

**ASAA Notices of Motion
Annual General Meeting
June 15-16, 2023**

HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES OF MOTION 2023 -

Housekeeping Notice #1: (As this is a Bylaw, it requires 75% vote to pass) Bylaws - Article III - 4., page 14

Current:

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Proposed:

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Rationale:

1. To update Bylaws based on the new football policy, which was passed at the APM in 2022.

Housekeeping Notice #2: Section V (Activities) - 2. Sanction Policy - E. Blanket Sanction Agreement, pages 35-36

Current:

By agreement with BC School Sports and the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association, events or interschool play by ASAA member schools from municipalities listed below do not require formal sanctioning when participating against schools in the same geographic groupings (as listed).

This policy is intended to facilitate play between neighbouring school jurisdictions. If the event or tournament includes one or more teams from outside of the same geographic grouping, then the host school must make a formal written application for sanction.

North West Alberta – North East British Columbia

Alberta:

Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Worsley, Hines Creek, Spirit River, Fairview, Sexsmith, Silver Valley, Jasper, Hinton and Grande Cache.

British Columbia: Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, McBride and Valemount.

South West Alberta – East Kootenay, British Columbia

Alberta: Crowsnest, Lundbreck, Pincher Creek, Banff and Canmore.

British Columbia: Elkford, Fernie, Sparwood, Kimberley, Golden, Jaffray, Cranbrook, Creston and Invermere.

North West Saskatchewan – North East Alberta

Alberta: Bonnyville, Dewberry, Frog Lake, Cold Lake, Heinsburg, Kitscoty, Lloydminster, Marwayne, Paradise Valley, St. Paul, Vermilion, Elk Point, Mallaig, Mynam, Glendon and Two Hills.

Saskatchewan: Clearwater River Dene (LaLoche), LaLoche Community School, Rossignol (Ile-a-laCrosse), Buffalo River, Chief Poundmaker (Cut Knife), Twin Lakes School (Buffalo Narrows), Canoe Lake, Ernie Studer (Loon Lake), Makwa Sahgaiehan (Loon Lake), Island Lake First Nation (Loon Lake), Goodsoil, Pierceland, Chief Napew (Pierceland), Meadow Lake Jonas Sampson, Meadow Lake Carpenter, St. Walburg, Paradise Hill, Hillmond, Chief Little Pine (Paynton), Turtleford, Thunderchild (Turtleford), Eagleview (Onion Lake), Glaslyn, Medstead, Edam, Lloydminster Holy Rosary, Lashburn,

Maidstone, Neilburg, North Battleford Composite, North Battleford John Paul II, Sakewew (North Battleford).

West Central Saskatchewan – Central Alberta

Alberta: Wainwright, Chauvin, Edgerton, Provost, Altario, Consort.

Saskatchewan: Cut Knife, Plenty, Cando, Sonningdale, Wilkie, Unity, Macklin, Landis, Denzil, Luseland, Biggar, Kerrobert, Major, Marengo, Rosetown, Kindersley, Eaton, Eston, Elrose.

South West Saskatchewan – South Central / South East Alberta:

Alberta: Oyen, Hanna, New Cessford, Youngstown, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Manyberries, Dunmore, Duchess, Tilley, Irvine, Bow Island and Foremost.

Saskatchewan: Leader, Kyle, Abbey, Burstall, Cabri, Hazlet, Richmond, Fox Valley, Gull Lake, Maple Creek, St. Angela's (Prelate), Shaunavon, Eastend, Consul, Frontier.

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Into Alberta:

From British Columbia: Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, McBride, Valemount, Elkford, Fernie, Sparwood, Kimberley, Golden, Jaffray, Cranbrook, Creston and Invermere.

From Saskatchewan: Clearwater River Dene (LaLoche), LaLoche Community School, Rossignol (Ile-a-laCrosse), Buffalo River, Chief Poundmaker (Cut Knife), Twin Lakes School (Buffalo Narrows), Canoe Lake, Ernie Studer (Loon Lake), Makwa Sahgaiehcan (Loon Lake), Island Lake First Nation (Loon Lake), Goodsoil, Pierceland, Chief Napew (Pierceland), Meadow Lake, Meadow Lake Carpenter, St. Walburg, Paradise Hill, Hillmond, Chief Little Pine (Paynton), Turtleford, Thunderchild (Turtleford), Sakaskohe (Onion Lake), Glaslyn, Medstead, Edam, Lloydminster Holy Rosary, Lashburn, Maidstone, Neilburg, North Battleford Composite, North Battleford John Paul II, Sakewew (North Battleford), Cut Knife, Plenty, Cando, Sonningdale, Wilkie, Unity, Macklin, Luseland, Biggar, Kerrobert, Marengo, Rosetown, Kindersley, Eaton, Eston, Elrose, Leader, Kyle, Cabri, Hazlet, Fox Valley, Gull Lake, Maple Creek, Shaunavon, Eastend, Consul and Frontier.

Leaving Alberta

Into British Columbia:

Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Worsley, Hines Creek, Spirit River, Fairview, Sexsmith, Silver Valley, Jasper, Hinton, Grande Cache, Crowsnest, Lundbreck, Pincher Creek, Banff and Canmore.

Into Saskatchewan:

Bonnyville, Dewberry, Frog Lake, Cold Lake, Heinsburg, Kitscoty, Lloydminster, Marwayne, Paradise Valley, St. Paul, Vermilion, Elk Point, Mallaig, Myrnam, Glendon, Two Hills, Wainwright, Chauvin, Edgerton, Provost, Altario, Consort, Oyen, Hanna, New Cessford, Youngstown, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Dunmore, Duchess, Tilley, Bow Island and Foremost.

Rationale:

A high percentage of sanction requests come from border towns that don't match up with our current regional-based Blanket Sanction Policy; these are always approved.

This change to policy would open up and clarify the policy and decrease some unnecessary paperwork for athletic directors and the ASAA office.

Housekeeping Notice #3: Policies - Section XIX (Track & Field) - 4. Events - D. Events - VII., page 92

Current:

The 4x400m relay will consist of two timed finals with random lane selection.

Proposed:

The 4x400m relays (open and mixed) will consist of two timed finals with random lane selection.

Rationale:

Needs updating since we have added the mixed relay.

Housekeeping Notice #4: Policies - Section XX (Volleyball) - 1. Rules, pages 94-98

Current:

A. Substitutes – The modified 12 substitute rule will be used. The rule is as follows:

I. A team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one game

II. A player may leave the game and re-enter the game, but only for the same player. Players are ‘tied’ together; e.g., 7 for 12 – these two players are attached for that game and a player must re-enter for the same player

III. Unlimited substitutions are allowed up to 12 per game Examples: a. 7 for 12; 12 for 7 (2 subs) x 6 b. 7 for 12; 12 for 7 (2 subs) x 2 8 for 6; 6 for 8 (2 subs) x 4 12 subs 4 subs 8 subs

E. The libero must wear a uniform whose jersey at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The libero uniform may have a different design but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.

I. The libero must wear a uniform shirt or jersey that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The primary color of the libero’s jersey/shirt must be different from any colour that appears on more than half of the body of his/her teammates’ jerseys. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored. The style and trim of the libero’s shirt, jersey and/or shorts may differ from their teammates.

3. Officials

The ASAA recognizes the Alberta Volleyball Association (AVA) as the official organization for training and certifying officials and gives its full support through the use of certified officials.

A. In provincial competition, the competition chairperson and the AVA officials chairperson are responsible for appointing officials.

B. In provincial competition, the competition chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the minor officials – linesmen and scorekeepers – are provided and properly trained.

4. Competitions

A. There shall be eight provincial competitions that will terminate the volleyball season. All competitions will be held on the fourth weekend in November.

C. Tie Breaker Policy

If teams are tied in a section, the Volleyball Canada tie break procedure is used as outlined below. This system is used to rank teams in a section, but is not used to eliminate a team. If teams are tied for the last playoff spot, the lowest ranked team will play one game to 25 points (no cap – win by two points) against the next lowest ranked team. If the winner of this game is still tied with another team for the last playoff berth, these two teams will play one game to 25 points (no cap – win by two points) and so on, until the winning team is no longer tied for the last berth. For each of these elimination games, there will be a minimum warmup of 15 minutes [five minute warmup followed by 5–5 (serve within your five minutes)] to allow the teams an adequate warmup. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

I. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering only matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

II. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering only matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

III. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;

IV. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering only games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

V. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played during the round, will be ranked higher;

VI. Any game needed to break ties will be a single game, rally point scoring to 25 points with a two point difference to determine placing.

Matches or games between tied teams (steps i, ii. and iv. above) means that only matches or games involving tied teams should be included in the calculations. Steps iii. and v. use all matches or games in the round robin to determine rankings of the tied teams. Ratios are calculated using won/lost ratio, not lost games/games won.

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 for a ten (10) team tournament shall be as follows:

Calgary & Edmonton Zones		1 representative*
South Central 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		2 representative
Total		10 teams

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

The representation to provincials for a twelve (12) team tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton & Calgary Zones		1 representative*
North Central Zone		1 “
Central Zone	1	“
South Zone		1 “
South Central Zone		1 “
North East Zone	1	“
North West Zone		1 “
Host school		1 “
Additional Berths		4 representatives
Total		12 teams

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

The Edmonton and Calgary zones combine for one berth to be determined in a tournament/playoff game format agreed upon by both zones. The top team after the tournament/playoff game will receive the berth to provincials.

II. Additional Berths

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.

B. 2A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. 2A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 2A tournament. The representation to provincials for 2A 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		3 representatives
Total		12 teams

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

II. Additional Berths

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.

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C. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. 3A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials for 3A 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		3 representatives
Total		12 teams

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

II. Additional Berths

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.

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D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone		3 representatives
South Central Zone		1 “
Central Zone		1 “
Edmonton Zone	3	“
North West Zone	1	“
North East Zone	1	“
South Zone		1 “
Host school or Zone		1 representative
Total		12 teams

There will be a maximum of four representatives per zone (includes host team).

II. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a zone vacating their zone berth(s):

a. 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).

b. 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 Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wild card berth into the Provincial Championships.

III. Competition Pools

A power pool format will be implemented for the first day of the Provincial competition. The teams will be ranked into three competition pools by an ASAA ranking Committee. Teams ranked 1–4 are in Pool A; teams 5–8 are in Pool B; and teams 9–12 are in Pool C. All teams will play a best two-of-three match against each of the other teams in the pool on the Thursday of the championship. After these matches, the teams will be seeded into the playoff round based on the final standings in the pool. The current CVA tie-breaking procedures will apply if necessary to complete the final standing of teams in each pool.

Teams that finish last in their pool will drop to the next lower pool for seeding in the playoff round and teams that finish first in their pool will move up to the next higher pool for seeding in the playoff round. For example, if a team plays in Pool B (5–8) and finishes last, it will drop to the top of Pool C and be seeded 9th for the playoff round. The team finishing first in Pool C (9–12) will move up to the bottom of Pool B and be seeded 8th for the playoff round

Playoff Round

Based on the power pool results all teams will then be seeded from 1–12. The playoff round follows a 12-team elimination schedule. First round play will be a best three-of-five match involving team 5 vs 12, 6 vs 11, 7 vs 10 and 8 vs 9 – with the top 4 teams receiving a bye for the first round. Every match on the championship side of the playoff round, including the bronze medal match, will be best three-of-five. Once a team has been eliminated from the championship side, all remaining matches will be best two-of-three. Teams will continue to play for final placement (1–12).

Rankings

a. There will be separate ranking committees for each gender comprising one voting representative from each zone (where a 4A team exists). One additional non-voting member of each committee will be designated as the tabulator and will be responsible for receiving and compiling all results submitted by individual committee members. Recruitment of ranking committee members and tabulators as well as determination of the ranking timeline will be the responsibility of the Volleyball Commissioners annually.

b. Rankings will be done bi-weekly. A total of four (4) rankings will be developed prior to the power pool rankings for the provincial tournament. A final ranking will take place on the Monday preceding the championship Tournament after all qualifying teams have been identified. A ranking timeline will be posted no later than September 7 annually.

c. By 12:00 p.m. on Monday prior to each release date, each committee member is responsible for procuring and emailing all other committee members any information deemed important to an accurate and valid ranking. This information shall include, but not be limited to:

01. final standings from tournament play that involve prospective ranked teams in their zone
02. match results for league play involving prospective ranked teams in their zone
03. general comments about prospective ranked teams and their players (injuries, etc.)
04. a preliminary ranking based on all available information collected to that point (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)

All members will have access to the results from the previous two weekends (from the emails the rankers share) and know how other members have ranked. By 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the ranking week, each member will then send an email with their final ranking to the tabulator only. Once the tabulator has received all the rankings, a reverse points ranking will be applied, meaning that a team that receives a first place ranking will receive 10 points. A second place ranking receives 9 points and so on.

Once the rankings have been calculated, each tabulator will forward to the ASAA and the media around the province a summary listing the top 10 teams. The ASAA will post the rankings on the ASAA website upon receiving them from the tabulators. Each committee member will also receive the complete ranking information detailing how each member voted. This will support the accountability of ranking. On the Monday prior to the championship, the ranking committee will create

a final ranking for all 16 qualifying teams by conference call. Once ranked, the teams will be placed into competition pools as outlined above.

Proposed:

The rules of Volleyball Canada shall govern ASAA Volleyball, with the following modifications:

A. Substitutes – The ~~modified~~ unlimited 12 substitute rule will be used. The rule is as follows:

I. A team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one game

II. A player may leave the game and re-enter the game, but only for the same player. Players are ‘tied’ together; e.g., 7 for 12 – these two players are attached for that game and a player must re-enter for the same player

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B. In provincial competition, the competition chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the minor officials – ~~linemen~~ line judges and scorekeepers – are provided and properly trained.

4. Competitions

A. There shall be eight provincial competitions that will terminate the volleyball season. All competitions will be held on the fourth weekend in November.

C. Tie Breaker Policy

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I. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering only matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

II. The team having the best ratio of won/lost ~~games~~ sets, considering only matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

III. The team having the best ratio of won/lost ~~games~~-sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;

IV. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering only ~~games~~-sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

V. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all ~~games~~-sets played during the round, will be ranked higher;

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5. Representation to Provincials

Additional Berths 1A-3A

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- 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.

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Calgary & Edmonton Zones		1 representative*
South Central 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		2 representative
Total		10 teams

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

The representation to provincials for a twelve (12) team tournament shall be as follows:

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North Central Zone		1	“
Central Zone	1	“	
South Zone		1	“
South Central Zone		1	“
North East Zone	1	“	
North West Zone		1	“
Host school		1	“
Additional Berths		4	representatives
Total		12	teams

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

The Edmonton and Calgary zones combine for one berth to be determined in a tournament/playoff game format agreed upon by both zones. The top team after the tournament/playoff game will receive the berth to provincials.

H. Additional Berths

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~~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.~~

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

B. 2A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. 2A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 2A tournament. The representation to provincials for 2A 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		3	representatives
Total		12	teams

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

H. Additional Berths

~~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.~~

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C. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. 3A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials for 3A 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		3 representatives
Total		12 teams

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

~~H. Additional Berths~~

~~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.~~

~~e. 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.~~

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone		3 representatives
South Central Zone		1 “
Central Zone		1 “
Edmonton Zone	3	“
North West Zone	1	“
North East Zone	1	“
South Zone		1 “
Host school or Zone		1 representative
Total		12 teams

There will be a maximum of four representatives per zone (includes host team).

II. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a zone vacating their zone berth(s):

a. 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).

b. 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 Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wild card berth into the Provincial Championships.

III. Competition Pools

A power pool format will be implemented for the first day of the Provincial competition. The teams will be ranked into three competition pools by an ASAA ranking Committee. Teams ranked 1–4 are in Pool A; teams 5–8 are in Pool B; and teams 9–12 are in Pool C. All teams will play a best two-of-three match against each of the other teams in the pool on the Thursday of the championship. After these matches, the teams will be seeded into the playoff round based on the final standings in the pool. The current ~~EVA-VC~~ tie-breaking procedures will apply if necessary to complete the final standing of teams in each pool.

Teams that finish last in their pool will drop to the next lower pool for seeding in the playoff round and teams that finish first in their pool will move up to the next higher pool for seeding in the playoff round. For example, if a team plays in Pool B (5–8) and finishes last, it will drop to the top of Pool C and be seeded 9th for the playoff round. The team finishing first in Pool C (9–12) will move up to the bottom of Pool B and be seeded 8th for the playoff round.

Playoff Round

Based on the power pool results all teams will then be seeded from 1–12. The playoff round follows a 12-team elimination schedule. First round play will be a best three-of-five match involving teams 5 vs 12, 6 vs 11, 7 vs 10 and 8 vs 9 – with the top 4 teams receiving a bye for the first round. Every match on the championship side of the playoff round, including the bronze medal match, will be best three-of-five. Once a team has been eliminated from the championship side, all remaining matches will be best two-of-three. Teams will continue to play for final placement (1–12).

Rankings

a. There will be separate ranking committees for each gender comprising one voting representative from each zone (where a 4A team exists). ~~One additional non-voting member of each committee will be designated as the tabulator and will be responsible for receiving and compiling all results submitted by individual committee members.~~ Recruitment of ranking committee members ~~and tabulators~~ as well as determination of the ranking timeline will be the responsibility of the Volleyball Commissioners annually.

b. Rankings will be done ~~bi-weekly~~ four times throughout the season. A total of ~~four (4)~~ three rankings will be developed prior to the ~~power pool rankings for the provincial tournament~~ zone tournaments. ~~A final~~ The power pool ranking will take place on the ~~Monday~~ Sunday preceding the Provincial Championships ~~Tournament~~ after all qualifying teams have been identified. A ranking timeline will be posted no later than September 7 annually.

c. By 12:00 p.m. on Monday prior to each release date, each committee member is responsible for procuring and emailing all other committee members any information deemed important to an accurate and valid ranking. This information shall include, but not be limited to:

01. final standings from tournament play that involve prospective ranked teams in their zone
02. match results for league play involving prospective ranked teams in their zone

03. general comments about prospective ranked teams and their players (injuries, etc.)

04. a preliminary ranking based on all available information collected to that point (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)

All members will have access to the results through SRS ~~from the previous two weekends (from the emails the rankers share) and know how other members have ranked.~~ By 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the ranking week, each member will ~~then send an email with their final ranking to the tabulator only. Once the tabulator has received all the rankings,~~ submit their rankings on SRS; a reverse points ranking will be applied, meaning that a team that receives a first place ranking will receive 10 points. A second place ranking receives 9 points and so on.

~~Once the rankings have been calculated, each tabulator will forward to the ASAA and the media around the province a summary listing the top 10 teams. The ASAA will post the rankings on the ASAA website upon receiving them from the tabulators. Each committee member will also receive the complete ranking information detailing how each member voted. This will support the accountability of ranking. On the Monday Sunday prior to the championship, the ranking committee will create a final ranking for all 16-12 qualifying teams by conference call. Once ranked, the teams will be placed into competition pools as outlined above.~~

Rationale:

To update volleyball terminology, and clean up redundancy in the volleyball section.

REGULAR NOTICES OF MOTION 2023 -

Notice #1: Bylaws - Article III, page 13 (As this is a Bylaw, it requires 75% vote to pass)

Proposed:

- G: One representative from each of the following:
- XI. Association of Independent Schools & Colleges in Alberta (AISCA)

Rationale:

Of the 397 ASAA member schools in 2022/23, 37 of them are independent schools, and six more are associate members of AISCA (alternative programs within the public school system).
 One of our nine zone entities is made up almost entirely of independent schools.
 There are currently three board members representing public/catholic schools & teachers in Alberta (ASBA, ATA and CASS) but no representation for our independent school members.

Notice #2: Policies - Section III (Membership) - 1. High School Membership, page 25

Current:

- A. Membership in the ASAA is open to any Alberta senior high school that is accredited by Alberta Education.
- B. Schools will be classified as 1A, 2A, 3A, or 4A based on their average student population from the preceding three school years.
 - I. Schools will count their student enrolment numbers as of September 30 on an annual basis.
 - II. The enrollment number submitted for a given school year will not count towards the three year average calculation for that same school year.
- C. The classifications and corresponding population numbers are:
 - I. 1A: < 100
 - II. 2A: 100 – 299
 - III. 3A: 300 – 799
 - IV. 4A: 800 +
- D. For sports that use alternate student population numbers to determine classification of competition, the same three-year calculation process will apply using the classification and population numbers specified for that sport.
- E. Schools may submit an appeal of their classification assignment to the Executive Committee for consideration if their change in student population moves them to the next classification, but they are less than 10% over the cut off (e.g. 108 for a 1A school). Classification appeals must be submitted no later than September 1 of the school year classification being appealed.
- F. Schools that have a population increase that takes them to 10% or more over the classification cut off in the new school year must compete at the higher classification level and cannot appeal it.
- G. When determining school enrollment for classification purposes, all students who meet the following ASAA eligibility requirements shall be included in the count:
 - I. Under 19 before September 1 of the current year;
 - II. Minimum 800 instructional minutes per week i.e. 10 credits or two full time courses and registered as a student in grades 10, 11, or 12;
 - III. Maximum three consecutive years from date of starting grade 10 (see note to SECTION IV – ELIGIBILITY 2. Student Eligibility).
- H. Annual membership fees must be paid 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+	JR.
ASAA Fee	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$35
+1/Student Cap	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$675	\$750	
Total Maximum	\$415	\$565	\$715	\$1015	\$1090	
CIAAA Fee	\$60	\$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	
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I.Registration of schools for provincial and zone membership shall be completed online via the Sport Registration System (SRS). It is the responsibility of each school to complete their registration by October 10. 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.

Proposed:

Policies - Section III - Membership. 1. High School Membership

A. 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 30 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+	Home Education Per student	JR.
ASAA Fee	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$100	\$35
+1/Student Cap	\$75	\$225	\$375	\$675	\$750		
Total Maximum	\$415	\$565	\$715	\$1015	\$1090	\$400	
CIAAA Fee	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
School Coach Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	\$60	
Legal Expense Fee*	\$15	\$25	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$50 one-time	
Legal Contingency Fee (see Item D)	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$300	\$50 one-time	

*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.

Schools will count their student enrolment numbers as of September 30 on an annual basis to confirm their classification for that school year, and these numbers must be submitted in SRS. If the September 30 student count differs from the April 30 projection enough to change a school's classification, the principal or athletic director must report this by email to the ASAA Executive Director by October 10. Failure to do so will result in that school competing at whichever is the higher classification at all ASAA events in that school year and paying a \$500 fine.

~~B. Schools will be classified as 1A, 2A, 3A, or 4A based on their average student population from the preceding three school years.~~

~~H. The enrollment number submitted for a given school year will not count towards the three year average calculation for that same school year.~~

~~D. For sports that use alternate student population numbers to determine classification of competition, the same three-year calculation process will apply using the classification and population numbers specified for that sport.~~

~~E. Schools may submit an appeal of their classification assignment to the Executive Committee for consideration if their change in student population moves them to the next classification, but they are less than 10% over the cut off (e.g. 108 for a 1A school). Classification appeals must be submitted no later than September 1 of the school year classification being appealed.~~

~~F. Schools that have a population increase that takes them to 10% or more over the classification cut off in the new school year must compete at the higher classification level and cannot appeal it.~~

B. When determining school enrollment for classification purposes, all students who meet the following ASAA eligibility requirements shall be included in the count:

I. Under 19 before September 1 of the current year;

II. Minimum 800 instructional minutes per week i.e. 10 credits or two full time courses and registered as a student in grades 10, 11, or 12;

III. Maximum three consecutive years from date of starting grade 10 (see note to SECTION IV – ELIGIBILITY 2. Student Eligibility).

C. Registration of schools for provincial and zone membership shall be completed online via the Sport Registration System (SRS). It is the responsibility of each school to complete their registration by the October 10 school registration deadline.

D. The classifications and corresponding population numbers are:

I. 1A: < 100

II. 2A: 100 – 299

III. 3A: 300 – 799

IV. 4A: 800 +

Rationale:

1. After using the three-year average model for a full school year, it has become clear that there are too many unanticipated administrative issues.
2. These issues have resulted in a lot of extra work, delays in publications, confusion, and in some cases, schools being placed in classifications that were not fair to themselves, and/or to others.
3. Putting the onus on principals/athletic directors to report classification changes is fair and reasonable, and allows the office to effectively deal with these changes in a timely manner.
4. One of the main purposes for the three-year average model was to allow schools and the ASAA office to make preparations for the upcoming school year. Using the projected enrollment is more fair and less onerous than using the three-year average and adequately addresses that desired outcome.

Notice #3: Policies - Section IV (Student Eligibility), page 30

Proposed:

10. Prep Schools or Academy Programs

A. Prep Schools or Academy Programs

Prep Schools or Academy Programs will typically offer athletes the opportunity to access training or coaching at an advanced level and may or may not involve the athlete paying fees or tuition to participate and may or may not offer academic courses. Prep Schools and Academy Programs differ from Non-School Teams referenced in paragraph 5 of this section in that they provide the athlete the opportunity to train and compete at a high level as opposed to providing opportunities for participants of all skill levels. An athlete who is associated with a Prep School or Academy Program, as determined by the Executive in the exercise of their absolute discretion, will be deemed to have an advantage that is unfair to other student athletes at ASAA member schools.

B. Determination of Applicability:

The ASAA Executive Committee has the authority to determine, in their absolute discretion, if and how this policy will apply to a student who is or has been associated with a particular program and how that association will affect the eligibility of the student to participate in high school athletics with an ASAA member school. The ASAA Executive Committee may make any such determination before or after a question regarding the eligibility of a particular student arises to address the deemed unfair advantage described above.

C. Eligibility:

Generally, and subject to the discretion of the Executive as set out above, students who have had any association with a Prep School or Academy Program during a school year will be ineligible to participate in any sport offered by that School or Academy during that school year at an ASAA member school.

D. Responsibility:

When a Principal is aware of a potential transfer to a Prep School or Academy program, it is their responsibility to ensure that students and their parents or guardians are aware that ongoing involvement or association with a Prep School or Academy Program will render them ineligible for participation in any sport offered by the School or Academy.

E. Prep Program/Member School Competition:

Member Schools that engage in training or competition with Prep Schools or Academy Programs may be disciplined and lose the privilege of competing in ASAA championships in all sports.

NOTE: Ignorance of this policy on the part of school administrators, coaches, students, their families or others will not be accepted as a valid reason for granting an exception to the application of this policy.

All parties are required to adhere to the Honesty Disclosure, Bylaws and Code of Ethics at all times.

Rationale:

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

ASAA
Executive
Committee

Notice #4: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 1. Supervision of Athletes and Teams, page 33

Current:

A. Team Sports at ASAA zone and ASAA Provincial Championships.

1. Every school team must be coached or supervised by a teacher of the school jurisdiction to which that school belongs. Definition of a teacher: "A teacher of that school jurisdiction" may include certified teachers currently registered with that school board including full time, part time or substitute teachers.

B. Individual Sports at ASAA Provincial Championships

1. Composite zone teams in individual and dual sports (badminton, cross country, golf, track & field, wrestling) shall appoint team supervisors that are certified teachers from a school jurisdiction within the zone. This means that in the sports listed above, one or more certified teachers from the ASAA zone will be designated with the responsibility for their zone team.

Proposed:

Policies

Section V

Article 1. Supervision of Athletes and Teams

A. Team Sports at ASAA zone and ASAA Provincial Championships.

1. Every school team must be coached or supervised by a teacher of the school jurisdiction to which that school belongs. One of these people must have valid First Aid Certification as defined by the local school jurisdiction. Definition of a teacher: "A teacher of that school jurisdiction" may include certified teachers currently registered with that school board including full time, part time or substitute teachers.

B. Individual Sports at ASAA Provincial Championships

1. Composite zone teams in individual and dual sports (badminton, cross country, golf, track & field, wrestling) shall appoint team supervisors that are certified teachers from a school jurisdiction within the zone. One of these persons must have valid First Aid Certification as defined by the local school jurisdiction. This means that in the sports listed above, one or more certified teachers from the ASAA zone will be designated with the responsibility for their zone team.

Rationale:

1. Safety of our student-athletes should be priority number #1.
2. Many of the ASAA Championships do not meet the standards of the relevant Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) First Aid & Safety requirements. This policy change along with the NOM to add Certified Athletic Therapists to Hosting Requirements would put the ASAA in-line with the PSOs.
3. Most teachers involved in school athletics are likely already required by their school jurisdiction to have valid First Aid Certification, so this change will have minimal impact on finding supervisors.

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Notice #5: Policies- Section V (Football) - 4. Athlete Registration - G. Registration Deadlines, page 40

Current:

Sport	Deadline	Min # Students Required for Team Registration	Deadline to add Students to Roster (prior to midnight)	Coach/Team Official Registration Deadline
Football	1-Oct	12 athletes total with at least one (1) being from the secondary school where appropriate 6 athletes for 6-a-side football teams	15-Oct	15-Oct

Proposed:

Sport	Deadline	Min # Students Required for Team Registration	Deadline to add Students to Roster (prior to midnight)	Coach/Team Official Registration Deadline
Football	1-Oct	12-a-side: 28 6-a-side: 9 If joint team, at least one from the secondary school (s)	15-Oct	15-Oct

Rationale:

1. With the new Long Term Athlete Development Competition Mandates from Football Canada, the ASAA needs to ensure that all football teams meet the minimum requirements.

Notice #6: Policies - Section V (Activities), page 42**Current:**

Addition to the 2023/24 ASAA Policy Handbook but not be implemented until 2024/25. To go before New Activities.

Proposed:**6. Championship and Festival Criteria and Requirements**

Two forms of competition will occur under the umbrella of the ASAA:

1. Provincial Championships
2. Festivals

Provincial Championships are conducted with the support of the ASAA and all associated expenses for awards are covered by the ASAA. Hosts of these events are required to follow the direction of the ASAA in conducting all aspects of the Championship.

Festivals are conducted under the banner of the ASAA, but without support for any of the associated expenses for awards or benefits from ASAA sponsors. A current Championship may be moved to Festival status if certain criteria, as described below, is not met. A current Festival may be moved to Championship status upon achieving certain criteria, as described in Section V.7.

Each Festival and Championship will undergo an annual review to be presented by the Executive Director at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to determine if it is meeting the criteria provided below.

1. Activities which have Championship status, and no longer meet the Championship criteria, shall be moved to Festival status at the AGM immediately following loss of that status and will maintain Festival status for at least three years. After the third and each subsequent year, the ASAA Executive will review and provide a recommendation to the Board of Governors to either promote that sport to Championship status, maintain Festival status, or remove it.
2. Activities which have championships for more than one classification should meet the Championship criteria for each classification. If it does not, the Executive Committee will provide a recommendation (along with rationale) to the Board of Governors to maintain status quo, eliminate or combine classifications.
3. Activities which have Championship or Festival status and do not meet Festival status are subject to deletion as per policy V.8.

Criteria	CHAMPIONSHIP	FESTIVAL
Minimum Number of Zones Participating: - Zones must have their own recognized league and/or playoff/ASAA qualifying competition.	6 of 8	4 of 8
Minimum Number of Schools Participating	40	20
Minimum Number of Students Participating	300	200
Structure & Event Requirements		
Registration via ASAA website	YES	YES
Sanctioning	YES	YES
ASAA eligibility/supervision rules apply	YES	YES
ASAA approved playing regulations	YES	YES
Insurance rider if off-site competition is required	YES	YES
Sportsmanship Awards	YES	YES

Maximum # of school days in length	4	2
Opening Ceremonies	YES	OPTIONAL
ASAA covers the cost of all awards	YES	NO
ASAA classifications	YES	NO ¹
ASAA approved qualification format	YES	NO ²
ASAA Commissioners	YES	NO
ASAA Support		
Information package templates	YES	YES
Program templates	YES	YES
Website support	YES	YES
Host bid process	YES	NO ³
ASAA approved competition format (including # of entries)	YES	NO
Convenor Requirements		
Live Streaming	YES	OPTIONAL
Banquet permitted (in addition to registration fee)	YES	OPTIONAL
Clothing sales	YES	OPTIONAL
Formal Awards Ceremony	YES	OPTIONAL
ASAA arranged officials	YES	NO
ASAA approved rankings	YES ³	NO
Preliminary Budget submitted 60 days in advance	YES	NO
Final financial report submitted 60 days after the event	YES	NO
Event Benefits		
ASAA assigned staff support	YES	YES ⁵

¹organizers can classify at their own discretion

²the ASAA will provide direction if requested

³the ASAA may provide a host rotation if requested or deemed appropriate

⁴the ASAA only provides rankings for basketball, Tier I football, and 4A volleyball

⁵ASAA staff will provide support but may not be onsite

Implementation:

There is a moratorium on this policy impacting current ASAA activities until 2024/25.

Classifications (including tiers and categories) for fall sports (golf, cross country, football, volleyball) will not be subject to the new policy until the December 2023 APM, and for winter & spring sports (wrestling, curling, basketball, cheerleading, badminton, team handball, rugby sevens, rugby xv, track & field) until the June 2024 AGM.

Championship status for fall sports will not be subject to the policy until the 2024 APM and for winter & spring sports until the 2025 AGM.

Rationale

1. The majority of ASAA activities involve participation from students, schools and zones that far exceed Championship criteria; a few other activities are well below the majority. There should be a distinction between “Provincial” and “Regional” activities.
2. The activities which have minimal and/or primarily regional participation contribute to the workload of ASAA Executive and Office and the costs have become hard to justify for events with limited representation by geography and numbers.
 - a. As a result, these activities are placing an unfair burden on the vast majority of ASAA member schools that are only involved in core 8 or 9 activities.
3. Provincial championships should only be awarded for activities that are unquestionably provincial in participation. This requires evidence that a significant percentage of students, schools and zones in Alberta are participating.
4. Some current activities have more classifications than can be justified based on the number of students, schools and zones at each classification. There needs to be clear guidelines for how classifications are added.
5. We can learn from others - Ontario has a similar policy in place. Other provinces are having similar discussions or have already made distinctions between Championships and Festivals.
6. The moratorium allows time for the association to digest the implications of this policy, stakeholders time to get creative on ways to increase participation in some activities, and shows loyalty to our current (long-standing) activities.

Notice #7: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 6. New Activities, page 42

Current:

New activities to be sponsored by the Association shall be adopted according to the following procedure:

A. The activity may be proposed after due Notice of Motion without detailed policy at a meeting of the Board of Governors. If approved, the activity may be implemented in one of the following ways:

- I. By assigning it to a Zone Executive or other committee to conduct on a trial basis. The committee would prepare a detailed policy.
- II. By implementing a proposed policy that is submitted at the same time as the proposal to approve the activity, provided proper Notice of Motion is given for both. If the activity is approved, the policy may be approved, amended or referred to a committee for recommendations.

Proposed:

7. New Activities

To be added to the 2023/24 ASAA Policy Handbook (along with the corresponding chart) for immediate implementation.

1. Any member school, zone, provincial sport association, or an ASAA Board Member can apply for an activity to be granted Demonstration status. If the application is approved, the activity would be conducted as an invitational competition on an event-by-event basis with ASAA supervisory policies in effect. Application forms must be submitted to the ASAA Executive Committee by April 1 in order to be considered at the June AGM for implementation the following year.

Progression of Demonstrations is as follows:

1. *Request to the ASAA Executive.*
2. *If approved, implementation of the activity for Demonstration.*
3. *Open invitation from the ASAA (or a member school or zone) to all member schools to join the Demonstration.*
4. *After the first Demonstration event, the ASAA Executive will decide whether to do a second Demonstration, or no longer support the activity*
 - a. *If a second Demonstration is granted, an advisory committee will be formed for the activity.*
5. *Open invitation from the Advisory Committee to a second Demonstration.*
 - a. *must have participation from at least two zones, five schools, twenty students.*
6. *After the second Demonstration event, the Advisory Committee will present a report to the ASAA Executive outlining:*
 - a. *the schools, students and zones participating*
 - b. *schedule(s)*
 - c. *finances*
 - d. *rules (including enforcement)*
 - e. *supervisory protocols*
 - f. *first aid provisions*
 - g. *awards*
 - h. *any recommendations for the future.*

Based on the report, the ASAA Executive may decide whether to do a third Demonstration, or no longer support the activity.

7. *Open invitation from the Advisory Committee to a third Demonstration.*
 - a. *must have participation from at least three zones, ten schools, fifty students.*
8. *After the third Demonstration event, the process from the second Demonstration will be repeated.*
9. *Open invitation from the Advisory Committee to a fourth Demonstration.*
 - a. *must have participation from at least three zones, twenty schools, 100 students.*

After the fourth Demonstration event, the Advisory Committee has six months to decide whether to suspend or cancel the Demonstration, or apply for Festival status. Application needs to be made to the ASAA Executive by June 1 and include the following:*

- a. *detailed reports from the last two Demonstrations including financial.*
- b. *Supporting statistics to show that the activity meets the criteria numbers (zones, schools, students) for consideration for Festival status.*
- c. *Best estimates of the number of schools (by zone) conducting the activity in their school program even if those schools did not attend the event.*
- d. *Proposed Season of Play and annual date of the Festival.*
- e. *Names of hosts and convenors in place for the first three Festivals*
- f. *Draft set of rules used in the events.*
- g. *Draft section to be added to the ASAA Policy Handbook.*
- h. *Indication of how the events accommodated teams (i.e. hotels, changerooms, hospitality in general).*

**Note: if the Demonstration exceeds Festival status earlier than the fourth Demonstration, the Advisory Committee can apply early for Festival status.*

The Executive Committee will review the application, and if all materials are in order and all requirements to become a Festival appear to have been met, the Executive will pass on their recommendation to the Board of Governors for discussion at the AGM, where the final decision will be made. If the application is successful, the activity will be granted Festival status for three years.

Process for moving from a Festival to Championship

Application may be made to the Executive Committee after an ASAA recognized Festival has run for three consecutive years*:

1. *The Advisory Committee for that activity can make an application to the Executive and/or the Executive can recommend an application for Championship status. Application must be made in writing to the Executive Committee by September 1 to be added to the Annual Planning Meeting Agenda (APM). A representative from the activity must be available to present and answer questions at the APM.*
2. *Applications must provide the following information:*
 - a. *Demonstrate the sport meets all Championship criteria.*
 - b. *Demonstrate positive reviews from convenors, that the Festival has moved around the province (if applicable) and provide financial statements showing the festival is financially sustainable.*
 - c. *Demonstrate how the activity is a school-based component (i.e. falls under school board jurisdiction, supported by administration, has necessary buy-in from educational staff).*
 - d. *Demonstrate organization and commitment to the sport by having ASAA hosts and convenors in place for the next two years.*
 - e. *Have a Commissioner selected to assume the role of Commissioner as described in ASAA Policy Section V.5.*

**Note: if the Festival exceeds Championship status earlier than three years, the Advisory Committee can apply early for Championship status.*

Upon receiving and reviewing an application that meets all required criteria for consideration of Championship status, the Executive Committee may make a recommendation to the Board of Governors at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for activity approval to Championship status. At the AGM, members will vote on approval of the application.

Process to add a Classification to a Championship Sport

Application shall be made to the Executive Committee.

1. *The commissioner(s) for that activity can make an application to the Executive and/or the Executive can recommend an application to add a classification. Application must be made in writing to the Executive Committee by June 1 to be added to the AGM Agenda. A school-based representative from the activity must be available to present and answer questions at the meeting.*
2. *Applications must demonstrate that the activity meets all Championship criteria for any additional classifications requested.*

Following a successful application, the Executive Committee may make a recommendation to the Board of Governors at the AGM for (an) additional classification(s). At the AGM, the Board of Governors will vote on approval of the application. A 50% +1 vote is required to pass.

**Note: a request for more than one classification can be made during an application to move from Festival to Championship.*

**Note: multiple classifications can be added at the same time*

Rationale:

1. **There are a number of activities that the ASAA does not currently govern that have potential. The current policy is all-or-nothing.**
2. **Having a clearly defined application process provides clarity for interested parties, while ensuring that adding activities is justifiable to the Association.**
3. **Provincial Championships should only be awarded for activities that are unquestionably provincial in participation. This requires evidence that a significant percentage of students, schools and zones in Alberta are participating.**
4. **There needs to be clear guidelines for how classifications are added.**

Notice #8: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 10. Provincial Competition, page 43

Current:

C. Provincial Representation

I. All individuals and teams advancing to provincials must participate in competition leading to provincial championships where a qualifying competition is required. i.e. district and/or zone qualifying events.

II. Any team that checks the "Intent to attend provincials" box in their team registration on the SRS will be considered provincial-eligible. If a Provincial-eligible team qualifies for provincials either as a zone representative or a wildcard/additional berth is expected to attend provincials. If, for any reason, a qualified team chooses to not attend provincials they will be charged a late withdrawal penalty in two parts:

- a. a \$750 penalty, to be payable to the team that steps in to replace the non-attending qualified team, in order to cover their last-minute travel costs associated with attending provincials on late notice.

- b. a \$250 penalty, to be payable to the host in order to cover the administrative costs involved in finding replacing a team to at the last minute.

Proposed:

C. Provincial Representation

I. All individuals and teams advancing to provincials must participate in competition leading to provincial championships where a qualifying competition is required, i.e. district and/or zone qualifying events. Provincial hosts must compete in their zone's provincial qualifying structure until they are eliminated (or win their zone). Failure to do so will result in the host team being ineligible to compete at provincials and the host berth would become a vacant berth. The \$750 fine (point "a" below) would apply.

II. Any team that checks the "Intent to attend provincials" box in their team registration on the SRS will be considered provincial-eligible. If a Provincial-eligible team qualifies for provincials either as a zone representative or a wildcard/additional berth it is expected to attend provincials. If, for any reason, a qualified team chooses to not attend provincials they will be charged a late withdrawal penalty in two parts:

- a. a \$750 penalty, to be payable to the team that steps in to replace the non-attending qualified team, in order to cover their last-minute travel costs associated with attending provincials on late notice.
- b. a \$250 penalty, to be payable to the host in order to cover the administrative costs involved in finding a replacement team at the last minute.

Rationale:

1. The current policy needs clarification.

Notice #9: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 10. Provincial Competition - D. Hosting Provincials, page 44

Current:

Addition of VII.

Proposed:

VII. All ASAA Championships must have a Certified Athletic Therapist (CAT) hired/enlisted for the event. The CAT will be in charge of executing the Emergency Action Plan, and will have full discretionary authority to take charge of serious incidents or injury and any situation that would require an ambulance.

If it is more practical for the Championship host to hire/enlist alternate medical personnel (i.e. doctor, nurse, paramedic), they must communicate this with the ASAA office at least one month in advance of the Championship.

Rationale:

1. Safety of our student-athletes should be priority number #1.
2. Many of the ASAA Championships do not meet the standards of the relevant Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) First Aid & Safety requirements. This policy change along with the NOM to require First Aid for supervisors would put the ASAA in-line with the PSOs.

Notice #10: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 10. Provincial Competition - E. Competition Banquets, page 44

Current:

It is the prerogative of the host committee to determine if there will be a banquet in conjunction with any ASAA provincial competition. If the host committee chooses to include a meal as part of the event, all participants are obligated to pay the fee set to cover the cost.

Proposed:

Delete E.

Rationale:

- There is growing concern amongst the ASAA member schools about coordinating banquets, including, but not limited to: food costs, suitable venue availability and cost.
- Although the current policy does not mandate banquets, the past precedent has essentially required hosts to provide them. Allowing hosts the option to provide banquets makes it problematic as the policy then mandates that teams go to them.
- The current policy is a barrier to some potential hosts, and creates a lot of work for the schools who commit to hosting.
- Removal of the policy allows for more energy and effort to be put into improving the in-game and event experience for the student-athletes.
- Banquets take up several hours; removing them provides scheduling flexibility which can have many benefits, including ensuring that the most important games of a team's season don't occur so early in the morning or late in the evening.

Football
Commissioner

Notice #11: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 10. Provincial Competition - G. Awards - I. Medals, page 45

Proposed:

~~Football: 270 medals for tier champions and finalists. The losers of the semifinal games at each tier shall be awarded bronze medals.~~

Rationale:

1. To be replaced by NOM #12
2. Plaques are more meaningful to schools, and are much cheaper to make and ship.

Football
Commissioner

Notice #12: Policies - Section V (Activities) - 10. Provincial Competition - G. Awards - II. Trophies, page 46

Proposed:

J. Football: The losers of the semifinal games at each tier shall be awarded small “Semifinalist” plaques to be retained as mementos.

Rationale:

1. To replace policy addressed in NOM #11
2. Plaques are more meaningful to schools, and are much cheaper to make and ship.

Badminton
Commissioner

Notice #13: Policies - Section IX (Badminton) - 1. Rules, page 52

Proposed:

D. Serving:

1. “The whole shuttle shall be below the server’s waist at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line around the body, level with the lowest part of the server’s bottom rib.
2. The shaft and the racket head of the server’s racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.” (BWF Alternative Service Laws 9.1.6)

Rationale:

ASAA still has no intentions of adopting the service rule below that was brought in in 2018.

- “The whole of the shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket.” (BWF Laws of Badminton 9.1.6).

The BWF rule is more difficult to enforce than the one historically used. It is not reasonable to expect players to be able to follow this rule consistently at the ASAA level due to the availability of officials (only 1 at each venue).

Basketball
Commissioners

Notice #14: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 1. Rules - A., page 55

Proposed:

~~IV. T-shirts of the same colour as the uniform may be worn (underneath the uniform)~~

Rationale:

- FIBA now allows for full length compression undergarments (leggings or long-sleeved shirts) and clarifies that they must be compression.
- The idea behind mandating compression material is to reduce/prevent injury from fingers getting caught in opponents sleeves, etc. Allowing loose fitting short sleeve t-shirts is inconsistent and confusing.
- This would also be consistent with colleges and universities

Basketball
Commissioners

Notice #15: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 1. Rules - A., page 55

Proposed:

VII. Player’s shoes may be of a different colour.

Rationale:

- The FIBA rule is not enforced consistently, causing confusion for athletes, parents, coaches and officials.
- Non-matching shoes can be bought as pairs, and these should be permitted.

Basketball
Commissioners

Notice #16: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 5. Rankings - C., pages 55-56

Current:

All schools shall submit their game results online using Sport Registration System (SRS) right through to the completion of zone playoffs to provide a complete and up-to-date season record for use in the ranking and seeding processes.

Note: Only those teams with results posted in SRS in a minimum of three ranking periods shall be eligible for final rankings.

Proposed:

All schools shall submit their game results online using Sport Registration System (SRS) right through to the completion of zone playoffs to provide a complete and up-to-date season record for use in the ranking and seeding processes.

Note: Only those teams with results posted in SRS ~~in a minimum of three ranking periods~~, during each ranking period shall be eligible for final rankings.

Rationale:

This proposal allows flexibility regarding the number of ranking periods (and the intervals at which they occur) at the discretion of the commissioners and the ASAA office staff.

There has been some concern raised by ranking committee members over the amount of work it is to create rankings during an already busy time of year for these volunteers. Two ranking periods provides a good sample size for the committees to work with, and is sufficient to determine the wildcards.

Notice #17: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths - D. Vacant Berths, pages 57-58

Current:

I. A wildcard berth will be considered vacant when:

- A. 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).
- B. 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).

II. 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 wildcard berth.

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

The Commissioners will provide the name of the zone receiving the wildcard berth to the ASAA office. It should be clear that the zone, not an individual team, will receive the wildcard berth. The zone will allocate this berth to a team based on its placing in the zone tournament. Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA website and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until noon on the Tuesday following the final rankings to do so. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Basketball Commissioners will consult with the rankings officers based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school within 48 hours. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school.

Proposed:

8. Awarding Vacant Berths

A. A ~~wildcard~~ 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)

The Commissioners will provide the name of the zone receiving the vacant and/or wildcard berth to the ASAA office. It should be clear that the zone, not an individual team, will receive the vacant and/or wildcard berth. The zone will allocate this berth to a team based on its placing in the zone tournament.

Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA website and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until noon on the Tuesday following the final rankings to do so. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Basketball Commissioners will consult with the appropriate ranking committee officers based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school within 48 hours. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school.

Rationale:

There has been some confusion regarding how vacant berths are dealt with. This will clarify the policy and apply the past-precedent.

Clarifies the appeal procedure.

Notice #18: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 7. Awarding Wildcard Berths - D. Vacant Berths, pages 57-58

Current:

I. A wildcard berth will be considered vacant when:

- a. 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).
- b. 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).

II. 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 wildcard berth.

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

The Commissioners will provide the name of the zone receiving the wildcard berth to the ASAA office. It should be clear that the zone, not an individual team, will receive the wildcard berth. The zone will allocate this berth to a team based on its placing in the zone tournament. Rankings information will be posted on the ASAA website and teams wishing to contest* the rankings will have until noon on the Tuesday following the final rankings to do so. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Basketball Commissioners will consult with the rankings officers based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school within 48 hours. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school.

Proposed:

II.

a. In the event of a vacant berth, the 4th ranked zone with the highest point total and sufficient number of teams in the final rankings will receive the vacant berth.

Rationale:

We had a situation at the 3A level this season where a zone was in the position to have a challenge game for their berth coming from the 4th ranked zone in the province due to them only having one team that had opted for provincials. This Zone then opted out of Provincials vacating their berth and taking away the opportunity for the 4th ranked zone to challenge for their berth.

This berth then became vacant and went to the highest ranked zone in the province rather than to the 4th ranked zone where it likely would have gone.

Just based on the sheer number of teams in zones like Edmonton where they will always have multiple teams in rankings and a higher number of points, they will most likely always receive that vacant berth over smaller zones. Out of the North Central this season in the girls division we had 2 out of 7 3A schools ranked(29%) where Edmonton had 4 out of 13 ranked(30%).

Notice #19: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 8. Representation to Provincials - C. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls - III, page 59**Current:**

If any zone has only one team at the 3A classification, they must be prepared to host a challenge from the fourth ranked zone for their representative spot at provincials. If required, this challenge shall

- a. Be issued from Zone Secretary (or designate) to Zone Secretary (or designate) with a cc to the ASAA office no later than 4 pm on the day the final rankings are released. If the final rankings are successfully appealed and a new zone becomes the fourth ranked zone, that zone must issue the challenge (if desired) no later than 4 pm on the day the final rankings are posted reflecting the outcome of an appeal
- b. Be played on the Monday following the zone competition.

Proposed:

If any zone has only one team registered with intent to compete at the 3A classification, they must be prepared to host a challenge from the fourth ranked zone for their representative spot at provincials. If required, this challenge shall

- c. Be issued from Zone Secretary (or designate) to Zone Secretary (or designate) with a cc to the ASAA office no later than 4 pm on the day the final rankings wildcards are released posted. If the final rankings are successfully appealed and a new zone becomes the fourth ranked zone, that zone must issue the challenge (if desired) no later than 4 pm on the day the final rankings wildcards are posted reflecting the outcome of an appeal
- d. Be played on the Monday following the zone competition.

Rationale:

Clarifies what it means to only have one team.

Notice #20: Policies - Section X (Basketball) - 10. Provincial Draws, page 60**Current:**

A. The preferred draw for 1A, 2A, 3A boys and girls is as follows:

(please see the draws on pages 61 & 62)

Note 1: Losers of Games 13 & 14 are both ranked 7th, there is no game to determine 7th/8th **Note 2:** Using this draw is at the discretion of the host and can only be used with a suitable second court in order to schedule eight games on Thursday. In addition, teams playing twice on Thursday will receive at least four hours between the end of their first game and the start of their second game.

B. An optional draw (if only one gym is available) for 1A, 2A, and 3A boys and girls is as follows:

Note 1: Losers of Games 13 & 14 are both given a ranking of 7th, there is no game to determine 7th/8th

Note 2: Games do not need to be scheduled in order of game number.

C. The draw for 4A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Note: Games do not need to be scheduled in order of game number.

Proposed - remove draws and change wording as follows:

A. The 1A/2A/3A draws are 12-team Oregon-style brackets that must meet the following criteria:

1. If a second gym (that meets Policy X.1.C criteria) is available within a reasonable driving distance of the accommodations and/or host school, it is expected to be utilized.
2. Priority shall be given to ensuring that all teams play on Thursday.
3. Teams playing twice in one day will receive at least four hours between the end of their first game and the start of their second game.
4. When possible, 2-hour time slots shall be used, granting 15-minute warm-ups and half-times.
5. The draw must be approved by the ASAA office and the respective commissioner before being finalized. (Hosts will be given templates by the ASAA office.)

Note: There is no game to determine 7th/8th.

B. The 4A draw is a 16-team Oregon-style double-elimination* bracket that must meet the following criteria:

1. At least three gyms need to be utilized that meet the criteria found in Policy X.1.C. and Appendix Section 1 2.B.iii. (secondary gyms need to meet a minimum spectator capacity of 400).
2. Priority shall be given to ensuring that all teams play on Thursday.

3. Teams playing twice in one day will receive at least four hours between the end of their first game and the start of their second game.
4. 2-hour time slots shall be used, granting 15-minute warm-ups and half-times.
5. The draw must be approved by the ASAA office and the respective commissioner before being finalized. (Hosts will be given templates by the ASAA office.)

*There are no games to determine 7th/8th, 11-16th.

Rationale:

Current policy leaves too much “discretion” to the host. Having a second gym for the 1A/2A/3A Championships needs to be prioritized as it makes for a significantly better draw.

Having actual draws in Policy is a bit restrictive and there are ways that some hosts have used the three days more effectively than the policy prescribes. Having the ASAA office and the commissioners involved in finalizing the draw will ensure that the draw meets ASAA standards set above, and through precedent.

Executive Committee
& Basketball
Commissioners

Notice #21: Policies - Section X (Basketball), page 62

Proposed:

11. Regional Model - Two-Year Trial (2024/25 & 2025/26)

This policy will replace 8.D. & 10.C for the duration of the trial.

The 4A Provincial Championship Draw will be 16 teams, divided into four Regionals. Each Regional will be a four-team, single elimination draw.

The winner of each zone is guaranteed a berth into the Provincial Championship draw.

The top four zone-winning teams will host Regionals; the zone may take on the hosting responsibility at a showcase venue.

The rest of the 16-team bracket will be filled with wildcards allocated to zones as per Policy 7 (note: there can be a maximum of five representatives per zone).

Placing of teams will be done by the Ranking Committee factoring in the following (in order):

- a. Top four ranked zone-winning teams will host Regionals
 - host zones are determined on the same day as wildcards are awarded
- b. Zone-winning teams not hosting a Regional travel no more than one zone away
- c. Wildcard teams finishing 2nd place in their zone travel no more than two zones away
- d. Final rankings and considering results since (i.e. ideally 1 vs. 16 etc.)
- e. Wildcard teams finishing 3rd place or lower in their zone may have to travel across the province
- f. Avoiding having two teams from a zone in the same Regional if possible to do without compromising the integrity of the draw.
- g. After the wildcards are placed in the draw, teams will be seeded 1-4 in the Regionals using the Final Rankings, and avoiding zone matchups in the opening round.
- h. Any final adjustments to ensure that item d is accomplished as best as possible without compromising a, b, or c.

The Medal Round matchups will be set by the Ranking Committee before the Regionals: the Regional with the #1 seed will match up with the Regional with the lowest ranked top seed.

Regionals - second weekend of March

If one gender at the host site, games will be scheduled as follows:

Semifinals - Friday at 5 & 7pm

Final - Saturday at 1pm

If both genders at the host site, games will be scheduled as follows:

Semifinals - Friday at 2, 4, 6 & 8pm

Finals - Saturday at noon & 2pm

Winners of the Regionals advance to the Medal Round.

Medal Round - third weekend of March

Friday

Semifinals: 2, 4, 6 & 8pm

Saturday

Bronze Medal games: noon & 2pm

Finals: 4 & 6pm

All Regional and Medal Round games will have minimum 15-minute warm-ups and 15-minute half-times.

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

Calgary
Central (C/SC)
Edmonton
South
ASAA Office
Venue Liaison (non-voting member)

The ASAA Basketball Commissioners will act as advisors to this committee.

Zone representatives will be chosen by the zone president or secretary. The ASAA Office representative will be chosen by the Executive Director.

The 2025 and 2026 4A Medal Round will be held at the Edmonton Expo Centre; if the two-year trial is extended or made permanent, a hosting rotation could be put in place.

Rationale:

The ASAA wants to increase the profile of high school sport in Alberta. Using a collegiate or a professional-level venue can increase the exposure, as well as event and in-game experience for our student-athletes, coaches, spectators etc. The Edmonton Stingers are keen to work with the ASAA to set a new standard for the ASAA Basketball Championships. Having the Championships at a large facility will help to ensure that the ASAA meets safety standards (fire regulations, security concerns etc.) and ensure that all spectators can get into the event.

Having four games split over two weekends is safer for the athletes, and increases the level at which they can play the semifinals and finals.

Winning your zone should mean more than it currently does. This proposal places a much higher value on winning your zone. The lower you place in your zone, the further you may have to travel.

A two-year trial is a good way to see if/how this would work. If it does, other classifications may want to do this as well.

Notice #22: Policies - Section XII (Cross Country) - 5. Scoring, page 66

Current:

B. School team champions will be determined in four classifications:

1A, 2A, 3A, 4A.

Proposed:

B. School team champions will be determined in four classifications: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A. Here is the timeline for establishing classifications:

April 30 - projection numbers will be used by the ASAA unless the school's classification changes.

September 30 - any school which changes classification based on their September 30 count must report this to the ASAA Executive Director on this date (this policy supersedes Policy Section III.Membership 1.A). Failure to do so will result in that school competing at whichever is the higher classification and paying a \$500 fine; any team award that may have been won by that school at the wrong classification will be vacated.

Rationale:

1. Using the October 10 school registration deadline was problematic for cross country in the past due to the limited time between October 11 and the Championship date. If the ASAA moves back to using the September 30 count, we should adjust this policy.
2. Most, if not all zone competitions from cross country occur before October 10, so zones cannot use that date to determine classification.

Notice #23: Policies - Section XIII (Curling) - 2. Season of Play, page 67

Current:

The season of play for curling shall be October 1 to the ASAA provincial championship on the first Friday and Saturday in March. The season of play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

Proposed:

Delete Season of Play section and add the following
Section XIII (add the following)

5. Events

The ASAA Provincial Curling Championships shall be held the weekend prior to the Curling Alberta U20 Championships (normally this would put the ASAA Provincial Championship on the last weekend of February).

(Note: Move current 5.A to become 5.B, B to C, etc.)

Rationale:

The Curling Alberta U20 Championship dates conflict with the ASAA Curling Provincial Championships. This impacts many of the top high school curlers in Alberta who, depending on the year, may be forced to choose between representing their school and playing Juniors. Wording the policy this way allows us to ensure that our dates no longer conflict. Having a specific season of play policy in the curling section is redundant as this is already addressed in section V.3.D.

Curling
Commissioner

Notice #24: Policies - Section XIII (Curling) - 3. Eligibility, page 67

Proposed:

~~A. Schools are required to submit the names of their curling athletes in the Sport Registration System by the registration deadline. All students on the curling team are eligible to compete on any of the school curling teams; however, the athletes that play together at all qualifying events for provincials (e.g. districts, zones) are the ones that form the team that moves on to the Provincial competition.~~

Rationale:

1. This policy conflicts with policy V.4.G (table on pages 40-41) which is the ASAA practice that students are registered in a specific team (boys, girls, mixed) in SRS by the deadline.

Football
Commissioner

Notice #25: Policies - Section XIV (Football) - 5. Events - B., page 71

Current:

Hosting of the ASAA provincial championship will be set on a rotating basis. Hosts are required to have appropriate field turf stadiums that include appropriate locker rooms, spotter booth(s), media booth and spectator capacity.

Rotation:

2022 – Calgary	2027 – Calgary
2023 – Central	2028 – Central
2024 – North East	2029 – North East
2025 – South	2030 – South
2026 – Edmonton	2031 - Edmonton

Proposed:

Hosting of the ASAA ~~provincial championship~~ Alberta Bowl will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of five regional hosts. ~~Hosts~~ Stadiums are required to have hard-wired internet for live streaming, as well as appropriate field turf, ~~stadiums that include appropriate~~ locker rooms, spotter booth(s), media booth and spectator capacity.

2023 – Central (SC/Cen)	2028 – Central (SC/Cen)
2024 – North-East (NC/NE/NW)	2029 – North-East (NC/NE/NW)
2025 – South	2030 – South
2026 – Edmonton	2031 - Edmonton
2027 – Calgary	2032 - Calgary

Rationale:

1. There are (scheduled to be) turf field stadiums in the North West and South Central zones that are capable of hosting provincials, so they should not be excluded from hosting.
2. High quality live streaming has become an expectation, therefore hard-wired internet is required.
3. This would be similar to the Track & Field rotation which allows any of the SC/C/NC/NW/NE zones to host in a location that meets the standards and works for them.

Football
Commissioner

Notice #26: Policies - Section XIV (Football) - 10. Brian Fryer Division, pages 74-76

Current:

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- The Tier I will have two divisions:

- Tier I Brian Fryer Division (the new division)
 - Tier I Larry Wilson Division (the current Tier I)
 - Tier I Brian Fryer and Larry Wilson Division winners will both will be identified on the current Tier I plaque. If the Brian Fryer Category is confirmed after the two year trial, it will get its own perpetual plaque.
 - Any team from any Tier may register for Tier I Bryan Fryer division by the October 1 football registration deadline. Once a team declares their intention, they cannot rescind it after the deadline and are no longer eligible, that season, to compete at any other Tier level.
 - The number of teams allowed in the playoff structure will be to a maximum of eight teams. If more than eight teams declare, those teams will be seeded by the ranking committee to determine the eight teams moving into the play-off structure. If less than 8 teams declare, a single game elimination play-off structure will be followed.
- All play-off structures will be seeded by the ranking committee. One or more Team(s) may get a bye in Provincial Quarter-Finals
- Teams must submit all game results into SRS as soon as possible after each
 - Provincial Quarter-Final games will avoid, when possible, having teams from the same region/league play against each other.
 - There is no limit to the number of regions/leagues that can declare into the Brian Fryer Division.

The Brian Fryer Division will commence on the week of Tier I – Larry Wilson quarterfinals.

IV. The provincial final for the Brian Fryer Division will be held at the Alberta Bowl.

A. Rankings

I. The Tier I rankings shall be done by a football rankings committee. Recruitment and formation of the committee will be the responsibility of the Commissioner, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.

II. The committee shall consist of 5 members and the Chairperson, with all but the Chair having voting privileges except in the event to break a tie. A Football Alberta representative will have an opportunity to be on the committee but not as a voting member. The committee will be formed as follows:

Chairperson: ASAA Football Commissioner

Northern Representative (Region 7 & 8)

Edmonton Representative (Region 5)

Central Representative (Region 2 & 4)

Calgary Representative (Region 3)

South Representative (Region 1)

III. In order for someone to be the representative for a region, they cannot be a coach of a Tier 1 team in that region.

IV. The official ASAA Football Rankings Guidelines will be posted on the ASAA website by June 15 each year. These will include timelines for score submissions, ranking submissions, ranking postings and appeals.

V. All Tier I schools shall submit their game results through the ASAA website right through to the completion of league championships to provide a complete and up-to-date season record for use in the ranking process.

VI. Rankings will be determined on submitted game results only. Teams are required to submit at least 3 games in order to be ranked.

VII. There will be 2 ranking periods. Based on the results submitted, each ranking committee member will determine a provincial top 10. The timelines for submitting these rankings via the ASAA website must be adhered to and will be posted on the ASAA website by June 15.

VIII. For each ranking period, the Chair shall review the ranking committee selections and award points to the teams according to their ranking (#1 – 10 points, #2 – 9 points, etc). The Chair shall then total the points into a single listing and rank the teams from highest to lowest according to their total points for that ranking period.

IX. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall apply the following:

- a. Outcomes of any games between the tied teams.
- b. Outcome of any games against common ranked opponents.
- c. Outcome of any games against common unranked opponents.
- d. Previous ranking of both teams.
- e. Chair's decision – based on the information provided.

X. The final rankings shall be posted on the ASAA website. Only the top 10 mentions are released. Individual ranking committee member selections are not provided.

XI. Schools wishing to appeal the rankings will be able to in accordance with the timelines established in the official ASAA Football Rankings Guidelines. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Football Commissioner will consult with the rankings committee based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school. Appeals will not be considered unless the appellant has submitted a complete season record by the ranking submission deadline.

B. Representation to Provincials

- I. Each region will determine their representatives to provincials except for the Brian Fryer division which will be done by the final rankings. A region is allowed a maximum of 2 teams in any Tier I provincial category.
- II. A team who qualifies for the Brian Fryer division may only compete in that category.

C. Awarding wildcard berths

- I. A wildcard berth will be allocated to the highest ASAA provincially ranked team that does not qualify for the Brian Fryer Division

Proposed to extend for another year:

10. Tier I - Brian Fryer 2023/2024

- A. Tier I will have two divisions:
- Tier I Brian Fryer Division
 - Tier I Larry Wilson Division
- B. Tier I Brian Fryer and Larry Wilson Division winners will both be identified on the current Tier I plaque. If the Brian Fryer Category is confirmed after the two year trial made permanent, it will get its own perpetual plaque.
- C. ~~Any team from any Tier~~ Any Tier I, II, III or IV team may register for Tier I - Brian Fryer by the October 1 football registration deadline. Once a team declares their intention, they cannot rescind it after the deadline and are no longer eligible, that season, to compete at any other classification.

~~•The number of teams allowed in the playoff structure will be to a maximum of eight teams. If more than eight teams declare, those teams will be seeded by the ranking committee to determine the eight teams moving into the play-off structure. If less than 8 teams declare, a single game elimination play-off structure will be followed.~~

~~All play-off structures will be seeded by the ranking committee. One or more Team(s) may get a bye in Provincial Quarter-Finals~~

~~•Teams must submit all game results into SRS as soon as possible after each~~

~~•Provincial Quarter-Final games will avoid, when possible, having teams from the same region/league play against each other.~~

~~•There is no limit to the number of regions/leagues that can declare into the Brian Fryer Division.~~

~~The Brian Fryer Division will commence on the week of Tier I— Larry Wilson quarterfinals.~~

~~IV. The provincial final for the Brian Fryer Division will be held at the Alberta Bowl.~~

- D. There is no limit to the number of teams that can declare into Tier I - Brian Fryer. The top 10 teams will be ranked in the first rankings, and the top 8 teams after the final rankings will move into the playoffs. Once the top 8 are finalized, they will be seeded, and a single game elimination playoff structure will be followed.

11. Rankings

- A. Tier I - Brian Fryer teams must submit their game results into SRS throughout the season as soon as possible after each game. Rankings will be determined on submitted game results only. Teams are required to submit at least three games in order to be ranked.
- B. ~~The Tier I rankings shall be done by a football rankings committee.~~ Rankings shall be done for Tier I - Brian Fryer by a rankings committee. Recruitment and formation of the committee will be the responsibility of the Commissioner, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.
- C. The committee shall consist of five members and the Chairperson, with all but the Chair having voting privileges except in the event to break a tie. A Football Alberta representative will have an opportunity to be on the committee but not as a voting member. The committee will be formed as follows:

Chairperson: ASAA Football Commissioner
Northern Representative (NC/NW/NE Zones)
Edmonton Representative
Central Representative
Calgary Representative
South Representative (SC/South Zones)

- D. ~~III. In order for someone to be the representative for a region, they cannot be a coach of a Tier I team in that region.~~ Ranking Committee members cannot be a coach or Athletic Director at a school with a Tier I - Brian Fryer team.

~~IV. The official ASAA Football Rankings Guidelines will be posted on the ASAA website by June 15 each year. These will include timelines for score submissions, ranking submissions, ranking postings and appeals.~~

~~V. All Tier I schools shall submit their game results through the ASAA website right through to the completion of league championships to provide a complete and up-to-date season record for use in the ranking process.~~

- E. The official ASAA Football Rankings Information Package will be posted on the ASAA website by June 15 each year. This will include ranking guidelines, timelines for score submissions, ranking submissions, ranking postings, and the appeal process.

- F. There will be two ranking periods. Based on the results submitted, each ranking committee member will determine a provincial top 10. ~~The timelines for submitting these rankings via the ASAA website must be adhered to and will be posted on the ASAA website by June 15.~~
- G. For each ranking period, the Chair shall review the ranking committee selections and award points to the teams according to their ranking (#1 – 10 points, #2 – 9 points, etc). The Chair shall then total the points into a single listing and rank the teams from highest to lowest according to their total points for that ranking period.
- H. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall apply the following:
 - a. Outcomes of any games between the tied teams.
 - b. Outcome of any games against common ranked opponents.
 - c. Outcome of any games against common unranked opponents.
 - d. Previous ranking of both teams.
 - e. Chair’s decision – based on the information provided.

~~X. The final rankings shall be posted on the ASAA website. Only the top 10 mentions are released. Individual ranking committee member selections are not provided.~~

- I. After the final rankings are completed, the ranking committee will create the ASAA provincial draw by seeding the top 8 teams. It is the job of the committee to produce the most competitive draw. The goal is to have a balanced draw that best reflects the entire season. The seedings will avoid opening round games matching up two teams from the same league or zone provided that the integrity of the draw is not compromised.
- J. The final rankings and draw (including the seedings) shall be posted on the ASAA website. Individual ranking committee member selections are not provided.
- K. Schools wishing to appeal the final rankings and/or draw will be able to in accordance with the timelines established in the official ASAA Football Rankings Guidelines Information Package. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Football Commissioner will consult with the rankings committee based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and/or draw and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school. Appeals will not be considered unless the appellant has submitted by the ranking submission deadline, along with a complete season record and a suggested alternate ranking with rationale.

Rationale:

- 1. Some fine-tuning happened after the first season, thus there really was only one year trialing the current model.
- 2. The second year of the two-year trial went well, and there have been more programs discussing opting up in future years.
- 3. The ranking policy needs to be updated, and the seeding process for the final draw needs to be clarified.
- 4. Extending this for another year allows the larger decision regarding Festivals & Championships to be made and, if passed, the dust to settle on possible implications to football.

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Notice #27: Policies - Section XV (Golf) - 4. Events - C. Team Competition - I., page 78

Current:

There shall be four provincial team competitions: two for boys and two for girls. The teams are established according to school population with 1A and 2A schools in one event and 3A and 4A schools in another event. 1A or 2A schools may choose to opt up to the 3A/4A event, but cannot play in both categories. 1A and 2A schools wishing to opt up must do so prior to zone competition.

Proposed:

There shall be four provincial team competitions: 1A/2A Boys, 3A/4A Boys & 1A/2A Girls, 3A/4A Girls. Here is the timeline for establishing classifications:
 April 30 - projection numbers will be used by the ASAA unless the school’s classification is expected to change.
 September 15 - any school which is expecting their September 30 count to differ enough from the April 30 projection to change their classification must report this to the ASAA Executive Director (this policy supersedes Policy Section III.Membership 1.A). Failure to do so will result in that school competing at whichever is the higher classification and paying a \$500 fine; any team award that may have been won by that school at the wrong classification will be vacated.
 1A or 2A schools may choose to opt up to the 3A/4A event, but cannot play in both categories. 1A and 2A schools wishing to opt up must do so by September 15.

Rationale:

Using September 30 numbers and the October 10 school registration deadline was problematic for golf in the past with golf zones and provincials occurring before September 30. If the ASAA moves back to using the September 30 count, we should adjust this policy.

Notice #28: Policies - Section XIX (Track & Field) - 4. Events - B. B. Championship Organizing Committee, page 90

Proposed:

The ASAA Provincial Track & Field Championships will be held in Edmonton in 2024 and organized by a committee comprised of the following representatives:

- Calgary
- Central
- Edmonton
- North Central
- North East
- North West
- South
- South Central
- ASAA Office
- Athletics Alberta (non-voting member)
- Competition Secretary/Meet Director (non-voting member)
- Venue Liaison (non-voting member)

The ASAA Track & Field Commissioner will act as an advisor to this committee.

Zone representatives will be chosen by the zone president or secretary. The ASAA Office representative will be chosen by the Executive Director. The Competition Secretary will be appointed by the ASAA Executive Committee.

Rationale:

Athletics Alberta has reached out to inform us that there will be an international competition at Foote Field on June 9, 2024 and have inquired about the potential of having the 2024 ASAA Track & Field Championships be held on June 7-8; this would allow for great collaboration and effective use of time and infrastructure, and for ASAA student-athletes and spectators to have increased access to higher quality event experiences. For this reason, as well as Grande Prairie's inability to host, it makes the most sense to have the ASAA Track & Field Championships in Edmonton again in 2024. However, to ask the Metro Edmonton Zone to be in charge of organizing it all again does not seem fair. Long term, a standing committee may be the best way forward.

Track & Field may be our largest event, with the most amount of logistical planning and organization. The current system involves having a new host committee every year. There are now so many moving parts to hosting a championship, and an increasing range of requirements and expectations (e.g. live streaming, safety, apparel sales, social media, gate, etc.) that having a new track & field committee each year leaves the door open to us failing in some of our responsibilities to the student-athletes, coaches and spectators. Having a standing committee of passionate track & field people greatly increases the likelihood of all details being attended to during the planning and execution of the event, which increases the credibility of our championship and results in a stellar experience for all involved.

Notice #29: Policies - Section XX (Volleyball) - 4. Competitions - B. Format, pages 94-95

Current:

I. 1A Format

Two pools of five will be determined by the Volleyball Commissioners using the summary of volleyball provincial seeding. At the completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will advance to an elimination match; the first place team from each section receives a bye, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.

If the 12-team provincial format is chosen, it will follow the same format as 2A & 3A

II. 2A & 3A Format

Two pools of six will be determined by the Volleyball Commissioners using the summary of volleyball provincial seeding. At the completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will advance to an elimination match; the first place team from each section receives a bye, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.

III. 4A Format

Three pools of four will be determined as per Item 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls. All games shall consist of rally point scoring played to a two-point difference with no cap. The round robin matches will be

best two-of-three. The playoff round will follow the structure outlined in Item 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls.

Proposed:

I. 1A Format

Two pools of five will be determined by the Ranking Committee. At the completion of the round robin, At the completion of the round robin, the top four teams from each section will advance to an elimination bracket; the first place teams play the fourth place teams, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.

If the 12-team provincial format is chosen, it will follow the same format as 2A / 3A / 4A

II. 2A / 3A / 4A Format

Three pools of four will be determined as per Item 5. Rankings.

All games shall consist of rally point scoring played to a two-point difference with no cap. The round robin matches will be best two-of-three. The playoff round will follow the structure outlined in Item 5. Playoff Round.

Rationale:

- Creating a standard Provincial Volleyball Championship format for 1A - 4A
- 2 Ranking periods for 1A - 3A because the wildcards will still be allocated based on zone points from previous years.
- Consistent schedule to ensure championships are completed at a reasonable time
- Easier for tournament organizers as schedule would be set every year

Volleyball
Commissioners

Notice #30: Policies - Section XX (Volleyball) - 5. Representation to Provincials, pages 95-97

Current:

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 be 12 teams at that 1A Tournament.

The representation to provincials for 1A boys and girls for a ten (10) team tournament shall be as follows:

Calgary & Edmonton Zones		1	representative*
South Central 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		2	representative
Total		10	teams

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

The representation to provincials for a twelve (12) team tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton & Calgary Zones		1	representative*
North Central Zone		1	“
Central Zone	1	“	
South Zone		1	“
South Central Zone		1	“
North East Zone	1	“	
North West Zone		1	“
Host school		1	“

Additional Berths	4 representatives
Total	12 teams

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

The Edmonton and Calgary zones combine for one berth to be determined in a tournament/playoff game format agreed upon by both zones. The top team after the tournament/playoff game will receive the berth to provincials.

B. 2A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. 2A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 2A tournament. The representation to provincials for 2A 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		3 representatives
Total		12 teams

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

C. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

I. 3A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 3A tournament. The representation to provincials for 3A 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		3 representatives
Total		12 teams

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

Proposed:

[Addition to 5. Representation to Provincials](#)

[II. Competition Pools 1A - 3A \(12 Team Tournaments\)](#)

A power pool format will be implemented for the first day of the Provincial competition. The teams will be ranked into three competition pools by an ASAA ranking Committee. Teams ranked 1–4 are in Pool A; teams 5–8 are in Pool B; and teams 9–12 are in Pool C. All teams will play a best two-of-three match against each of the other teams in the pool on the Thursday of the championship. After these matches, the teams will be seeded into the playoff round based on the final standings in the pool. The current VC tie-breaking procedures will apply if necessary to complete the final standing of teams in each pool.

Teams that finish last in their pool will drop to the next lower pool for seeding in the playoff round and teams that finish first in their pool will move up to the next higher pool for seeding in the playoff round. For example, if a team plays in Pool B (5–8) and finishes last, it will drop to the top of Pool C and be seeded 9th for the playoff round. The team finishing first in Pool C (9–12) will move up to the bottom of Pool B and be seeded 8th for the playoff round

Playoff Round

Based on the power pool results all teams will then be seeded from 1–12. The playoff round follows a 12-team elimination schedule. First round play will be a best three-of-five match involving team 5 vs 12, 6 vs 11, 7 vs 10 and 8 vs 9 – with the top 4 teams receiving a bye for the first round. Every match on the championship side of the playoff round, including the bronze medal match, will be best three-of-five. Once a team has been eliminated from the championship side, all remaining matches will be best two-of-three. Teams will continue to play for final placement (1–12).

III. Rankings

a. There will be separate ranking committees for each gender consisting of at least three members and the Commissioner, with all but the Commissioner having voting privileges. The respective committees will be formed as follows:

North Region (NE, NW, Edmonton)

Central Region (C, NC)

South Region (SC, S, Calgary)

Recruitment of ranking committee members as well as determination of the ranking timeline will be the responsibility of the Volleyball Commissioners annually.

b. A total of two (2) rankings will be developed prior to the power pool rankings for the provincial tournament. A final ranking will take place on the Sunday preceding the championship Tournament after all qualifying teams have been identified. A ranking timeline will be posted no later than September 7 annually.

c. By 12:00 p.m. on Monday prior to each release date, each committee member is responsible for procuring and emailing all other committee members any information deemed important to an accurate and valid ranking. This information shall include, but not be limited to:

01. final standings from tournament play that involve prospective ranked teams in their zone
02. match results for league play involving prospective ranked teams in their zone
03. general comments about prospective ranked teams and their players (injuries, etc.)
04. a preliminary ranking based on all available information collected to that point (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)

All members will have access to the results through SRS. By 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the ranking week, each member will submit their rankings on the SRS; a reverse points ranking will be applied, meaning that a team that receives a first place ranking will receive 10 points. A second place ranking receives 9 points and so on.

The ASAA will post the rankings on the ASAA website. On the Sunday prior to the championship, the ranking committee will create a final ranking for all 12 qualifying teams by conference call. Once ranked, the teams will be placed into competition pools as outlined above.

Rationale:

- Creating a standard Provincial Volleyball Championship format for 1A - 4A
- 2 Ranking periods for 1A - 3A because the wildcards will still be allocated based on zone points from previous years.
- Consistent schedule to ensure championships are completed at a reasonable time
- Easier for tournament organizers as schedule would be set every year