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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 / Hughanna Gaw / Alexandra Eldon  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Place:** EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave.  
William Dawson Room

**MINUTES**

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda  
D2 & D3 Finalist Letters  
PCHS Thank You  
Gifts

**Moved: Kathleen Cook – TRAF**

**Seconded: Jaime Guy – MACD**

**Unan.**

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec. 2016

**Moved: Duane Collins – LAURN**

**Seconded: Holly Durkee – STG**

**Unan.**

300 Business arising  
N/A

**400 New Business**

401 Board of Directors report

The following rule was passed at the Board of Directors in order to help the discipline and coaches code committees make more well-informed decisions and potentially have fewer appeals.

**Discipline and coaches code processes:** Each school involved in an ejection or other disciplinary incident has 24 hours to submit a written report to the GMAA with their version of the events. The report can be emailed in and must come from the SAC Rep at the school. This report will be sent along with the referees' report to the various committees.

Otherwise, all motions from the December SAC Meeting that were passed, were also passed at the Board of Directors level. They will be added to the various sport handbooks for next year.

402 Competition Committee Recommendations

The following motions were discussed and passed at the Competition Committee Meeting last week. The minutes were sent out by email for information on all the topics that were discussed. These are the motions to vote on.



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**Basketball:** Bantam Girls D3 Basketball, for a one-year trial, the GMAA will permit three (3) grade 8 / secondary 2 (B2) students to register and play for a Bantam Girls D3 team. The Ages for 2017-2018 will be: Bantam Basketball: Born October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 or later plus a maximum of 3 students born October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**Moved: Mike Bunn – MMA**

**Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT**

**Vote: For: 33**

**Opposed: 1**

**Abstentions: 1**

**Motion is passed.**

**Basketball All-Star:** For the 2018 Juvenile Boys All Star Game, one tryout location be organized where all participating athletes will attend. Both teams will be chosen at the tryout.

**Moved: Marc Faubert – STT**

**Seconded: Krista Jemczyk – BHS**

**Unanimous**

**Motion is passed.**

**Playoffs:** The office will not accept any changes to the playoff schedule. Games will be played on the scheduled date. The only accepted reasons for changing a game are:

- 1) **Spring Break**
- 2) **Ped Days**
- 3) **Religious Holidays**
- 4) **A school-sanctioned, grade-wide, overnight or out of town activity**

No other conflicts will be accepted. Game times may be adjusted if they are agreed upon by both schools. If a time cannot be agreed upon, the original time stands.

Playoff dates will be set as soon as possible after the schedule is posted. Teams must make themselves available to play or the games will be defaulted.

Motion is amended to add:

- 5) **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- 6) **When the coach has a conflict with another GMAA playoff game on the same date**

**Moved: George Spiliotakis - RHS**

**Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS**

**Unanimous,**

**Motion is passed.**

**Section Clarification:** If sections crossover in the regular season, and no section is guaranteed a spot in the playoffs that the sections be considered 1 for playoff purposes (and Rule #1)

**Moved: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS**

**Seconded: Mike Bunn – MMA**

**Unanimous**

**Motion is passed.**



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**HALO Coaches:** Coaches not be permitted to run the student races at the Halo. However, it is also moved that we open a staff/coach 5km race before the start of the Juvenile races. This race will be added to the Halo for 2018.

Motion 1 – coaches not be permitted to run the student races at the Halo

**Moved: Marc Faubert – STT**

**Seconded: Trevor Sinodhinos – RIVHS**

**Vote: For: 34**

**Abstentions: 1**

**Motion is passed.**

Motion 2 – On a one-year trial add a Coach/Staff 5km Race before the start of the Juvenile Races

**Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC**

**Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS**

**Vote: For: 26**

**Opposed: 1**

**Abstentions: 8**

**Motion is passed.**

**HALO Open Race:** There will be boy's open 2km and girls open 2km race for next year's Halo. These races would be right after the bantam races and before the midget races.

**Moved: Sarah Neeff – ECS**

**Seconded: Jeff Bateman – ROYAL**

**Unanimous.**

**Motion is passed.**

### **Rugby Facilities:**

Current rule for fields states: The only exception is during the playoffs, if your home field is not properly marked with paint (not flags or cones), your school cannot host playoff games. If the opposing team and the referee show up, and the field is not properly lined, the home team will default the game.

This season we had 4 championship games take place on fields with no rugby lines. Motion to adjust the rule to read proper **rugby lines**. Sidelines and end zones are not enough, schools must have appropriate rugby lines for their playoff and championship games. If they do not, they must either find a neutral field, travel to their opponents or default the game.

**Moved: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS**

**Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT**

**Vote: For: 4**

**Opposed: 15**

**Abstentions: 17**

**Motion is defeated.**

**Rugby Divisions:** On a one-year trial basis, in Rugby only, if fewer than four (4) teams register for D1 and at least four (4) teams register for D3 all teams will play an interlocking regular season schedule. The playoffs will be determined based on the following principles:

In a league with one section (5-6-7 teams), the top 3 teams compete for the D1 banner and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place teams compete for the D3 banner.



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In a league with two sections (8-9-10-11-12-13-14 teams), the top 2 teams from each section compete for the D1 banner and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams from each section compete for the D3 banner.

In a league with three sections (15+ teams), the top teams from each section compete for the D1 banner and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams from each section compete for the D3 banner.

This only applies when we do not have at least 4 teams registered in division 1.

**Moved: George Spiliotakis – RHS**

**Seconded: Jeff Bateman – ROYAL**

**Unanimous.**

**Motion is passed.**

**Rugby Scheduling:** Delay the rugby entry deadline and scheduling meeting by one week.

**Moved: Mike Bunn – MMA**

**Seconded: Krista Jemczyk – BHS**

**Unanimous.**

**Motion is passed.**

403 Handbook revisions

Discussed in BoD Report and Competition Committee Motions from both December and June will be added to the handbooks for next season.

404 2017-2018 Calendar - to be presented at the meeting. Here are the adjustments:  
Time of August SAC meeting 1:30pm instead of 12:30pm, as it is the LBPHS schools first day, we have delayed the start of the meeting to give everyone time to attend any opening school meetings first.

Switched the D3 and D1 soccer scheduling times, so that it's not always the same divisions who have the late scheduling slot.

GMAA Golf Tournament will be one week later, this will hopefully give coaches more time with their golfers before making their team.

Cross Country Run was moved to the week later, the original date fell on a Jewish Holiday

Indoor T&F switched to a week later to adjust to a board wide Ped Day

Swimming & Wrestling Championships are scheduled on same day, the wrestling coaches requested the date change last year as there are little to no crossover between the two sports.

Rugby deadlines was switched to a week later, it was mentioned in the survey that coaches would like more time to with their teams before deciding on a division/scheduling.

Outdoor T&F switched to put two meets per week instead of one full week of meets. We tried moving them all to the later week this year, but we ran into multiple conflicts with exams.



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A request was made to move the D1 and D2 Basketball scheduling meetings to October 3<sup>rd</sup> from October 4<sup>th</sup> since the Jewish Holiday starts at 6:08pm on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Basketball D1 Scheduling – Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm

Basketball D2 Scheduling – Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm

Basketball D3 Scheduling – Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

There was also a request to adjust the Team and Individual Badminton Championships to one week later in April.

**Moved: Mike Bunn – MMA**

**Seconded: Yoni Lehrer – HA**

**Unanimous.**

**Calendar is approved.**

405 Year-end summary

Participation numbers bounced back this year from the ECA ban last year in the fall. We are back up to ‘normal’ numbers for most sports. Unfortunately, our number of defaults also bounced back. 70 defaulted games for the year (same as 14-15). Withdrawals were pretty constant with 16 for the year. It doesn’t make sense in a sport like basketball to have so many withdrawals, it’s more understandable in soccer when you have a limited time delay to enter your teams, basketball you have seen your kids for a full month before we ask for entries.

Unfortunately, our player ejections exploded this year. One reason was the increase number of teams in hockey (even though it’s non-contact). The Soccer ejections also doubled from 14-15, 21 player ejections in the season is way too high. We also had double the number in basketball. For the most part, the ejections were either for violent conduct or for foul and abusive language to the referees. Both of which are avoidable.

We also had 5 coaches code incidents in the year, most for foul and abusive language towards the referees, perhaps if the coaches set a better example regarding the referees, the students will follow their lead. Please have a conversation with your coaches about the expectations of the GMAA.

406 RSEQ Report

<b>Volleyball Provincials</b> VILLA Bantam Girls (15 <sup>th</sup> place) VILLA Midget Girls (16 <sup>th</sup> place) MACD Juvenile Boys (14 <sup>th</sup> place)	<b>Badminton Provincials</b> 24 students from 9 schools
<b>Basketball Provincials</b> WHS Bantam Boys (14 <sup>th</sup> place) ECS Bantam Girls (14 <sup>th</sup> place) WHS Midget Boys (6 <sup>th</sup> place) LCC Midget Girls (5 <sup>th</sup> place) RIVHS Juvenile Boys (9 <sup>th</sup> place)	<b>Futsal Provincials</b> VMC Bantam Girls (1 <sup>st</sup> place - again!) PCHS Bantam Girls (3 <sup>rd</sup> place!) VMC Bantam Boys (8 <sup>th</sup> place) PCHS Bantam Boys (15 <sup>th</sup> place) VMC Midget Girls (9 <sup>th</sup> place) PCHS Juvenile Girls (3 <sup>rd</sup> place!) VMC Juvenile Boys (2 <sup>nd</sup> place!)
<b>Indoor Track and Field Provincials</b> Cancelled	<b>Outdoor Track and Field Provincials</b> 29 students from 15 schools



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### **Futsal Provincials**

Congratulations to VMC for winning the RSEQ Futsal Provincials at the Bantam Girls level for the second year in a row!

Congratulations to PCHS for winning the bronze medal at the RSEQ Futsal Provincials at the Bantam Girls level!

Congratulations to PCHS for winning the bronze medal at the RSEQ Futsal Provincials at the Juvenile Girls level!

Congratulations to VMC for winning the silver medal at the RSEQ Futsal Provincials at the Juvenile Boys level!

**RSEQ Grants and Financial information:** We received 75% of our grant for the 2016-2017 school year. The remaining 25% will be transferred in October after the GMAA AGM (we have to submit our annual report, financial statements and minutes from our AGM in order to receive the last 25% of the grant). The total ended up being slightly more than we got in previous years. The RSEQ is working closely with MELS in order to maintain our funding on a year to year basis.

**GDPL:** This year for the first time the GMAA registered a team to participate in the 130km bike excursion as part of the Grand Defi Pierre Lavoie (La Boucle). Hughanna will be representing the office on the GMAA team. As part of the initiative each participant must fundraise for an elementary school in their region. The GMAA team is fundraising for St-Anthony School who plan to purchase exercise bikes for their classrooms. If anyone is interested in donating, any donation over 20.00\$ receives a tax receipt directly from the GDPL. Hughanna has pledged to gather at least \$250 in donations, so if anyone would like to donate it would be much appreciated!

**Hockey:** As you may have noticed on the participation statistics, our number of teams for Hockey has sky-rocketed. It is back up to the numbers that we had in previous years, prior to the RSEQ following the Hockey Quebec guideline of all 'scolaire' hockey being non-contact. This is due to the fact that all Hockey teams from LSL, MTL, LAVAL and some from Monteregie all joined the GMAA leagues this year. Next year, we will continue to offer all levels of GMAA hockey for those schools who are interested, from whatever region: JB2, JB3, MB2, MB3, BB2, BB3 and JG –all leagues will remain non-contact.

**S1:** The RSEQ has developed an online system for all schedules, stats and player registrations. Each region is already paying for the system in our member fees to the RSEQ. Basically, all stats, schedules and registrations can be done on the S1 system for all regions. We will start using this system in the fall for some of our smaller sports, starting with player registrations. For player registrations, each SAC rep will get a log-in code for their school. With that code, they will be able to go into the system to register their teams. Registration for each student would be done with their permanent code and could be uploaded from an excel spreadsheet directly to the program. By the end of the year (17-18) we will make sure that all schools have used the new program for at least one sports. We will transition away from sending in Player Registration Forms over a 2-year period.



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#### 407 Sites for 2017-2018 championships

We would like to thank the following schools for hosting Championships this year;

Lasalle- Soccer

Loyola- Volleyball & Rugby

KSS- Wrestling

LCC- Basketball

LaurenHill & Villa Maria – Badminton

STT- Girls Flag Football

If there is anyone who is interested in hosting next year please let us know at the office.

#### 408 Office Issues

- Statements: Each school should have a copy of their spring bills. Most sports (Badminton, Rugby, Lacrosse, Touch, Flag, Rugby 7s) had a credit (\$4.26 to \$28.89). D1 Futsal teams had to pay slightly more since they requested two referees at their games. Outdoor T&F teams had to pay an extra \$4.28.

Tennis costs were huge. The rental of the facilities at Cote-de-Liesse divided by the number of schools involved was not even covered by the pre-season payment. That's not even including any other costs (medals, banners, office costs, etc). We had fewer teams this year so costs had to be divided by fewer schools. It was asked that we try to avoid scheduling the Juvenile tournaments during the March of the Living. It was also asked that we try to see if there may be another less expensive location to host our tournaments.

#### - 2017-2018 Pre-Payments

You have a copy of the pre-season payments for next season in your packages. 18 pre-payments will remain the same for next year, 6 were adjusted (4 Hockey and Futsal, this is due to the number of referees requested, hockey D2 requested 3 officials at all games, Futsal D1 and D3 will have two referees at games next year), 9 were increased due to increased referee costs and higher rental costs (vball, xxrun, bball, swim, t&f and tennis).

#### - 2017-2018 Age Categories

Everyone received a copy of the 2017-2018 age categories in their packages, these are the same as last year's ages. The only change being that the juvenile hockey age was extended to include Sept, Oct, Nov of 1999. Where in the past it would have been as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.

Please make sure you are double checking your students ages prior to submitting all player registrations. We had multiple defaults this year because students were too old.

#### - MVP Banquet

First, thank you to everyone who came out this year! There is a lot of candy left over for whoever wants!

After reading some comments from the survey we sent out, we spoke about it in the office and decided that we are open to serving finger foods and desert. This way we can start a bit earlier and the students will also have dinner. We will also shorten the cocktail hour, as most people felt it was too long. We hope to see more schools come out next year!



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Please let us know of any suggestions or comments that you have.

- D2 & D3 Finalist Letters

Any school who made the finals in D2 or D3 with 2 or more teams has a letter in their packages encouraging them to reconsider their division when entering a team next year. It offers guidelines on choosing a division, and lists all teams that were finalists. We will keep the letter on file and will re-send it to schools in the fall in order to refresh their memories on how teams performed in the past and how this should urge them to consider an appropriate division for next season. Some schools had 9-10 teams in D2 and D3 finals...

- PCHS Thank You – Chris from PCHS wanted to extend his thanks to the GMAA Board of Directors for allowing the PCHS teams to participate in the GMAA Track and Field Championships even though they were unable to attend the preliminary meets due to the school closure from the flooding.

He also wanted to extend his thanks to the schools who in the weeks after the incidents were extremely accommodating when rescheduling games.

- On behalf of SAC Phil extended a thanks to the ladies of the GMAA office for all their hard work this year.

- As a thank you from the office to all the SAC reps, they were asked to come up to the front before they leave to received their gifts (a blue scarf/buff). Thank you SAC reps for all your work and support!

Motion to adjourn – Jeff Bateman – ROYAL