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**ASAA Notices of Motion
Annual General Meeting
June 13-14, 2024**

HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES OF MOTION 2024 -

Housekeeping Notice #1: Policies - Section IV (Student Eligibility) - 2. Specific Reasons for ineligibility, page 25

Current:

- A. The student will be ineligible to participate in inter-member school competition if:
 - II. The student is over the age of 18 years on or before September 01 of the school year at the time of registration

Proposed:

- A. The student will be ineligible to participate in inter-member school competition if:
 - II. The student turns 19 years old before September 1 of the current school year.

Rationale:

The current policy is confusing; the change makes policy intent clear.

Housekeeping Notice #2: Policies - Section IV (Student Eligibility) - 4. Joint School Team, page 25

Current:

- A. A joint school team is a team composed of students from more than one high school.
- B. A joint school team will be allowed to compete in inter-member school competition only if prior to forming the joint team, the Principals of the member schools have obtained approval from the executive of the zone or zones of the member schools and the Compliance Officer.
- C. A decision of the zone executive to approve or not approve a joint school team is not subject to appeal to the ASAA Appeal Committee.
- D. A decision of the Compliance Officer to approve or not approve a joint school team is subject to appeal to the ASAA Appeal Committee.

Proposed:

Schools may create joint teams in the following activities: Basketball, Cheerleading, Curling, Football, Rugby Sevens, Rugby XV, Team Handball, Volleyball. Joint school teams are not permitted in the sports of Golf, Cross Country Running, Wrestling, Badminton and Track & Field. Joint team classifications are determined by combining the populations of all schools contributing to the joint team.

- Schools creating a joint school team with a Distributed Learning or Home Education (DL/HE) school can only use students from the DL/HE school that reside in the attendance area of the primary school. The primary school must include in their school count for that sport, all DL/HE students residing in the primary school's catchment area for classification purposes.
- A. A joint school team is a team composed of students from more than one high school.
- B. A joint school team will be allowed to compete in inter-member school competition only if prior to forming the joint team, the Principals of the member schools have obtained approval from the executive of the zone or zones of the member schools and the Compliance Officer.
- C. A decision of the zone executive to approve or not approve a joint school team is not subject to appeal to the ASAA Appeal Committee.
- D. A decision of the Compliance Officer to approve or not approve a joint school team is subject to appeal to the ASAA Appeal Committee.

Rationale:

Clarifies HE/DL students in a joint school team

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

ASAA joint team policies should apply to all team activities in the same way. Individual activities are not eligible.

Housekeeping Notice #3: Policies - Section VI (Appeal Procedure), page 33

Proposed: addition to policy

2. Definition of Clear Days

- A. For the purposes of this policy, wherever there is a reference to clear days:
 - I. The number of days shall be reckoned exclusively of the first day and exclusively of the last day, and exclusively of Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays; and
 - II. Any action taken on a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday shall be deemed to have taken place on the next working day.

For example, where a document is required to be served with three clear days notice, if service is effected on a Monday, then Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday comprise three clear days. The next step after service can be taken on Friday. If service is affected on Saturday or Sunday, then service shall be deemed to have been affected on Monday, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will comprise three clear days. The next step after service can be taken on Friday.

Rationale:

The Appeal Procedure policy rewrite was approved at the June 2021 AGM. At that time, this definition was omitted from the new policy.

Current policy has several references to a Clear Day policy but it is not in the Handbook. As a result, it needs to be reinstated; the wording may be revisited before the December APM 2024.

Housekeeping Notice #4: Policies - Section IX (Badminton), page 50

Current:

4. Events

B. Singles, Doubles and Mixed

VII. Equipment

a. Dress Code

Athletes must compete in a uniform that distinguishes their school or zone. Uniforms contrary to this rule will be considered illegal. When playing doubles, the uniforms shall match. It is highly encouraged that teams have matching shorts, but not mandatory. Clothing with offensive language or symbols will not be allowed. Shorts should be worn during play. Long sleeve shirts are allowed to be worn underneath the team uniform - however it should match the color of the school uniform or be white or black. Athletic pants are also allowed if necessary, however the color of the "undergarments" should match.

For example - if you have a black long sleeve shirt under your team uniform top, then you are allowed to wear black athletic pants. No hats or dew rags shall be worn during competition or warm-up. The venue coordinator will instruct player(s) to change if not in compliance with the dress code.

b. Official Shuttle

The brand of badminton shuttle to be used at the ASAA provincial competition shall be the Yonex Mavis 300.

Proposed:

5. Equipment

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Athletes must compete in a uniform that distinguishes their school or zone. Uniforms contrary to this rule will be considered illegal. When playing doubles, the uniforms shall match. It is highly encouraged that teams have matching shorts, but not mandatory. Clothing with offensive language or symbols will not be allowed. Shorts should be worn during play. Long sleeve shirts are allowed to be worn underneath the team uniform - however it should match the color of the school uniform or be white or black. Athletic pants are also allowed if necessary, however the color of the "undergarments" should match.

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B. Official Shuttle

The brand of badminton shuttle to be used at the ASAA provincial championship shall be the Yonex Mavis 300 - Green Cap (slow).

Rationale:

- A. Equipment should be a separate heading within policy (There is no wording change to 5.A)
- B. There are multiple Mavis 300 options and stakeholders often aren't sure which one to order. The ASAA has always used the green.

Housekeeping Notice #5: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 8. Awarding Vacant Berths, page 53

Current:

- A. A berth will be considered vacant when:
 - a. A zone vacates their berth for any reason.
 - b. A zone does not have enough teams in the final ranking period to fill the wildcard berth (for example, a zone has 1 team ranked 2nd in the final rankings and qualifies for a berth with 10 zone points but no other team ranked).
 - c. The host zone does not have enough teams in the final ranking period to fill the zone champion, host bid and wildcard berth (for example, a zone has the 3rd and 6th ranked team, is hosting provincials and qualified for a wildcard berth based on zone points; they would receive the zone champion and host berth but not an additional wildcard berth due to insufficient teams).
- B. Who receives the vacant berth
 - a. In the event of a vacant berth, the zone with the highest point total and sufficient number of teams in the final rankings will receive the berth.

(Note: maximum berths noted in following pages cannot be exceeded)

Proposed:

- A. A berth will be considered vacant when:
 - a. A zone vacates their berth for any reason.
 - b. A zone does not have enough teams in the final ranking period to fill the wildcard berth (for example, a zone has 1 team ranked 2nd in the final rankings and qualifies for a berth with 10 zone points but no other team ranked).
 - c. The host zone does not have enough teams in the final ranking period to fill the zone champion, host bid and wildcard berth (for example, a zone has the 3rd and 6th ranked team, is hosting provincials and qualified for a wildcard berth based on zone points; they would receive the zone champion and host berth but not an additional wildcard berth due to insufficient teams).
- B. Who receives the vacant berth(s)
 - a. In the event of one vacant berth, the zone with the highest point total and sufficient number of teams in the final rankings will receive the berth.
 - b. In the event of multiple vacant berths, or if there is still a vacant berth after allocating all zone, host and wildcard berths, any subsequent vacancies will be filled at the discretion of the respective commissioner in consultation with the Executive Director, factoring in the number of berths a zone already has, and teams each zone has in the top 10, then top 15.

(Note: maximum berths noted in following pages cannot be exceeded)

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

Currently, it is not clear which zone would get any subsequent vacant berths, but this is the process that was followed when this came up for the first time in 2024. As there are so many variables to weigh, it is best for the commissioners and the Executive Director to be able to make a choice based on multiple factors, not just one.

Housekeeping Notice #6: Policies - Section XIII (Curling) - 4. Events - B. Format, page 64

Current:

- I. Each provincial competition shall be a 10 team spiel with each zone having one entry in each of the three categories.

Proposed:

- I. Each provincial competition shall be a 10 team spiel with each zone having one entry in each of the three categories. The Curling Commissioner will build competitively-balanced pools based on previous years' results while ensuring that teams from the same zone are placed in separate pools.

Rationale:

There is currently nothing in policy that stipulates who makes the draw. This updates policy to reflect our practice

Housekeeping Notice #7: Policies - Section XIII (Curling) - 4. Events - C. Hammer - IV., page 64

Current:

- e. For the medal games, the team with the lower combined total from the draws to the button from the round robin games will be awarded hammer and first practice. The other team will select rock colour and have second practice.

Proposed:

- e. For the tie-breakers and medal games, the team with the lower combined total from the draws to the button from the round robin games will be awarded hammer and first practice. The other team will select rock colour and have second practice.

Rationale:

This policy should include details on how hammer is decided in the four-end tiebreakers. Including the tie-breakers here will provide clarity and speed up the tie-breaking scenarios.

REGULAR NOTICES OF MOTION 2024 -

Notice #1: Policies - Section III (Membership) - 1. High School Membership, page 23

Current:

Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education and has paid its annual membership fees. Principals will submit their projected enrollment for the upcoming school year by April 30 in the Sport Registration System (SRS). Fees will be based on the April 30 projection numbers and must be paid by October 31 each year in accordance with the following scale:

Classification Student Population	1A 1-99	2A 100-299	3A 300-799	4A 800-1199	4A 1200+
ASAA Fee	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340
+1/Student Cap	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$675	\$750
Total Maximum	\$415	\$565	\$715	\$1015	\$1090
CIAAA Fee	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
School Coach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60
Legal Expense Fee*	\$15	\$25	\$35	\$50	\$65
Legal Contingency Fee (see item D)	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$300

*A capped annual fee will be applied

A single fee per school shall be paid to the zone and shall cover the zone membership fee and the provincial

school membership fee and other fees as noted above. Zones shall remit all but zone fees to the ASAA.

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Classification Student Population	1A 1-99	2A 100-299	3A 300-799	4A 800-1199	4A 1200+
ASAA Fee	\$400	\$450	\$530	\$610	\$650
+1/Student Cap	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$675	\$750
Total Maximum	\$580	\$800	\$1,050	\$1,455	\$1,585
CIAAA Fee	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
School Coach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60
Legal Expense Fee*	\$15	\$25	\$35	\$50	\$65
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Rationale:

1. ASAA Funding from the Alberta Government has decreased as follows:
 - a. 2007/09 ASAA received \$299,460 in Annual Operational Funding Support
 - b. 2010/11 to 2019/20: ASAA cut to \$245,210 in Annual Operational Funding Support
 - c. 2020/21 to present: ASAA cut to \$208,429 in Annual Operational Funding Support

ASAA has held the line on funding increases to schools, but it cannot absorb those cuts any more. The Annual Operational funding cuts from the Alberta Government since 2010/11 have totalled \$91,031, or almost 10% of the ASAA's annual budget.
2. As Covid was ending, ASAA rebated about \$30,000 in membership fees as it indicated it would, this negatively impacted the finances of the Association, but was a commitment we had made to member schools during Covid.
3. Since Covid, the ASAA has been running a deficit budget. Last year, our deficit was \$48,218, and this year we are in a similar ballpark. Such deficits are not sustainable. In order to balance our books, we need to bring in at least an additional \$50,000 of revenue per year, just to break even. This membership fee increase will bring in just over \$50,000.
4. Without a membership fee increase, other ASAA cannot balance its budget without reducing services to member schools. The cost of everything the ASAA does, like everything else in the economy has gone up significantly (hotel costs for AGM/APM, provincial championship supplies, staff costs and much more)
5. Further, the demands on the ASAA office have increased: Increased expectations on communications, transparency, safe sport..... which has made the role of the office more central to member schools.
6. The ASAA has been very conservative in relation to membership fee increases over the past 8 years. Outside of a one time fee for legal contingency in 2021/22 (which won't be charged unless we have a significant legal issue), the annual fees have only gone up by an average \$37.50 per school
7. Several Canadian school sport counterpart associations of the ASAA bring in significantly more than the ASAA does in membership fees.

Notice #2: Policies - Section III (Membership) - 1. High School Membership, page 23

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School Coach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60
Legal Expense Fee*	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$100	\$130
Legal Contingency Fee (see item D)	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$300

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A single fee per school shall be paid to the zone and shall cover the zone membership fee and the provincial school membership fee and other fees as noted above. Zones shall remit all but zone fees to the ASAA.

Rationale:

1. The need for the ASAA office to consult with legal counsel has increased significantly since 2020. Our budgeting needs to reflect our unfortunate new reality. The increase will still leave us below our budgeted expense, but helps us close the gap.
2. The Legal Expense Fee was implemented in June 2019 and has not increased since.

Notice #3: Policies - Section III (Membership) - 1. High School Membership, page 23

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Any school that is found to have put incorrect numbers into the SRS is subject to a fine and/or sanctioning. The fine for a school reporting an incorrect student enrollment which impacts classification is \$1000. In addition to the fine, that school will vacate any awards won in the incorrect classification at the provincial level, and will be ineligible for ASAA Provincial Championships for one full year effective the date that the discretion was confirmed.

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

- The ASAA office has received numerous concerns over the past 24 months about schools not reporting accurate numbers and having their teams play in the wrong classification. At this time, there are no

consequences to this if the allegations prove to be true. The association needs something in place to make schools give pause before reporting their enrollment numbers, and to be able to hold schools accountable for falsely reporting and therefore compromising the integrity of our classification structures.

- There needs to be a consequence for schools that report inaccurate numbers in order to be classified lower than they should be. This practice goes against the integrity of our system and is unfair to all teams reporting correct numbers.

Notice #4: Policies - Section IV (Student Eligibility) - 5. Participation on a non-school team, pages 25-26

Current:

In the team sports of basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, team handball and rugby, an ASAA eligible student is not permitted to play on a non school team in the same sport during the same season of play except as noted below:

- A. A school principal may apply in writing to the Compliance Officer, for approval to participate on or with (includes a try-out) a Provincial, National or International team or cultural (e.g. Treaty 7 Games). The Compliance Officer shall approve or deny the request.
- B. Basketball: students are permitted to play for a non-school team while trying out for their member school team. Students must cease their participation on or with a non-school team prior to the member school team's first basketball game, or midnight of the Saturday of volleyball provincials, whichever comes first.
- C. Rugby:
 - I. Non-school rugby touring team: students are permitted to play on a non-school rugby touring team up until the conclusion of the Canada Sevens Rugby Tournament while still trying out for an ASAA member school team. After March 15, no student can participate on any non school rugby touring team.
 - II. School tours: After the conclusion of the Canada Sevens Rugby Tournament students are only permitted to play for their member school team or an interschool touring team that will travel during designated spring breaks of the schools participating on the tour.
Note: Participation is defined as taking part in any rugby try-out, game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship.
- D. Football: high school students may participate on or with a non-school football team during the ASAA season of play if less than sixty percent (60%) of that non-school team's players are participating on or with a single non-member school football team as confirmed by the coach of the member school team for each student participating on or with a member school team.

Proposed:

In the team sports of basketball, cheerleading, football, rugby sevens, rugby xv, team handball and volleyball, ASAA eligible students are permitted to play on a non school team until their school's team tryouts have been completed and the roster named. To maintain ASAA eligibility, a student must cease any participation with a non school team once their school team practices* begin.

* for a definition of practice, refer to Section VIII.3

Exception: A school principal may apply in writing to the Compliance Officer, for approval to participate on or with (includes a try-out or Identification Camp) a Regional, Provincial, National or International team, pathways to those teams, or cultural (e.g. Treaty 7 Games). The Compliance Officer shall approve or deny the request.

Remove from Section XIV - Football:

2.B.

~~In the sport of football, high school students will not be eligible for high school football if they participate on a community (i.e. spring/club) football team that overlaps ASAA season of play and which does not follow the policies outlined below:~~

- ~~I. Only sixty percent (60%) of a midget team's players can be enrolled in one particular high school team. For clarity, sixty percent (60%) quota applies to Grade 10 and 11 players from any particular high school football team. This applies to spring/club teams that ASAA eligible student athletes participate on immediately prior to the ASAA football season of play in the spring.~~
- ~~II. Reporting—Zone manager will be responsible for getting the rosters of the midget teams in their area, that will list the names of the athletes and what high school football team they play for. Zone managers will then report to the ASAA if there are any teams/players not adhering to the above rules.~~
- ~~III. Penalty—Any school team that is in violation of these rules will be deemed ineligible to play in any ASAA sanctioned high school football match.~~

~~Note: The above policy does not apply to Girls Only Spring Tackle Leagues~~

Remove from Section XVII - Rugby XV

3.H.

~~High school students are not permitted to play on a non-school rugby team during the ASAA rugby season.~~

Remove from Section XVII - Team Handball

3.E.

~~High school students are not permitted to play or practice on a non-school team handball team during the ASAA team handball season.~~

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

Clarifies the intent of current policy.

There are currently too many different rules for our different sports; consistency is needed.

It is not tenable for our zone managers to ensure that the 60% quota rule in football is being followed.

Executive
Committee

Notice #5: Policies - Section IV (Student Eligibility) - 6. Grade 9 Students, page 26

Current:

Students attending grade 9 at a member high school are eligible to compete in inter-member school competition unless:

- A. the sport is cross-country running, wrestling, badminton, track & field or individual golf;
- B. the sport is Tier I, II or III in football;
- C. the sport is 3A or 4A rugby; or
- D. the sport is 2A, 3A or 4A volleyball, basketball, team handball or a golf team.

Proposed:

Students attending grade 9 at a member high school are eligible to compete in inter-member school competition unless:

- A. the sport is cross-country running, wrestling, badminton, track & field or individual golf;
- B. the sport is 3A, 4A or 5A football;
- C. the sport is rugby and the school is classified as 3A or 4A; or
- D. the sport is 2A, 3A or 4A volleyball, basketball, team handball or a golf team.

Rationale:

Update the policy to reflect changes to football approved at the Annual Planning Meeting in December 2023.

Clarify the rugby section.

Executive
Committee

Notice #6: Policies - Section VIII (Activities), pages 32-33

Proposed for implementation in 2025/26 at the earliest:

1. Classifications

Classifications are based on the percentage of schools.

1A - no more than 35% of schools

2A - between 25-35% of schools

3A - between 15-25% of schools

4A - less than 15% of schools

5A - less than 15% of schools

A classification must have a larger percentage of schools than the next higher classification.

All Championship activities will operate using the following classification structure:

- A. 1A: <75 students
- B. 2A: 75-249 students
- C. 3A: 250-699 students
- D. 4A: 700-1399 students
- E. 5A: 1400+ students

The ASAA Executive Committee will determine every five years (years ending in 0 and 5) whether this structure should be revisited. If the decision is made to revisit, an ad hoc Classifications Committee will be mandated with this task; this committee will comprise a mix of rural and urban schools, as well as representation from all classifications. If possible, previous committee members will be involved.

Festival activities will not be officially classified by the ASAA. Any classifying done at Festivals must be approved by the ASAA Executive Committee.

Note:

A Championships Committee will be formed with the mandate to mitigate the following concerns regarding adding a classification:

- Increased costs - officials, awards etc.
- Ensuring we have enough hosts for our championships
- The amount of teams qualifying for provincials

This committee must present a proposal (including any relevant Notices of Motion) to the December 2024 APM. If this proposal does not pass, the restructured classifications above will be postponed indefinitely until the above mandate has been fulfilled.

Rationale:

In 2022, the Executive Committee mandated a classifications committee to investigate our current model and to determine if there is a better model for contemporary Alberta. After multiple meetings, investigations into ASAA statistics, reviewing models from other provincial and state associations, and an ASAA membership survey, the committee worked with the Executive Committee to finalize this Notice of Motion.

Strategic Goal #4. Offer exceptional provincial championship experiences consistently across all sports and hosts.

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

For a list of pros and cons, [**consult this document**](#)

The ASAA should have an overarching policy that addresses how our activities are classified.

- a. The lack of policy has seen activities added in the past few decades that use a tiering model that is unique to that sport. This causes inconsistency in how activities are treated and confusion amongst stakeholders.
- b. Our policy should be revisited consistently over time as the demographics of Alberta change.
- c. Higher classifications should have smaller percentages of schools because they have exponentially higher student populations.

Notice #7: Policies - Section VIII (Activities) - 4. Athlete Registration - H. Opting Up:, page 38

Current:

Golf, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Rugby Sevens, Rugby XV and Team Handball only

- I. For provincial competition, a school may elect to opt up to a higher classification for a single team, while still retaining its right to enter teams in other activities in the proper classification of the school.
- II. Opt up deadlines are as follows:

Golf	September 12
Football	October 1
Volleyball	October 15
Basketball	January 15
Team Handball	March 22
Rugby Sevens	May 1
Rugby XV	May 1

Proposed:

For the provincial team competitions listed below, a school may elect to opt up to a higher classification for a single team, while still retaining its right to enter teams in other activities in the assigned classification of the school. The athletic director or principal must fill in the [opt up application form](#) seven days prior to the registration deadline (or opt-up deadline for football and basketball). The Executive Director will consult with the appropriate zone manager and sport commissioner before deciding to grant or deny the opt up application.

Opt up deadlines are as follows:

Golf	September 8
Football*	September 25
Volleyball	October 8
Basketball	January 8
Team Handball	April 8
Rugby Sevens	May 8
Rugby XV	May 8

*Note: application is not required for 5A football

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

Currently, there is potential for teams to opt up to avoid having zone competition. Teams can then gain automatic berths into provincials in classifications that are not appropriate competition. This goes against the spirit of competition and the integrity of our Championships. Teams should have to provide rationale for why they are opting up and be able to prove on an annual basis that they competitively belong in a higher classification.

Executive Committee

Notice #8: Policies - Section VIII (Activities) - 11. Provincial Competition - B. Provincial Competition Dates, page 43

Current:

- I. The dates and locations of the competitions shall be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. Any championship without a host one month prior to its scheduled start will be canceled. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, modify this timeline due to circumstances.

Proposed:

- I. The dates and locations of the competitions shall be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. Any championship without a host by the beginning of that activity's season of play will be canceled. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, modify this timeline due to circumstances.

Rationale:

The timeframe in the current policy is untenable. It's also unreasonable to all stakeholders, including but not limited to: facilities, officials associations, traveling teams, provincial hosts and the ASAA office. The caveat is in place so that "last minute" decisions can still be made, but one month should not be considered an adequate baseline policy.

Basketball Commissioners

Notice #9: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 9. Representation to Provincials - D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, page 55

Current:

There will be 16 teams at each 4A tournament. The representation to provincials for 4A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Area	Representatives
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Calgary Zone	3
Edmonton Zone	3
North East Zone	1
North West Zone	1
Central Zone	1
South Zone	2
South Central Zone	1
Host School or Zone	1
Wildcard Berths	3
Total	16 Teams

Note: There will be a maximum of five representatives per zone (includes host team)

Proposed:

There will be 16 teams at each 4A tournament. The representation to provincials for 4A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Zone	Representatives
Calgary Zone	1
Edmonton Zone	1
North East Zone	1
North West Zone	1
Central Zone	1
South Zone	1
South Central Zone	1
Host School or Zone	1
Wildcard Berths	8
Total	16 Teams

Note: There will be a maximum of five representatives per zone (includes host)

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

Although we are starting a two-year regional format trial, if we end up going back to this structure, we need the policy to be updated.

Awarding Calgary, Edmonton and South with more than one automatic berth creates inequity as these zones have as much access to a third or fourth berth as the others zone have to a second berth.

Notice #10: Policies - Section XI (Cheerleading), page 59

Proposed:

The following paragraph to be inserted as a header above 1. Rules:

The ASAA will continue to support Cheerleading as an ASAA activity in 2024/25. Please note the following:

1. The moratorium on classifications (i.e. cheerleading categories) has expired. The ASAA will support two categories of cheerleading for 2024/25:
Intermediate
Advanced - All Girl
2. The moratorium on championship status expires at the end of the 2024/25 school year. As per the Deleting Activities Policy (Section VIII.8), cheerleading has been put on one year probation. If, by February 8, 2025, cheerleading does not meet festival criteria, it will be canceled as an ASAA activity at the June 2025 AGM.

Rationale:

Point 1:

Advanced All Gender only had one team registered in both 2022/23 and 2023/24.
Game Day had five teams in 2022/23 and only one team in 2023/24.

The other two categories have multiple teams so a competition is feasible:

Intermediate: 5 teams (10 schools) from 1 zone
Advanced - All Girl: 5 teams (10 schools) from 2 zones

Point 2:

Strategic Goal #4 - Offer exceptional provincial championship experiences consistently across all sports and hosts.

Cheerleading does not come close to meeting Festival criteria for students, schools or zones
The association needs to prioritize its time and resources

Strategic Goal #9 - Collaborate and liaise with zones in delivering quality school sport and to understand and meet the needs of the school sport community

Cheerleading has struggled to achieve sufficient student, school and zone participation for decades. There is no indication of growth, nor does there appear to be a strong desire amongst the cheerleading community to be an ASAA activity as evidenced by:

- There has been no one stepping forward to be the commissioner
- Finding a host school for our championships has been a consistent struggle
- There are many cheerleading teams (or synonymous groups) at ASAA member schools that do not partake in inter-school cheerleading competitions

Strategic Goal #10 - Be a leader of school sport in Canada

We have opportunities to increase our rates of participation in newer, more popular activities. Continuing to support cheerleading inhibits our ability to be forward-thinking; there are other activities that students in Alberta participate in that are not ASAA sports which have substantially higher rates of participation than cheerleading.

ASAA Championships and Festival Criteria

	Requirements		
	Insufficient	Festival	Championship
Schools	<20	20	40
Students	<200	200	300
Zones	<4	4	6

Participation data

2022/23

Cheerleading	Game Day	Intermediate	All Girl	All Gender
Schools (teams)	8 (5)	10 (6)	7 (6)	1
Students	78	115	94	27
Zones	4	1	3	1

2023/24

Cheerleading	Game Day	Intermediate	All Girl	All Gender
Schools (teams)	1 (1)	10 (5)	10 (5)	1 (2)
Students	20	172	184	60
Zones	1	1	2	1

Note: there is one zone (Edmonton) that makes up the vast majority of cheerleading schools and students. Zones can continue to run cheerleading competitions if they choose under their own policies.

Notice #11: Policies - Section XIII (Curling) - 4. Events - B. Format - I., page 64

Current:

b. In each category, a wildcard berth will be awarded. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams that win the gold medal will receive 3 points. Teams that won the silver medal will receive 2 points. Teams that win the bronze medal will receive 1 point. The zone that has the highest total will receive the additional berth in that category.

Proposed:

b. In each category, a wildcard berth will be awarded. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams that win the gold medal will receive 3 points. Teams that won the silver medal will receive 2 points. Teams that win the bronze medal will receive 1 point. The zone that has the highest total will receive the additional berth in that category.

* note: if a zone has more than one berth in provincials, only the top finishing team from that zone at the end of provincials collects these points for the zone.

Rationale:

Zones should have an equal chance to be awarded wildcards in future years. Under the current policy, once a zone gets a wildcard it's quite difficult to lose it because they are collecting points from two teams while the other zones only collect points from one team.

Notice #12: Policies - Sections XVI (Rugby Sevens) & Section XVII (Rugby XV) - Replace both complete sections, pages 75-81 with:

Proposed Section XVI

1. Laws

The playing laws used by the ASAA for Rugby shall be those endorsed by World Rugby for Rugby U-19 play with the following clarification:

- A. Should any player be ejected from a game due to dangerous play, that player is ineligible to participate in the following game of the tournament. Appeals of any cards must follow the guidelines set out in the tournament package.

2. Season of Play

The season of play for rugby shall be February 15 to the Provincial Championships on the weekend prior to the start of provincial exams (the first or second weekend of June). See SECTION VIII – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

3. Eligibility

All levels of competition involving students from ASAA member schools must follow all Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Policies set forth in the ASAA handbook, including eligibility and supervision requirements.

- A. High school students are not permitted to play on a non-school rugby team during the ASAA rugby season of play.
- B. Eligibility for rugby will be limited to students enrolled in grades 10–12 except in 1A/2A/3A classified schools where onsite grade 9 students may be registered for team participation. Any liability or insurance issues with grade 9s playing must be addressed at the school jurisdiction level.
- C. Schools may register one rugby program per gender; the deadline is May 1. Students registered on the school's rugby program are permitted to play both 7s and 15s for their school. Students may not be registered on more than one rugby program (e.g. if school A has a 7s team but not a 15s team, any student registered in school A's rugby program may not compete on another school's 15s team and/or a joint team).
- D. 15s teams are eligible to compete in 7s tournaments.
- E. For 15s teams to be eligible for participation at the ASAA Provincial Rugby 15s Championships they must have played an equivalent of at least 180 minutes of game participation.
- F. Two or more schools may combine to form one rugby team if the zone approves of such an arrangement. Insurance and liability issues involving students from one school playing for another school are the responsibility of the member schools involved and their local school jurisdictions.

4. Events

- A. 7s
 - I. A Rugby 7s Festival will occur two weeks before the Rugby 15s Provincial Championships.
 - II. Policy VIII.6 outlines ASAA office support of Festivals. As an existing activity prior to the implementation of that policy, the ASAA will continue to support 7s as outlined in that section of policy, while also supporting 7s by providing the following:
Two classifications of 7s are maintained:
 - 3A: <800
 - 4A: 800+
 - a. Qualification and competition formats as outlined below.
 - b. A host bid process as outlined below.
 - c. Arrangement of officials.
 - III. Hosting of the 7s Festival is open to bids from a school or zone. If no bids are presented, the festival will be awarded based on a rotation as follows:
 - 2025 - Other*
 - 2026 - Edmonton
 - 2027 - Lethbridge
 - 2028 - Calgary

* If no host bids are received, Edmonton will assume the 2025 host responsibility and the rotation will start again with Lethbridge in 2026.

- IV. The Rugby Commissioners, will confirm the draw one week after the May 15 deadline, when the number of zones with teams intending to attend the Festival is confirmed. The following criteria will be used to determine the draw:
 - a. Zones will determine their representatives to the Festival
 - b. Each zone with at least one eligible team will be guaranteed a berth
 - c. If there are less than six teams in a gender and classification, classifications will be combined. If the total number after combining classifications is still less than six teams, that category will be canceled for that season.
 - d. The number of teams competing cannot exceed 10 in each classification per gender
 - e. Wildcard or Vacant Berth Allocation:
In the event that a draw needs to be filled with non-zone-winning teams, the Commissioners will award berths to zones at their discretion upon approval by the Executive Director. The commissioners will use a number of factors, including, but not limited to the following (not necessarily in order):
 - previous years results
 - current season perceived strength of zones
 - number of teams registered in each zone
 - f. Teams will be divided into pools by the commissioners

- i. Teams from the same zone will be placed in separate pools when possible
- V. Event rosters shall not exceed 19 players. The number of interchanges must not exceed 14.
- VI. Teams will play the other teams within their pool and be ranked at the conclusion of pool play. The following point system will be used:

Win	4 Points
Tie	2 Points
Bonus: 4 tries or more	1 Point
Bonus: Loss by 7 or less	1 Point
Loss by more than 7	0 Points

- a. Tie Break
 - i. Head to Head
 - ii. Win/Loss Ratio
 - iii. Number of Tries
 - iv. Coin Toss

B. 15s

- I. Hosting of the Provincial Rugby 15s Championships will be set on a rotating basis:

2025 – Lethbridge
 2026 – Edmonton
 2027 – Calgary
 2028 – Other*
 2029 – Lethbridge (repeat rotation)

* If no host bids are received, Lethbridge will assume the 2028 host responsibility and the rotation will continue with Edmonton in 2029.

The ASAA will declare provincial rugby 15s champions in two classifications for boys and girls:

3A: <800
 4A: 800+

- II. The Rugby Commissioners, in consultation with the Executive Director, will confirm the draw one week after the registration deadline of May 15, and the number of zones with teams intending to attend Provincials is determined. The following criteria will be used to determine the draw:

7 or 8 zones = 8-team draw (2 pools of 4 or an Oregon draw if required)
 6 zones or less = 6-team draw (2 pools of 3)

Every effort will be made to keep teams from the same zone from meeting in the first round or being placed in the same pool.

Notes

- a. Teams that withdraw their intent to compete at Provincials after the draw has been confirmed will be subject to a penalty equal to the tournament entry fee, which will be paid to the organizing committee directly. This fee will be in addition to the late withdrawal fee of \$250. The Executive will have the sole discretion to impose the penalty based on the rationale provided by the offending school.
- b. Wildcard or Vacant Berth Allocation:

In the event that a draw needs to be filled with non-zone-winning teams, the Commissioners will award berths to zones at their discretion upon approval by the Executive Director. The commissioners will use a number of factors, including, but not limited to the following (not necessarily in order):

- previous years results
- current season perceived strength of zones
- number of teams registered in each zone

Note: If there are less than six teams in a gender and classification, classifications will be combined. If the total number after combining classifications is still less than six teams, that category will be canceled for that season.

- III. There shall be a limit of 35 players registered on each team's Provincial Roster. Before each match a team must nominate 25 players on a game sheet that indicates name, unique jersey number or letter, captain(s) and designated forwards as per World Rugby law 3.5 (a) and U-19 Variation 3.5 (c). Only players on the game sheet may play, with a maximum of 10 substitutions.
- IV. Length of provincial tournament games will be reduced as necessary to keep within the World Rugby maximum number of minutes allowed.
- V. Decisions relating to the postponement or cancellation of any provincial playoff game will be made by the ASAA Executive Director in consultation with the ASAA Rugby Commissioners, the Rugby Alberta Minor Officials Association, and the participating teams. In the event of postponement, the championship will be held before the last operational school day in June.
- VI. In provincial competition, all games will begin with a coin toss. The referee will toss the coin and the home team (higher seeded team) will make the heads or tails call. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of kick or side.
- VII. Tie Break Procedures
 - a. If there is a tie at the end of any of the qualification games, each team shall choose three (3) kickers from the athletes on the field at the conclusion of the game, to drop kick at goal from the 15m line. The referee shall select the spot from which the kicks shall be taken (approximately at centre). The kickers from each team will alternate. All kickers will kick and the team that scores the higher number of successful kicks out of three (3) shall be deemed the winner of the match.
 - b. If there is no winner at the conclusion of "a", teams choose one player that was on the field at the conclusion of the game (this may include one of the first 3 kickers) to take all remaining kicks. The kick will take place at approximately the 15m mark and may be either a place kick or drop kick. This series of kicks will end once one team has had a successful kick and the opponent an unsuccessful kick. After the first kick at the 15m mark, subsequent kicks will be placed using the following:
 - i. If both kickers are unsuccessful twice, the kick will be moved 5m closer to the posts to a minimum of 10m.
 - ii. If both kickers are successful, the kick will be moved 5m further from the posts until one kicker is successful and the other is not.
 - iii. If there is a tie at the end of final/classification games, the teams will play one ten minute overtime period with teams switching ends at half, provided the game is not longer than 60 minutes. If there is still a tie at the conclusion of the overtime, the game will be decided by the tie break procedure for qualification games.
- VIII. Round Robin Play
 - a. If a round robin game ends in a tie, the tie breaking procedure must be used immediately (drop kicks) in case there is a "points tie" between teams at the end of round robin play. This does not determine a game winner, but facilitates breaking a tie later if necessary.
 - b. In an 8-team draw, the first place team from each pool will compete for the championship, second place teams for 3rd, third place teams for 5th, and fourth place teams for 7th. In a 6-team draw, the top two teams from each pool move

onto the championship side on Saturday, and the 3rd place teams will play each other for 5th.

- c. Teams will earn points in the standings after each game according to the following:

Win	4 Points
Tie	2 Points
Bonus: 4 tries or more	1 Point
Bonus: Loss by 7 or less	1 Point
Loss by more than 7	0 Points

- d. The standings at the completion of the round robin will be determined by the ranking of teams according to points awarded above.
- e. If, at the conclusion of the round robin, there is a tie between teams based on points awarded, the team with the better win/loss record against the teams with which they are tied shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- f. If the teams are tied had a draw in the round robin, the team that won in drop kicks will be ranked ahead
- g. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most tries in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- h. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most goals (converted tries being of higher value than unconverted tries) in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- i. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most drop goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- j. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most penalty goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- k. If there is still a tie, the team that has a higher points differential (game points for divided by points against) shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- l. If there is still a tie, the above process will begin again and include complete pool results.
- m. If there is still a tie, there will be a coin toss.

5. Fees and officials

- I. Each team participating in the Rugby 7s Festival or the Rugby 15s Provincials will pay an entry fee to cover the costs of the Championship.
- II. The ASAA will work with the Rugby Alberta Minor Officials Association to provide officials for the 7s Festival and the 15s Championships.
- III. All festival and provincial games will use one match official and two assistant referees for each match.

6. Equipment

- I. Uniforms
 - a. Uniforms, protective equipment and any additional clothing, must conform to World Rugby laws. Players shall wear kits consisting of numbered jerseys, shorts and stocking colour that is uniform with that of their team. No duplication of numbers is allowed. All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and that maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logo. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted.
 - b. In the event of a clash, the host will provide jerseys to one team for the duration of the match. If a change in jersey is necessary, the lower ranked team will change jerseys (15s) or it will be decided at the coaches' meeting (7s).
- II. Official ball
The official game ball will be a Gilbert size 5 ball.

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #6: Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

1. Having rugby 7s and 15s as two separate activities has created inconsistencies. Putting rugby under one umbrella reduces confusion and provides the opportunity for students to compete in both 7s and 15s.
2. 7s does not meet championship criteria. This proposal outlines how the ASAA will continue to support 7s while acknowledging its unique status within the association.

Strategic Goal #9: Collaborate and liaise with Zones in delivering quality school sport and to understand and meet the needs of the school sport community.

1. To increase participation in rugby, the ASAA should allow students to participate in both 7s and 15s. Schools have the authority and responsibility to ensure student safety.
2. Zones want more clarity on how provincial berths are determined and how the qualification process works.
3. This proposal would mean that schools would only have to register their athletes in rugby, not specifically in 7s or 15s. This makes the registration process easier.

Notice #13: Policies - Section XVIII (Team Handball) - Proposed rewrite of policy, pages 82-83

Proposed:

1. Rules

The playing rules used by ASAA shall be those endorsed by the International Handball Federation (IHF), with the following modifications:

- A. Players are not permitted to use Stickum during any competitions.
- B. Appeal Procedure
 - I. If a school team wishes to appeal a match, such appeal must be written on the appropriate score sheet within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the match. The scorekeeper will then hand it in to the Disciplinary/Grievance Committee.
 - II. The decision of the appeal will be made public one hour prior to the next match in the tournament or 24 hours in league play, to the team of the player or official involved.
 - III. Appeal decisions are final.
 - IV. Matches cannot be appealed due to court lines or jersey number related matters.
- C. Any disqualification due to a blue card should go to the Disciplinary/Grievance Committee for a decision.

2. Season of Play

The season of play for team handball shall be February 15 to the Provincial Championships on the second Friday and Saturday of May. See SECTION V –ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

3. Eligibility

- A. Schools must declare their intent to participate in provincials on or before the registration and opt-up deadline and additional players may be added until the 15th of April.
- B. There shall be a maximum of 4 coaches. For each game a maximum of 16 players can dress and must be designated on the game sheet prior to commencement of game.
- C. Two schools may combine to form one team handball team. The team will compete under the name of the school with the greatest number of athletes.

Note: Insurance and liability issues involving students from one school playing for another school are the responsibility of the member schools involved and their respective school jurisdictions.
- D. Athletes of one gender must compete for a school team of athletes of the same gender.
- E. Eligibility for team handball will be limited to students enrolled in grades 10–12 except in 1A classified schools where onsite grade 9 students, in the primary school only, may be registered for team participation. Any liability or insurance issues with grade 9s playing must be addressed at the school and jurisdiction level.

4. Representation to Provincials

- A. Zones must declare intent to participate in the provincial tournament by March 22. Determination of the draw will be made following the March 22 registration deadline.
- B. Each ASAA Zone will determine their representative to provincials annually by the Saturday prior to provincials.
- C. If multiple zones that have six or less teams combined, they may be mandated to combine for one berth to provincials. This decision will be made by the Executive Director, in consultation with the Team

Handball Commissioner, factoring in travel distance and other logistics. This decision will be made by April 1.

- D. In the event that the Team Handball Provincial Championships are hosted by a specific school or zone, that school or zone will get a host berth separate from the zone berth into the tournament for each gender.

Notes:

- I. Teams that withdraw from provincials following the confirmation of the Provincial schedule may be subject to the ASAA no-show fee of \$250.
II. Vacancies in provincial berths will be filled by the Team Handball Commissioner with the approval of the ASAA Executive Director.

5. Events

- A. The ASAA Provincial Team Handball Championships will be played in Edmonton on the second Friday and Saturday of May, plus the preceding Thursday.

The event will be organized by a committee comprised of the following representatives:

- Chairperson (appointed by the ASAA Executive Director)
 - ASAA Team Handball Commissioner
 - At Large Member
 - ASAA Office Liaison
 - Venue Liaison (non-voting member)
 - Alberta Team Handball Federation (non-voting member)
- B. The Team Handball Commissioner, in consultation with the Executive Director, will confirm the girls and boys draws one week after the April 15 deadline, when the number of zones with teams intending to attend Provincials is confirmed. The following criteria will be used to determine the draw:
- a. There must be an even number of teams. To ensure this, some zones may receive more than one berth; determination of which zone(s) get(s) extra berths is at the discretion of the Team Handball Commissioner, in consultation with the ASAA Executive Director
 - b. The number of teams cannot exceed 8 per gender
 - c. The number of teams cannot be less than 6 per gender: in this instance, the Championship will be canceled for that season
 - d. Teams will be divided into two pools
 - i. Teams from the same zone will be placed in separate pools when possible
- C. Length of provincial championship games will be two twenty five (25) minute halves and a five minute half time. This is in accordance with the (ATHF) rules of the game.
- D. Tournament Play
- I. Two points will be awarded for a win and zero points for a loss per match.
 - II. If two or more teams are tied at the end of round robin play, the following tiebreaker order will take place – head-to-head win, then goals for and against between the teams, then goals for and against in round robin, then most goals for in round robin, then least goals against in round robin. If still tied a coin toss will take place by the championship chair or ASAA representative.
 - III. Ties in round robin and play-offs will go into two 2-minute overtime with no half time break. If still tied, there will be a three player shoot-out, and if still tied after three shooters, a sudden death shoot-out will take place.
 - IV. After round robin play, the top two teams from each pool will move to the championship side.
 - i. If the tournament is 8 teams, the bottom two teams from each pool will play on the consolation side.
 - ii. If the tournament is 6 teams, the third place teams from each pool will play for consolation.

Notes

- I. Teams that withdraw their intent to compete at Provincials after the draw has been confirmed will be subject to a penalty equal to the tournament entry fee, which will be paid to the organizing committee directly. This fee will be in addition to the late withdrawal fee of \$250. The Executive Committee will have the sole discretion to impose the penalty based on the rationale provided by the offending school.

6. Fees and Officials

- A. Each team participating in team handball provincials will pay an entry fee to cover the costs of the tournament.
- B. The ASAA will work with the ATHF to provide officials for the provincial tournament.
- C. All provincial championship games will use two referees.

7. Equipment

- A. Uniforms
Uniforms and protective equipment must conform to IHF rules and regulations. All players are expected to dress in team uniforms that are consistent with school colors; no club insignia shall be permitted. The goalkeeper must wear colors that distinguish them from the court players of both teams and the goalkeeper of the other team. No duplication of numbers is allowed.
- B. Official Ball The official game ball will be an Alberta Team Handball Federation approved size 2 (boys) and size 1 (girls).

8. Championship Status

As an existing activity prior to June 2023, team handball will maintain championship status with the ASAA provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. There are separate competitions for boys and girls
- 2. There is only one classification for each gender
- 3. Championship hosts are in place by the start of the season of play
- 4. A commissioner is in place by the start of the season of play
- 5. By the 2027/28 season, there will be at least five zones, thirty schools, and 250 students competing in both boys and girls.
- 6. By the 2029/30 season, there will be at least six zones, forty schools, and 300 students competing in both boys and girls.

If team handball does not meet the above criteria, it will be moved to Festival status and/or be subject to the deletion policy.

Rationale:

- 1. As an existing ASAA activity, the association should set out a timeline for grandfathering in the Championships & Festivals policy for team handball.
 - a. To have a chance at maintaining Championship status, and ensuring ASAA status, Team Handball cannot maintain two tiers.
- 2. There needs to be more clarity on how berths are allocated and draws are determined.
- 3. The championships should move to a predetermined location for the following reasons:
 - a. The ASAA has had issues with finding hosts
 - b. Few schools have full-size team handball courts and appropriate spectator capacity; there is a team handball specific venue in Edmonton (Level One) that does
 - c. The Alberta Team Handball Federation and Level One have vested interests in growing high school team handball and want to work with the ASAA to promote the sport by hosting the championships on an annual basis
 - d. The majority of teams are based in the Edmonton area
- 4. More clear policies for team handball help us better achieve the following Strategic Goals:
 - 4. Offer exceptional provincial championships experiences consistently across all sports and hosts.
 - 6. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.
 - 9. Collaborate and liaise with Zones in delivering quality school sport and to understand and meet the needs of the school sport community.

Notice #14: Policies - Section XIX (Track & Field) - 4. Events, pages 84-85

Current:

B.

Please note that the 2024 organizing committee policy is an expiring policy. The policy immediately below will be in place for 2024/25 if the changes being proposed for 24/25 onwards are not approved.

Hosting of the provincial competition will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of five regional hosting zones.

Rotation:
2025 North (NC/NE/NW)
2026 Central (C/SC)
2027 Calgary
2028 South
2029 North (NC/NE/NW)
2030 Edmonton

Proposed:

B.

The ASAA Provincial Track & Field Championships will be organized by a committee comprised of the following representatives:

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Competition Secretary (appointed by the ASAA Executive Director)

Meet Director (appointed by the ASAA Executive Director)

Assistant Meet Director

Volunteer Coordinator

Other members

Host Zone Manager (if not already on LOC)

Host Zone Member at Large (if not already on LOC)

Previous Year's Host Zone Member at Large (if applicable)

ASAA Office Staff

ASAA Track & Field Commissioner

Athletics Alberta (non-voting member)

Venue Liaison (non-voting member)

Hosting of the Provincial Championships will be set on a rotating basis

2026 - Calgary

2027 - Calgary

2028 - Open to bids (except from Calgary or Edmonton)*

2029 - Edmonton

2030 - Edmonton

2031 - Open to bids (except from Calgary or Edmonton)*

If no bids are presented by the November 1 deadline, the event will be held in Calgary or Edmonton (whichever is up next).

Note: The 2025 Championships will be held in Grande Prairie. If the ASAA office does not get confirmation that the Grande Prairie facility will be ready for June 2025 by September 2024, the 2025 Championships will be held in Calgary and the above rotation will be moved up one year.

Rationale:

Strategic Goal #4. Offer exceptional provincial championship experiences consistently across all sports and hosts.

There are so many variables hosting this championship, and an increasing range of requirements (e.g. live streaming, safety & security, apparel sales, social media, gate, etc.); having a new host committee every year is inefficient. The people impacted by this are the event coordinators and hosting zone personnel, student-athletes, coaches and spectators.

The Track & Field Championships have a significant number of participants and spectators and require a higher level of organization, specifically in regards to safety and security, and strategically raising the profile of the event.

With various promotions anticipated as ASAA ramps up its promotions and marketing of its sports in coming years, the current organizational structure of these Championships may not be sustainable.

Edmonton and Calgary have the best proximity to facilitate travel to the championship for the majority of student-athletes competing in this event. The participation numbers when this event is in Edmonton or Calgary are significantly higher (10-20%) than when the event is in a "rural" zone.

In essence, this proposal doesn't change our hosting rotation: Edmonton and Calgary have historically often been the site of championships even when it's not those zone's turn to host. This proposal still allows all zones a chance to host, while respecting the reality of the above rationale.

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Current:

Additional Berths 1A-3A

a. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal–4 points; silver medal–3 points; bronze medal–2 points; 4th place–1 point. Cumulative three-year point totals for each zone will be calculated.

b. The first additional berth will be awarded to the zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.

c. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the final additional berth, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent provincial championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken.

*For the purposes of wildcard allocations, any points earned by the zones are combined.

Proposed:

Additional Berths 1A-3A

a. The ASAA office will calculate provincial championship history for teams representing their zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their zone at provincials during this time will receive zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal–4 points; silver medal–3 points; bronze medal–2 points; 4th place–1 point*. Cumulative three-year point totals for each zone will be calculated. The first additional berths will be awarded to the zones with the highest point totals.

* note: if a zone has more than one berth in provincials, only the top finishing team from that zone at the end of provincials collects these points for the zone.

b. The final additional berths, each zone will receive one (1) eligible team to be considered for the wildcard berth. After each zone championship, the team(s) who are eligible to be considered for a wildcard berth will be the highest placed team in each zone that has not already qualified for the provincial championship (even if they are in the zone that is hosting the championship).

c. During the provincial championship ranking conference call, the Ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on the strength of their zone, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the season. Based on the discussion and the recommendation of the Ranking Committee, the ASAA representative and the Volleyball Commissioners will choose the best team to receive the wild card berth into the Provincial Championships.

d. If there is a tie between two or more zones for the first additional berth awarded through points, the zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous provincial championship tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent provincial championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken.

*For the purposes of wildcard allocations, any points earned by the zones are combined.

Rationale:

This will allow for one of the wildcards, in 1A-3A, to continue to be allocated based on previous zone performance; this still rewards zones for their continued provincial achievements. Further, this allows zones to have an equal opportunity to challenge for the 1st wildcard position of the course of 3 years.

Zones, and teams, can change drastically across a three-year span. Allocating the final wildcard berths, based on current year performance, would give the ASAA the opportunity to have better representation at the provincial championship. The 4A classification already uses this model and this would be moving towards a more uniform system in determining provincial wildcards.