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To: SAC Reps
From: Amanda Maks, Hughanna Gaw & Alexandra Eldon
Date: Monday, August 30th
Time: 4:00pm
Place: ZOOM

MINUTES

I begin today by acknowledging that our GMAA Schools are located on unceded Indigenous lands. While we meet today on a virtual platform, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the lands, which we each call home. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility to improving relationships between nations and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures. Please join me in a moment of reflection to acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and to consider how we can, in our own way, try to move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Welcome everyone to the first SAC meeting of this new school year. We are very excited to hopefully be able to offer some form of school sports to our members this year. If your school is ready to play, we are ready to offer a place for that to happen. Our Guiding Principle for GMAA Leagues is that we want to allow the students to participate in a safe, enjoyable, and competitive playing environment.

100 Additions to and approval of Agenda

Move: Jeff Bateman
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200 2021-2022 GMAA SPORT

The rules in effect are not GMAA rules – they are rules from the Government of QC and our Regional Public Health Department, we cannot change, adapt, or adjust these rules. Amanda gave a brief overview of the requirements and regulations. Schools can refer to the following Government websites for information.

<https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/education/mesures-loisir-sport-ete21-ANG.pdf>

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-passport>

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-covid-19-vaccine>

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-passport/places-and-activities-requiring-covid-19-vaccination-passport>

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/mask-or-face-covering/wearing-a-face-covering-in-public-settings-covid-19>



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<https://www.quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/resumption-outdoor-recreational-sports-leisure-activities>

<https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/a-z/coronavirus-2019/reponses-questions-coronavirus-covid19/questions-et-reponses-rassemblements-activites-covid-19>

<https://www.quebec.ca/nouvelles/actualites/details/pandemie-de-covid-19-rentree-scolaire-2021-precisions-sur-lajout-de-mesures-sanitaires-34151>

<https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/education/publications-adm/covid-19/consignes-scolaire.pdf>

201 Sport Information

We will post a sport specific information sheet on each sports webpage. They will outline what the sport will look like this fall, including important dates, cost and what is required of the school/team to register. Please make sure to read over them and ask any questions prior to registering a team. Each sport federation has its own return to play protocols that must be followed for us to be able to run the sport. This does mean added work on behalf of everyone; if we want to be able to have sports this year, we need to follow the return to play protocols set by each Sport Federation as well the Public Health Guidelines.

We will give a brief overview for what each league will look like this year, but it is important that you take the time to look at each sports requirement for the season on your own as well.

a) Fall Team Sports

For Soccer we have offered all levels of play (18 leagues, B, M, J, Boys/Girls, D3, D4.1, D4.2). Deadline for Team Registrations is Thursday, September 9th on S1. Scheduling will be done by the SAC reps on Monday, September 13th and Tuesday, September 14th on Zoom. We tried to book a location to do these meetings in person but with the 'no visitors' rule at both school boards and most schools it's not possible. Our plan is to assign each level a time: example, Monday, Sept 13, 5pm Bantam Girls – 6pm Midget Girls – 7pm Juvenile Girls. We plan to split those times further if need be, (example, section 3A 5pm, section 3B 5:20pm, etc) We also plan to use breakout rooms and a master schedule on google docs to get things sorted out.

For Volleyball we will be offering D3 or D4 girls and D3 boys leagues. Deadline for Team Registration is Friday, September 10th on S1. Scheduling will be done over Zoom at 3:45pm on Wednesday, September 15th.

For Boys Flag Football, we will be offering B/M/J D3 or D4 leagues. Deadline for Team Registration is Monday, September 13th on S1. Scheduling will be done over Zoom at 3:45pm on Friday, September 17th.

For Softball we will be offering JB and JG D3 leagues. Deadline for Team Registration is Monday, September 13th on S1. Scheduling information will be sent out the next day to the coaches and SAC Reps. Coaches will be responsible for making their own schedules and for getting their own umpires. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 21st to go over any information or adjust any schedules.



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Registration Deadlines and season dates are on the calendar and website information should be up to date.

For Golf: We plan to host a golf tournament this year. We booked at the Caughnawaga Golf Club on Thursday, September 23rd. Hughanna just got confirmation today. Team and player registration are due by Tuesday, September 14th. When registering the players please don't forget to include their handicap in the additional information section on S1. You will also need to register all coaches and/or scorekeeper on S1 - anyone who will be there on the day of the tournament.

We will adhere to all the Golf Quebec and courses protocols. As a result, we may have to put a cap on registration, and we will be using tee times by foursome instead of a shotgun start this year. Depending on numbers the tee times will go from around 7:30am – 9:30am. To limit exposure to other schools, we will keep golfers from the same school together.

For Cross Country Run: We plan to host a Cross Country Run this year. We are looking to book at Mont Royal on Thursday, October 7th. Team and player registration are due by Monday, September 27th. You will also need to register all coaches and/or volunteers on S1 - anyone who will be there on the day of the race.

To adhere to the Athletisme Quebec protocols, we will be running in heats of 50 or fewer students. Depending on the number of schools and runners registered, we may have to divide the races into 2-4 heats. To limit exposure to other schools, we may also divide the schools registered into two 'divisions' a morning 'division' and an afternoon 'division'. We may also have to limit the number of runners registered per school to stay in line with the guidelines.

To do all this, we must have electronic timing. We are currently looking at a supplier Sportstats, to see if they are available. The cost will be more than what we are used to charging for our Cross-Country schools. We have budgeted \$160 per school plus \$5 per student. We will confirm asap if that is changing. If we cannot book a company to take care of the electronic timing we will not be hosting a cross country run.

202 Section Information/Withdrawal Fee

Deadlines for team entries are hard deadlines. If we want to plan for the seasons in the short amount of time we have, we cannot add any teams after the posted deadlines.

The Board of Directors has passed that for team sports the pre-season payment for all teams will include a non-refundable admin fee of \$150. Complementary to this however, they have agreed to waive any withdrawal fees for the season. If a team must withdraw from the league at any point in the season, they will not be charged a withdrawal fee. The \$150 admin fee in non-refundable, however, there will be no extra withdrawal fee on top of the \$150.

203 Coaches Commitment Program

As most of you already know, a new paperless coaches commitment program has been designed. Each coach must read and complete the module with a passing grade of 6/8. If a coach receives a score lower than 6, their SAC rep will be contacted, and the coach will be expected to complete the program again. This is something that coaches must complete only once and not annually (unless there is a coach's code issue, or the program has been updated).



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It is mandatory that all coaches are assigned to their teams on S1 for us to cross check who has completed the program. If there is no coach assigned to a team prior to their first game, a \$50 fine will be charged assuming they have not completed the coach's commitment program.

204 Ethical Points Program

To help encourage good sportsmanship and reduce the number of disciplinary issues, ethical points have been added to team sports standings. In the standings each game will now be worth a maximum of 5 points: 3 points for a win – 1 point for a tie – 2 ethical points are available. The ethical points operate as a demerit system, at the beginning of every game both teams start with two points. Based on the parameters in the ethical point chart, points will be deducted for things like yellow cards, ejections, total penalty minutes etc.

The ethical points chart can be found in the governing rules as well as on the main page of the website. A few things to keep in mind:

* The referee should include both teams' ethical points on the scoresheet following the game. However, the home coach will be expected to determine the ethical points if the referee does not do so. The home coach will be responsible for recording the ethical points when inputting the score on S1 at the end of the game.

* The office will have control when it comes to removing points if there is an issue.

205 Let's Move

We are once again offering an extracurricular activities program called Let's Move. Schools will register with the GMAA for an 8-week session (October 18th to December 10th).

Classes will be offered in various formats:

- 1) Virtual: completely on Zoom for both the instructor & the students (same as last year)
- 2) Hybrid: the instructor on Zoom & the students together at school or
- 3) IRL (In Real Life): completely in person at the school for the instructor & the students.

**If schools would rather not commit to an 8-week session, a one-time class option will also be made available. This will be IRL only, one session of one hour. This option will be booked based on the availability of the instructors only after the 8-week sessions have been scheduled.

Classes offered include:

- Yoga with Clare
- Basketball Ball Handling & Fitness with Uphill
- Fitness with Phil
- Dance & Movement with Nicole
- Broadway Bound to be confirmed
- Boxing Fitness to be confirmed

Costs: Virtual or Hybrid \$800 per session (maximum 15 students)

IRL \$1500 per session (maximum 20 students)

IRL Single Class Option \$200 per scheduled class (maximum 20 students)

Schools that have received the 15028 grants can use the grant for these activities.

Time slots are flexible depending on the option chosen. Time slot options include before school, at lunchtime or afterschool. All classes will be tailored to the level of the students, beginner, intermediate, or advanced.

Registration for the Fall Session will start on Monday, September 20th and close on Friday, October 1st, classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



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206 Guides

As mentioned in the spring, the office staff has prepared various guides to get pertinent information out to the appropriate people. Guides include:

Coaches Guide

Committee Guide

Championship Guides (showcase & non-showcase)

SAC Rep Guidelines

S1 User Guide

These guides will be made available from the home page of our website.

300 Procedures

301 S1- Coach/Attendance/Covid-Manager

Coach: It is mandatory that each team have a coach registered on S1, this is how we will confirm that they have completed the coaches commitment program. When registering your coach please make sure their contact information is up to date (email and cell phone number), this will be where we get the contact information to share all league updates. If you do not have a coach registered with the team on S1 prior to your first game, the school will receive a \$50 fine.

COVID Manager: Each team is required to have a designated COVID manager who is responsible for reading, understanding, and implementing the sport federation return to play protocols at practices as well as games. **This person may be on the coaching staff, however if there is only one coach it is not recommended that they also be the COVID manager.** The COVID manager will need to be registered on S1 as part of the coaching staff. The link to each Sport Federation Return to Play Protocols can be found on the sports page. Each sport federation has unique return to play protocol. To help we have put together a generic return to play as well as a game day check list which highlights the overlapping requirements. Which includes things like: Checking in all participants, symptom tracking, sanitizing, social distancing measures, masking, etc.

Attendance at games: The COVID manager is responsible for checking in and keep track of attendance at all activities. For games specifically, each coach will be required to input the team's presence on S1 after the game. Even visiting coaches will be required to log onto S1 to input who was there from their teams. Your team roster will show up, you will simply have to click on the box beside the names of individuals who were present.

302 Principal/SAC Covid Commitment Form

Before registering any team this year, the RSEQ is mandating that your principal must sign the COVID Commitment form 'Formulaire d'Engagement'. It outlines that the responsibility to follow the Public Health Protocols, the Sport Federation Return to Play Protocols and the RSEQ Health Guide recommendations falls on the school (including the proof of vaccination by all students participating rule). It also states that if these protocols are not properly followed by any team from a school, that school's participation from all GMAA leagues could be suspended. The form will be sent out by email and posted on the GMAA Website as soon as it is made available. It must be in the GMAA office prior to any team registrations.

303 Derogation procedure – Board of Directors meets September 7th

There is no change to this years' derogation procedure. All derogations must be discussed at a Board Meeting. The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, September 7th.



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If you are interested in placing a t-shirt or mask order with De Facto contact us for more information. The deadline for placing orders is October 1st.

402 RSEQ Update**RSEQ INTEGRITY POLICY**

The RSEQ also released an Integrity Protection Policy which serves as a governance tool to which all individuals within the RSEQ are subject. It aims to regulate behavior, ensuring that the behaviour of all participants is always, aligned with our mission. This Policy applies to all individuals involved in the RSEQ student sport community (including members, athletic directors, participants, parents of participants, referees/officials, volunteers, employees, officers, suppliers, and clients). It covers all cases of abuse, harassment, negligence, or violence, which may occur in any “approved” activity or program, or any activity other than a sports activity. We have to make sure all participants are aware of this policy with a reference from our social media and website. We have a page on our website with a link to make a complaint. This complaint will go to an independent third party and will be handled.

403 Question Period & Participation Poll Results

Soccer – 27 schools 60-100 teams	Volleyball – 20 schools 56-82 teams
Boys Flag – 12 schools 14-25 teams	Softball – 9 schools 9 girls teams – 5 boys teams
Golf – 17 schools 104-120 golfers	Cross Country – 25 schools 300-600 runners
Hockey – 10 schools breakdown tba	Let's Move – 10 schools, virtual option & single class