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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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**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 Switch the boys and girls indoor track and field dates**

**415 Sacred Heart parking lot**

Moved: Jayson - MMA

Seconded: Sandra - LBPHS

Unanimous

**200 Approval of Minutes of June 2019**

Moved: Holly – STG

Seconded: Megan - SHSM

Unanimous

**300 Business arising**

**N/A**

**400 New Business**

**401 Board of Directors Report**

The Board proposed an increase in member fees:

Increase elementary fee from \$0.65 per student to \$0.75 per student – keep the \$10 per school fee the same. (increase of \$0.10 per student)

Increase high school fee from \$1.65 per student to \$2.50 per student. (increase of \$0.85 per student)

It is also suggested that the office/board look at a possible increase in member fees every 2-3 years so that they can be increased incrementally instead of a large increase after 10 years.

The Board is also in the process of creating a derogation process sub-committee. It was put in place to look at the procedure wording and process, Amanda was asked to send the spreadsheet of derogations.

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 17<sup>th</sup> and the following meeting will only be held on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, so please get your requests in as soon as possible.

**402 Competition Committee Proposals**

Competition committee met on November 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss various items from SAC, the sports committees or the office. The motions were sent out to all of SAC last week with the meeting agenda. The following motions were passed and are being proposed to SAC for approval. Each will be voted on separately.

**Basketball Mercy Rule**

If a team continues to apply pressure outside the 3-point line the team will receive an official verbal warning from the referee, if pressure continues the bench will be assessed a technical foul.

Moved: Elad - HZHS

Seconded: George - RHS



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Add to each GMAA handbook that in all sports that have a jewelry rule (Soccer, Futsal, Basketball, Flag Football, Rugby, Wrestling, etc) that all items of jewelry (including hair accessories) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not acceptable.

Moved: Kathleen - TRAF

Seconded: Chris - WIC

**Unanimous****Move the Soccer Showcase back to Saturday**

Due to the issues this year with no power at the field, the office suggests a switch back to Saturday showcase, so the light is not an issue. Motion to move the Showcase back to Saturday.

Moved: Jeff - ROYAL

Seconded: Chris - WIC

**Vote: For: 37****Against: 1****Motion is passed****Bantam Soccer Levels 3 vs 4.1**

There are is no AAA at the bantam level, making the eligibility requirements for D3 and D4.1 the same since you can have an unlimited number of AAs in D4.1. The motion was amended to read the following change to Bantam Soccer Eligibility:

For Bantam Soccer

D3 – Unlimited AA players

D4.1 – A maximum of three (3) AA players per game

D4.2 – A maximum of one (1) AA players per game

Moved: Nino - VMC

Seconded: Jeff - Royal

**Vote: For: 34****Against: 1****Abstention: 3****Motion is passed**

**403 Score sheets & Scores / Registration / Commitment forms** Please make sure coaches are uploading the scores and scoresheets onto S1 on time. There have been quite a few late score entries so far in the basketball season, a \$10 fine will be issued for a score or scoresheet not uploaded on time. SAC Reps or coaches can check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required correspondence have been done on S1. Team and player registrations 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. 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. We will work with the S1 programmer to see if we can add a space for the staff member to sign the score sheet.

**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 are around the same as last year. Soccer saw a slight drop in teams from 142 teams to 134 teams while flag football saw an increase from 13 team to 24 teams.

Winter sports are well underway, Basketball, Hockey, Curling and Wrestling leagues are running. Futsal team entries were due yesterday and the scheduling meeting is next Tuesday. Swimming player forms including their events for meets 1+2 are due next Monday, December 9th and in January we will schedule Badminton. Indoor Track and Field entries are also due in January.



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**New this March** – we will be running a two-day ultimate frisbee tournament. The tournament will be held in the Concordia dome on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. The first Friday will be a round robin tournament with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday being the playoff portion.

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

The number of ejections in soccer are very similar to last year with 14 players and 2 coaches. Most of these ejections were for verbal abuse of referees and unsportsmanlike conduct. None of this would be acceptable in a classroom, we ask that you remind your students that it is not acceptable on the playing field either.

We have had 11 hockey ejections 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 are currently at 16 vs 13 last year.

Team withdrawals are similar to last year, it has been brought to our attention that the wording in the handbook leads people believe that it is ok to withdrawal teams as long as the schedule has not been posted yet.

The handbook currently reads: There will be a fine of 100\$ for withdrawing a team after the schedule has been posted. We would like to adjust that to read after the scheduling meeting. Once the schedule has been made it is too late to make adjustments, when team withdraw it often leave lopsided leagues, where teams either play fewer games than expected or need to go back and schedule added games once their original schedule was made.

A motion was put on the floor to adjust the governing rules to read:

There will be a fine of 100\$ for withdrawing a team after the scheduling meeting.

Moved: Elad – HZHS

Seconded: Jeff - ROYAL

**Unanimous**

**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, we are having issues with **our assignor finding referees when games are being moved or added to certain days. Please remind your coaches that we only have 15 locations a day when trying to reschedule games.** 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...)

On a side note, I have recently received a message from the basketball assignor mentioning that he is having A LOT of trouble finding referees to cover East- End games. The email said;

*" that the most obvious solution to this problem is to have these games scheduled at a later time such as 4-4:15 PM. Currently, almost all of the games are scheduled with starting times, from 3:00 to 3:45. He has very few referees who either live or work in the east-end; so travel time to the games can be an issue, as many come by bus or metro. Others usually have to do the 40, at the beginning of rush hour.*

*We have more teams in the east-end, this year, than we have had in the past 10 years, at least. With Pearson, Laurier-Mac, JFK, Rosemount, and Vincent-Massey all having multiple teams this year, there are very, very few double headers on the schedule. So, single home games for over 15 teams."*



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So please keep in mind that he is doing his very best to get the games covered. There is more difficulty covering the east end games. If a referee is late, please let us know.

**407 Invoices:** Fall invoices were distributed in each schools' package. Budgeted costs up and down this year for all sports. Mostly due to increase referee fees and increased costs for the new Medals.

A few sports had to pay a post-season fee:

Boys Flag (if teams played 8 games, \$52 extra, if teams played 6 games \$52 credit)

Soccer (2 ref teams \$37 extra, 1 ref teams \$27 extra)

We will adjust pre-season fees accordingly.

A few sports had credits:

Softball (Girls \$72 credit, Boys \$21 credit)

Volleyball (\$17 credit)

A few sports were not charged pre-season payments but only billed after the event, no adjustments are needed on these:

Golf - \$63 per golfer

XX Run - \$142 per school + \$3 per student (discount due to the result issue)

Most payments were sent in promptly and we thank you for that. 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.

**408 Spring Activities and Playoffs starting time:** 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.

**409 MVP Format:** To keep costs low we will keep the MVP format the same as last year. Selwyn House has kindly offered to host again this year, but it does go on a rotational basis if anyone else is interested. We will offer finger foods again this year before the ceremony. Megan offer to host the MVP as long as the Sacred Heart auditorium is complete by May.

**410 RSEQ Report:**

**GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials** - The GMAA sent a team of 26 runners from 15 schools to the Cross-Country Provincials at Heritage HS in the South Shore.

**De Facto – Poster pick up**

**Grants from the RSEQ** –We received the last 25% of our 2018-2019 grant last week. Like last year we should receive 75% of our 2019-2020 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.

**Protocols:** The latest deadline on the signing of Protocols with the various sport federations (12 to sign in total) was November 14<sup>th</sup>. We run 11 of the 12 sports that are going to be signed. We have



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been following this very closely as it has the potential to have a huge impact on us. The RSEQ has agreed to the protocols in principal, and for this year we have had a freeze on fees. Any sports who were charged fees last year, would be charged the same fees this year. Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Badminton and Flag Football. This is an issue that changes daily, so as more information is released it will be sent to schools.

**Skating Playdays:** In partnership with Skating Quebec, we hosted two Skating Playdays that were a great success. November 13<sup>th</sup> for EMSB Schools at Bill Durnan Arena (John Caboto, Royal Vale, Hampstead and PET) and November 19<sup>th</sup> for LBP schools (Sunshine, Kingsdale and Sherbrooke Academy). Schools were very keen on the project and the spots filled up in 2 days. Over 250 students participated.

**SLIM Projects:** we are receiving a grant from SLIM for the initiation to sport playdays. They will be offered next year potentially in January and June. They are targeted to student who do not presently participate in sports. More information to follow from the school boards and the office.

**411 Championship Venues:** The GMAA would like to thank all the schools who hosted Championships this fall, St Thomas organized for Soccer championships which unfortunately due to a power outage had to be rescheduled. MacDonald HS and John Abbott College hosted the Volleyball championships. The Volleyball all-star games were back on at John Abbott College for Juvenile Boys and Girls on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and College Notre Dame hosted the Juvenile Girls Hockey All-star game on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Championships and All-Star Games: HSBHS is hosting the wrestling all-star meet on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Massey Vanier HS is hosting the championship meet on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with the Concordia Basketball Programs (men & women) to run the Basketball all-star games again this year, possibly on February 9<sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed).

Lower Canada College is hosting the girls' basketball showcase on February 25<sup>th</sup>  
John Rennie is hosting the boys' basketball showcase on February 26<sup>th</sup>

PCHS offered to host the girls flag football showcase in the spring.  
If anyone is interested in hosting one of the spring sport championships, please let us know.

#### **412 Issues with Parents**

Shawn wanted to talk to other schools to see if they have issues with parents at games. Recently they have had to deal with violence towards coaches specifically from their own parents towards their coaches.

#### **413 Office Issues**

Lop-Sided Scores (25+)- We are keeping track of the lop-sided scores within each section and will be contacted the schools that we feel should be contacted.

#### **414 Switch the boys and girls indoor track and field dates**

After a short discussion, mentioning other conflicts that would arise from flipping the dates the motion was not moved.

#### **415 Sacred Heart parking lot**

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The sacred Heart parking lot is closed while there is construction at the school. Please let your coaches know in advance that they will not have access to the main parking lot. There is a temporary parking lot, a short walk from the school. A map has been sent out to SAC.

**CRLT** – Possibly internship possibility through the CRLT program. We are meeting the individual tomorrow and will keep people posted.

Motion to adjourn: Phil - LOY