

# 2018 NOTICES OF MOTION

## GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

### ASAA Executive Committee **Notice #1: Policy – Section I – 2. Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco, B., page 28**

**Current:**

B. The ASAA prohibits athletes possessing/consuming any alcoholic beverage while involved in ASAA activities. It is opposed to the use of such substances by individuals in a position of leadership in school sport (i.e., coaches, trainers, managers, or administrators) while involved in ASAA activities.

**Proposed:**

D. The ASAA prohibits athletes possessing/consuming any alcoholic beverage [or cannabis](#) while involved in ASAA activities. It is opposed to the use of such substances by individuals in a position of leadership in school sport (i.e., coaches, trainers, managers, or administrators) while involved in ASAA activities.

**Rationale:**

**With cannabis becoming legal across Canada in Summer 2018, we need to address in policy that while it will now be legal (for students 18+), we will not permit it to be used during an ASAA eligible student's participation in ASAA activities. This would encompass league play, tournaments and ASAA provincials.**

### Edmonton Metro **Notice #2: Policy – Section II – 3. Discipline & Misconduct, E., page 28**

**Current:**

Addition of new item after Policy - Section II Discipline & Misconduct; Item 3. D

**Proposed:**

[E. The Executive Director will report any discipline and/or misconduct reports and any subsequent sanctions issued by the Executive Committee to the respective zone.](#)

**Rationale:**

**The Metro Athletics Executive feels that zones should be informed of any misconduct issues arising at provincials so they are aware of how their schools are behaving outside of their league/zone. As a member school of a zone, Metro feels that teams are representing not only their school but also their zone and would like to be able to know about any issues that may arise so that they can hold their schools accountable/responsible and follow up with them accordingly.**

### ASAA Executive Committee **Notice #3: Policy – Section IV –2. Student Eligibility, D. Note 2, page 39**

**Current:**

Note 2: A student who transfers from one school to another school shall not have the right to subsequently transfer to another school or to subsequently transfer back to his/her original school and still be eligible for ASAA sanctioned activities.

**Proposed:**

Note 2: A student who transfers from one school to another school shall not have the right to subsequently transfer to another school or to subsequently transfer back to his/her original school and still be eligible for ASAA sanctioned activities [in sports that they have already participated in.](#)

**Rationale:**

**Transfer policy, in part, is there to prevent students moving school for athletic purposes. They should not be prevented from participating in a sport at the receiving school that they have never participated in at their sending school.**

### ASAA Executive Committee **Notice #4: Policy – Section IV –2. Student Eligibility, D. Note 4, page 39**

**Current:**

Addition of New Item

**Proposed:**

[Note 4: If a student transfers from one school to another school so that they can access a club/community or high-performance sports program in an ASAA sport, that student will be ineligible for participation in the "selected" sport for the current and following Season of Play. They can subsequently return to their original school/community and play any sport other than the "selected" sport as long as they have not participated in any ASAA activities at the new school](#)

**Rationale:**

**There have been a few instances where a student moves communities, and therefore schools, so that they can participate in a club/community or high performance program in their selected sport. The Executive understands this is a student/family choice. However, this choice provides an unfair competitive advantage to that student in that sport and therefore they should not be permitted to be involved in that sport at the school level where all their school student peers do not have the same opportunities.**

**Notice #5: Policy – Section IV –Eligibility, 4. Joint School Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph), page 40**

**Current:**

In the event an ASAA member school is unable to provide a team (either junior or senior varsity) in the team sports of Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Curling, Team Handball, Football and Rugby, individual students from a school may participate with another ASAA member school team within their Zone. In Football only, joint teams can cross Zone boundaries. Schools are not required to send all of their students to the same school to form a joint school team.

**Proposed:**

In the event an ASAA member school is unable to provide a team (either junior or senior varsity) in the team sports of Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Curling, Team Handball, Football and Rugby, individual students from a school may participate with another ASAA member school team [either](#) within their Zone [or with an adjoining zone subject to the approval of both school principals and both Zone Executive’s](#). In Football only, joint teams can cross Zone boundaries [without Zone Executive approval](#). Schools are not required to send all of their students to the same school to form a joint school team. [In all cases of joint school teams, the team will playoff in the Zone that the Primary School belongs to.](#)

**Rationale:**

**In the past couple of years, as population numbers are dropping in some rural schools, more joint school teams are being created. The challenge is that as the current policy, in all sports but football require the schools to be in the same zone. In theory, this may seem reasonable, however, geography occasionally proves that schools in adjoining zones are much closer to each other than they are to other schools in the same zone. It seems reasonable that for safety (less travel) and convenience of students, that cross-zone joint zone teams be approved; with approval of the respective zones and school principals. We also need to be clear that the team participates in the zone of the Primary School which is typically, but not always the school with the greatest number of students on the team.**

**The comment “In Football only...” not requiring zone approval for cross-zone combined teams is simply a statement confirming current practice; therefore just a housekeeping addition.**

**Notice #6: Policy – Section IV –Eligibility, 4. Joint School Teams (4<sup>th</sup> paragraph), page 40-41**

**Current:**

A school, however, cannot receive students for a specific team from more than one school (except in Cheerleading, Football and Rugby). Participation with other member schools can only occur with the mutual consent of the Principals, the Athletic Directors and the respective Zone(s). The combined populations of the two (or more where appropriate) schools will determine at which classification level the team will compete in that sport only and the ASAA must be notified of such participation.

**Proposed:**

A school, however, cannot receive students for a specific team from more than one school (except in Cheerleading, Football and Rugby). Participation with other member schools can only occur with the mutual consent of the Principals, the Athletic Directors and the respective Zone(s). The combined populations of the two (or more [schools](#) where appropriate [allowed as noted below](#)) will determine at which classification level the team will compete in that sport/[gender only for that year](#) and the ASAA must be notified of such participation [via the SRS when the team is registered](#).

[Joint School team involving 2 schools: school populations must be added together to determine classification. This may or may not mean the school has to move up one classification](#)

[Joint School team involving 3 or more schools may be considered upon request to the ASAA Executive Committee.](#)

[The Executive Committee reserves the right to establish parameters for approving such requests and it is possible that the team may be forced to opt up to a higher classification – to be determined on a case by case basis.](#)

**Rationale:**

**In the past couple of years, as population numbers are dropping in some rural schools, more joint school teams are being created. We have also seen some schools neither able to have a team nor to be able to join another team if that team already has a joint school program with another school because only two teams can combine in most sports right now. This policy change allows more than two teams to combine to create a joint school team but gives the executive the authority to put parameters around the number of students so as to avoid a team adding as many schools as possible until they are just under the classification cap.**

**Notice #7: Policy – Section IV –Eligibility, 4. Joint School Teams, Note, page 41**

**Current:**

**Note:** Once a student from a secondary school plays on a joint school team (with the primary school), they are attached to that team in that sport for the remainder of their high school career. An exception is that if the student's own school creates a team, they would have to play for their own school.

**Proposed:**

**Note:** Once a student from a secondary school plays on a joint school team (with the primary school), they are attached to that team in that sport for the remainder of their high school career. ~~An exception is that if the student's own school creates a team, they would have to play for their own school.~~ **Two exceptions are allowed:**

- a. If the student's own school creates a team, they would have to play for their own school.
- b. If, after playing as a "secondary" school participant for the primary school, the primary school tells the student they can no longer play for the primary school, the student's school can request to the ASAA office for the student to play for another school team under the joint school policy. The ASAA Executive Director will make the decision after an investigation of the details.

**Rationale:**

On a few occasions, primary schools allow a student from a secondary school to join their team, but then the school changes its mind after one or two years. Reasons may include: an increase in the number of students from their school playing and not wanting to compromise their ability to make the team; the primary school or the secondary school has an increase in student population and the combined population may take them to a higher classification or Tier that they do not wish to compete in. By allowing the request to be addressed the Executive Director level, this allows a check and balance to be in place to prevent a student "team hopping."

ASAA Executive  
Committee

**Notice #8: Policy – Section IV –Eligibility, 11. Transfer Policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, page 47**

**Current:**

This policy applies when a student has participated in one of ASAA's 12 listed activities, regardless of location (in province/out of province)

**Proposed:**

This policy applies when a student has participated in one of ASAA's 12 listed activities, regardless of location (in province/out of province), **including any inter-school competition at either the Junior Varsity or Senior Varsity levels.**

**Rationale:**

The ASAA transfer policy was always intended to include transfers that occur even if a student has only participated in Junior Varsity competition, and that is the way it has been interpreted. A suggestion was made this year that the policy does not clearly state that it applies to "all" students, including JV's, so this change provides the required clarity.

ASAA Executive  
Committee

**Notice #9: Policy – Section VII –Appeal Procedure, 6. Appeal to the EAC, Addition of New Item, page 73**

**Current:**

New addition to policy at point v. All subsequent bullets change accordingly.

**Proposed:**

The Notice of Appeal shall (new item 6.D.v)

**v. require both the principal's and the parent/student Acknowledgement Form to be uploaded in their completed form before the appeal can be addressed (Section IV – 1. School Eligibility).**

**Rationale:**

The reason that the principal and student/parent forms are required are for the protection of schools, students, parents and the ASAA. Periodically the ASAA is threatened with legal action, usually because a parent is not accepting of their child being ruled ineligible (4th year, second transfer, denied transfer, denied appeal, etc.) and decides to threaten legal action against the ASAA. As soon as such a threat is made, the ASAA engages its lawyer and this can be, and has been, very costly for the Association. At present, we do not require the student and parent acknowledgement forms to be submitted with appeals, and when a threat was made this year, we did not know at the time whether or not the parent had completed and signed the form which indicates they will accept the outcome of any appeals. If we required the forms to be submitted as part of the appeals process, we would not have had to consult our lawyer as the signed form would confirm the parent/student acknowledgement that no legal action would be taken. This would save the Association unnecessary costs.

**BADMINTON NOTICES**

**Notice #10: Policy – Section IX – 4. Events, B, iv, page 79**

**Current:**

There will be separate playoffs for Category A and Category B. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers in each of the pools will go to the Category A Playoffs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers in each of the pools will go to the Category B Playoffs. There will be a Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal for each Category (see playoff structure below).

ASAA Executive  
/ Badminton  
Commissioner

**Proposed:**

There will be separate playoffs for Category A and Category B. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers in each of the pools will go to the Category A Playoffs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers in each of the pools will go to the Category B Playoffs. ~~There will be a Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal for each Category~~ (see playoff structure below).

**Rationale:**

Each category in Badminton has 16 participants broken down into 4 pools of 4. After pool play they are split into an A bracket and B bracket for playoffs – each with 8 participants/teams (for doubles). Currently, those who finish 1, 2, and 3 in Category A receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals respectively, and those who finish 1, 2, and 3 in Category B receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze respectively. This amounts to essentially the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> place finishers in each category receiving the same recognition as the true champions of the sport, thereby downplaying the value of a Provincial medal. We do not give medals to consolation winners in other sports so we shouldn't do so for Badminton.

**BASKETBALL NOTICES**

**Notice #11: Policy – Section X – 1. Rules, A, ii, page 82**

**Current:**

ii. No more than fifteen (15) team members entitled to play.

**Proposed:**

ii. No more than **twenty (20)** team members entitled to play.

**Rationale:**

Some schools in the province carry more than 15 players on their rosters. Other schools have no cut policies in their programs. This rule at the provincial level makes a coach “sit” players for each game if they are over the limit. In many cases if we look at a basketball game (and I think any basketball coach could agree) that if you are playing the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup> player on your bench, they are not making significant changes to the outcomes of the games being played. If the ASAA is about inclusion and getting kids to play high school sports, only for them to be limited at maybe the greatest moment of their sporting lives does not symbolize what the ASAA is about.

**Notice #12: Policy – Section X – 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, 4, A, ii, page 85-86**

**Current:**

ii. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Proposed:**

ii. The host zone does not have enough teams in the Final Ranking period to fill **the Zone berth(s) and wildcard berth(s) (for example, a Zone has 1 team ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Final Rankings and qualifies for a berth with 10 Zone points but no other team ranked).**

**Note:** In the event that a Zone with the host school earns enough points for a wildcard, they do not require an additional team in the Final Rankings to receive that wildcard berth to account for the host team. For example, if a Zone has a school who is hosting, receives one Zone berth, has 2 teams in the Final Rankings, and earn enough points for a wildcard, they would have a sufficient number of teams to be allocated the wildcard.

**Rationale:**

Schools host provincials for a variety of reasons. Sometimes they are a strong team and other times they might be the lowest seeded team at provincials and/or have not been ranked all season. The benefit of hosting is that the host school receives a berth - this is why many schools wish to host provincials as it gives their team an automatic berth, allows their team to play at home, and allows for a celebration of the host school and community. This proposal takes the host berth out of the discussion around wildcards - the strength of the host team should have no bearing on wildcards.

**Notice #13: Policy – Section X – 8. Representation to Provincials, A, page 87**

**Current:**

8. Representation to Provincials

1. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

i. 1A competition: There will be 12 teams at each 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

NE Zone  
Executive /  
Glendon School

ASAA Executive  
Committee

ASAA Executive  
Committee /  
Edmonton  
Metro

Edmonton Zone	1 representative
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Calgary Zone	1 "
South Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Wildcard berths	3 "
Total	12 teams

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

ii) At the 1A level, one wildcard berth will be awarded to each of the top three ranked zones according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84.

#### Proposed:

#### 8. Representation to Provincials

##### 1. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

i. 1A competition: There will be 12 teams at each 1A tournament. The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative*
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Calgary Zone	1 "
South Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Wildcard berths	3 "
Total	12 teams

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

ii. At the 1A level, one wildcard berth will be awarded to each of the top three ranked zones according to Item 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 83-84.

\* The Edmonton Zone representative will take Edmonton's berth with it travel to one of the following zones in rotation to compete in the respective zone tournament and qualify through that zone for a provincial berth. The rotation will be as follows:

2018/19 – North Central

2019/20 – Central

2020/21 – North East

2021/2022 – Repeat rotation

The top two teams from the respective zone tournament qualify for provincials.

The zone in rotation will provide a guaranteed berth to the Edmonton team in their zone tournament.

Wildcards will be awarded independently per Item G. Awarding Wildcard Berths, pages 82-83. If either zone cannot fill their wildcard with a team from their zone, the berth will be vacated as per policy.

#### Rationale:

In late 2017, volleyball and basketball coaches, athletic directors and principals from 1A schools across the province were surveyed: 90% agreed or strongly agreed that "1A teams from the Edmonton Zone should have to qualify for provincials through competition outside of their zone". Only 4% disagreed, and no respondents strongly disagreed (6% had no opinion). Based on survey information and also on the belief that the Edmonton 1A school would very much like to earn their berth at provincials, they are willing to put their chance to go to provincials on the line in order to qualify, therefore sending the most

competitive teams possible to provincials. It is felt that by rotating which zone Edmonton qualifies through, it would make it as equitable as possible based on the closest geographic zones.

## CROSS-COUNTRY NOTICES

Notice #14: Policy – Section XII – 4. Events, page 97

### Current:

- A. The race distances shall be as follows:
- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| i. Junior Boys        | 4000 metres  |
| ii. Intermediate Boys | 5000 metres  |
| iii. Senior Boys      | 6000 metres  |
| iv. Junior Girls      | 3000 metres  |
| v. Intermediate Girls | 4000 metres  |
| vi. Senior Girls      | 4000 metres  |
| vii. Ambulatory Open  | *2000 metres |
- \*both genders (trial distance)

### Proposed:

- A. The race distances shall be as follows:
- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| i. Junior Boys        | 4000 metres  |
| ii. Intermediate Boys | 5000 metres  |
| iii. Senior Boys      | 6000 metres  |
| iv. Junior Girls      | 4000 metres  |
| v. Intermediate Girls | 5000 metres  |
| vi. Senior Girls      | 5000 metres  |
| vii. Ambulatory Open  | *2000 metres |
- \*both genders (trial distance)

### Rationale:

1. To continue the development and increased competition of female athletes. This also decreases the gap from College
2. The Junior runners run 3 km and so to move the Junior girls to 4km and Intermediate and Senior girls from 4km to 5km is prudent to continue overall development.
3. Also, this change is consistent with the maximum race distance that high school female athletes run in the United States.

### Note:

- The IAAF race distance for boys and girls are as follows U-18 girls 4km and U-18 boys 6km. The is consistent with Athletics Canada.
- I feel we need to monitor change in distance to see if there are adverse effects on the participation and physiological well being of female runners overall. This can be done through zone participation numbers and interviews with coaches about athlete injury rates.

## CURLING NOTICES

Notice #15: Policy – Section XIII – 1. Rules, A, page 98

### Current:

The rules governing ASAA Curling shall be the blended rules of the Canadian Curling Association, with the following modifications

### Proposed:

The rules governing ASAA Curling shall be the blended rules of the [Curling Canada](#), with the following modifications

### Rationale:

**Housekeeping:** The Canadian Curling Association rebranded itself Curling Canada a couple of years ago.

Notice #16: Policy – Section XIII – 1. Rules, B, page 98

### Current:

ASAA Provincial competitions shall use the four rock free guard zone rule currently used by the Canadian Curling Association.

### Proposed:

ASAA Provincial competitions shall use the [five rock](#) free guard zone rule currently used by [Curling Canada](#).

### Rationale:

**Curling Canada and the World Curling Federation are implementing a change to a five rock free guard zone starting in the 2018/19 season.**

**Notice #17: Policy – Section XIII – 1. Rules, C, page 98**

**Current:**

Addition of New Item

**Proposed:**

C. The following limited broom head rule will be used at ASAA Provincial competitions

- i. Broom heads used for sweeping can be any fabric that is commercially purchased. No homemade heads and modifications to commercial heads will be permitted.
- ii. No hair brooms or corn brooms will be used to sweep a rock. Additionally, the plastic insert from Hardline brooms must be removed. The WCF approved fabric is NOT required for ASAA provincial curling.
- iii. A player may use any device (including hair and corn brooms) to deliver the stone; however, the device may not be used to sweep unless it complies with i and ii
- iv. Failure to comply with the above will result in the loss of hammer if used during practice, removal of stone if used during a game, or forfeiture if a replacement head in compliance with these rules cannot be found.

**Rationale:**

The curling world has recognized that it over reacted to the need to implement a standard non directional broom head at all levels of experience and ability. Curlers at the recreational level, into which our athletes fit, are not effective enough or strong enough when sweeping to have much, if any, effect with the standardized fabric and might as well just walk beside a delivered stone. The Hardline brooms with the plastic insert were the only aggressive “directional heads” that were commercially sold and the above rules will take care of that concern.

**FOOTBALL NOTICES**

**Notice #18: Policy – Section XIV – 4. Representation to Provincials, D, page 104**

**Current:**

Teams that receive an automatic berth into the quarterfinals by virtue of being the only team in a region at a given tier must declare their intention to participate in the quarterfinal game by September 30. If a team that receives an automatic berth pulls out of the quarterfinal game after September 30, that team will be charged the \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office.

**Proposed:**

Teams that receive an automatic berth into the quarterfinals by virtue of being the only team in a region at a given tier must declare their intention to participate in the quarterfinal game by September 30. If a team that receives an automatic berth pulls out of the quarterfinal game after September 30, that team will be charged \$500. The \$250 quarterfinal entry fee payable to the ASAA office and \$250 to the replacement team.

**Rationale:**

Too often a team doesn't decline prior to the September 30 deadline, and then ASAA office is not notified until late in the season. The additional \$250 will help the replacement team with travel costs.

**Notice #19: Policy – Section XIV – 4. Representation to Provincials, E, page 104**

**Current:**

In the event that a region does not fill their tier I berth, or a tier I team withdraws prior to Provincial quarterfinals, the open berth will be awarded on a rotational basis between Calgary region 3 and Edmonton region 5. If a region declines the offer, there region next on the rotation will be offered the berth. A region will not fill the vacant berth for two consecutive years unless the other region declines. Any region accepting the wildcard berth will take the original vacant spot in the draw and will be required to travel. The rotation will be as follows (for 16/17):

1. Calgary - Region 3
2. Edmonton - Region 5

**Proposed:**

In the event that a region does not fill their tier I berth, or a tier I team withdraws prior to Provincial quarterfinals, the open berth will be awarded first to South region 1. In the event that South region 1 declines then the open berth will be awarded on a rotational basis between Calgary region 3 and Edmonton region 5. If a region declines the offer, there region next on the rotation will be offered the berth. A rotational region will not fill the vacant berth for two consecutive years unless the other region declines. Any region accepting the wildcard berth will take the original vacant spot in the draw and will be required to travel. The rotation will be as follows (for 18/19):

1. Calgary - Region 3
2. Edmonton - Region 5



**Rationale:**

Both Calgary region 3 and Edmonton region 5 have 3 teams each that qualify for Provincial quarterfinals. South region 1 has two competitive Tier I teams but only one berth. This will provide the second South region 1 team the opportunity to fill the vacated berth but in the event that second South region 1 team declines, then the rotation involving Calgary region 3 and Edmonton region 5 will be implemented.

South Zone

**Notice #20: Policy – Section XIV – 5. Events, B, page 104**

**Current:**

Hosting of the Provincial Championship will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of three regional hosting Zones, to be revisited once more Zones have appropriate field turf stadiums (that have appropriate locker rooms, spotters booths, media booth and spectator capacity).

Rotation:

2017 – Central	2021 – Calgary	2025 – Edmonton
2018 – North East	2022 – Central	2026 – Calgary
2019 – South	2023 – North East	
2020 – Edmonton	2024 – South	

**Proposed:**

The Tier I-IV and 6-Man provincial finals be hosted by one of the finalists, with the location being rotated between the North and South representatives on an annual basis. The location for the provincial final must have the appropriate field turf stadium (that have appropriate locker rooms, spotters booths, media booth and spectator capacity). The provincial finals will be scheduled in the early afternoon on the appropriate Saturday.

NOTE: This Policy will take effect in the 2019/2020 school year.

**Rationale:**

- When the Alberta Bowl was first implemented, there was a lack of adequate field turf venues throughout the province. There are now adequate field turf venues throughout the province to allow all Tiers and 6-man football to have access to an appropriate field turf stadium (that have appropriate locker rooms, spotters booths, media booth and spectator capacity).
- By rotating North/South annually, the cost of travel to areas will be reduced with one team being close to each site where the game is being hosted. This is a huge benefit to teams.
- Having a true home team and having the game played in a city or town that is represented by one of the finalists will increase the revenue.
- November can be a cold month, and playing at 6:00 PM allows for the elements to play more of a factor. On average, the temperature from daytime to nighttime varies at least 9 degrees Celsius. A 1:00 PM game is much more desirable.
- By playing in the afternoon, it helps the travelling team helps to alleviate any undue costs for an extra night of hotels. It also allows teams to return home in a timely manner after the game.

**GOLF NOTICES**

**Notice #21: Policy – Section XV – 4. V. Individual Competition , i, page 112**

**Current:**

- i. There shall be two individual competitions: one for boys and one for girls.

**Proposed:**

- i. There will be four individual competitions as follows:
  - a. One for boys and one for girls for regular ASAA member school golf programs
  - b. One for boys and girls for ASAA member school students enrolled in a school based Golf Academy Program (subject to minimum participation numbers and maximum qualifying score, to be determined annually).  
Golf Academy Program students:
    - i. Will compete in flights only against one another but in the same competition as all other athletes
    - ii. Will receive medals, same as individual competitors in the regular event
    - iii. Will compete only as individuals
    - iv. Cannot use their scores towards the regular ASAA member school golf program team scores
    - v. If a school has a Golf Academy, the students who are not in the academy can represent the school as a regular athlete
    - vi. Non-Academy students cannot compete in the Academy category

**Rationale:**

ASAA Executive / Golf Commissioner



The growth of sport academy programs in schools across the province have indicated this is something that students and their families want and schools are prepared to provide. The ASAA Executive Committee and Golf Commissioner would like to trial the concept of an Academy level category in its championship. They feel this allows students in this lifelong sport to pursue excellence at the same time as their involvement does not negatively impact the schools that do not have academy programs in place.

**VOLLEYBALL NOTICES**

**Notice #22: Policy – Section XIX – 5. A. Representation to Provincials, i, page 131**

**Current:**

- 5. Representation to Provincials
  - A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls
    - i. If the school has one court available for competition, there will be 10 teams at the 1A Tournament. If the host school has two courts available for competition, there will 12 teams at that 1A Tournament.

The representation to Provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	1 "
Edmonton Zone	1 "
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional berths	1 representative
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 teams</b>

There will be a maximum of two representatives per Zone (includes host team).

The representation to Provincials for a twelve team Tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Calgary Zone	1 "
South Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional Berths	3 representatives
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>

There will be a maximum of three representatives per Zone (includes host team).

**Proposed:**

- 5. Representation to Provincials
  - A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls
    - i. If the school has one court available for competition, there will be 10 teams at the 1A Tournament. If the host school has two courts available for competition, there will 12 teams at that 1A Tournament.

The representation to Provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative*
South Central Zone	1 "
Calgary Zone	1 "
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional berths	1 representative
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 teams</b>

There will be a maximum of two representatives per Zone (includes host team).

The representation to Provincials for a twelve team Tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative*
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Calgary Zone	1 "
South Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional Berths	3 representatives
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 teams</b>

There will be a maximum of three representatives per Zone (includes host team).

\* The Edmonton Zone representative will travel to one of the following zones in rotation to compete in their zone tournament and qualify through that zone for a provincial berth. The rotation will be as follows:

2018/19 – North Central

2019/20 – Central

2020/21 – North East

The top two teams from the zone tournament qualify for provincials.

The zone in rotation will provide a guaranteed spot to the Edmonton team in their zone tournament.

If any of these zones send more than one team to provincials without a wild card, only the zone champions' points can be used for awarding future wildcards as per policy ii. additional berths.

**Rationale:**

In late 2017, volleyball and basketball coaches, athletic directors and principals from 1A schools across the province were surveyed: 90% agreed or strongly agreed that "1A teams from the Edmonton Zone should have to qualify for provincials through competition outside of their zone". Only 4% disagreed, and no respondents strongly disagreed (6% had no opinion). Based on survey information and also on the belief that our 1A school would very much like to earn their berth at provincials, they are willing to put their chance to go to provincials on the line in order to qualify therefore sending the most competitive teams possible. We feel that by rotating which zone they qualify through, it would make it as equitable as possible based on the closest geographic zones.

**WRESTLING NOTICES**

**Notice #23: Policy – Section XX – 4. Representation to Rurals and Provincials, B, page 139**

**Current:**

At Provincials, Calgary, Edmonton and rural Zones may each enter five male and female wrestlers per weight class who attended the qualifying Tournament at that weight class. In the event that any Zone cannot send five athletes per weight class to the Provincial Tournament, an attempt will be made to fill those vacancies from the other Zones. Preference for filling single vacancies will be offered first to the host Zone. In situations where there is more than one vacancy in a weight class, preference for filling weight classes will follow the Provincial Tournament host rotation with the host Zone having first opportunity to fill and will alternate with the remaining Zones. Athletes filling vacancies in this manner will not count towards team points. Team rosters must be submitted to the host Chairs for rural and Provincial meets at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition.

**Proposed:**

The Provincials shall be an open competition for all Alberta high school wrestlers who have participated in their zone championship tournament. Team rosters must be submitted to the host Chairs for rural and Provincial meets at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition.

**Rationale:**

At present we have under 300 wrestlers participating in Provincials with a weight class system that would allow for 420. The fill system allows additional athletes to draw in but for the last five years only Calgary zone has had the numbers to provide significant numbers of fills. Thus most of the work in contacting and arranging for fills has fallen on one zone. Under an open system we would be adding only marginally to tournament numbers and the registration work would be significantly reduced. Athletes still need to compete in zone championships maintaining the integrity of those tournaments ensuring athletes have met all zone eligibility requirements and seeding rules would stay in place so an athlete competing outside their qualifying weight class will be seeded randomly as per XX.6.B.iii

This would not require any change to trophies, medals, classification points nor should there be significant cost changes to the ASAA. It is proposed this be adopted on a trial basis with review no later than one full provincial cycle from adoption.