



SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2008 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

Bylaws
08/02/01

BE IT RESOLVED that the following bylaw be adjusted as follows:

ELIGIBILITY TO REPRESENT SCHOOL TEAMS

Violations

Violations of this policy could be subject to a period of suspension from participation in interschool sport of up to one year at the discretion of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Executive Director**.

SHSAA Executive

08/02/02

BE IT RESOLVED that schools will be classified based on the school enrolment of the previous year.

Background: This will allow schools to prepare their competitive season a year in advance as schools will be informed of the schools in their classification prior to being dismissed for summer vacation. This will also reduce the number of revisions to the conferences.

SHSAA Executive

08/02/03

BE IT RESOLVED that when using the previous year's enrolment declaration to determine classification, if a school's enrolment increases or decreases by 25% or more as of the September 30th enrolment for the new school year, that school shall be reclassified to the proper classification for the current school year. This will take effect in 2008-2009.

Example: School X with an enrolment of 23 females in Gr. 10-12 based on the 2007-2008 school year (which places the school in the 2A category for volleyball) experiences a decrease of 6 girls in 2008-2009 (Gr. 10-12 which is over a 25% decrease from 23), School X will be moved to the 1A category for girls volleyball for the 2008-2009 school year. Should School X experience a decrease of 4 girls in Gr. 10-12 in 2008-2009 (17% decrease from the 2007-2008 school enrolment), School X will continue to compete in the 2A category for girls volleyball, even though their current enrolment figure of 19 in 2008-2009 would have put them into the 1A category.

SHSAA Executive

08/02/04

BE IT RESOLVED that the SHSAA adopt a classification system for the classified activities based on percentages, effective September 2009.

- 1A – the lowest 45% of schools based on each gender**
- 2A – the next 30% of schools based on each gender**
- 3A – the next 15% of schools based on each gender**
- 4A – the upper 10% of schools based on each gender**

Background: This resolution classifies all schools by gender, on a percentage basis as opposed to a defined number range. The schools will be classified by gender into a classification that will apply to all activities, rather than having different population ranges for each of the classified activities.

Rationale: This classification system will now be aligned with the guiding principles adopted by the SHSAA Provincial Council. This classification system based on percentages, will allow a self-adjustment to occur as a result of school closures and declining student population in the province.

SHSAA Executive

LEGEND

08/07/03

08 indicates the year 2008.
07 indicates the category (Curling).
03 indicates the resolution # in the category.

CATEGORIES

- 01: Constitution**
- 02: Bylaws**
- 03: Policies**
- 04: Badminton**
- 05: Basketball**
- 06: Cross-Country**
- 07: Curling**
- 08: Football**
- 09: Golf**
- 10: Soccer**
- 11: Track**
- 12: Volleyball**
- 13: Wrestling**
- 14: Acknowledgement**

08/02/05

BE IT RESOLVED that the North West District supports the proposed classification system with the exception of Basketball. The basketball classification should remain status quo according to the 2007-2008 playoff structure.

North West District

08/02/06

BE IT RESOLVED that schools whose student tuitions are not paid by the Provincial or Federal government and are:

- i. not run by tax-payer funded school boards or
- ii. not First Nations Band-operated schools

which normally would be classified as 1A Soccer; 1A, 2A and 3A in volleyball; 1A, 2A and 3A in basketball; and 1A in six-man football be placed one classification higher than their enrolment would normally place them.

Rationale: In such schools, actual enrolment is not an indicator of the drawing area for enrolment, placing such schools in a position of competitive advantage. The concept of sport academies has the SHSAA concerned about competitive balance, and currently there are schools which are similarly able to increase their drawing area. Due to the success of a large proportion of their programs, maybe these schools would welcome the added challenge faced in a higher category (at least one program has done so the last two years). Using only Hoopla as an example: in the past five years, an average of around 8% of schools with publicly-funded tuitions make it to Hoopla, and averages of around 29% of schools with privately-funded tuitions qualify for Hoopla. One can probably find similar data based on other comparisons, but the situation being described here can be attributed to a clear factor of ability to draw from a population base much larger than that afforded publicly-funded and rural-based schools (whose enrolments are a reflection of population available), which we believe constitutes an unfair advantage.

Horizon Central District

08/02/07

Whereas the SHSAA governs school sport in Saskatchewan and endeavours to provide fair and equitable opportunities for our student athletes to compete in all its' activities, AND, recognizing the issues of unfairness and inequity presented by allowing sport specific education program student-athletes to compete in SHSAA sanctioned activities, AND, knowing that a precedent has been established by the Alberta (ASAA) and British Columbia (BCSS) High School Athletic Associations, which have similar policies and objectives as the SHSAA, that sport specific education programs have been deemed in those jurisdictions to provide those student-athletes participants with an inequitable and unfair advantage oin those specific sports, AND, that having dealt for years with the issues of inequity and unfairness which sports specific educational programs engendered in their jurisdictions, those provincial associations have have researched and passed motions with regard to sports specific education programs addressing the resulting issues of unfairness and inequity. AND, due to the fact that some schools in Saskatchewan are now offering, or are planning to offer, sports specific education programs whereby their students would be gaining an inequitable and unfair advantage if allowed to compete in SHSAA activities,

BE IT RESOLVED that any student-athlete registered in a sport specific education program is ineligible to compete in that particular sport in SHSAA sanctioned events. The student-athlete, however, will be eligible to compete in other school sports as long as they meet SHSAA eligibility requirements.

Background: Definition: SPORT SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM – A Sport Specific Education Program combines education with specific sport instruction / education for curriculum credit. The sport specific education program allows for sport specific training, instruction and/or competition, provides sport skills training targeted in a specific sport; provides other training/education such as but not limited to weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to support the targeted sport.

Rationale: We in Saskatchewan need to look at these issues, and if we believe that the sports specific programs are indeed providing an inequitable and unfair advantage, as has been found in Alberta and British Columbia, it is incumbent upon us to make a decision which is in the best interests of all our Saskatchewan students at this time. Should this motion pass at the SHSAA AGM, the schools whom have, or are planning to start, these programs would have time to contact the parents/guardians of those students affected. This would allow for an informed parental decision knowing their student's status regarding participation in SHSAA sanctioned activities.

Attached please find the BCSS pamphlet which was developed by their high school athletic association. It was made available to parents/guardians of students planning to enter into a sports specific education program so they could make informed decisions about eligibility to compete in high school sports prior to registering their student in these programs.

Attached please find a copy of the ASAA bylaw which addresses the issue of sports specific school programs. Please note that both of these associations have adopted the same definition of what a sport specific program is and it is suggested that if we pass this motion that we follow suit, if the AGM considers the definition to be appropriate to Saskatchewan's situation.

The rationale presented by both associations is that these bylaws ensure that competitive opportunities for all student-athletes are kept as equitable as possible. The SHSAA has the same beliefs about fairness and equity. It would therefore seem only fitting that we adopt a similar bylaw to address the fairness and equity issues which come with sports specific education programs. The Alberta and British Columbia High School Sports Associations have already recognized the issues which arise from sports specific education programs, researched these, and passed resolutions to create the policies that are in place today for their jurisdictions. While the location may change, the same fairness and equity issues were the deciding factor in each association's decision.

North Central District

08/02/08 **BE IT RESOLVED** that effective the 2008-2009 school year, all Saskatchewan schools in good standing that register a team, be afforded the opportunity to compete in play downs advancing toward a provincial championship.

South West District

08/02/09 **BE IT RESOLVED** that all SHSAA categories and playoff structures in all sports be based on the ideals of fairness and equity and that these concepts are included in the SHSAA guiding principles.

South West District

Policies 08/03/01

BE IT RESOLVED that the mileage rate for officials reflect an increase:

OFFICIALS' PAY SCALE

2. Authorized expenses include the following:

- a) Travel: ~~\$.30~~ **\$.40** per kilometre.

Horizon Central District

08/03/02 **BE IT RESOLVED** that football official's pay scale be amended as follows:

OFFICIALS' PAY SCALE

b) FOOTBALL - All Post Conference/District Games

SAFO MEMBER:	Head Ref - \$32.00 \$40.00	Others - \$25.00 \$30.00
NON MEMBER:	Head Ref - \$22.00 \$30.00	Others - \$17.00 \$25.00

Rationale: Football games last two to three hours. Football officials are required to work in a variety of weather conditions on a large field and should be fairly compensated as compared to other sports.

South Central District

08/03/03 **Whereas** officials have to give up their time to officiate Conference or Regional playoffs, and some officials did not find out until they arrived to officiate that one team had backed out of the playoffs;

BE IT RESOLVED that officials be paid for all conference and regional playoffs even when the scheduled game is not played. This should include mileage and officiating game costs.

North East District

08/03/04

BE IT RESOLVED that the SHSAA eliminate medals at the conference level (basketball and volleyball).

Rationale: this is an unnecessary cost for what? This is merely a step to the next level which is already the reward. Some Conference play had as few as 3 teams (2 of which were moving on). Other Conferences didn't even have a competition due to low numbers. Also, these Conferences are not defined (not the same from year to year), so what is being won?

Central Valley District

08/03/05

BE IT RESOLVED that the policy section regarding Provincial Hosting Responsibilities be amended as follows: (changes are listed in **bold italics**).

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Host:
 - a) Supply adequate facilities to host the event (***in the event that facilities required are outside the control of the school / school board, payment for such facilities must be negotiated with the SHSAA. See 2 d) below***)
 - b) Tournament workers.
 - c) Tournament hospitality
 - d) Minor officials. (***Except Hoopla, the SHSAA will pay each host school an amount to be determined by the SHSAA executive, currently \$50.00 per game. Intended to pay for 5 minor officials to perform duties of announcer, spotter, scorer, 30 second clock operator, score clock operator***)
 - e) Local publicity.
 - f) Acknowledge SHSAA sponsors.
 - g) Have a pool of capable officials available within the district.
 - h) An emergency plan to deal with serious injuries***
 - i) Medical coverage for football contests as per SHSAA policy included in football section.***
2. SHSAA
 - a) Major officials. ***Paid at SHSAA rates established by the provincial council***
 - b) Schedule of tournament games, etc.
 - c) Provincial publicity.
 - d) Rental of non-school facilities.
 - ***Golf Course green fees usually set at a junior rate or lower for the event.***
 - ***Curling club rental based on submission as part of bid process***
 - ***Cross-Country eligible for a grant up to \$500.00 for facilities & hosting***
 - ***Track & Field eligible for a hosting grant up to \$2,500.00 for facilities & hosting***
 - ***Hoopla eligible for a hosting grant up to \$2,500.00 for facilities & hosting***
 - ***For Hoopla in Regina, the SHSAA will be responsible to negotiate and pay for the payment of rental fees in excess of the 2,500.00 grant.***
 - e) Supply of awards
 - f) ***Medical***
 - ***Cross-Country medical coverage paid by SHSAA. Host will assist SHSAA to procure adequate service locally.***
 - ***Track medical coverage paid by SHSAA. Host will assist SHSAA to procure adequate service locally.***
 - ***Wrestling medical coverage paid by SHSAA. Host will assist SHSAA to procure adequate service locally.***

NOTE: *Unusual or unexpected expenses are negotiable, but must be agreed upon prior to the event.*

SHSAA Executive

08/03/06 **BE IT RESOLVED** that for regional and the provincial football championships, medical costs for required on-field medical personnel become the responsibility of the SHSAA.

Rationale: It is mandatory in football to have trained sideline medical personnel for safety and for protection from liability. As in wrestling which has mandatory medical on location paid by the SHSAA, so should football have required medical costs paid for by the SHSAA.

Saskatoon District

08/03/07 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the host gate share at all provincial championships be 50% of the gross gate receipts.

Rationale: Hosting expenses for all provincial championships are increasing for local districts as expectations and requirements from each district and the Association increase and facility rental costs increase. A 50% gate share would more adequately reflect these changes and more effectively cover losses that are being taken by districts to host provincial championships. It would also more effectively compensate districts for the time and required students and staff help to host these events.

Saskatoon District

08/03/08 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the host gate share at Hoopla, the provincial basketball championships, be 50% of the gross gate receipts.

Rationale: The Provincial Basketball Championships currently involves all categories and requires much expense, time and effort for many students and staff workers in the planning, coordinating and executing a tournament of this size and the media conference which precedes it. Expenses are also increasing for facility costs in some locations. It is the most high profile event on the SHSAA calendar but is very task-oriented and required student/staff involvement is very high.

Saskatoon District

08/03/09 **BE IT RESOLVED** that facility costs at all provincial championships be the responsibility of the SHSAA.

Rationale: All facility costs are the responsibility of host districts at provincial championships. Facility costs are increasing when hosting. Districts are taking financial losses to host provincial championships. Increasing costs are influencing district's decisions to host provincial championships.

Saskatoon District

08/03/10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA begin using reserve fund money to subsidize facility costs and improve gate percentage to districts hosting provincial championships.

Rationale: It is a requirement of local boards for schools to spend funds received from student fees and parent reserve annually. It is time for the SHSAA to have a similar policy to begin subsidizing districts for facility costs and improved gate percentage when hosting provincial championships.

Saskatoon District

08/03/11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA find an associate title/presenting sponsor(s) for Provincial Championships, the revenue from which can help subsidize facility rental costs at Provincial Championships and improve the gate percentage for the district host of provincial championships.

Saskatoon District

08/03/12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA rebate to each district from the established SHSAA reserve fund \$5000 to help recover regional competition travel expenses.

Saskatoon District

Badminton
08/04/01

BE IT RESOLVED that for regional Badminton, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers respectively.

Rationale: Currently, we only give a gold medal to the first place finisher at the regional tournaments. It would be more appropriate to award medals to all of the top 3 finishers or not award medals at all.

Saskatoon District

Basketball
08/05/01

BE IT RESOLVED that in Basketball Conference tournaments, there shall be no consolation games.

Rationale: An additional cost and officiating challenge for no purpose. Especially at the Conference level, teams have to make an extra trip for a game of no consequence (CV).

Horizon Central District
Central Valley District

08/05/02

BE IT RESOLVED that the SHSAA adopt the 24 second shot clock rule and the 8 second rule to advance the ball across half court for all basketball games.

Background: Saskatchewan is the only provincial high school organization that has not yet adopted these rule changes (SW). This is an effort to provide consistency for the officials. The adjustment for players should not be too difficult, if at all and will prepare them for other competitive levels (CV).

South West District
Central Valley District

08/05/03

BE IT RESOLVED that no more than two teams seeded in the top 10 provincially be sent to the same conference playoff for basketball.

Rationale: Conference playoffs reflect geography; however some consideration for competitive balance should be given when dealing with top 10 teams given the single game knockout format.

South Central District

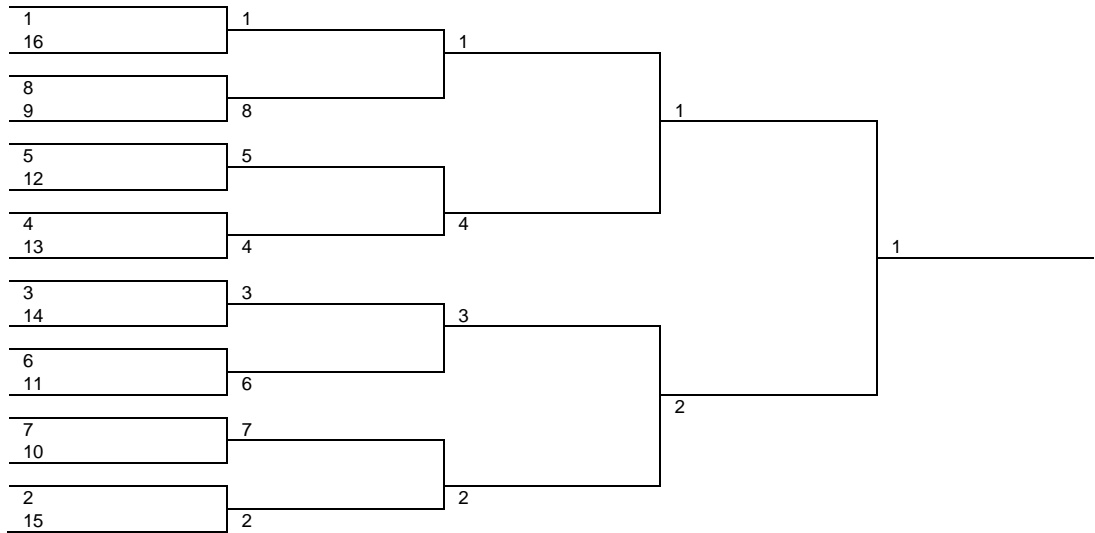
08/05/04

BE IT RESOLVED that SHSAA Basketball Regional playoffs include the winning team from each conference playoff, as well as the eight highest seeded teams that did not win their conference playoff.

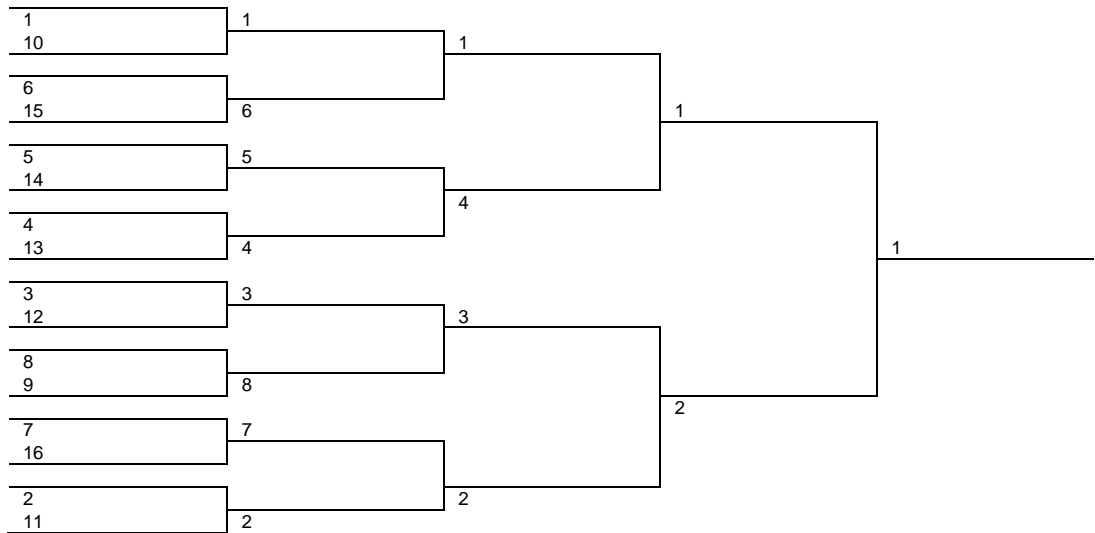
South West District

BE IT RESOLVED that Regional Basketball tournaments be seeded using the equitable seeding format rather than the advantage seeding that has been used by the Association since the inception of the regional format.

Current Seeding (Advantage)



Proposed Seeding (Equitable)



Background: The SHSAA has been directed by the membership to seed the teams at the regional level from 1 to 16 and then place them in tournaments based on their provincial wide seed. Although looked on somewhat favourably by the membership, problems or concerns have always come from the lower seeds being placed against the top seeds in the first round. Advantage seeding is a format that was designed to place seeded teams in an elimination tournament based on the results of teams having the opportunity of competing against each other throughout the year. Saskatchewan basketball is different in the fact that our high school basketball does not have a province wide league and these 16 teams that advance from conference playoffs do not play each and every team in the final 16.

Rationale: When organizing an elimination tournament, two important principles should apply. The first is that the top two entries should meet in the final game. A second principle, depending on seeding philosophy adopted, is that it should be equally difficult for entries of similar ability to achieve similar ends. The benefits of the equitable seeding is that the lower seeded teams will have more meaningful games and there should be fewer and less lopsided games than in an advantage seeded tournament.

SHSAA Executive

08/05/06

BE IT RESOLVED that SHSAA appoint a ranking committee for each basketball category and gender, composed of three individuals from different regions of the province, whose purpose would be to rank the teams in their category three times per season. These rankings would be based on the results of all games played by each team to that point. Coaches would be required to post the results of all their games on a website developed by the SHSAA. The rankings would be posted on the SHSAA web site as well as being released to the media. The committee's job would also be to determine the eight wildcard entries to the Regional playoff (see previous resolution). The committee would be independent of the SHSAA office staff. Schools would be able to appeal their rankings to the committee, who would then be required to justify their rankings to the SHSAA Executive Director and/or Assistant Executive Director who would have the power to adjust the rankings.

Background: This ranking system is based on the Alberta model. Feedback from both Alberta coaches and the Alberta High School Athletic Association office indicates that the system works well for both parties in that it takes the onus off the provincial organization and puts it on knowledgeable coaches who are very much more involved in their sport. The committee members are on fixed length terms, so that the composition of the committees changes every two or three years.

South West District

08/05/07

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial High School Basketball Championships be hosted in districts and locations across the province for each of the individual categories.

Rationale:

1. It is in the better interest of students to give more teams and students the opportunity to participate and compete in each category in a provincial championship which follows a tournament format hosted by more communities. The current format in one location limits the number of teams competing in each category because of facility demands.
2. Increasing the number of teams and students involved in each category of the provincial championship would make things more equitable with volleyball and soccer.
3. Communities and districts across the province have expressed an interest in hosting a category for the Provincial Basketball Championships.
4. More communities and districts benefit from the rewards of hosting a provincial basketball championship.
5. Basketball interest across the province is enhanced by involving more communities in the hosting responsibilities rather than in only one location.
6. Facility costs are rising to host large crowds in large spectator facilities at one location and facility costs are entirely the responsibility of the local host.
7. The current gate formula of 25% of the total gate to the local host for the responsibility of hosting all categories is not reward enough for the time, effort and demands on the local host.

Saskatoon District

08/05/08

BE IT RESOLVED that at the regional basketball championships, the host sites are at the home of each of the top four seeds as determined by the rankings.

Saskatoon District

08/05/09

BE IT RESOLVED that conference tournament competition leading to regional play be eliminated and seeding to 16 teams for regional competition be based on results from league and/or tournament play through the season.

Rationale: There are many examples where many or most of the teams are advancing from each conference to the regional tournament, making for unnecessary travel expenses for schools and districts. In many cases these teams have played earlier in the season so seeding to 16 can be determined or results from season competition can help with the seeding of the 16 teams advancing to provincials.

Saskatoon District

Cross Country
08/06/01

BE IT RESOLVED that district medals be reinstated for the cross country provincial championship. Because teams are chosen from Districts, the best way to determine the best teams is to fully restore the district championship component at the Provincial Championship. This would mean providing the same prominence in the awards and in the ceremony for District winners as for school winners.

Saskatoon District

Curling
08/07/01

BE IT RESOLVED that for all SHSAA curling events, a mandatory 3 minute break be held at the conclusion of the fourth end, during which time coaches may confer with their team.

South West District

08/07/02

BE IT RESOLVED that the E5 deadline for curling be set on the second Wednesday of January.

Rationale: Many schools do not start their curling season until after Christmas break when the ice goes in. It is unrealistic to expect schools to pay fines or fill in accurate E5 forms prior to the facility being available for the first practices.

South Central District

Football
08/08/01

Whereas the current Football Canada rule states that when time out has been called for a player injury or for equipment repair, the player shall be required to leave the game for at least one play.

BE IT RESOLVED that when a player goes down with an injury where he/she is attended to by a person from the sideline; that player must remain off the field for a minimum of three plays including special teams.

Rationale: This rule will eliminate the practice of teams using a player injury as a "timeout".

Horizon Central District

08/08/02

Whereas both 9-Man and 12-Man football play 12 minute quarters currently;

BE IT RESOLVED that in 6-Man football, that the length of the quarters be changed from 10 minutes to 12 minutes in length.

Rationale: Ten minute quarters can result in very short games and this would provide more playing time for the students as there is a very limited number of games that are played already. This would make the length of the game the same as the others (HC). We are very supportive of this because of how short football games have become because of the 2007 rule change that keeps the clock running on 1st downs. This has resulted in a huge loss of plays per game. With so few games and when travelling long distances to play games and trying to get more students into the game, having more time during the game would be very helpful in getting and keeping students involved (CV).

Horizon Central District
North East District

08/08/03

BE IT RESOLVED that all 9-Man football games shall consist of sixty minutes of actual playing time, divided into four periods of fifteen minutes each.

Background: In 2007, Football Canada changed the timing regulations in regards to clock stoppage on first downs. Currently, the clock does not stop on a first down. This will result in fewer plays from scrimmage in each game. Jeff Yausie, Football Saskatchewan's Executive Director and Brian Towriss estimate that this change could result in as many as twenty fewer plays from scrimmage during a football game.

The Northeast 9-Man Football league has a short schedule and a vast geography. Our league will have six regular season games in 2008. Some teams will travel over four hours each way for a road game. Currently, each forty-eight minute game has about twenty-five minutes of actual playing

time once the breaks, such as huddles, etc. have been removed. Considering some teams will spend nine hours on a bus ride to play a game, we would like to increase game time to the standard that the CIS uses. The CIS standard is games consisting of sixty minutes of actual playing time, divided into four periods of fifteen minutes each.

This proposed resolution would only influence games within our conference. Play-off games against opponents from outside of our league shall consist of forty-eight minutes of actual playing time, divided into four periods of twelve minutes each (HC).

Rationale: This proposed resolution will allow the players in our league to have more playing time. In 2007, there were less actual plays per quarter, than the year before. Adding three minutes to each quarter, would return the number of plays per quarter to a state that it was at prior to 2007. The games go by so quick and we should promote more plays and more playing time for the kids. Our league does not have the problem of needing to play several games in one night, which is what initiated the change in timing of first downs. All of us that watch football game film realize that each game has about twenty-five minutes of actual game play. If you divide that between offense, defense and special teams, one realizes that your offense (or defense) might only be on the field for about 10 minutes of actual playing time. Considering the amount of time we and our kids invest in the season, the student-athletes should not be short-changed, in regards to playing time, like we were in 2007 (HC). We are very supportive of this because of how short football games have become because of the 2007 rule change that keeps the clock running on 1st downs. This has resulted in a huge loss of plays per game. With so few games and when travelling long distances to play games and trying to get more students into the game, having more time during the game would be very helpful in getting and keeping students involved (CV).

**Horizon Central District
Central Valley District**

08/08/04

Whereas the High school football game has sped up because the clock no longer stops after a first down, and the amount of plays in a quarter has been dramatically and negatively affected because of the clock stoppage changes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the quarters for high school 9- and 12-Man be increased from 12 to 15 minutes per quarter to reflect the increased pace of the game now that the clock stops less often on first down.

North East District

08/08/05

BE IT RESOLVED that for football provincial play downs, the SHSAA allow the host to run 50/50 pools.

Rationale: It is common practice for most football programs. The money being raised goes directly to providing safe equipment and facilities for the student athletes.

Horizon Central District

08/08/06

BE IT RESOLVED that medals be provided by the SHSAA for conference champions for 6- and 9-Man football.

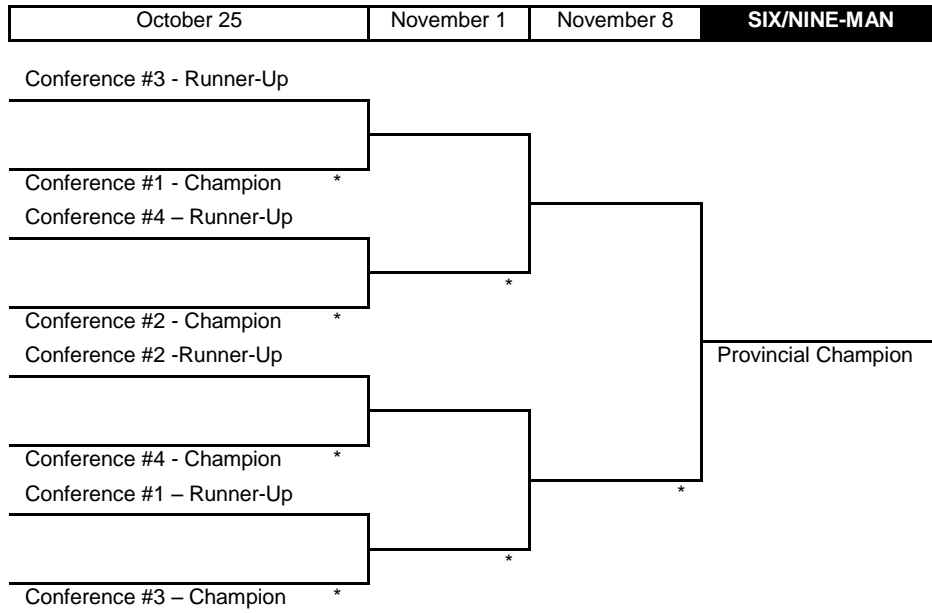
Rationale: This motion was passed last year, but somehow football was overlooked. It is important to have consistency across sports.

South Central District

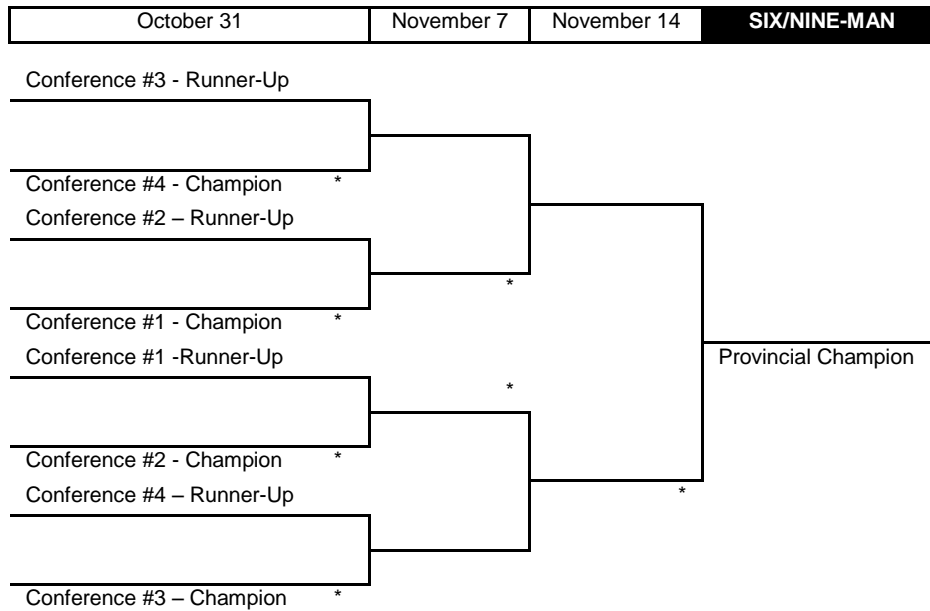
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BE IT RESOLVED that for 9-Man football provincial playoffs, the following rotation be used:

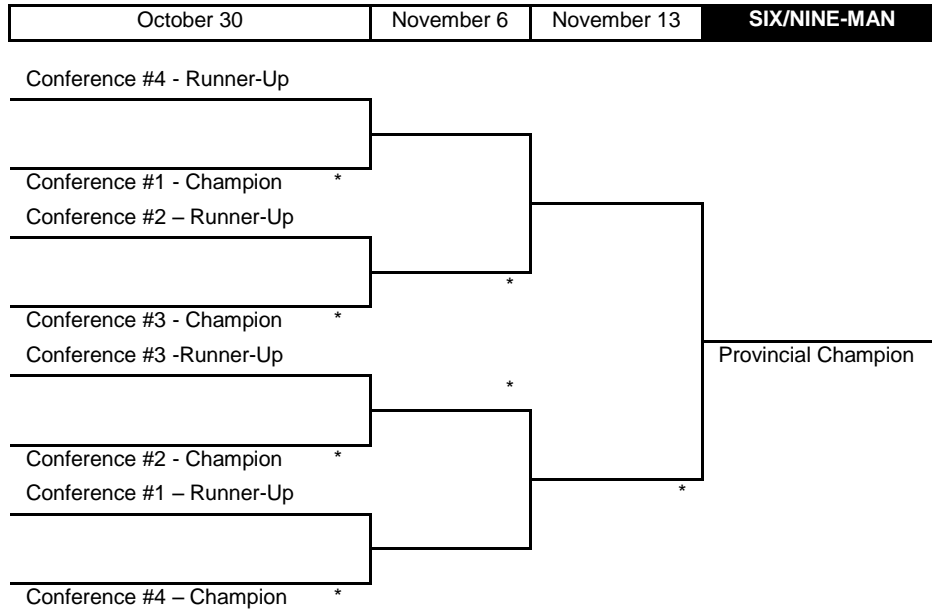
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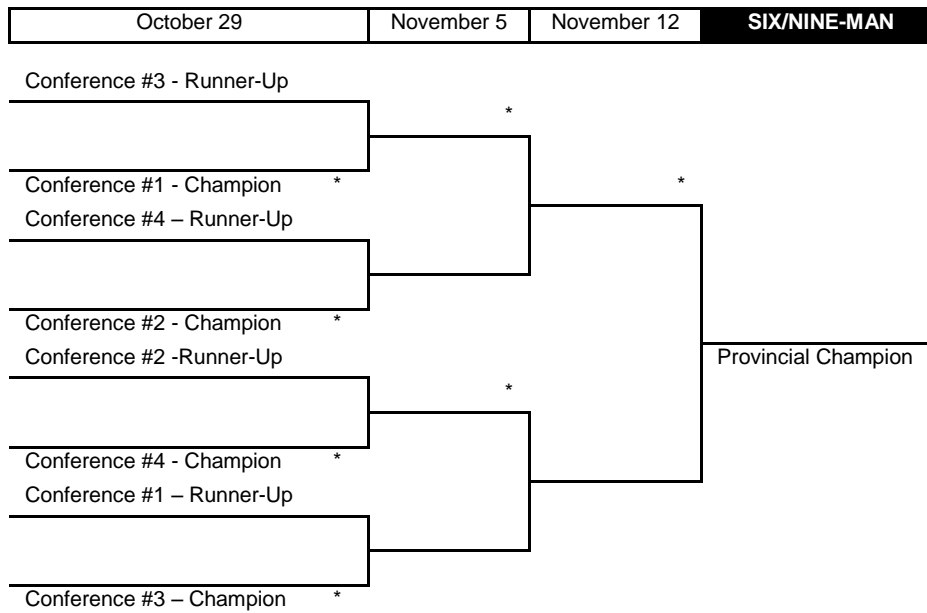
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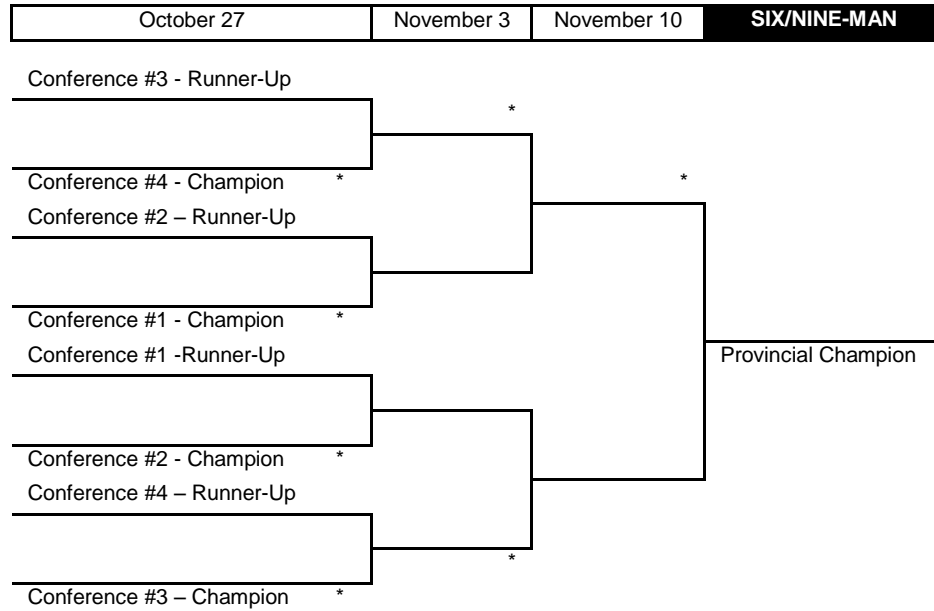


2010



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Background: Travel distances were the major consideration in the SHSAA’s decision to not rotate conferences for Provincial quarter-final matchups (HC).

Rationale: Currently, the same two conferences match up in the first round of the provincial playoff. This would allow each conference to face every other conference in the first round on a rotational basis (HC). This is to encourage a change on a yearly basis of which teams meet in the playoffs. Teams are travelling anyways, and this allows the chance to see new competition (CV).

Horizon Central District
Central Valley District

08/08/08

BE IT RESOLVED that for 6-Man football provincial playoffs, the following rotation be used: See exact draw as listed above.

Rationale: This is to encourage a change on a yearly basis of which teams meet in the playoffs. Teams are travelling anyways, and this allows the chance to see new competition (CV).

Horizon Central District
Central Valley District

08/08/09

BE IT RESOLVED that for all football, players that wear tinted visors, the following conditions be met:

1. The player must have an Optometrist’s signed note that specifies what the eye condition is that warrants a colored or tinted visor to be worn for football. A note from a family physician or a physician at a Medical Centre will not be accepted.
2. On the SHSAA medical form that each player should complete and file with the team and the school, the following must be done:
 - a) under the column **FACE INJURY: EYE** – This must be checked off.
 - b) under **#4 Remarks** an explanation of **what the medical condition is** that would warrant the need to use a colored or tinted visor.

Rationale: There is a need to inform physicians why the rule exists and when approving a tinted visor that it be based on a valid medical condition and not the need for eye protection which a clear visor will accomplish.

SHSAA Executive

Golf
08/09/01

BE IT RESOLVED that the SHSAA eliminate Sand Golf as a provincial activity.

Background: For the past number of years, there has been a decline in the number of sand golfers registered in the activity as well as a decrease in the number of teams entering provincial play. This year, there were eight districts that competed in Sand Golf. With the host team entered, this made a nine team event at the provincial championships.

Rationale: There are only two districts that conducted a meaningful competition for the qualifying event prior to the provincial meet. Six districts had teams advance directly to the provincial tournament. The Executive feels that this has become a participatory event and does not warrant the status of a provincial championship. The dissolution of this activity will not take away the opportunity for golfers in every community to participate in high school golf.

SHSAA Executive

08/09/02

BE IT RESOLVED that the start time for the first round of the SHSAA provincial championship be no earlier than 10:00a.m.

Rationale: With the number of golfers at the Grass event, an 11:00 a.m. start time runs a risk of either not finishing or finishing the round at or near dusk. Most teams are at the host venue the night before. Those that are in driving distance of the host venue would still be able to drive to the site the morning of the first day if they choose.

SHSAA Executive

08/09/03

BE IT RESOLVED that the SHSAA host a boys team competition and a girls team competition. Each team would be made up of 3 or 4 golfers where the three best scores recorded by the team on each hole of the competition will determine team scoring for competitions.

Background: Current SHSAA bylaws will allow schools to field a team made up of both genders to play in the boys category, if they cannot field a team for each gender. Even if they do not have a team, the top three competitors in that district that are not a part of the school representative team, will still be sent to the provincial championship to compete in individual competition. The maximum number of competitors that a district will send to the provincial championship would be 14.

South Central District

08/09/04

BE IT RESOLVED that for Provincial Golf, marshals are positioned on each tee box rather than following specific foursomes from hole to hole.

Rationale:

1. Get to follow players from your own district
2. More responsibility put on athletes for integrity, sportsmanship, honour system
3. Less labour intensive while still supervising, monitoring, scoring at the Tee Box
4. More in line with Jr. Golf competition practices
5. More consistency with other SHSAA sports

Saskatoon District

Soccer
08/10/01

BE IT RESOLVED that girls and boys soccer be moved to a spring activity with the Provincial Championships to be played on the weekend after the Provincial Track and Field.

Rationale: The rationale for moving soccer is two-fold: First it reduces the number of fall team sports (football, volleyball, and soccer) from three to two. (Also occurring at this time are golf and cross-country). The second reason is the weather / field conditions are usually poor by the end of October. The weather in the spring would be a huge improvement over the snow, sleet and extreme cold athletes have to contend with. Soccer would be the only team sport conducted in the spring.

Central Valley District

08/10/02

Whereas there are eleven SHSAA activities that are in session in the fall (Sand Golf, Grass Golf, Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country) and only two activities in the spring and both are individual activities (badminton and track and field) and whereas the daylight hours are diminishing by the day in the fall; and whereas inclement weather is more likely in the fall and whereas other Canadian high schools have soccer as a spring sport and whereas smaller rural schools could have a soccer program if it were a spring activity;

BE IT RESOLVED that 1A and 2A girls and boys soccer be moved to a spring activity with the Provincial Championships to be played on the weekend after the Provincial Track and Field.

West Central District

08/10/03

BE IT RESOLVED that at the Provincial Championship there are 2 ten-minute periods in overtime before the shootout.

Saskatoon District

08/10/04

BE IT RESOLVED that for the Provincial High School Soccer Championships the host venue must provide access to change rooms for pre –game, half time, and post game conferences for players, coaches, and officials, and for relief from the weather.

Saskatoon District

Track
08/11/01

BE IT RESOLVED that for Cross Country and Track age classes, the following be amended:

1. AGE CLASSES AND DISTANCES:

- Senior – 16 or over ~~as of September 1st~~ **as of August 31st** of the current school year.
- Junior - under 16 ~~as of September 1st~~ **as of August 31st** of the current school year.
- Midget - under 15 ~~as of September 1st~~ **as of August 31st** of the current school year.

Horizon Central District

08/11/02

BE IT RESOLVED that the SHSAA move to the following for Track and Field age classes:

1. AGE CLASSES AND DISTANCES:

- Senior – 16 or over ~~as of September 1st~~ **as of July 1st** of the current school year.
- Junior - under 16 ~~as of September 1st~~ **as of January 1st** of the current school year.
- Midget - under 15 ~~as of September 1st~~ **as of January 1st** of the current school year.

Rationale:

- Senior – 16 and over as of July 1st of the current school year. (Grade 12's and old Grade 11's)
- Junior – under 16 as of January 1st of the current school year. (Young Grade 11's and Grade 10's).
- Midget – under 15 as of January 1st of the current school year. (Grade 9's)

The problem began a few years back when we created the Midget category, which was great, but never accounted for the effect this would have in making it so large and reducing the Junior category. The numbers often drop because of discouraged students from the larger Midget category. As well, the Junior category has only one year of students to draw from while Midget and Senior draw from 16 months of students. Hopefully, the smaller Midget category would lead to more success, less competition from older athletes and continued participation. This in turn will lead to more opportunities at the Junior level. Ideally each group would only be one year long, but that isn't feasible for track and field. This proposal gives the option to make each level a year and a half. Records should not be affected as Senior adds two months of younger athletes; Junior loses two months of older athletes at the top and adds 6 months of younger athletes at the bottom. Midget will be the only one that will change a significant amount, as it will lose the oldest 8 months from its category. However, it is still the newest of our categories (and its recent introduction is what has squeezed the Junior category to be so small).

Central Valley District

Volleyball
08/12/01

BE IT RESOLVED that for 1A – 4A boys and girls volleyball, if there are 8 or fewer teams in the region, there will be no conference play. The teams would compete at the regional tournament the weekend prior to the provincial weekend.

SHSAA Executive

08/12/02

BE IT RESOLVED that for conference and regional play that seeding is used to determine the make-up of each pool, but considerations of travel time and the protection of instructional time be used to determine the schedule of games.

Rationale: This will only affect Friday games, as it allows the schedule to be adjusted to ensure that minimal instructional time is affected. This is consistent with the guiding principles of the SHSAA to minimize instructional time affected by athletics.

South Central District

08/12/03

BE IT RESOLVED that for the 1A through 4A volleyball, the provincial playoff be a 12-team tournament.

Battle West District

08/12/04

BE IT RESOLVED that at 5A Provincials all matches in the round robin, playoffs and medal round are scheduled for 75 minutes in duration.

Saskatoon District

08/12/05

BE IT RESOLVED that there be a 15-minute buffer built into every third match of the provincial volleyball championship schedule in all categories.

TEN TEAM ROUND ROBIN - 2 POOLS - 2 COURTS

DATE	TIME	POOL	GYM #1	POOL	GYM #2
Day 1	1:00 pm	Coaches Meeting			
	2:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies			
	3:00 pm	B	1 vs 4	A	1 vs 4
	4:00 pm	B	2 vs 5	A	2 vs 5
	5:00 pm	B	3 vs 4	A	3 vs 4
	6:00 pm	B	1 vs 2	A	1 vs 2
	7:00 pm	B	3 vs 5	A	3 vs 5
Day 2	9:00 am	A	2 vs 3	B	2 vs 3
	10:00 am	A	4 vs 5	B	4 vs 5
	11:15 am	A	1 vs 3	B	1 vs 3
	12:15 pm	A	2 vs 4	B	2 vs 4
	1:15 pm	A	1 vs 5	B	1 vs 5
	3:00 pm	Quarter Final (GM #1)		Quarter Final (GM #2)	
	4:15 pm	Semi Final (GM #3)		Semi Final (GM #4)	
	5:30 pm	BRONZE MEDAL MATCH			
	6:45 pm	GOLD MEDAL MATCH			

Rationale: This will only add 30 minutes to the event and will reflect the time needed to keep the tournament on time.

SHSAA Executive

Wrestling
08/13/01

BE IT RESOLVED that a fifth (5th) place wrestler have the right to challenge the fourth (4th) place wrestler if the two wrestlers have not previously wrestled at the qualifying tournaments leading to the Provincial Tournament.

Rationale: This would afford districts the opportunity to send their strongest team to the provincial championship. With the difference between the fourth place wrestler and fifth place wrestler generally not being that great and the fact that they have not competed, this resolution would leave no doubt as to who should represent their district at the Provincial Championships.

Regina District

08/13/02

BE IT RESOLVED that in the city qualification tournament the wrestlers must weigh in on site the day prior to the event.

Rationale: The rule regarding weigh-in presently states that "For regional wrestling tournament, athletes will weigh in at their school. It goes to say that the weight must be certified by one of the school administrators and faxed to the regional commissioner by noon the Thursday preceding the regional tournament. According to the SHSAA, the City Championships in Saskatoon and Regina are in essence regional tournaments as athletes qualify through them to participate in the provincial tournament.

Regina District

08/13/03

BE IT RESOLVED that the high amplitude throw no longer be awarded 5 points, but will now award 3 points.

Rationale: The safety and well-being of every high school student must be a priority of the Association. Although wrestlers are aware of the dangers of such throws when in a bout, this will eliminate the attempt of the 'big throw'.

SHSAA Executive

08/13/04

BE IT RESOLVED that all high school wrestlers must wear approved headgear for all SHSAA sanctioned matches.

Rationale: The safety and well-being of every high school student must be a priority of the Association. The number of permanent injuries that exist in high school wrestlers can be eliminated with mandatory headgear. All high school jurisdictions and collegiate wrestling in the United States have mandatory headgear policies.

SHSAA Executive

08/13/05

BE IT RESOLVED that all high school wrestlers that have braces on their teeth, must wear a mouth guard for all SHSAA sanctioned matches.

Rationale: The safety and well-being of every high school student must be a priority of the Association.

SHSAA Executive

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08/14/01 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SHSAA express its sincere thanks to the Regina District for its work in preparing for and hosting the 2008 Annual General Meeting in Regina.

Provincial Council

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