



## SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### 2019 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

The following pages contain the resolutions to be debated and voted upon at the 2019 SHSAA AGM in North Battleford from June 19-21, 2019.

All resolutions were submitted by May 8, 2019. As a result, when the question is called; constitutional changes require a 75% majority of all votes cast and those amendments pertaining to bylaws and policy require a simple majority of the votes cast.

Resolutions pertaining to policy and activity policy that were not included in the resolution package will be returned to the District and/or Member with an explanation why the Executive Council did not put the resolution forward. Those resolutions may be referred to a committee, become discussion topics for small group sessions at the AGM, or be submitted to Sport Advisory Groups in the upcoming school year.

The policy and activity policy resolutions that have been included in the resolution package by the Executive Council on behalf of Districts, Members, or Sport Advisory Groups are not necessarily supported by the Executive Council.

Resolution notes:

The following resolutions will be declared "out of order" and therefore will not be debated or voted upon:

**19/02/01** – Grade 8 students provided with eligibility, like all other eligible students, are only allowed to represent the SHSAA school they are attending. The resolution asks for non-member school students to be eligible for SHSAA competition. The bylaws currently do not have a means to deal with these students in terms of Association eligibility, adherence to bylaws, policy, and code of conduct. The bylaws require permission for students that do not meet the eligibility requirements of the bylaws to participate in SHSAA competitions.

**19/02/02** – The membership is being asked to rule on eligibility that impacts how districts administer school sport for students in grade 9 and lower. The membership does not have jurisdiction in this area.

**19/02/05** – The option to register multiple teams currently exists upon request. All teams from a high school are a subset of the school representative team and are therefore subject to the bylaws of the Association in order to track student eligibility, coach compliance, and discipline as defined by the Association. The resolution is asking for some SHSAA participants (students, coaches, teams) to not be bound by SHSAA Bylaw and Policy.

The above being said, the Executive Council is hoping that a district will facilitate a small group discussion during the 1:50pm time slot at which time there can be a discussion on, but not limited to:

- how each district administers activities for students in grade 9 and lower
- whether elementary schools should be asked to become member schools of SHSAA
- why grade 9 students are deemed eligible for SHSAA competition
- why grade 8 students are deemed eligible for SHSAA competition under special circumstances

#### LEGEND

**19/08/03**

**19** indicates the year 2019

**08** indicates the category (Curling)

**03** indicates the resolution # in the category

#### CATEGORIES

**01: Constitution**

**02: Bylaws**

**03: Policies**

**04: Track & Field**

**05: Badminton**

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**10: Football**

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## **Constitution**

**19/01/01** **WHERE AS** the Executive Council undertook a planning session to review the Guiding Principles for Provincial Championships and develop a strategic plan, as suggested by Membership and mandated by Sask Sport funding criteria;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the mission statement currently included on page 18 of the SHSAA handbook be removed from the Constitution.

**Rationale:** The Executive Council developed a vision and mission statement as part of the strategic planning process. The mission statement does not need to be included in the Constitution.

### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

## **Bylaws**

**19/02/01** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be added to the Bylaw regarding GRADE 8 STUDENTS:

2. ***c) A grade 8 student may play as a representative of the high school or designated associate school in the sports of basketball, volleyball, soccer, and curling without the permission from SHSAA provided that the maximum grade of students competing in the competition is grade 10.***

**Rationale:** Many schools and Districts have been allowing Grade 8's to compete in Grade 9/10 tournaments or Junior Varsity tournaments. However, this is against the bylaws established in SHSAA. When this was discussed at last year's AGM in the breakout sessions lots of people were unaware of this and were currently participating in violation of this bylaw. Changing this allows everyone to be on the same page. This change will also allow smaller schools and programs the opportunity to attend some of the 9/10 tournaments held in bigger centers. This creates the possibility for more students to participate in high school sport because the grade 8 athletes might provide enough players to create a new team to attend a 9/10 tournament.

### **QU' APPELLE VALLEY**

**19/02/02** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA not allow grade 8's (and under) to compete against grade 9 students.

**Rationale:** Many schools host grade 9 tournaments and leagues, and invite grade 7-9 schools to compete. The SHSAA does not sanction the play of grade 8's (and under), and therefore cannot allow those teams to compete against athletes registered with the association (grade 9's), as all high school games/tournaments are sanctioned.

Page 50 of the handbook states under Tournament Requirements:

- a) Tournaments must include only high school students who meet the eligibility requirements of the Association or the eligibility requirements of their home jurisdiction

Page 32 states:

1. b) The eligibility requirements of the Association are that, in any school year, each student
  - i) must be enrolled in Grade 9 through 12 during that year

### **NORTH CENTRAL**

19/02/03

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bylaw regarding GRADE 8 STUDENTS be amended as follows:

2. a) In the case of a high school designated as 1A, ~~or~~ 2A, **or 3A** by the Association a Grade 8 student may play as a representative of the high school in the sports of basketball, volleyball, soccer and curling provided that:
  - i) the use of grade 8 students is required to establish a team, and
  - ii) the Executive Director has approved of the use of Grade 8 students, (See Form E2) and
  - iii) if approved, no more than 25% of the team consists of Grade 8 students, and
  - iv) other than being in Grade 8, each student otherwise meets all the eligibility requirements of the Association,
  - v) the student must be attending the school which is making the application for use of the Grade 8 student.

**Rationale:** Many 3A schools are now having smaller numbers with lack of participation where it has become more common to need grade 8's to field a team. Situations often arise throughout the season where injuries or other commitments require these teams to need to use grade 8 players. 3A schools are already allowed to apply and can be approved to use grade 8's but need to be approved by the executive council. This would allow this decision to be made quickly by the Executive Director in these instances instead of the executive council.

#### **QU' APPELLE VALLEY**

19/02/04

**BE IT RESOLVED** Non-Faculty coaches working with a member school program in consecutive years do not need to re-apply for Non-Faculty coach approval.

**Rationale:** If a non-faculty coach has been approved in a particular year, then there should be no need to seek approval again in subsequent years if circumstances have not changed.

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

19/02/05

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA allow all schools to register 'Jr.' teams on Exnet for basketball, volleyball and soccer. A 'Jr.' team would be defined as a team that includes students in their first year of eligibility (grade 10), and grades 9's. These teams would be designated as non-competing teams (not competing for provincial championships) and could be labeled with terms such as 'Jr', 'Freshman' etc. Teams in this category would not be required to meet the grade 8 and 9 eligibility requirements as set out in the bylaws.

**Rationale:** There are many ways in which schools organize their sports teams in the province. Some schools have grades K-12, some 7-12, some 9-12, and there are many more versions. At the 'Jr.' level, some schools have grade 7-9 teams, some have 8/9 teams, and some have 9/10 teams. In large schools, there may be multiple 9/10 teams which include athletes who have not made the 'A' teams, but still seek opportunities to belong to a team and have meaningful competition. This is done by schools to include as many students as possible and to create as many opportunities as possible through interschool athletics.

In the past, schools, have organized tournaments in volleyball, basketball, and badminton that include teams who have competitive grade 7-9 teams competing against schools who have grade 10 athletes on their 'Jr' teams. This system has made it possible for smaller schools to enjoy meaningful competitions with larger high schools' developmental (Jr. 'B') teams.

Grade 9's are allowed by the SHSAA to compete in competitions against grade 8's, and 12's, yet grade 8's are not allowed to compete against grade 10's.

Examples:

St. Brieux grade 7-9 girls volleyball team may want to play St. Mary's 9/10 (Jr 'B') teams. Currently they are not allowed to.

Weyburn's 8/9 boys basketball team wants to play Riffle's Jr. Team (10's). Currently they are not allowed to.

Muskoday's 7-9 boys volleyball team wants to enter Carlton's Jr tournament (9/10). Currently they are not allowed to.

If the teams are not registered as competing for provincial playoffs, schools and coaches should be able to determine, on their own, which grades can compete against each other

#### **NORTH CENTRAL**

19/02/06

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bylaw CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS be amended as follows.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS**

1. For the purposes of this section, enrolment shall be taken from the Ministry of Education enrolment figures for each school of the Grades 9-11 students as of September 30th of the previous year for classification of schools for the fall activity of ~~cross country, soccer and football.~~ The classification of schools for ~~volleyball, the winter activities (wrestling and basketball), and the spring activities (track & field)~~ **all other activities** will be based on the September 30th numbers of the current school year for students in grades 10-12. Schools may apply to have students who have used up their athletic eligibility prior to entering grade 12 be excluded from the count.

**Rationale:** Allows for consistency in classification of schools for all activities except football which requires classification to properly establish league schedules. Schools that have not submitted enrolment numbers prior to Provincial Cross Country will not be considered in the school team competition.

#### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/02/07

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bylaw CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS be amended to reflect that in the sport of Volleyball, the enrolment numbers from the previous school year be used to determine a school's classification.

**Rationale:** Districts use their fall meeting to plan for their hosting responsibilities. Using the numbers from the previous year allows for this. The enrollment deadline (October 6) and the time needed by the SHSAA to use those numbers to make the requisite changes, required by our bylaws, creates uncertainty (for "bubble" teams) whether they should host or not. When numbers change, Conferences change, and schools that were not supposed to host are now asked to. Those schools will only have 2-3 weeks to be adequately prepared to host. The advanced planning that was done 2 months in advance, for Conference and Regional hosting responsibilities, now has to change unnecessarily. Using the previous years numbers could also allow the SHSAA more time to make sure that teams are distributed "fairly" into Conferences and Regionals. This also directly impacts our Officials' commissioners and the officials they assign to those tournaments. Finding officials 2 weeks before an event or telling officials that have committed to work, that they are not needed, is awkward and unnecessary. Therefore, all of these issues could be handled by using the previous year's enrollment numbers.

#### **WEST CENTRAL**

19/02/08

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the bylaw CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS be adjusted to reflect the categories as they were prior to the classification changes that were passed at the 2018 AGM but without the distinction of gender. Therefore, volleyball and basketball would use the following numbers to classify:

***Volleyball***

**5A 301 or more students**

**4A 101 to 300 students**

**3A 61 to 100 students**

**2A 41 to 60 students**

**1A 1 to 40 students**

***Basketball***

**5A 501 or more students**

**4A 241 to 500 students**

**3A 101 to 240 students**

**2A 61 to 100 students**

**1A 1 to 60 students**

**Rationale:** The resolution that passed at the 2018 AGM resulted in eliminating classification by gender and a change to the classification numbers. After looking at the upcoming projections for the 2019-20 school year, the newly formed categories produce playoff scenarios that are not an improvement over what existed prior. (ex. 29 boys teams in 4A volleyball in 2018 but only 16 teams projected for 4A volleyball in 2019 with 10 teams qualifying for Provincials)

**EAST CENTRAL**

19/02/09

**BE IT RESOLVED** that for the sport of basketball and volleyball in the 1A and 2A category that the SHSAA determine, from the Sept. 30th student enrolment, a number that would separate the number of teams into a 50/50 split or as close as possible.

**Rationale:** With the new combined numbers used to determine the 1A/2A categories it appears that there may be a huge disparity in the number of teams in some categories, i.e. 14 teams in 1A vs 40 teams in 2A in projected numbers for girls' basketball next year. Currently in 6 man and 9man football they use a floating student enrolment number to determine the split for the teams. This would simply allow for a more equitable and more manageable playoff structure.

**NORTH CENTRAL**

19/02/10

**BE IT RESOLVED** that effective the 2020 SHSAA football season, the Bylaw CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS be amended such that it will reflect only one classification of 9-man football.

**Rationale:** In 2013 9-man was split into two categories with the goal of more 6-man teams making the jump to 9-man. This was unsuccessful but did split 9-man up into two categories. This past season there were 20 teams in 1A 6-man, 25 teams in 2A 6-man, 10 in 2A 9-man, 12 in 3A 9-man, 20 in 3A 12-man and 15 in 4A 12-man. The two 9-man categories have the least amount of teams competing for a Provincial Championship. The small number of teams in each category has lead to teams qualifying for the playoffs without winning a game all season. We realize that football championships bring in money for the association and losing one championship would reduce the financial gain for the association. However, we feel that the number of teams doesn't warrant two separate categories and the rationale behind making the original change hasn't actually made a difference.

**QU' APPELLE VALLEY**

19/02/11

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be added as criteria to be considered in approval for reclassification of schools

**RE-CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS**

1. Any school may apply to the Executive Director for reclassification.
2. Any such application shall be:
  - a) for a higher numbered classification
  - b) made on the approved form (Form E-1),
  - c) made by October 1st for fall activities and by December 1st for winter activities
  - d) for a 2-year period, except for a special one year period in the case of a school that has moved down a classification in volleyball and the school was scheduled to host a provincial volleyball championship in that year at the higher classification, and
  - e) signed by:
    - i.) the coach or athletic supervisor, and
    - ii.) the principal, and
    - iii.) the Director of Education.
  - f) ***made to decrease travel considerations for the program and/or to seek a higher level of competition***

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/02/12

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following statement be added to the Bylaw RE-CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS in order to allow schools the opportunity to continue their previously assigned hosting privileges.

4. ***Schools awarded hosting privileges for a provincial championship based on the previous year's September 30 grade 9 – 11 enrolment may be reclassified to the lower classification for a period of one year, in that activity, to continue their hosting responsibilities. Application must be made to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will rule on the request for reclassification.***

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/02/13

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following amendment be made to the Bylaw TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- a) a maximum entry fee for ~~wrestling~~ ***individual activities*** shall be ~~\$20.00~~ ***\$25.00*** per ~~wrestler~~ ***participant***.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

## **Policies**

**19/03/01**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following statement be added to the Policy on JEWELLERY

### **JEWELLERY**

For the safety of the competitor and their opponents, all jewellery must be removed for any SHSAA sanctioned interschool athletic event except golf, cross-country, curling and track & field (except high jump and pole vault).

Athletes will be allowed to wear unobtrusive plastic retainers for all sanctioned SHSAA events. ***For volleyball, piercings may be removed, taped or replaced with unobtrusive plastic retainer.***

#### **Rationale: SVA**

#### **4.5 FORBIDDEN OBJECTS**

4.5.1 It is forbidden to wear objects which may cause injury, or give an artificial advantage to the player. For Volleyball Canada competitions:

A. The referee shall not permit the following:

1. Finger, hand, wrist, elbow, or forearm guards, casts, or braces, made of hard plastic, metal, wood, or any other hard substance even if they are padded. Items made from soft material, that are padded, not intrusive and not a danger to others, may be permitted.
2. Equipment that could cut or cause abrasions.
3. Headwear is not permitted except those worn for religious and/or cultural beliefs. Headbands can be worn, at a maximum 5cm in width, made of nonabrasive, single colour cloth, pliable plastic, or rubber.

#### **4. Jewelry must be either removed or taped.**

Justification is that if SVA and Volleyball Canada allow for jewelry to be taped and they do not see an issue with possible problems, then why not for high school coaches? Most high school officials also do SVA and this rule is then the same for both. This is then the same for all coaches and athletes that do both high school and club.

#### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of NORTH EAST**

**19/03/02**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy SHSAA FINANCIAL FACTS for District Dues be amended as follows effective the 2020-2021 school year.

### **SHSAA FINANCIAL FACTS**

#### **DISTRICT DUES**

1. The District membership fee is a flat fee of ~~\$1500.00~~ **\$1750.00** plus \$50.00 per 500 students who are enrolled in grades ten through twelve in that district.
2. This assessment must be paid to the provincial office by January 30th of each school year in order to maintain district status within the Association.

**Rationale:** Sask Sport funding applications require budgets that project two years in advance of the current fiscal year. Projections for the 2020-2021 fiscal year indicate a deficit unless other forms of revenue are established. This notice of increased fees is to assist in planning for Districts.

#### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/03/03

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy SHSAA FINANCIAL FACTS for Team Fees be amended as follows effective the 2020-2021 school year.

**TEAM FEES**

1. Each school must submit its annual team entry to the SHSAA office by the second Wednesday of September of the current school year. This entry must be accompanied by a payment equal to ~~\$40.00~~ **\$42.50** per team entered.
2. The district and the SHSAA office must approve late entry.
3. Schools that do not field a team may request a refund of the team fee. The request must be made in writing by the school principal and submitted to the SHSAA office prior to the eligibility form deadline established for the activity.

**Rationale:** Sask Sport funding applications require budgets that project two years in advance of the current fiscal year. Projections for the 2020-2021 fiscal year indicate a deficit unless other forms of revenue are established. This notice of increased fees is to assist in planning for schools.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/03/04

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy for GATE ADMISSIONS be amended to include a weekend rate for SHSAA conference and regional volleyball (Adults \$9.00; Students \$6.00).

**Rationale:** The Executive implemented this policy change during the last volleyball season and is now asking for the membership to ratify the change.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/03/05

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy for OFFICIALS' PAY SCALE be amended to reflect an increase in the per game rate for Football.

**OFFICIALS' PAY SCALE**

1. The Provincial Council establishes the following rates each June. They may be revised at any time.
  - b) FOOTBALL – All Post Conference/District Games
 

SAFOA MEMBER:	Head Ref - <del>\$45.00</del> <b>\$47.00</b>	Others - <del>\$35.00</del> <b>\$37.00</b>
NON-MEMBER:	Head Ref - <del>\$40.00</del> <b>\$42.00</b>	Others - <del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$32.00</b>

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/03/06

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy for HOSTING BIDS be amended as follows:

2. ***Hosts for soccer and volleyball provincial championships will be named by Districts at the December Presidents' meeting in the year preceding the championship. Host sites that are not named by the District at this time shall become open bids. SHSAA member schools shall be provided notification of the open championships and bids to host will be submitted to the Executive Council to determine the host site location. For all other activities,*** bids are accepted two years in advance of the scheduled event. ALL BIDS, whether submitted to the district or to the provincial executive, should be received in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting. These bids will be presented, and selections made by the Provincial Council, at the AGM. If a district does not have a host location, or in the case of an open bid, no bid is received by the AGM, the event will be open to bids from any school. Host locations not resolved by the AGM will be selected by the Executive Council at their December meeting from written bids received following the AGM. (see inside back cover of this handbook for projections).

**Rationale:** More and more districts are unable to name hosts at the AGM. Schools often await their September 30 numbers of the year prior to hosting before wanting to commit to hosting the championship. By moving the due date for the districts to notify the Association of the host site, it will be known whether the school is projected to be in the classification that is being assigned.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

**19/03/07** **BE IT RESOLVED** that in basketball and volleyball that no more than two of the top eight seeded teams be placed in the same conferences. When more than two teams advance from a conference playoff to a regional the number of top eight seeds could be equal to but not exceed the number of teams that advance out of that particular conference.

**Rationale:** Each year we eliminate top seeded teams while giving weak teams an easy route to regionals because we have been aligning conferences strictly based on geography. As this is a road to crowning a champion, we are recognizing excellence on the court and, inherent with that, the commitment necessary from the athletes, coaches and parents. By eliminating teams that have worked hard to achieve a top eight seed we are doing a disservice to the people involved with them by eliminating some of these teams at the first step of our championship simply by conference alignment while we allow far weaker teams to move on to the next level of play. Nowhere in this resolution asks for teams to be placed on their ranking (1 and 2 could be placed in the same conference) but it allows for seeding to be considered along with geography. There might be a need to move a team once the seeding forms are complete but it would be any one of the top seeded, non-hosting teams based on which one works best geographically.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of HORIZON CENTRAL**

**19/03/08** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA allow 50-50 fundraisers or other raffles at all athletics events.

**Rationale:** Provincial funding cuts have trickled down to athletics. Some programs are struggling to generate revenue to meet season expenses. Is it time to allow 50-50s?

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of HORIZON CENTRAL**

**19/03/09** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA strike a committee to review the policy of adding (and deleting) activities for the championship calendar.

**Rationale:** The forward planning session from June 2018 indicated that there are many possible activities that could be considered for inclusion in the SHSAA. At the same time there was much discussion about whether the current activities were still valid. The creation of a committee will focus study in this area and provide insight for the Association at the 2020 AGM.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

**19/03/10** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA strike a committee to develop protocol to address provincial schools and their associated school divisions who use team names, logos, and mascots which reference Indigenous cultures.

**Rationale:** Although some Saskatchewan schools have voluntarily made changes to their team name, logos, and mascots over the years there are still examples of team names, logos, and mascots which reference Indigenous cultures. The committee will bring together representatives from the SHSAA Executive Council, School Administration, School Division Personnel, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, and other critical partners of the SHSAA.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

### ***Track & Field***

**19/04/01** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA Provincial Track & Field schedule include a quadathlon event for Midget Boys and Midget Girls. Each District will be allowed to advance one athlete per category.

**Rationale:** The QUAD began only as the senior category, then expanded into one entry into junior and at last year's AGM it was passed to have two entries in both junior and senior. The next logical step is to include a midget category. The QUAD has grown and is becoming celebrated at the level that multi-sport athletes are recognized in track and field. By adding the midget category it allows multisport athletes to experience this at a younger level and includes another progression. The time that is saved on the track with removing semi-finals for the 100m and hurdles means there should be more than enough time on the track. The midgets could be grouped with either Senior or Junior for their field events.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of QU' APPELLE VALLEY**

19/04/02

**BE IT RESOLVED** Midget Boys 30" hurdles be run as an 80m race using hurdle placements the same as for Junior and Senior Girls 80m Hurdles.

**Rationale:** The 80 m race is a better distance for Midget Boys to build confidence at and lead into the 100 m race for Junior and Senior Boys.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON**

19/04/03

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following changes be made to the Activity Policy for Track & Field.

**6. OFFICIALS:**

Each district must supply ~~two~~ officials ~~per session~~ for the meet. These officials will be assigned ~~one event for the duration of the meet~~ **event(s) by the SHSAA Office**, with the head officials for each event being appointed by and from the host district. Please include the names of your ~~two~~ officials ~~per session~~ on the team entry forms for your district. The event(s) will be assigned at least three weeks prior to the provincial meet. In addition, the District must supply a lap counter for the 1500m and 3000m events. A fine of \$100.00 will be assessed to any district that does not comply with this criterion. Athletes must not be assigned as officials.

**7. COACHES MEETING:**

- a) ~~A coaches meeting will be held one half hour prior to the start of the meet to finalize any last minute details regarding the championships.~~
- b) A coaches meeting will be held during the ~~noon~~ break ~~at the conclusion of events~~ on Saturday ~~morning (about 1:15 p.m.) at a designated site.~~ Lunch will be provided for two coaches from each district.

**8. PROVINCIAL MEET REGULATIONS:**

- b) As the tracks and all jumps areas are all-weather artificial surfaces, ~~Chevron surface~~ spikes longer than 7 mm in length will not be allowed (**9mm heel spikes for High Jump and Javelin are accepted**). **Pyramid (cone) and Tartan (pin) spikes are acceptable.** Athletes will be checked prior to each event and will not be allowed to compete with illegal footwear. The meet will not be delayed to allow athletes to change spikes. Appropriate footwear is mandatory.
- f) All 800 metre events will be run as two timed section finals (slowest section first followed by the faster section). The heat selection for the 800 metre shall be determined according to times achieved at their district track & field meet ~~and recorded on their district's track entry disk.~~ The 1500 metre and 3000 metre events will be run as a final in all divisions. Lanes in the above events will be pre-drawn by the meet director, or designate, once the necessary seeding has been done. ~~The 800-metre event will be started with a one-bend stagger with two four-lane boxes. The competitors must maintain their positions within the box for the first curve of the race.~~

**Rationale:** The changes bring the outdated Track & Field Policy in line with current practice that is required for conducting the provincial championship.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

## **Badminton**

**19/05/01** **BE IT RESOLVED** that badminton championships be offered in three age classes effective the 2019-2020 badminton season.

### **Age Classes**

Midget – under 16 as of August 31 of that school year

Junior – under 17 as of August 31 of that school year

Senior – 17 and over as of August 31 of that school year

Students may play in only one age class and only one category (boys singles, girls singles, etc.)

Students from different age classes may combine to form a doubles team but must compete in the age class of the oldest student.

**Rationale:** By shifting to three categories, this will allow more students the opportunity to play badminton and represent their schools/districts/regions. Younger athletes could vie for a provincial title against opponents of a similar age/experience level. The chance to compete for a provincial title amongst similar age groups would strengthen badminton programs at some schools as more students would continue with the sport beyond junior high.

Some rural programs might struggle with this philosophy change as badminton numbers might be falling. I.e. A school currently has to match a grade 10 student with a grade 12 student in order to field a competitive boys' doubles team.

On the other hand, this may be a resolution that actually bolsters some sliding numbers in the sport. Perhaps more interest will be shown at the high school level if the chance to advance into playoffs triples.

(See circulated documents for further explanation and filter down impact on District and Regional competition including proposed schedules for host sites.)

### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf NORTH WEST**

## **Basketball**

**19/06/01** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the maximum number of non-player personnel allowed on the bench is four (e.g. head coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer).

### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

**19/06/02** **BE IT RESOLVED** that beginning in the 2019-2020 basketball season that leg compression sleeves may be of any length.

**Rationale:** Puts officials in a difficult position to police when they ask athletes to lift their shorts to determine length and leg length has no discernible effect on the game. The criteria of black, white or dominant uniform color being consistent throughout the whole team will remain.

### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of BASKETBALL SPORT ADVISORY GROUP**

**19/06/03** **BE IT RESOLVED** that Saturday regional basketball games for the 1A-4A classifications be scheduled for 11:00AM and 1:00PM.

**Rationale:** Teams must prepare for regional games several hours before game time and this makes for an early morning for teams, especially at those competitions where hotels are not available in the host community.

### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of BASKETBALL SPORT ADVISORY GROUP**

**19/06/04** **BE IT RESOLVED** that any conference or regional final must be scheduled at least four hours after any scheduled conference or regional semi-final game held that same day.

**Rationale:** At the 5A girls regional tournament, one semi-final was scheduled for 11:45 and the final was scheduled for 3:15. By the time that the semi-final game is over, the athletes from the semi-final winning team had a little over an hour to rehydrate, eat and recover before being back on the court for warm-ups.

### **SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of BASKETBALL SPORT ADVISORY GROUP**

## Wrestling

19/07/01 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following changes be made in reference to the start time of wrestling at the SHSAA provincial championships.

### 14. PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT:

#### TOURNAMENT:

The provincial wrestling tournament is a two-day tournament. WRESTLING WILL BEGIN **on day one 45 minutes after the conclusion of the opening ceremonies (opening ceremonies will be scheduled to start at 3:15pm at the earliest);** AT 4:00 p.m. on day one and at 9:00 a.m. on day two. (See weigh-in procedures).

#### SHSAA EXECUTIVE

19/07/02 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be added to the Notes referring to the DRAW for the PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT.

**All district rosters (top 6), including in-district substitutions, must be submitted to the SHSAA by Wednesday at 9:00AM. Upon receiving district rosters, the SHSAA will fill weight classes one spot at a time on a rotational basis as outlined by the 'Provincial Rotation' (see 'Note' below). Before a spot is officially filled, the athlete's coach will have final discretion. The Provincial Draw will go live on TrackWrestling by Thursday at 10:00AM. Any issues with the draw MUST be brought to the attention of the SHSAA and drawmaster by Thursday at 7:00PM.**

**Rotation order for filling spots shall be:**

<b>POOL 1</b>	<b>POOL 2</b>	<b>POOL 3</b>
<b>Saskatoon</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Regina</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Regina</b>	<b>Saskatoon</b>
<b>Regina</b>	<b>Saskatoon</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>

**Note: The SHSAA will only fill weight classes with wrestlers from other districts in the event a district CANNOT fill all four allotted spots. Regular substitutions (injury, availability, etc.) to a district's roster will be filled internally when possible (ie. Regina 3 cannot attend; Regina 4 will bump up a spot and Regina 5 will be placed in the 4th spot).**

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of WRESTLING SPORT ADVISORY GROUP**

## Curling

19/08/01 **BE IT RESOLVED** that In MIXED competition, the rinks may be made up of a maximum of three girls and three boys, **but they may not play during any game with fewer than two boys and two girls.** (get rid of bolded part so mixed teams can play with 3 players)

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON**

19/08/02 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA Executive strike a committee to examine the possibility of introducing an open mixed curling category to replace the mixed category for the 2020-21 school year.

**Background:** Many districts have introduced an Open Curling category for their grade 7-9 district curling competitions. These teams that do not meet the criteria for mixed curling competitions are now moving into SHSAA curling competitions and therefore need to apply for special exception to participate in either the boys or girls competition.

In the South East District if there is an open mixed team consisting of 3 of one gender and one of the opposite gender, then the male and female must be skip and third or vice versa.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SOUTH EAST**

19/08/03

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following amendment be made to determining LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE:

- m) LAST ROCK ADVANTAGE: In regional play and provincial pool play will be awarded to the ~~winner of the coin toss~~ **team drawing closer to the button at the end of their 8-minute warm-up period prior to the game**; in the provincial semi-final curling games will be awarded to the teams finishing first in their pools; in the provincial final games will be awarded to the team finishing first in their pool. In tie-breaker games and medal games, when both first-place finishers are in the final, then the SBTRS will determine the last rock advantage. Last rock advantage is defined as having the choice of 'hammer'; or the choice of ~~both rock color and practice time~~. The team not having last rock advantage will have the remaining option. **Practice time will be determined by a coin toss prior to the scheduled warm-up time.**

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON**

**Volleyball**

19/09/01

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the maximum number of non-player personnel allowed on the bench is four (e.g. head coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer).

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/09/02

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in volleyball, coaches can declare 0, 1 or 2 liberos at the start of each set of a match.

**Rationale:** Under our current rules, the libero is the only player not eligible to be substituted during a set. Allowing coaches the option to declare up to 2 liberos in any set provides the opportunity to increase the number of players eligible to participate in a set.

Guidelines for a 2-libero system:

- a) Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two specialist defensive players: Liberos
- b) The number of Libero(s) is to be recorded on the line-up card for all sets
- c) The Libero on court is the Acting Libero, the other Libero is the Second Libero
- d) Only one Libero may be on the court at any time
- e) The Liberos cannot serve
- f) Liberos may replace a position player or the current Acting Libero in a back row position
- g) The Liberos cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing as a Libero
- h) The team captain cannot be one of the Liberos for the first set of the match
  - i. If one of the Liberos is re-designated after set 1 or subsequent sets, the re-designated Libero may be the player who is listed on the score sheet as the team captain
  - ii. If the above re-designation occurs, the coach must appoint a new team captain. This is to be recorded in the remarks section of the score sheet
  - iii. At the conclusion of the match, the original team captain is to sign the score sheet

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SOUTH CENTRAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following amendments be made to the 5A Provincial playoff structure:

4. PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS:

**B. Regional Tournaments:**

- f) In the 5A category there will be four regional tournaments: Saskatoon, Regina, North and South. ~~The Saskatoon and Regina regional representatives (2 each) will be determined through their respective leagues.~~
- g) The North and South 5A Regional Tournaments will consist of two pools, round-robin play with the top three teams **based upon the total representatives needed for the provincial tournament** of each pool meeting in single-elimination contests to determine the ~~top three~~ **places provincial representatives for the provincial tournament. The make-up and location of the preceding tournaments will be the responsibility of the Provincial office.**

**C. Provincial Tournaments:**

- a) Provincial tournaments will consist of ten teams in all categories. The ten finalists in each division will be decided in the following manner:
- 4) In the 5A classification, the provincial championship will consist of ten teams. ~~The top two teams from Regina and Saskatoon along with the top three teams from each North and South Regional will constitute the ten teams. The regional (North or South) that includes the provincial host will only qualify the top two teams to the provincial tournament. When Regina or Saskatoon hosts the provincial tournament, they will receive a maximum of two entries. Districts will be assigned to the North or the South only for purposes of determining the number of provincial championship berths. (North: CV, NC, ST, WC, BW, NW, NE; South: QV, SC, RG, EC, HC, SW, SE). The 5A representatives will be selected from North Rural, South Rural, Saskatoon, and Regina. When the 5A championship is in the South, then South Rural has 3 representatives, Regina has 3 representatives, North Rural has 2 representatives, and Saskatoon has 2 representatives. When the 5A championship is in the North, then South Rural has 2 representatives, Regina has 2 representatives, North Rural has 3 representatives, and Saskatoon has 3 representatives.~~
- b) Tournaments will consist of two pools, round-robin play with the top four teams in each pool advancing to the quarter-final matches in a bracket draw single-elimination contests to determine the top four places.

**Rationale:**

- 1) To invite equity into the volleyball provincial just like that of the Basketball Provincials in 5A
- 2) To produce parity into the 5A category for all of the province
- 3) Consistent placement of teams each year so that teams know where they will be placed into the regional tournament
- 4) Keeping of the ten teams in the provincial tournament play
- 5) The cost effectiveness for all team involved based upon geographical location

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of REGINA**

## Football

**19/10/01** **WHERE AS** it is illegal for any player outside the 'close line play area' to block below the waist. The CLPA is defined as two yards on either side of the line of scrimmage and tackle to tackle (9-man: five offensive linemen provided these 5 are in formation taking their normal splits of 1-2 yards from their nearest inside man; 6-man: three offensive linemen with the above provision accounted for; ends in the 6-man and 9-man games are not allowed to block below the waist if they are split further than 2 yards from their nearest inside lineman)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we get rid of the above rule and follow the new Football Canada Rule.

Rule 4 section 5 article 2d page 24 Football Canada Rule Book

d) On any play, it shall be illegal for a player of either team to block an opponent below the waist except when the block occurs in an area between the tight ends or tight end position, within 2 yards of the defensive side of the line of scrimmage extending back to the initial position of the quarterback or kicker. A player initiating a block below the waist in this area must be positioned in this zone at the snap of the ball for the block to be legal

**Rationale:** Football Canada has changed their rule to "below the waist", so it aligns with our SHSAA rule anyway. Our coaches agree with the expansion of the CLPA. They believe that it is necessary to allow cut blocking in this area so a smaller player can block a bigger player with a big run at them, without having to risk head to head contact that might lead to a concussion.

### SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON

**19/10/02** **BE IT RESOLVED** that If a targeting penalty happens in the first half, then the player is out for the rest of the game and allowed to play in the entire next game. If a targeting penalty happens in the second half, the player is suspended for the remainder of the game and the first half of the next game. If a targeting penalty happens in the last 3 minutes of a game, the player is suspended for the remainder of the game and the entire next game.

**Rationale:** Football seasons have significantly fewer games in them than other sports. Most teams will play between 6-10 games. Missing an entire game is a large portion of the season compared to other sports. This bylaw would still enforce that the player misses a significant period of game time due to the targeting penalty. Suspensions for ejections due to other Rough Play penalties such as punching and kicking should still be a full game suspension, as they are not at all part of the game. Targeting can quite often involve a last second bad decision by a tackler that did not have the intent of injuring another player.

### SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON

**19/10/03** **BE IT RESOLVED** that under 8. RULES; point 7) (The game will follow stop time guidelines regardless of the score) be struck from the SHSAA Handbook in order to align with the new Safety Section of the Football Canada Amateur Rule Book with the following amendment:

Football Canada has created a Safety Rules Section that includes Article 5 – Mercy Rule which states that at any point after the first half the difference in score between the two teams becomes 35 points or more, the clock will be running time for the remainder of the game, except for injuries, scores, timeouts or any reason the Referee deems necessary to stop the clock. ***In SHSAA sanctioned games the coach with the losing score will decide whether to follow the Football Canada straight time rule. The official will ask permission from the losing coach to run the clock.***

**Rationale:** High school teams play a limited number of games and running the clock reduces the amount of playing time available for our athletes. In 6 man games a point differential of 35 points can be overcome and running the clock would unfairly influence the outcome of the game. The losing coach will still have the option to choose to run the clock once the score reaches a 35 point differential.

### SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of FOOTBALL SPORT ADVISORY GROUP

**19/10/04** **WHERE AS** the game will follow stop time guidelines regardless of the score.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we get rid of this rule and follow the Football Canada Mercy Rule.

### SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON

19/10/05

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA divide all 6-man football teams into either 7 or 8 conferences based on proximity and travel time regardless of their classification starting the 2020-2021 school year. For the provincial playoff bracket each conference will send the top 1A team and the top 2A team to compete for the provincial title. The provincial title will be an 8 team single elimination draw with representation from all areas of the province.

*NOTE: If all conferences have a minimum of 2 teams from both 1A and 2A teams in them then the SHSAA should divide the teams into 8 conferences. If some conferences still consist of all 1A or all 2A teams then 7 or less conferences would be used with some conferences that only have one classification being allowed to enter 2 teams. The playoff structure will remain an 8 team bracket as it is now.*

Example: If Conference A has 6 teams which is made up of 3 1A teams and 3 2A teams then that conference would send one representative from both 1A and 2A. If Conference B has 6 teams but they are all 1A teams then they should be allowed to send the extra team.

**Rationale:**

- reduce travel time and expenses for teams during the regular season
- to protect the educational time during the season. If a team has to travel 3 hours to play a 4:00 game the players will miss the majority of the day as well as return late.
- remove the need for teams to reclassify unless they wanted to compete at a higher level such as playing 9 man instead of 6 man football.
- 1A and 2A designation does not necessarily dictate the caliber of football being played so they can still compete
- to allow teams to compete at the provincial level based on their school size no matter where they live in the province
- this model is presently being used in SHSAA with the 9 man football programs

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of NORTH CENTRAL**

**Soccer**

19/11/01

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS for SHSAA soccer be changed to the following effective the 2020-2021 school year:

6. PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS:

***A four-team provincial championship will be conducted in all classifications. The field of four teams will consist of the host team and regional tournament representatives. The tournament will be seeded based on submitted seeding forms.***

***Pre-regional qualifying games and the regional tournaments will be scheduled such that no team will play multiple games in one day.***

***In Class 3A (7v7) and Class 4A all teams entered in provincial playoffs will compete toward one of the regional championships to qualify for the provincial tournament. In Class 5A, the Regina and Saskatoon district leagues will declare a champion that will advance to the provincial championship. All other schools will compete toward a regional tournament for Class 5A to qualify for the provincial championship.***

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE**

19/11/02

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the 8 team provincial tournaments be run over 3 days with all the games being 45-minute halves.

**Rationale:** Currently the provincial soccer games are too close together for athletes to recover from the previous games.

**SHSAA EXECUTIVE on behalf of SASKATOON**

**Cross Country** *No resolutions*

**Golf** *No resolutions*

**Acknowledgements**

**19/14/01** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA express its sincere thanks to the North West District for its work in preparing for, and hosting, the 2019 Annual General Meeting at North Battleford.

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

**19/14/02** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA go on record and express it's thanks to the following for their assistance and support in the past year:

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