



To: SAC Reps
From: GMAA Office
Date: Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Zoom

Minutes

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

- 409-1** Staff Rep Reminder (Office)
409-2 Risk Levels at RSEQ GMAA Games (Office)
409-3 All- Star Coaches (Office)

Motion to approve: Max – LCC Seconded: Chris – JRHS Unan.

200 Approval of Minutes of June 2025

Motion to approve: Roy – STG Seconded: Evan – BHS Unan.

300 Business arising

N/A

400 New Business

- 401 Board of Directors Report

There were no motions that passed at the Board that didn't come through the SAC Committee first.

- 402 Competition Committee Proposals (motions from meeting Nov 27)

402-1 SOCCER use of indoor facility

6.2) All participating schools are required to provide suitably sized, adequately marked and equipped, outdoor playing facilities for all scheduled competitions. **(added outdoor)**.

Moved: Max – LCC

Seconded: Jaime - MACD

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 3

402-2 SOFTBALL handbook cleanup adjustments

402-2.1 Metal Cleats

Add no metal cleats to the handbook.

402-2.2 Uniform

Add to handbook that Uniform tops must be numbered to keep track of batting order.

402-2.3 Pitching.

- A. Add to the handbook "the pitcher must begin with both feet on the pitching rubber and must still have at least one foot in contact with the rubber at the time of release."
- B. Clarify that any pitch deemed illegal by the umpire should not count regardless of the result.
- C. Change wording of "it must have an arc" to "it must an obvious arc".
- D. Change the wording to "once the pitcher begins their pitching moving the ball must be visible at all times".

402-2.4 Bats

Change wording from ASA to "USA" softball. If there is an issue with the bats the coach can ask the umpire to check them.

402-2.5 clarify extra-innings rules.

Outline no ties in regular season games. And that the overtime rule would be the same as the baseball overtime rule (Ghost Runners).

402-2.6 Balls

Outline that the 105 LSS ball must be used.

Motion to accept all recommendations for softball in block.

Moved: Jaime - MACD

Seconded: Chris – JRHS

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 13

402-3 VOLLEYBALL- Yellow Cards

Suggested adjustment to the ethical points for volleyball that if it's a time bar yellow card, the team should still get 2 ethical points.

Moved: Marc - STT

Seconded: Mike - MMA

Vote: For: 29

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 6

402-4 Reducing minimum number of players to match VB Quebec (Office)

The VB Quebec and Canada rule is that for a regular volleyball game the minimum number of required players is 6 (not the current 8). It goes on to say that if a team who is supposed to play participation (jeu equitable) doesn't have 8 players, the game is not a forfeit. The game would still take place, but they have a fine \$100 per game per player under 8.

A motion was put on the floor to adjust the RSEQ GMAA rule so that the minimum number of players required to start a game is 6. For teams in a participation division (Bantam and all D4.2) if a team shows up with less than 8 players, they automatically lose all ethical points for every game in that tournament. The team also receives a fine of \$200 for the tournament.

The motion was amended to remove the fine portion, which will be discussed at Competition Committee in June regarding smaller schools with fewer students.

Moved (with amendment): Tracy - BA

Seconded: Mike – MMA

Vote: For: 27

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 3

402-5 CROSS COUNTRY RUN walk around

Due to the logistics during the timing of the Cross Country Run, the office will need to eliminate HS walk-around. As a result, it is suggested that we double the number of spotters around the course. It is also suggested that the office reserve cyclists for the day to lead all races (similar to the Halo). If a team coach wants to lead the walk around, that can be arranged.

Moved: Max – LCC

Seconded: Angela - PCHS

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 8

402-6 PICKLEBALL Tie-breaker criteria

3-way ties:

- i. Will be broken based on the head-to-head results*
- ii. Total points against between the tied teams will be calculated. The team with the lowest total points against will advance.*
- iii. The tie between the remaining two teams will be broken based on their head-to-head results.*

Moved: Roy – STG

Seconded: Jaime – MACD

Vote: For: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 14

402-7 BASKETBALL Visible Shot Clocks Poll

Discussion was had regarding the requirement of visible shot clocks. Before passing a motion regarding visible shot clocks, the suggestion from the committee is to poll the schools at the SAC meeting to see how many schools do not have visible shot clocks.

POLL for Visible Shot Clocks

Number of schools who have visible shot clocks: 17

Number of schools who do not have visible shot clocks: 8

Number of schools who have visible shot clocks that are not reliable: 4

Number of schools who have small visible shot clocks that are hard to see: 4

402-8 GOVERNING RULES Moving up a division

After a lengthy discussion, the proposal from the committee is:

At the end of the season, all teams who won gold or silver in D4.1 or D4.1 will be sent a letter suggesting that they move up a division and asking them to declare their intention for the next season regarding that team. The letter will be sent to both the SAC Rep and the principal at the school.

If that team wins gold or silver again, the office will set up a meeting with the school SAC rep, principal, and that sports committee to discuss their reasons for registering in the lower division and to come up with a plan to enter in the appropriate division in the future.

Moved: Max LCC

Seconded: Cullen - KUPER

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 3

402-9 GOVERNING RULES No Official RSEQ GMAA Scoresheet at game

What to do if the home team does not bring a scoresheet to their game. The teams will use whatever they have available to keep the score, but the home or host team will incur a \$50 fine for any game played with an unofficial scoresheet.

A suggestion was put on the floor that referees and visiting teams also have copies

Moved: Cullen - KUPER

Seconded: Evan – BHS

Vote: For: 19

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 7

402-10 GOVERNING RULES No field found

If a team schedules a game at the beginning of the season with their location TBA and then cannot find a location, they have to default (add italics portion).

Section 5 – Home Games

Teams entering an RSEQ GMAA league with no home field can be held responsible for the extra costs incurred by the hosting school. Examples of these costs include (but are not limited to), rental costs, travel costs, etc. Schools are encouraged to have confirmation of their home field prior to the scheduling meeting for that sport. *If the original host team is unable to find a field by the end of the season and the game never gets played, the game will be defaulted by that team.*

Moved: Jaime – MACD

Seconded: Cullen - KUPER

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 4

402-11 GOVERNING RULES Game never scheduled

If a game is never scheduled at the scheduling meeting and the teams do not schedule it, it will be a double default, and no points will be awarded to either team. (It will not be a non-game)

Moved: Mike - MMA

Seconded: Angela – PCHS

Vote: For: 28

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

402-12 GOVERNING RULES Standings Errors

Coaches and SAC reps are encouraged to check the standings frequently and to highlight any discrepancies or errors as soon as possible. If an administrative or S1 error occurs in the standings, and a game with playoff implications was played based on incorrect information, the office can require that both teams replay the game. If one team refuses to replay, that team will default the game.

Moved: Chris – PCHS

Seconded: Cullen – KUPER

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 7

402-13 GOVERNING RULES Ethical Points – Fan ejection

A motion was put on the floor that a team should lose all their ethical points if a fan is thrown out of a game. It would be treated the same as a player or coach ejection.

Moved: Angela – PCHS

Seconded: Jaime – MACD

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 1

Poll for Soccer Ties

I would rather have Soccer games end in a tie: 5

I would rather have Soccer games end with a winner (shootouts in regular season and overtime/shootout in playoffs): 15

I don't have a preference: 4

403 Scoresheets, Scores & S1

Please make sure coaches are uploading the scores, scoresheets and **ethical points** onto S1 on time. There have been quite a few late score entries so far in the basketball season, a \$10 fine will be issued for a score or scoresheet not uploaded on time.

Player registrations that are late or missing are subject to a fine.

Unregistered eligible players - For those of you who are not aware, any player who is eligible and not a call-up that has been written by hand on a scoresheet is a \$100 fine. If the score sheet was printed before you had registered the player or if you requested a transfer and the office hadn't gotten to it on time, please let us know and we will waive the fine.

Finally, it is very important that you cross off all the players on the scoresheet who are not at the game. It is not the responsibility of the referee to do so.

404 Fall & Winter Summary

A Fall/Winter Sports Summary sheet was shared, showing the number of teams and participants in the GMAA. Participation numbers have increased in some areas. For example, we had 11 more teams competing in soccer this year and 5 more teams competing in pickleball. We also had 10 more teams competing in Flag football and 12 more teams competing in volleyball. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of you for everything you do at your schools to make this possible.

All winter sports leagues are underway, the playoff grids have been posted with set dates, please send in any valid school conflicts as soon as possible. We are still working on the Futsal Grid.

Upcoming event reminders:

Swim meets start the 2nd week back from winter break; Jan 14th and 15th. Team and player registrations including events for meets 1 and 2 are due on S1 by Friday, Dec 12th.

Indoor Track and Field Meet dates are confirmed with Claude Robillard, Feb 10 for the girls and Feb 11 for the boys. All entries are due Jan 29th.

Badminton team entries are due January 12th.

Water Polo entries are due February. 9th

Fencing is new this year the tournament will be Feb 3rd. Entries are due Dec 17th and there will be a preseason meeting on January 13th. *If your school has one student wanting to fence, you may register!

405 Withdrawals, Defaults & Discipline

On the Fall summary sheet, ejections, defaults, and withdrawals are also listed.

With more teams, we did have a marginally increased number of ejections, defaults and withdrawals.

406 Schedule changes

Unfortunately, as we all know schedule changes are a little crazy right now.

During the soccer season we had 56 changes each change costing the school who requested the change 25\$.

We have been fortunate that MMBRA has been covering most of our 4.2 games, we will continue to send you weekly emails about which games are not covered.

We understand that re-scheduling games is very difficult this year with the lack of referees. For basketball specifically, any rescheduled game is not guaranteed to have referees. We highly recommend making any rescheduled game part of a double header.

Unless a game in the current week needs to be rescheduled, please only include the office in the email with the confirmed new date, I take care of basketball, Badminton, Indoor track, swimming west, fencing and elementary events and ..., Mia takes care of Futsal, Chess, Curling & wrestling, east swim meets and Amanda takes care of Hockey. Also, if you are looking for contacts to reschedule games, you can find all the SAC Reps listed under the 'member schools' tab on our homepage.

407 Invoices

Fall post-season invoices will be sent out in the next few days to all schools (Friday at the latest). Most schools who paid their pre-season bills would have received credits for team sports since we billed teams based on the number of games played. Included in the bills are the payments due for the golf, cross-country and provincial cross-country events that weren't previously billed.

Invoices for the pre-payments for basketball, hockey, curling, chess, and futsal are ready and will be sent next week. If you have credit on the statements you receive from the fall, please apply the credit to the amount owed and send payment for the difference. Payments can be made by check or by e-transfer, if your accounting department needs our banking information, please contact Amanda.

408 RSEQ Report

GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials - The GMAA sent a team of 20 runners from 8 schools to the Cross-Country Provincials in late October om Outaouais.

We are again helping to host the Indoor T&F Provincials again at Claude Robillard in April (April 17-18) with Andy and his team at LMAC hosting the lodging for regions coming from outlying regions.

There will be some major shifts in the governance of the RSEQ Scolaire regions that we spoke about last spring. We really have no extra information than what we already had in August. We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes in. The voluntary dissolution of the organization is coming soon, however since our region operates differently than most of the other RSEQ Regions, there is a slight delay in our process.

There is an ongoing battle between the sport federations and the RSEQ regarding the affiliation and certification of coaches. The government is mandating that all coaches be affiliated with the various sport federations that they coach to be insured and have a background check. These two items are already mandatory in a school setting for individuals who work with children, so the RSEQ is trying to talk common sense to the sport federations and government who are trying to use this as a money maker. The bottom line is that as of the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, all coaches in all sports may have to be affiliated with their various sport federations.

409 Varia

409-1 Staff Rep Reminders

The office reminded everyone that staff reps must sign the scoresheet before the game begins and ensure the opposing school knows who the staff rep is for each team. This helps ensure that any issues can be addressed quickly by the coaches and staff reps.

409-2 Risk Levels for RSEQ GMAA Games

The office came up with a one-pager of Guidelines for SAC Reps to follow when hosting or travelling to RSEQ GMAA games. The one-pager outlines the possible levels of Risk when playing a game and gives the SAC reps suggestions on how to handle these risks to reduce the number of issues that arise. The draft version will be sent out to SAC reps for feedback, at which point it will be voted on at the Board of Directors in December.

409-3- All- Star Basketball Coaches

We are currently looking for 3 coaches for the basketball all-star game in February. Date of game is February 8th. Dates for the tryouts are January 29 or 30.