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TO: DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMMISSIONERS,
DISTRICT OFFICIALS COMMISSIONERS, SHSAA SCHOOLS

FROM: Kevin Vollet, Executive Director, SHSAA

RE: Twelve team Provincial Volleyball Draw

Dear Coaches;

The SHSAA Executive Council recently met at their regular Executive meeting September 20, 2010. A topic raised at this meeting was the approved resolution of the Provincial Council at the 2010 AGM. The resolution which was approved concerned a change of the volleyball format for provincial play.

As per SHSAA Bylaws:

POLICIES

2. a) *The Executive Council may from time to time adopt policies or amend existing policies and such policies shall remain in effect from the date specified therein until the next following meeting of the Provincial Council at which time the policies or amendments shall be voted upon.*

b) *The Executive Council may authorize exceptions to the Association Bylaws and Policy.*

The change will be for provincial championships that **involve two communities hosting** the provincial competition. **The revised format (for championships that use two different communities) will now utilize four pools of three teams instead of the three pools of four teams as approved by resolution at the 2010 AGM.** Two of the four pools will play the Friday round robin games in one gymnasium and the other two pools will play the Friday round robin games in the second gymnasium. Those championships that have both gymnasiums in one community, will implement the current playoff draw listed in the SHSAA Handbook.

The concern that was addressed at the Executive Council table was the schedule for the Friday play. The amendment and subsequent change of the format addressed the concern that the new format would require 18 trips between venues for the teams to complete the Friday round robin games. Since all teams advance to the Saturday playoff round (unchanged with the amendment), this amended format retains the intent of the new format (12 teams being re-seeded based on preliminary play).

The Executive Council is empowered to review current policies and make amendments to existing policies based on the educational objectives of the Association. The change as amended will be presented to the Provincial Council at the 2011 AGM and voted on for approval. Should the amended format be defeated and no other change is proposed or approved, the current format will be adopted for all championships regardless of where the two gymnasiums are located.

Yours sincerely;

Kevin Vollet
Executive Director
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