioned not to accept changes unless it is written in an email where both coaches have agreed.

407 Invoices: Fall invoices were distributed. Budgeted costs were almost right on or slightly higher this year for all sports. Only one sport had to pay (Volleyball \$9.14 per team). For all other sports, if teams didn't incur fines, they would have a credit (Golf \$9.75 per golfer, Touch \$55 per team, Soccer \$20 (2 refs) or \$29 per team, Softball \$66 girls, \$102 boys). Most payments were sent in promptly and we thank you for that (since we still have not received any of our grant money for this year. Some schools are carrying a balance from last year (and even earlier in some cases), so please pay your invoices asap so we can get things straightened out. **Balances still outstanding from past years must be paid before we will accept any further entries from that school.** You will be informed in the new year if this applies to your school.

If you have a credit overall, please call the office to discuss where you would like it to be applied. Also before the holidays we will be sending out letters to the Principal and SAC rep outlining any fines that totaled over \$50.00 their school incurred during the fall season.

408 Evaluation / Comments Form (Survey Monkey): We did not send out the regular fall league evaluations this year, but we will resume the surveys for the winter sports. If anyone has comments or suggestions on any of the fall sports leagues, please feel free to send us an e-mail or call the office.

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 very difficult to get. All Spring Playoff games will start at 4:00pm or later. It was noted that some schools who rent fields receive them at a specific time. No school can be required to start before 4:00pm. If the host school cannot provide that start time they would have to find a new location or travel.

410 MVP Format: To keep costs low we will keep the MVP format the same as last years and look to host it in a school auditorium again. It was suggested to reduce the time before the award ceremony, and to serve a light dinner instead of just candy and desserts. We will explore ideas with the MVP committee.

411 RSEQ Report

GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials - The GMAA sent a team of 25 runners to the Cross-Country Provincials in Saguenay Lac-Saint-Jean.



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DeFacto - DeFacto orders are done for the year.

Grants from the RSEQ –We received the last 25% of our 2016-2017 grant in October after our annual AGM. Like last year we should receive 75% of our 2017-2018 grant from the government through the RSEQ in January. As always, please try to get all pre-season payments in as soon as possible so that we do not have an issue with cash-flow.

S1 – The plan was to start using S1 this year for some smaller sports and to transition over a 2-3-year period to all sports. This plan has been delayed to next year, we need some time to work with the S1 programmers, at the moment many of our smaller sports, including softball, curling and wrestling do not have a template on S1. We will revisit S1 for next year.

412 Championship Venues: The GMAA would like to thank all the schools who hosted Championships this fall, St Thomas organized for Soccer championships was held at Terra Cotta. MacDonald HS and John Abbott College hosted the Division I Volleyball championships. The Volleyball all-star games were back on at John Abbott College for Juvenile Boys and Girls on November 10th and College Notre Dame hosted the Juvenile Girls Hockey All-star game on November 29th.

Upcoming Championships and All-Star Games: Heritage Regional HS is hosting the wrestling all-star meet on February 8th. KSS is hosting the championship meet on February 15th. We will be working with the Concordia Basketball Programs (men & women) to run the Basketball all-star games again this year, possibly on February 11th (to be confirmed).

Riverdale is hosting the D1 Boys basketball championships on March 1st. We are still looking for someone to host the D1 girls basketball championship. If anyone is interested in hosting, please let us know at the office as soon as possible. Also, if anyone is interested in hosting one of the spring sport championships please let us know.

413 Office Issues: There was nothing to report.

414 Bantam Basketball: To eliminate the lop-sided scores at the Bantam level it was proposed to offer only one division at the Bantam level.

Another suggestion was to have a pre-season tournament, or to re-seed at playoff time.

This will be discussed at the June SAC meeting.

415 Playoff Dates: It was asked that we post the Play-Off dates at the beginning of the year. This way schools can plan their school activities around the play-off dates.

416 Staff Member Clarification: There was some concern that schools were showing up to games without a staff member. If ever this problem arises contact the office and we will look into it the best we can. Hughanna mentioned sending out the Staff member criteria in the next SAC email.



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417 Referees: There was some concern regarding the basketball referees. Some people felt that their games were unsafe and out of control. It was asked that we receive any complaint in writing so that we can forward it off to the assignor.

Motion to adjourn: Megan Littman- SHSM