

2019 NOTICES OF MOTION

GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

ASAA Executive
Committee

Notice #1: Policy – Section V – 10. Provincial Competition , I. Special Air Quality Advisories for Outdoor Sports, page 68

Current:

Addition of new Item I

Proposed:

A. Special Air Quality Advisories for Outdoor Sports

For outdoor sports, In the event that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) as posted at <http://airquality.alberta.ca> is rated as a 7 or higher then all provincial competition will be temporarily suspended until the point at which the AQHI falls to a 6 or lower. In the event than the AQHI does not fall below 7 within a reasonable same-day timeframe (at the discretion of the ASAA in consult with the tournament chair), then activities will either be rescheduled or cancelled.

Rationale:

To establish a policy in accordance with government recommendations and school board policies for physical activity during a special air quality advisory.

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Notice #2: Policy – Section V – ACTIVITIES, 10.C. Provincial Representation, page 69

Current:

Addition of new item between i and ii.

Proposed:

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 Wild Card/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:

1 – 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.

2 – a \$250 penalty, to be payable to the ASAA in order to cover the administrative costs involved in finding a new team to attend at the last minute.

Note – in the case where no team is able to step in and fill the berth, the \$750 will be payable to the host committee in recognition of the additional costs they face.

Rationale:

It has become more and more common for teams to drop out last minute in certain sports – creating an inordinate amount of work by the ASAA and by Provincial Hosts to fill the berth last minute. This penalty is intended to do two things; deter schools from dropping out in the first place, and make it easier for teams to step in and fill the berth where required.

Notice #3: Policy – Section VII – APPEAL PROCEDURE, 6. Appeal to the Executive Appeal Committee (must be written), D., page 80

Current:

D. The Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a \$200 fee of which \$50 will be a non-refundable processing fee and \$150 will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Further, the Notice of Appeal shall:

Proposed:

D. The Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a \$300 fee of which \$100 will be a non-refundable processing fee and \$200 will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Further, the Notice of Appeal shall:

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Rationale:

- Appeals are getting more and more common. This increased the amount payable to the ASAA in recognition of the significant amount of work that goes into planning appeals (both regularly scheduled and special appeals).

Notice #4: Policy – Section VII – APPEAL PROCEDURE, 6. Appeal to the Executive Appeal Committee (must be written), G., page 80-81

Current:

G. In the event that the applicant member wishes to proceed by special conference call meeting, the applicant member shall pay to the ASAA a deposit in the amount of \$750 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) of which \$250 is non-refundable if the appeal is successful. In the event that the applicant member fails to pay the said deposit to the ASAA or fails to reimburse the ASAA for the actual cost of the conference call as aforesaid, the appeal shall be dismissed unless the applicant member, before proceeding with the conference call meeting, elects to proceed by fax appeal, or the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee as indicated on the ASAA wall calendar provided to each member school by the ASAA and files written notice of that intention with the Executive Committee within 30 clear days from the date of the Executive Director’s decision.

Proposed:

G. In the event that the applicant member wishes to proceed by special conference call/[video call](#) meeting, the applicant member shall pay to the ASAA a deposit in the amount of [\\$800 \(eight hundred dollars\)](#) of which [\\$300](#) is non-refundable if the appeal is successful. In the event that the applicant member fails to pay the said deposit to the ASAA or fails to reimburse the ASAA for the actual cost of the conference call/[video call](#) as aforesaid, the appeal shall be dismissed unless the applicant member, before proceeding with the [conference call/video call](#) meeting, elects to proceed [at the next regularly scheduled meeting](#) of the Executive Committee as indicated on the ASAA [event](#) calendar provided [on the ASAA website](#) and files written notice of that intention with the Executive Committee within 30 clear days from the date of the Executive Director’s decision.

Rationale:

Appeals are getting more and more common. This increased the amount payable to the ASAA in recognition of the significant amount of work that goes into planning appeals (both regularly scheduled and special appeals).

Notice #5: Policy – Section XVI - Basketball, 1 Rules. A, page 92

Current:

Addition of new item.

Proposed:

[vi. Players shorts’ may be of a complementary colour to the primary colour of the uniform.](#)

Rationale:

Allows for neutral shorts to be worn with uniforms so that schools do not have to purchase shorts for both uniform tops...

Notice #6: Policy – Section XI – Cheerleading, page 104 - 106

Current:

1. Rules
The rules of the Alberta Cheerleading Association (ACA) shall govern ASAA Cheerleading. The ASAA may modify these rules as required.
2. Eligibility
 - a. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - i. High School Division I – 5-30 members

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- ii. High School Division II – 5-30 members
 - iii. Co-ed Team – one male – 5-30 members
 - iv. Game Day – 5-30 members
 - b. Participants may compete with only one school Cheerleading team in any given school year, but one school may have one team in each competitive category. Teams may compete in one competitive category as well as Game Day.
 - c. A school's Cheerleading team shall be the same group that cheers for the school during athletic contests throughout the year. Association Cheerleading competitions are designed as an enhancement to the season and it is not intended that cheerleaders separate themselves from supporting the interscholastic athletic program.
 - d. Students from more than one school within the same Zone may form a single competitive team. Participation of this nature may only occur with the consent of the participating school Principals, the Athletic Directors and the respective Zone.
3. Representation to Provincials
- a. Each Zone may select a maximum of two teams in each category to attend Provincials. In the event that all ACA tie-breaking methods have been exhausted at a Zone championship, all teams placing with the top two scores will qualify to compete at the Provincial Championship. In the event that a category has fewer than six teams registered, the ASAA Commissioner in concert with the ACA judging director will review the Zone competition scores and invite the next highest ranking team(s) until six berths are filled. This process will occur for each category. If a category still has fewer than three teams registered, that category will be cancelled for the immediate Provincials.
 - b. In addition to 3.A. above, the host school automatically qualifies to compete in each category that the school is registered in at the Provincial competition, allowing for a maximum of three teams(see 3.A for the allowance for tied teams) from their Zone in each classification if the host school does not make the top two in their Zone championship.
4. Scoring
- a. The ASAA Cheerleading Provincial competition is a two-day best total points competition. One competition is to be held on the Friday afternoon and the second on the Saturday afternoon.
 - b. School Cheer teams will be judged using the ACA School score sheets.
 - c. Scoring Process: All penalties given during the competition routine will be deducted from the total score to calculate the team's final scores.
 - d. Tie Breaker Policy:
 - i. The team with fewer penalties
 - ii. If the teams are still tied, they will be considered tied in the final rankings
 - iii. In the event that all ACA tie-breaking methods have been exhausted at the championship, awards will be given to all teams with the top three scores.
 - e. At the Provincial competition an award (plaque) shall be given to the best novice team in the competition according to the following criteria:
 - i. The team is competing in their first Provincial competition within the last decade.
 - ii. The team has the highest score of the eligible teams in any category.
 - iii. In the event of a tie, tied teams will all receive plaques.
 - iv. In the event that there is no team competing in their first Provincial competition, teams that are competing in their second Provincial competition in the last decade will be considered.
 - f. SCORE CHECK: All Provincial Championships will have a Score Check station in place.
 - g. All judging decisions are final. If there is a concern regarding the judging results, the following steps should be taken:
 - i. If a designated Score Check system is in place at an ACA-sanctioned event, all appeals relating to scores from the event should be directed to the Score Check Judge on the day of the event.
 - ii. Direct verbal confrontation of the judges or Technical Coordinator is considered inappropriate and such actions could result in suspension from future ACA-sanctioned events.
5. Officials
- a. Teams will be judged by a minimum of three (3) Panel Judges and one (1) Safety Judge/Timer for each panel. There will also be one (1) additional Score Check Judge for a Score Check station. Where possible, an additional Safety Judge will also be present during warm-up times to advise on any rule infractions. In the event that there is only one panel of judges, a second Safety Judge must be assigned so that there are two Safety Judges present at all 95 host school with the advice of the Cheerleading Commissioner and the ACA Technical Coordinator based on the number of teams competing. Judges for Zone and Provincial competition shall be chosen by the ACA Technical Coordinator.
 - b. The ASAA recognizes the ACA as the official training and certifying agency for the Cheerleading judges in Alberta. The ASAA Cheerleading host will use only ACA- approved judges at the ASAA Provincial Championships. These judges must have participated in an ACA recognized judges clinic within the current competitive season.
6. Medical

- a. A medical advisor (e.g., St. John's, athletic therapist, etc.) shall be provided at Provincial competition by the host Committee.

Proposed:

1. Rules
 - a. The rules of [Cheerleading Canada \(CC\)](#) shall govern ASAA Cheerleading.
2. Eligibility
 - a. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - i. High School Division I – 5-30 members
 - ii. High School Division II – 5-30 members
 - iii. Co-ed Team – one male – 5-30 members
 - iv. Game Day – 5-30 members
 - b. Participants may compete with only one school Cheerleading team in any given school year, but one school may have one team in each competitive category. Teams may compete in one competitive category as well as Game Day.
 - c. A school's Cheerleading team shall be the same group that cheers for the school during athletic contests throughout the year. Cheerleading competitions are designed as an enhancement to the season and it is not intended that cheerleaders separate themselves from supporting the interscholastic athletic program.
3. Representation to Provincials
 - a. Each Zone may select a maximum of two teams in each category to attend Provincials.
 - b. In the event that all [Cheerleading Canada](#) tie-breaking methods have been exhausted at a Zone championship, all teams placing with the top two scores will qualify to compete at the Provincial Championship.
 - c. In the event that a category has fewer than six teams registered, the ASAA Commissioner in concert with the [Alberta Cheerleading Association](#) will review the Zone competition scores and [will provide a recommendation to the ASAA Executive Director to](#) invite the next highest ranking team(s) until six berths are filled. This process will occur for each category.
 - d. If a category still has fewer than three teams registered, that category will be cancelled for the immediate Provincials.
 - e. In addition to 3.A. above, the host school automatically qualifies to compete in each category that the school is registered in at the Provincial [Championship](#), allowing for a maximum of three teams(see 3.A for the allowance for tied teams) from their Zone in each classification if the host school does not make the top two in their Zone championship.
4. Scoring
 - a. The ASAA Cheerleading Provincial competition is [an equally weighted \(50/50\) two-day](#) competition. One [competitive performance](#) is to be held on the Friday and the second on the Saturday.
 - b. School Cheer teams will be judged using the [Cheerleading Canada Scholastic Score Sheets](#).
 - c. Scoring Process: All penalties given during the competition routine will be deducted from the total score to calculate the team's final scores.
 - d. [Tie Breaking](#):
 - i. [The team with fewer penalties](#)
 - ii. [If the teams are still tied, they will be considered tied in the final rankings, awards will be given to all teams with the top three scores.](#)
 - e. SCORE CHECK: All Provincial Championships will have a Score Check station in place.
 - i. [Coaches must be provided with their score sheets \(including legalities\) before their teams Score Check time commences.](#)
 - ii. [Coaches are not allowed to remove their score sheets from the Score Check station or allowed to take pictures of them.](#)
 - iii. Teams have the right to challenge, in writing, the range of Difficulty and Deductions/Safety Violations.
 - f. All judging decisions are final.
 - i. All [inquiries](#) relating to scores from the event should be directed to the Score Check Judge on the day of the event.
 - ii. Direct verbal confrontation of the judges is considered inappropriate.
5. Officials
 - a. [For all Zone and Provincial Championships the following officials are required](#):
 - i. [Two panels comprising of a minimum of three \(3\) Panel Judges. All panel judges must have at least two years scholastic judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.](#)
 - ii. [One \(1\) Safety Judge is required for each panel. The Safety Judge must have at least two years scholastic safety judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.](#)

- iii. There will be one (1) Score Check Judge for a Score Check station. This Judge will be dedicated solely to the position of Score Check for the event. The Score Check Judge must have at least three years scholastic safety judging experience and must have been certified through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
 - iv. One (1) Supervisory Judge to oversee both panels and the Score Check station. This person may not also act as the Score Check Judge. The Supervisory Judge must have at least five years scholastic judging experience and must have been certified as a Safety Judge through the Cheer Canada Judging Course in the current competitive season.
 - b. All Judges for Zone and Provincial Championships will be assigned by the Alberta Cheerleading Association in accordance with the policies noted above.
6. Competition Requirements
- a. Warm up Area:
 - i. Water station
 - ii. Optional: two-strip stretch match
 - iii. Optional: two-strip tumble mats
 - iv. 7-strip warm up floor, 42"x42", marking center
 - v. One music system
 - vi. Minimum total warm up time per team: 10 minutes
 - vii. Minimum ceiling height of 20 feet
 - b. Competition Area:
 - i. Seven-strip competition floor, placed vertically towards the judges, 42"x42", marking center
 - ii. A clearly marked entrance and exit point to and from the mats.
 - iii. A coaches mat needs to be placed at the front of the competition floor
 - iv. Judges must be elevated above the competition floor and have a direct line of sight
 - v. Water station located after the exit point from the competition floor
 - vi. Minimum ceiling height of 20 feet
 - c. Video playback:
 - i. Video playback must be provided for teams following their performance.
 - ii. Video playback must be provided for each judging panel.
 - d. Whenever possible, the electronic scoring system should be made available to the host for all Zone and Provincial Championships.
 - e. Medical
 - i. Two first aid responders with standard first aid certification shall be present at both the competition floor and warm up area throughout the duration of the championship.

Rationale:

Rationale: The Cheerleading Policy has not been completely updated in many years. Following some issues at 2019 Provincials several coaches met with Jennifer (Cheerleading Comm) to completely analyse and review the policy. The changes proposed are intended to bring Cheerleading in line with how other sports select their officials, to give the ASAA more oversight, and to create more transparency at the Provincial Championship. Some of the highlights are:

- Cheer Canada has replaced the Alberta Cheerleading Association as the rule-making body, as well as the ultimate certifier of Officials.
- The Officials are now required to be experienced in scholastic cheer, there are also guidelines for years of experience and types of training.
- Implementing facility requirements for safety purposes.
- Clarifying and updating the Score Check process to make it more transparent and coach-friendly.
- Requiring video playback for athletes and judges; for judges this helps to hold them accountable and to make Score Check more effective.
- Updating the first aid and medical requirements of hosting Provincials.

All of the changes were made in concert with high school coaches. Edmonton, North East, North Central, South Central, and Calgary all had attendees at this meeting.

2. Season of Play

The season of play for track and field shall be February 15 to the ASAA Provincial Championship on the first Friday and Saturday in June. The Season of play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

3. Eligibility

- a. There shall be three age categories for both boys and girls:
 - I. Junior under 16 before September 1 of that school year
 - II. Intermediate under 17 before September 1 of that school year
 - III. Senior under 19 before September 1 of that school year

Note: Students with a birthday on September 1 of that school year must compete in the higher category
- b. Competitors are limited to competition in one category only with the exception of open events. Any competitor may complete in an open event.
- c. Zones are permitted two competitors/relay teams per event.
- d. Each competitor may enter a maximum of four events. The relay is considered a track event.
- e. All zone entries must be in the hands of the meet director (regional or Provincial) by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the respective meet.
- f. Athletes registered in an age category as of the deadline must remain in that age category. At the coaches meeting prior to the meet, substitutions and scratches will be allowed but changing age categories will not be allowed.

4. Events

- a. The ASAA provincial competition will be a two-day event beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. There will be an afternoon and evening session on Friday and a morning and afternoon session on Saturday.

Proposed:

2. Season of Play

The season of play for track and field shall be February 15 to the ASAA Provincial Championship on the first **Thursday**, Friday and Saturday in June. The Season of play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, for more information.

3. Eligibility

- a. There shall be three age categories for both boys and girls:
 - I. Junior under 16 before September 1 of that school year
 - II. Intermediate under 17 before September 1 of that school year
 - III. Senior under 19 before September 1 of that school year

Note: Students with a birthday on September 1 of that school year must compete in the higher category
- b. Competitors are limited to competition in one category only with the exception of open events. Any competitor may complete in an open event.
- c. Zones are permitted two competitors/relay teams per event.
- d. Each competitor may enter a maximum of four events. The relay is considered a track event.
- e. All zone entries must be in the hands of the meet director (regional or Provincial) by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the respective meet.
- f. Athletes registered in an age category as of the deadline must remain in that age category. At the coaches meeting prior to the meet, substitutions and scratches will be allowed but changing age categories will not be allowed.

4. Events

- a. The ASAA provincial competition will be a **three-day event beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and running till 9:00 p.m. Friday will begin at 10:00 a.m. and include an afternoon and evening session. Saturday will have a morning and afternoon session.**

Rationale:

As we increase our events we are now limited with time to complete all events with the required time per event. This is especially true with Shot Put, High Jump, and Long Jump. If we moved to a Thursday night (6-9) this would allow use the time to run the events and give the officials the required time and breaks they need.

Notice #8: Policy – Section XIV –Golf, 3 Zone Representation. C Individual Berths. iii, page 124

Current:

At a zone competition qualifying tournament, players must show competency in the sport by scoring under 135 for 18 holes. Any player shooting more than 135 will not be eligible to compete at provincials.

Note: For individuals shooting between 135 and 140, it will be at the discretion of the Golf Commissioner and the Executive Director to allow participation at provincials.

Proposed:

At a zone competition qualifying tournament, players must show competency in the sport by scoring under 135 for 18 holes. Any player shooting more than 135 will not be eligible to compete at provincials. [In the event that a zone tournament is played with a maximum stroke limit per hole, then the enforced maximum total score that golfers will need to meet will be 130. Scores above 130 can still be appealed as per the note below.](#)

Note: For individuals shooting between 135 and 140 ([130 if zone has stroke limit](#)), it will be at the discretion of the Golf Commissioner and the Executive Director to allow participation at provincials. [Any appeal made will require the submission of the golfers scorecard from zone tournament.](#)

Rationale:

The rationale for this is to ensure than fairness between zone tournaments with and without pick up policies. The lower requirement for zone tournaments with pick up policy is to ensure that the pick up policy is not used to get around the competency requirement. The appeal process with the submission of the golfer's scorecard will ensure that this lower limit does not prevent an athlete who scored a true 132 from attending provincials.

Notice #9: Policy – Section XVI - Rugby, 3 Eligibility, page 128

Current:

The ASAA shall have Rugby competitions in three tiers with each tier being determined by school population as follows: Tier I - 1250+ Tier II - 600-1249 Tier III - 599 or less

Proposed:

The ASAA shall have Rugby competitions in three tiers [for Girls](#) with each tier being determined by school population as follows: Tier I - 1250+ Tier II - 600-1249 Tier III - 599 or less

[The ASAA shall have Rugby competitions in two tiers for Boys with each tier being determined by school population as follows: Tier I – 800+ Tier II – 799 or Less](#)

Rationale:

Boys rugby has not been able to fill the Tier 3 tournaments so they need to return to two tiers. 800 cut off is based on previous policy before we switched to 3 tiers.

Girls Rugby has filled all 3 tournaments and has been able to support the Tier 3 tournament

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