**Meeting for All GMAA High Schools**

# Meeting: Final Secondary Advisory Meeting

**To: SAC Reps**

**From: Hughanna Gaw / Alexandra Eldon / Amanda Maks**

**Date: Wednesday, June 7th, 2023**

**Time: 9:30am**

**Place: Zoom Meeting (information below)**

**Present: Evan McCurdy BHS, Matt Starr BIAL, Chris Rodi CENT, Kate Walford ECS, Yoni Lehrer HA, Bryan Pitts HSBHS, Gabriel Riche HZHS, Cassandra Sosa Fraser JFKHS, Chris Bedic JRHS, Michael Pantalone KELLS, Christian Gaudette KSS, Gil Manon-Og LA, Haider Khan LAURN Sr, Maxine Rupert LCC, Andy D'Alessandro LMAC, Phil Lafave LOY, Jaime Guy MACD, Angela Crosbie PCHS, George Spiliotakis RHS, M-C O'Neil/ J. Bateman ROYAL, James Langshaw RVALE, Rory Krnjevic SELW, Megan Littman SHSM, Roy Aoun STG, Marc Faubert STT, Erica Szwimer STUDY, Glenn Neill WIC, Jennifer Lussier-Price WWHS-Jr, Patrick Mischook WWHS-Sr, Alexandra Eldon, Hughanna Gaw, Amanda Maks GMAA**

 **Minutes**

**100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda**

410 Sportsmanship/MVP

411 Basketball Referee Prioritization

412 Tie Breakers

413 Hockey

There was a recommendation to change the order of the meeting and save point 402 competition committee proposals for the end.

Moved: Evan M Seconded: Matt S Unan.

**200 Approval of Minutes of Dec 2022**

Moved: Megan L Seconded: Jeff B Unan.

**300 Business arising**

N/A

**400 New Business**

**401 Board of Directors Report**

From the December SAC Meeting, the only motion that was overturned at the Board level was the size of the soccer ball at Bantam. The current rule in the handbook stands,

6.12) Ball: No. 4 for all bantam categories. However, if both teams show up to a game and do not have a size 4 ball, they will play with what they have. Ball size No. 5 for all midget and juvenile categories.

Membership Fees Adjustment: The member fees in 2023-2024 will increase by 2%. This is to be examined at the June Board meeting next week.

Adding HR Costs into the per team fees: The plan as of last year was for the association to incrementally increase the per team fee over three years to cover the office salaries in the team fees. The fees will follow the following schedule for next year, then we will re-examine for year 3 based on income and possible surplus values.

In year 1 (22-23) we increased the per team admin/HR fee by $40 to $65 per team.
In year 2 (23-24) we will increase the per team admin/HR fee by $40 to $105 per team.

\*In year 3 (24-25) we will increase the per team admin/HR fee by $35 to $140 per team (\*this is to be confirmed).

**403 Invoices / Spring Statements**

The bills are almost ready – just waiting on the Rugby referee bill. They should be ready to send to the bookkeeper by the end of the week. They will be sent by email, please send payments in as soon as possible since our books close on June 30th and things need to be sorted out by then.

Again, the process for next year is that you will only be invoiced a pre-season amount for leagues. This amount is sent by email to the SAC Rep from Amanda about 1-2 weeks after the scheduling meetings for that season (Fall – September/October, Winter – November/December, Spring – April). For all day-long events, you will be invoiced only on the invoice at the end of the season. (Fall – December, Winter – April, Spring – June)

Please note, if we do not receive your payments for leagues by the time the seasonal bills are processed, a 15% surcharge is added to those costs.

**404 Year-end Summary 2022-2023 (See Annex 1)**

2022-2023 was our first full year back without any covid restrictions, team entries were up, with 218 more teams compared to 2021-2022. When compared to pre-covid numbers, we see an increase of 46 teams this year than in 2018-2019.

Ejections are moving in the right direction; with 218 more teams the number of ejections only increased by 4 compared to last year. That being said, it is becoming harder and harder to find referees, in large part due to the abuse they receive from spectators, players and coaches. It is imperative that we continue to treat the officials with respect, without them we don’t have sport.

There were 3 new sports: ultimate, 6s lacrosse and baseball. Next year there is interest in adding water polo to the list.

**405 Calendar 2023-2024 (See Annex 2)**

Please look at the calendar and let the office know if anything drastically stands out and should be changed.

Somethings to note are when the fall season team entries are due, soccer team entries are due September 5th.

As a result of no one being able to host, the Volleyball showcase has been removed.

Outdoor Track & Field is scheduled the way it is because of the Jewish Holidays.

If possible, please let the office know ASAP if there are exams on HALO.

Moved: Matt S Seconded: Erica S Unan.

**406 SAC Meeting Schedule 2023-2024**

We felt it was a good idea to have the August and December SAC meetings over Zoom next year and June’s meeting in person as a fun way to end the year.

**407 Pre-Payments 2023-2024**

A sheet with the pre-payment amounts will be shared once the spring bills are completed and the amounts are approved by the Board. The first draft was shared on the screen. Most team fees are going up slightly, due to the expected increase in referee costs, travel fees, equipment, rental fees, etc. All costs have increased over the last few years and the pre-season payments must consider all these increases. The $40 per team fee that was passed by the Board of Directors in 2021 to cover the office HR Costs was also added to all team fees. The sheet also outlines the Team entry and Player entry deadlines throughout the year.

Keep in mind that this is a budgeted or pre-season amount. For the leagues, if the amount exceeds the pre-season amount, the school will receive an invoice for the difference at the end of the season. Conversely, if the amount is less than the pre-season amount (or the team plays fewer games than budgeted), the school will be credited with the difference at the end of the season. For day-long events or tournaments, the school will only be billed after the fact, so these amounts are an educated estimate of what the costs will be.

**408 Age Categories 2023-2024**

The age category sheet has been updated and shared, there are no adjustments to any categories this year. Prior to registering your teams next year please make sure to confirm the age categories for the specific sport as they do vary from sport to sport.

**409 RSEQ Report**

**RSEQ Financial information:** There will be some adjustments to our financing coming from the Government through the RSEQ in the next year or so. Details of the adjustments will be confirmed over the next 12 months, and SAC Reps will be kept updated on any changes in due course.

**Provincial Hosts**

This past year, for the first time in a while, we helped to host two provincial championships. Thank you so much to Andy and the staff at Laurier MacDonald for their help with the lodging at the Indoor Track & Field Provincials in April. Also, congratulations to Selwyn House School for successfully organizing the cadet boys level of RSEQ D3 Basketball Provincials. The weekend was a huge success. If anyone is interested in hosting a Provincial Championship at their school or in partnership with a few other schools in the area for 2023-2024, please let us know.

**Provincials Success**

We had our best showing ever across the board in Provincials this year with 6 teams medaling this year (5 in basketball alone) Congrats to all the teams and participants for making the GMAA proud.

Basketball: BG VILLA 16th, CG LCC 2nd, CB HSBHS 2nd, CB SELW 3rd, JG KUPER 3rd,JB LOY 1st

Futsal: BG VMC 8th, BB JRHS 8th, CG VMC 4th, CB LBPHS 2nd, JG PCHS 4th, JB LOY 6th

Volleyball: CG VILLA 16th, CB MACD 13th, JG VILLA 12th, JB ROYAL 13th

We also came home with 6 medals from the Indoor T&F Provincial Championships at Claude Robillard (1 gold, 1 silver and 4 bronze).

Our region came 13th in Provincial Badminton.

We also have 44 students attending the Outdoor T&F Provincials in Riviere du Loup this weekend.

**410 Sportsmanship/MVP**

Congratulations to the following schools for receiving the GMAA Sportsmanship Certificates or Banner. For those of you who do not know, the School Sportsmanship Award certificate is presented to all schools who complete the school year in a minimum of 10 sports and/or teams with less than 6 demerit points.

Demerit points: Default: 1 point, Withdrawal: 2 points, Player ejection: 1 point per game suspension, Coach Ejection: 1 point per game suspension, No Staff on Bench: 1 point, Playing an ineligible player: 1point, Substantiated complaint against school for behavior 4 points

Congratulations to the following schools for their certificates: BA, BHS, HA, HSBHS, HZHS, JRHS, KUP, LA, LAURN, LBPHS, LCCHS, ROYAL, RVALE, SELW, STG, STT, VMC, WHS & WWHS JR.

The Most Sportsmanlike School banners shall be awarded to the schools who have completed the school year in a minimum of 10 sports or teams with a perfect record of no demerit points.

Big Congratulations to the following schools for their banners: BIAL, ECS, JFKHS, LCC, LMAC, LOY, SHSM, TRAF & WIC

We would like to point out that over 60% of our schools will be receiving a sportsmanship award, that is an awesome stat.

All MVP certificates and most sportsmanlike bannerettes are at the office, along with sportsmanship banners. For the public schools we can send everything by internal mail.

Private schools will have to come pick them up at the office. Please let us know ahead of time if you are coming.

**402 Competition Committee Recommendations**

The competition committee met for over 3 hours at the end of May to examine the recommendations that came from the coaches, SAC reps and the office. The Minutes were sent out to SAC reps. The recommendations coming from that meeting will be voted on here.

**1) Governing Rules: Increase Fine for Changing Games**

Rule VI – Section 8 #2 – ‘All changes to any schedule will carry a $25 fine (excluding emergency situations). This fine will still apply to any change, date, time, or location.

Moved: Matt Starr - BIAL Seconded: Angela Crosbie - PCHS

Vote: For 20

Opposed 3

Abstentions 0

**2) Governing Rules: Wording for a game that isn’t rescheduled.**

Rule VI – Section 8 #2: If the two teams cannot agree to a new date, the teams must make themselves available to play on the original date, or the team having requested the change will lose the game by default. If a new date is agreed upon by both teams, and confirmed by the league, this same procedure will start again.
Moved: Angela Crosbie - PCHS Seconded: Erica Szwimer – STUDY Unan.

**3) Governing Rules: Basketball Ethical Points**Rule VI – Section 12, Table of Ethical Points. Motion to adjust Ethical points in Basketball to:
2 points: 1 unsportsmanlike foul or 1 technical foul (was 1 U)
1 point: any combination of 2 Technical and/or Unsportsmanlike fouls (was 1 T and/or 2 Us)
0 points: Ejection or default or 3+ Technical and/or Unsportsmanlike fouls (was 2 Ts and/or 3 Us)

Moved: Megan Littman - SHSM Seconded: Mark Faubert - STT

Vote: For 26

Opposed 1

Abstentions 0

**4) Governing Rules: Playoff conflicts**
Rule XI, Section 1 Number 3 add: Deadline for playoff conflicts at least 1 week before the last day of the regular season. Otherwise, the conflict is not valid, and the team will be expected to attend the game or default.
Moved: Matt Starr - BIAL Seconded: Megan Littman - SHSM

Vote: For 25

Opposed 2

Abstentions 0

**5) Governing Rules: Spring Tiebreakers**

In the spring, there are times that the office must look at total points against for the season to break ties, when there are games that are defaulted in the Spring, the fact that a default win is 20-0, this becomes an issue.
Rule XI, Section 3, Number d add \*an average of points scored by a forfeiting team over the season be added to the team’s forfeit win.
Moved: Megan Littman - SHSM Seconded: Matt Starr – BIAL Unan.

**6) Flag Football Ball**
6.2) Ball: Girls: a leather or composite size 6 (junior) or 7 (youth) ball for all categories
Bantam Boys: a leather or composite size 7 (youth) ball
Cadet & Juvenile Boys: a leather or composite size 9 (official) ball
Moved: Mark Faubert - STT Seconded: Jaime Guy - MACD

Vote: For 27

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

**7) Flag Football Mouthguards**Add 4.6) Mouthguards are mandatory for all players.

Moved: Roy Aoun - STG Seconded: Kate Walford - ECS

Vote: For 23

Opposed 2

Abstentions 2

\*\*It is requested that the office check with the Flag Assignor to see what the penalty is for teams who do not have mouthguards and to make sure that information is circulated prior to next season.

**8) Baseball Pitchers**Proposal: To adjust the max innings a pitcher can pitch at the Juvenile level to 4 innings maximum over a 48-hour period. The maximum would remain the same for the bantam level at 3 innings (again over a 48-hour period).

We have had a request to go back over this adjustment, because it is contrary to the guidelines in the Baseball Quebec rulebook for spring seasons for games taking place in May. We will schedule a post-season meeting with the baseball coaches to determine our best course of action for maximum innings or pitch counts for GMAA Baseball moving forward.

Motion is tabled.

**9) Baseball Rules**

Add at the beginning of the handbook, Baseball Quebec Rules are used.

Moved: Matt Starr - BIAL Seconded: Angela Crosbie - PCHS

Vote: For 24

Opposed 0

Abstentions 2

**10) Track and field entries.**
Proposal to increase the number of events per school:
Bantam = 3 entries/event
Cadet = 5 entries/event
Juvenile = 5 entries/event
In Outdoor T&F the maximum of 3 entries per event will still apply for championship meets.
Moved: Kate Walford - ECS Seconded: Megan Littman - SHSM

Vote: For 26

Opposed 0

Abstentions 1

**11) Rugby 7s Girls Series**Proposal: On a one-year trial, for the 2024 rugby season, to encourage participation in girls’ rugby, to offer a rugby 7s series (league) for all levels of girls rugby, to culminate in playoffs.

Moved: Kate Walford - ECS Seconded: Erica Szwimer - STUDY

Vote: For 24

Opposed 0

Abstentions 2

**12) Water Polo**Proposal: To offer water polo as a jamboree style season with 2-3 tournaments plus playoffs at the end of March and beginning of April.

Moved: Chris Bedic - JRHS Seconded: Angela Crosbie - PCHS

Vote: For 22

Opposed 0

Abstentions 4

**13)** **Badminton Team Championship Tie breakers**

Proposal that we re-word the handbook to include our current tiebreakers to have them applied at the championships as well. c) Breaking Ties for entering the Team Championships and for teams tied at the Team Championships.
Moved: Megan Littman – SHSM Seconded: Jaime Guy – MACD Unan.

**14) Rugby Rule 6.3 Athletic Therapist:**

Increase the fine for a team not having an athletic therapist at rugby games from $75 to $100 per game to reflect the current industry standards in price of therapists per hour.
Moved: Mark Faubert - STT Seconded: Evan McCurdy - BHS

Vote: For 24

Opposed 1

Abstentions 2

It was requested by the office that if teams do not have a therapist at games, please let the office know so that we can follow up with the school.

**15) Rugby Rule 6.8 - Substitutions:**
Proposal to remove "between each quarter" & "A player who has been substituted for between quarters
Moved: Mark Faubert - STT Seconded: Kate Walford - ECS

Vote: For 23

Opposed 0

Abstentions 2

**411 Basketball Referee Prioritization**

There was a question on the floor regarding the priority that games on the GMAA Basketball schedule are given, whether it was by level JB, JG, CB, D3, D4, etc. Ideally games at the highest levels would be covered first, followed by the lower levels. Unfortunately, this does not always happen, referees will sometimes take games closer to where they live or work for convenience’s sake.

**412 Tie Breakers**

A question was put on the floor concerning why the final tie breaker for playoff position between two teams from different sections who never play against each other during the season is points against over the season. The teams have never met, they haven’t played against the same teams so taking points against over the season doesn’t make sense.

A motion was put on the floor to add a playoff tie breaker in Basketball Handbook:

Section 8: Championships & Playoffs:

8.3) If two undefeated teams meet in the championship game, to determine who would host the game, the tie will be broken by looking at points against in the playoff games of those teams. If the teams played an uneven number of playoff games, the average points against per game over the playoff games would be calculated.

Moved: Roy STG Seconded: Brian HSBHS

Vote: For: 23

 Opposed: 1

 Abstentions: 2

**413 Hockey**

It was requested that anyone interested in GMAA hockey for the 2023-2024 season stick around after the meeting to discuss. With the new regulations coming down concerning no AA or BB players in school hockey leagues, schools are trying to find enough players to field teams. The following schools expressed interest in entering D4 GMAA Hockey teams (with only single letter double carding)

U18 U15 U14 U18 Girls

WIC BHS? WWHS? BHS?

BHS MACD? JRHS?

BIAL STT

STT KUPER

LAURN CND

 ESMP

Most teams are in the same boat, they are not sure what they will have entered next year. The hope is that teams will have a better idea of their registrations in the fall. Hockey deadline is as outlined on the GMAA 2023-2024 calendar.