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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, June 12th, 2019
Time: 9:30 am
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, William Dawson Room (Light breakfast provided)

MINUTES

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

413 – D3 & D4 finalist letters

414 – Numbers on Basketball Jerseys

415 – Visual Shot Clock

416 – Soccer Playoff Officials

Moved: Holly – STG

Seconded: Elad – HZHS

Unanimous

200 Approval of Minutes of December 2018

Moved: Jack - FACE

Seconded: Jason – VMC

Unanimous

300 Business arising

N/A

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors Report: The following motions were passed at the Board of Directors meetings and will be implemented next year.

Abuse of Officials - It was asked that the office come up with a letter that was sent to each member school outlining a new procedure to follow when students or coaches are ejected for abuse of officials. The principal will be required to send a letter back to the GMAA prior to this student or coach being permitted to play (or coach) that outlines some of the steps that the school has taken to ensure this type of behavior doesn't happen again. There must be some sort of school-led rehabilitation prior to the student or coach becoming eligible to play (or coach) again. A copy of this letter was sent to all of SAC in April and was also in all packages today.

Coaches Code of Ethics Committee The coaches code procedure will be adjusted to read:

1. Any SAC rep or school administrator may submit a complaint against a coach for breach of the code of ethics. If the SAC Rep is the coach, the complaint must come from a school administrator. *(Currently reads that any person may submit a complaint)*

A motion was put on the floor to add the following statement to the GMAA Governing Rules:

Any complaint received in writing from a School SAC Rep or administrator concerning a School, Team or Students' behaviour which is not in direct violation of the rules of the game but is deemed improper and lacking in respect will be forwarded to the Principal and SAC Rep of the school in question. The GMAA reserves the right to intervene if deemed necessary.



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402 Competition Committee Proposals

Competition committee met for over 3 hours on June 5th to discuss various items from SAC, the sports committees or the office. The minutes were sent out to all of SAC on Friday for your information. The following motions were passed and are being proposed to SAC for approval. Each will be voted on separately.

Governing Rules Motions:

Proof of identity at all games

On a one-year trial basis, in basketball only, if a student is asked for proof of identity, they must show a valid photo id. Some examples include (but are not limited to): student card, medicare card, etc. The coach of the team can carry the printed directory of all students (school 'bottin'), this would also be an approved proof of identification. If they student cannot provide proof of ID prior to the start of the game, they would not be eligible to play.

No motion

Motion: On a one-year trial basis, in basketball only, if challenged by the opposing school prior to the start of the game, the coach of the team in question must present photo proof of identification of all the students (suggestion school 'Bottin' GPI). Any individual student who cannot provide proof of identification will not be eligible to play.

Moved: Marie-Claire – ROYAL

Seconded: Evan – BHS

Unanimous

Scheduling

After the scheduling meeting, if it is brought to the attention of the office that one of the teams scheduled an uneven home and away schedule, they will be forced to adjust their games based on the directives from the office.

Moved: Elad – HZHS

Seconded: Matt – BIAL

Unanimous

Pre-determine and standardize playoff structure

The guidelines for the GMAA office to use regarding playoff structures are as follows:

4 or fewer team – top 2 make the playoffs

5 or 6 teams – top 3 make the playoffs

7, 8 or 9 teams – top 4 make the playoffs

10 or 11 teams – top 6 make the playoffs

12 or more teams – top 8 make the playoffs

Principles: As much as possible, at least 50% of the teams would make the playoffs. The office will consider the number of games played and the length of the season when producing playoff structures. The number of teams from each section making the playoffs will be declared at the scheduling meeting.

Moved: Holly - STG

Seconded: Kathleen – TRAF

Unanimous

Sport Motions:

Golf Tournament Format

Competitive tournament and best ball tournament. Regardless of students' handicap, coaches have the option to register their students on the competitive side, where they will be eligible for awards or on the best ball side, where they will be divided into foursomes and will play at best-ball round.

Moved: Matt – BIAL

Seconded: Marc – STT

For: 43

Abstentions: 1



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Cross Country Electronic Timing (SAMPI proposal received by the office).

For the 2019 Cross Country Run, that the GMAA use SAMPI to time the High School races. The cost would be \$150 per school plus \$4 per runner for electronic chip timing. Entries would be done on S1 and each student would run with a programmed chip on their bib. They would see their time immediately upon crossing the finish line. Any registered student would be charged \$4, whether they show up at the event or not, so as a result, we would eliminate the scratches fine for schools that was implemented in 2018.

Moved: Elad – HZHS

Seconded: Chantale – STUDY

Unanimous

Weekend Showcases

One a one-year trial, it is proposed that the D3 Soccer Championships be held the Friday and that all 6 games be showcased. This date is reflected in the draft calendar. Times of the games to be determined based on field availability.

Moved: Marc – STT

Seconded: Andy – LMAC

Unanimous

Rugby Therapist Fines

Due to the increasing costs of therapists to cover GMAA games and since some schools must pay their therapist a minimum of 3 hours, the proposal is to increase the fine for a school not having a therapist from 50.00\$ to 75.00\$. Of the \$75, the office will reimburse \$25 to the school who provided a therapist.

Moved: Chris – WIC

Seconded: Danielle – ECS

Unanimous

Futsal Rules

- 1) Eliminate overtime/shootout in regular season games – futsal games can end in a tie.
- 2) In playoffs, in order to align with the FIFA laws of the game overtime will be 2 x 5-minute periods in their entirety. If match is still tied after the overtime, then we proceed to a 3-player shootout to determine the winner.

Moved: George – RHS

Seconded: Yoni – HA

Vote: For: 41

Abstentions: 2

Badminton minimum number of courts needed for a tournament

Unless previously agreed upon by the two teams, the following are the court requirements when hosting a badminton tournament.

For a solo team tournament, a minimum of 3 courts need to be available

For a simultaneous double header, a minimum of 4 courts need to be available

For a simultaneous triple header, a minimum of 6 courts need to be available

For every additional simultaneous tournament, 2 more courts need to be made available

Moved: Elad - HZHS

Seconded: Chris – WIC

Unanimous

Flag Football Flags

In the flag handbook the rule says, regulation flag must be used. Motion to add that regulation cloth flags must be used (and to add the dimensions of the flags).

Moved: Matt – BIAL

Seconded: Jack – FACE

Vote: For: 42

Opposed: 1



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Field size for Flag playoffs

Proposal that for playoffs only the home school must offer a regulation size football, multipurpose or soccer field. If a soccer field is used, there must be a minimum of 10 yards after the end line to mark off the end zone.

Moved: George – RHS

Seconded: Chris – WIC

Unanimous

Circuit Girls League (and Bantam Boys) – Basketball Quebec

Motion that for 2019-2020 the Basketball Eligibility is:

Girls: D3 (top level): Unlimited Circuit players are permitted

D4.1 (middle level): A maximum of 1 Circuit player is permitted

D4.2 (lowest level): No (0) Circuit players are permitted

Boys: If the team has a ranking of AA or AAA that will be used to determine player eligibility.

D3 (top level): Unlimited AA, AAA or Circuit players are permitted

D4.1 (middle level): 1 AAA or Circuit player + unlimited AA players are permitted

D4.2 (lowest level): 1 AA player is permitted (no AAA or Circuit players)

Moved: Danielle – ECS

Seconded: Megan – SHSM

Vote: For: 42

Opposed: 1

Bantam Soccer/Futsal Eligibility

Proposal to change the eligibility rules so that the GMAA can have a true participation Division 4 league.

Bantam Soccer Division 4.2 (lowest level) – no AA players are permitted

Bantam Fustal Division 4.2 (lowest level) – no AA players are permitted

Moved: Jack – FACE

Seconded: Jamie – KELLS

Unanimous

403 Handbook revisions

All motions that were passed will be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting and if passed, will be added to the handbooks for next season.

404 Statements

Each school should have a copy of their spring bills. There was some confusion with the Futsal payments and credits, if you have a question, please see Amanda about it. Most sports (Futsal, Badminton, Outdoor T&F, Lacrosse, Flag, Rugby 7s) had a credit. Rugby teams had to pay slightly (\$18 per team) and Tennis also had to pay due to the number of teams decreasing and the cost of courts being so high (\$30 per team). It was asked that we change the wording on the 'Statement' to call it the 'Invoice' since that is the total amount that should be paid.

405 Year End Summary

The number of defaults as well as team withdrawals has decreased from the past two years. The most common reason for both defaults and team withdrawals remains a lack of commitment from the players. Schools often call with short notice to say they don't have enough players to complete their team.

Player ejections were up drastically from 26 to 72. This was due in large part to the increase in soccer and hockey ejections. In hockey specifically we had several bench-clearing brawls, in response one team was removed from the league in season. Many ejections are avoidable, we ask that you strongly encourage your coaches to foster a culture of respect for both referees as well as opponents.



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The number of coaches' code incidents also remains high. Which is unacceptable, if the coaches are not setting a good example what can we expect from the students. Please have a conversation with your coaches about the expectations of the GMAA.

Participation numbers are stable. The futsal numbers appear to be trending downwards reaching a 5-year low of 64 team. Next year there will be the addition of an inter-regional Div. 2 league which should help to balance out the caliber of the league. The registration deadline was also moved later in the year to give more team the opportunity to register.

It was requested that we officially extend a thank you to Vincent Massey for pulling their bantam girls futsal team out of the playoffs so that the 5 remaining teams could compete for the D3 Banner.

406 RSEQ Report

List of teams who attended Provincials and results

Volleyball Provincials (5 teams, 3 schools) ROYAL Bantam Girls – 14 th ROYAL Bantam Boys – 10 th VILLA Midget Girls – 12 th LMAC Midget Boys – 15 th ROYAL Juvenile Girls – 12 th	Futsal Provincials (7 teams, 3 schools) VMC Bantam Girls (5 th place) VMC Bantam Boys (11 th place) VMC Midget Girls (5 th place) VMC Midget Boys (4 th place) PCHS Juvenile Girls (4 th place) VILLA Juvenile Girls (12 th place) VMC Juvenile Boys (4 th place)
Basketball Provincials (4 teams, 4 schools) LOY Bantam Boys – 14 th VILLA Midget Girls – 13 th ECS Juvenile Girls - 11 th WHS Juvenile Boys – 3 rd BRONZE MEDAL	Badminton Provincials 23 students from 10 schools
Indoor Track and Field Provincials 33 students from 14 schools 1 gold, 3 4 th place finishers	Outdoor Track and Field Provincials 25 students from 12 schools (5 medals - 3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)

Basketball Provincials

Congratulations to WHS for winning the bronze medal at RSEQ Basketball Provincials at the Juvenile Boys level

RSEQ Grants and Financial information: Like last year we finally received 75% of our grant for the 2018-2019 school year in April. The remaining 25% will be transferred in October after the GMAA AGM. The total ended up being slightly less than last year. The RSEQ is working closely with MELS in order to maintain our funding on a year to year basis.

Provincials

Provincial Costs for 19-20 will be increasing across the board by the CPI (consumer price index), the RSEQ was not breaking even on the provincials and this increase will help in that respect. IF anyone interested in hosting a Provincial Championship at their school, let us know.

Niveau de jeu

As mentioned for a few years now, the RSEQ is adjusting the labels of their leagues and as a result, the highest level of regional league is Division 3. Division 1 and 2 would both be provincial leagues. Our GMAA leagues would at the highest be considered D3 and at the lowest, Division 4. Within Division 4 we are permitted to



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have levels 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 etc to indicate further levels of leagues. We will no longer be permitted to call our leagues D1 or D2. As of September 2019, the highest level of GMAA league will be Division 3.

Negotiations with various sport federations

The hot topic right now at the RSEQ level is negotiations with sport federations. The Minister is mandating that the RSEQ have agreements with all current sport federations, so the director of the RSEQ is in negotiations with 16 federations concerning signing protocols with them. As a direct result, some of the federation fees may be increasing next season. These fees are not reflected in the current budgeted costs but would be added on as a per team or per player fee. We will keep you updated on any developments with this issue.

SLIM Update

There are two programs that will be funded next year with a grant from SLIM. These activities are focused on students who do not currently play sports for GMAA teams. Some of these days will be 100% Boys and 100% girls. They are day-long or half-day events that will target individuals with a multi-sport approach. They will be run in a similar fashion to our GMAA Elementary Jamborees, but each station will be a different sport (Yoga, Dance, Combative Sports, etc). The budget and details are still to be confirmed, but we will be expected to participate.

407 2019-2020 Calendar - presented at the meeting

The date of the August SAC meeting was bumped to the Wednesday of the first week of school for teachers. Hopefully most schools can attend.

Soccer and Volleyball entries are only due a few days after you see your students. This will be a hard deadline, make sure you get your teams in on S1 before midnight.

Softball and Boys Flag meeting dates were switched to September 12th.

Most October events have had to be scheduled around Jewish Holidays. We were able to keep events and scheduling meetings away from the Holidays, but some entry deadlines do fall on Jewish Holidays.

D3 Soccer Showcase is on the calendar for Friday, November 1st.

Swimming Championships are two weeks later in order to give coaches time to get their championship entries in and to skip over the Jewish School Spring Break in the middle of February.

Tennis dates were adjusted to late April in order to reduce the number of day-long events scheduled in May.

Track meets are scheduled all the same week in May, hopefully this will prevent the issue that arose this year with the first two meets being poorly attended and the last two meets being overloaded.

Moved: Chantale – STUDY

Seconded: Megan – SHSM

Unanimous

408 Sites for 2018-2019 championships

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

STT - Soccer & Girls Flag Football

LCC- Girls Basketball

LOY – Boys Basketball & Rugby

LaurenHill & Villa Maria – Badminton

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

JRHS would like to host the D3 Boys Basketball Championship on Wednesday, February 23rd.



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LCC would like to host the D3 Girls Basketball Championship on Tuesday, February 22nd.

409 2019-2020 Pre-Payments

Copies of the pre-season payments for next season are in the packages. Most pre-payments will remain the same for next year, 8 were increased (Volleyball, Cross Country, Juvenile Girls Hockey, Basketball, Swimming, Badminton, Girls Flag, Rugby & Tennis.) Some reasons for the increases are: adding per student fee, Girls All Star costs, new officials' contracts starting next season, increased costs of rentals (pools and tennis).

410 2019-2020 Age Categories

Everyone received a copy of the 2019-2020 age categories in their packages, the only change to the categories appears in the hockey, where the cutoff moved from September 1st to October 1st for bantam and midget From September 1st to July 1st for Juvenile

411 2020 HALO Road Race

Firstly, thank you to all the schools who volunteered for us this year and continuously do every year, without you guys there would be no HALO.

Next year is the 40th Anniversary of the GMAA Halo Road Race and we would like a new logo designed for the special occasion! The contest will be launched early September and a winner will be chosen beginning of November. The winner of the contest will have the honor of having their logo put on all the HALO items, this includes volunteer sweaters and t-shirts, runners' certificates, ribbons and much more! All we are looking for is imagination and creativity! The logo must include **"40th Anniversary"** and must be designed in black and white. We also request that high schools try to register as many students as possible next year.

412 2020 MVP Banquet

A big thank you to Selwyn House for hosting the GMAA MVP Banquet this year. Thank you to everyone who continues to support us and attends the MVP banquet.

Numbers were down from last year and it is the same schools who attend every year. Is there anything we can do so that more schools come? If schools have suggestions, please send them into Ali at the office. We are also looking for a host for next year.

413 D3 & D4 Finalist Letters

Any school who made the finals in D3 or D4 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 re-send these letters to the schools in the fall, to refresh their memories on how teams performed in the past and encourage them to consider an appropriate division for next season. Some schools had 6-8 teams in D3 and D4 finals... Although there were still quite a few letters that went out, there was a notable improvement for many schools who received letters last year.

414 Numbers on Basketball Jerseys

A motion was put on the floor that within 3 years all basketball uniforms must have numbers on the front (on the jersey or shorts).

Moved: Pat – JFKHS

Seconded: Marie-Claire – ROYAL

For: 42

Opposed: 1



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415 Visible Shot Clock for Basketball

It is recommended that schools try to have a visible shot clock for their basketball games. The cost associated with adding these to a school gym is large, so we will not make it mandatory. We ask that schools send in a list of accepted and not-accepted devices for timing the shot clock at games. (Cell phones not a valid timing device).

416 Soccer Playoff Officials

Pat from JFKHS questioned why we use 1 referee and 2 referee assistants for GMAA Soccer playoff games instead of staying with our 2-referee system that is used during the year.

Chris Bedic responded by saying that 3 officials who are able to work together is the best possible scenario for GMAA playoff games.

The office would like to extend a big thank you to the competition committee for all of their help this year.

The office would also like to thank the SAC Chair, Phil Lafave for all his help and being the liaison between the Board of Directors and the Secondary Advisory Committee.

Phil would like to thank the office on behalf of all the SAC reps.

Motion to adjourn: Megan – SHSM