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Every coach must get a score of at least 6 out of 8 or else the SAC rep will be contacted, and the coach will be expected to redo the program.

Proposal: Every coach must complete the new Coaches Commitment Program once instead of annually with a final score of at least 6 out of 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.

Moved: Evan McCurdy-BHS

Seconded: Elad Ben Eli-HZHS

Vote: For: 34

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

BASKETBALL ALL-STAR

Every year we are asked if schools can send juvenile athletes to the all-star game and not just grade 11 students. It was discussed and the proposal was to increase participation (we very rarely have two teams of 12 players) we will invite each school to send 2 players from their juvenile basketball teams to attend the all-star tryouts and not just grade 11 students. It was brought up to take out 4.2 players and to make a Bantam, Midget and Juvenile showcase.

Basketball Proposal: To increase participation in the Basketball All-Star game, tryouts will be open to all Juvenile players instead of grade 11s only.

Moved: Jaime Guy-MACD

Seconded: Holly Durkee-STG

Vote: For: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

SWIMMING RELAYS

It was asked that we adjust the swimming rule to allow students to move up more than one category for the relays. To be closer in line with the SNC rules the following was proposed.

Swimming Proposal to amend the current rule to read: 3.5) No boy or girl may swim outside his/her own age class in the individual events. For relays only, a maximum of two swimmers may move up from a younger age group to complete a team.

Moved: Mark Faubert-STT

Seconded: Jaime Guy-MACD

Vote: For: 31

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

SWIMMING ADDITIONS

We implemented a fine for scratches at the preliminary meets which somewhat reduced scratches, but the big problem this year was additions, additions take a significant amount of time to process in the office. They also skew results when transferring back over to S1 since those students are not pre-registered. To rectify this, the following was proposed.

Swimming Proposal: No additions to the events will be permitted at qualifying swim meets. Schools can substitute in the same age category for the same event using a scratch card. A \$10 fine will be enforced per substitution at the qualifying meets.

Moved: Elad Ben Eli- HZHS

Seconded: Jaime Guy- MACD

Vote: For: 27

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 6



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SWIMMING HEATS

To increase efficiency at the qualifying meets, the swimming officials have suggested that instead of swimming events in heats of bantam, midget and juvenile they would be swim by gender, all results would still be posted by age category.

Swimming Proposal: At qualifying swim meets, each stroke will be by gender. The results will be posted by gender and age category.

Moved: Kathleen Cook- TRAF

Seconded: Elad Ben Eli- HZHS

Vote: For: 27

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 7

PLAYOFF START TIMES

Based on the current rule regarding playoff games, unless agreed upon by both schools the start time is as scheduled. 'Game times may be adjusted if they are agreed upon by both schools. If a time cannot be agreed upon, the original time stands.' Sometimes a home school or the office will change a start time to accommodate a double header. It doesn't outline this in the handbook the teams have to agree to the time change. To accommodate a DH, the start time can be adjusted by the office. In which case it will not need to be agreed upon by both schools. It was asked if we can change dates too, the answer was no.

Playoff Start Times Proposal: Game times may be adjusted if they are agreed upon by both schools. If a time cannot be agreed upon, the original time stands. Exceptions, proposed or confirmed by the office, will be made to accommodate double headers.

Moved: Matt Starr- BIAL

Seconded: Danielle Lecuyer- ECS

Vote: For: 33

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

ETHICAL POINTS PROGRAM

As requested by the Board of Directors, starting in the fall ethical points will be added to the standings for all team sports. The chart of proposed points per game was sent out prior to meeting. A good team with poor discipline may be lower in the standings than another team with great discipline. The home coach will be responsible for putting in the ethical points when inputting the score at the end of the game. It was discussed that we change our points system in the standings to make it 3 points for a win instead of 2.

It was asked if the referee will be writing the ethical points for each team on the scoresheet. There was a concern that the referees will not do a good job, a solution to this will be that we add it to the referee contracts. It was also mentioned that both coaches are present when the referee writes down the ethical point. Another concern was that the office may get a lot of phone calls. The office will have control when it comes to removing points if the referee does not do so. It was brought up that penalty minutes in hockey and lacrosse may be a concern, as the number seems a bit low. The ethical points for volleyball will be per game and not tournament. In playoffs it may be an issue because of who ends up playing who. It was asked to maybe go a demerit points direction.



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Ethical Points Program Proposal: That the GMAA implement the new Ethical Points Program for the 2020-2021 school year with the proposed points per game (see attached points breakdown chart). It is also proposed that all leagues credit a win with 3 points in the standings. Win – 3pts, Tie – 1pt, Loss – 0 pts.

Moved: Danielle Lecuyer- ECS

Seconded: Angela Crosbie-PCHS

Vote: For: 29

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 5

HOCKEY TEAM DISCIPLINE

Hockey: this year after a single incident in a GMAA hockey game one team was removed from the league. Based on GMAA hockey rules, once a team accumulates 16 game suspensions, they are suspended from the league. The school respectfully appealed the decision, but the handbook left no possible leeway. Concerns were raised by the Appeals Committee that a single incident causing a team to be removed from the league does not allow schools to intervene or to educate their players in the same way as a form of probation would. It was suggested that allowing a degree of leeway to the Discipline Committee to waive the team suspension if it results from a single incident. The suggestion that came from the Appeals Committee was (added text in red):

10.6) Hockey Accumulated Game Suspensions Proposal:

a) A team receiving a total of 12 game suspensions will lose 2 points in League standings

b) A team receiving a total of 14 game suspensions will lose four points in League standings

c) A team receiving a total of 16 game suspensions be SUSPENDED from the League for the balance of the Season. If all 16 game suspensions result from a single incident in the same game, the Discipline Committee may consider a combination of a loss of 6 points in League standings and automatic suspension from the league for any subsequent suspensions.

Moved: Mark Faubert- STT

Seconded: Jaime Guy- MACD

Vote: For: 24

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 7

403 Handbook Revisions

All motions that were passed will be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting later this month and if passed, will be added to the handbooks for next season. As noted earlier all motions from the December meeting were approved by the board and have been implemented.

404 Spring Statements/Invoices

Spring Statements were sent to the Bookkeeper this weekend. They are now ready and will be emailed to the schools by the end of the week (SAC rep and Administrator). The statement is for Futsal (D3 & D4), Badminton and MVP.

D3 Futsal was billed normally minus the medals ordered this year (they can be transferred to next season since there is no date). A team who paid their bill and did not incur any fines would be getting a credit of \$36.35



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D4 Futsal was billed a team admin fee (\$~97) plus the referee cost for the number of games played by their teams. All teams who paid their pre-season fee will be getting a credit that will vary depending on the number of games completed. (Average credit \$131 per team).

Badminton was billed a team admin fee (\$~48) plus the costs incurred by the team (including birds, banners, federation fees) for a total of \$84 per team. All teams who paid their pre-season fee will be getting a credit of \$71 per team.

Again, the statements will be emailed to SAC and the school principals. Please get payments in asap if you owe, our financial and cash flow situations are very precarious so we need all the help we can get. I cannot reiterate this enough, please pay your invoices asap. If your accounting department needs our direct deposit information, please have them email me a request and I will send it along.

405 Year-end Summary

The 2019-2020 year-end summary looks different than usual. Due to Covid19 there were no Spring sports offered in 2020, this had a large impact on our overall participation numbers for the year. We generally have around 160 teams participate in the spring through flag football, lacrosse and rugby. Then another 1500 athletes in tennis and track and field plus nearly 6000 in the annual HALO run.

If we look at the numbers excluding the spring, the fall and winter seasons were on track with past years, including an increased participation in multiple team sports (flag football, basketball, futsal). The number of defaults and withdrawals were on track to be similar to last year, notable mention that although the numbers are still high, they have been trending down in the recent year.

The number of ejections continue to be high, in the fall and winter we had 56 ejections compared to 26 in all of 2017-2018. Our goal continues to be education through sport, it is important to note that if it would not be appropriate in a class it is not appropriate on the sports field. We are hopeful that the implementation of the ethical points program will help to decrease the number of ejections by holding teams accountable for the sportsmanship.

406 2020-2021 Calendars and Scenarios

So far, we have planned for 3 possible scenarios

1 Status Quo – calendar, events, seasons, etc all based on the same as last year with date adjustments.

2 Optimistic – calendar, events, seasons based on a November 1st return to play. Unfortunately, this scenario would successfully eliminate our entire fall season. Soccer, Softball, Volleyball and Boys Flag Football would be the team sports that we would not be able to offer. All Winter sports would be status quo since most of our Winter Sports do not start until the end of October, mid-November. We would potentially offer a Volleyball mini-season in



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March and April if there is interest. We would plan to offer Soccer, Softball and Juvenile Boys Flag Football in the Spring season if there is interest, referee availability and field availability for the schools. Priority would be given to the Juvenile age categories so that graduating students would get a chance to play their last year of that sport. The structure of the leagues and events will be fluid depending on the timeline of seasons and the hygiene and sanitation measures (smaller sections, no crossovers, one day jamborees with 3-4 teams, etc). The main goal would still be to expose the student-athletes to as many sports as possible throughout the year.

3 Pessimistic - calendar, events, seasons based on a January 4th return to play. The Fall season would be eliminated. We would offer our regular Winter Sports: Basketball, Hockey, Curling, Wrestling, Swimming, Indoor Track & Field, Futsal and Badminton with modified schedules and adjusted calendars. The only two sports that would be drastically affected are Basketball and Hockey (8-9 week seasons). We would have to extend the seasons to finish after the March breaks to get in a sufficient number of games (8 games instead of 10-12). Seasons will have to be shortened and budgets adjusted according to the number of games played. All other Winter Sports would be scheduled as usual. Same as the optimistic plan, we would potentially offer a Volleyball mini-season in March and April if there is interest. We would also plan to offer Soccer, Softball and Juvenile Boys Flag Football in the Spring season if there is interest, referee availability and field availability for the schools. Priority would be given to the Juvenile age categories so that graduating students would get a chance to play their last year of that sport. Again, the structure of the leagues and events will be fluid depending on the timeline of seasons and the hygiene and sanitation measures. The main goal would still be to expose the student-athletes to as many sports as possible throughout the year.

We will not print calendars next year; we will not post or share the calendar until we can determine which scenario will be possible. At that point, we will release calendar, budget and information about sports and seasons.

There was a question asking if we would end the seasons before the ministry exams, the answer was no but the games will start later. We are ready to run anything that is thrown our way, whether it be jamborees or tournaments. What happens if a student has Covid- 19? We will follow the sport federations and public health recommendations.

407 Fall 2020 Possibilities

We would like to offer as much as possible to our schools next year while complying with the rules and regulations set by the government. As some sports are being phased back in across the province, we are hopeful that we may be able to offer some modified sports in the fall.

Cross Country Run (24/28 interested)

It would not be our classic cross-country run, it would be more like our virtual HALO run. Schools register with the GMAA. Each school would be responsible for mapping and submitting their course to the GMAA at least 2 weeks prior to the specified race date (can be verified) The schools would register their runners in advance, bids along with a form for the results would be sent to the school.



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The coaches would submit the school's results GMAA. The office would compile and post all of the results.

Coaches must agree to act as officials and sign contract agreeing to be honest with the results
Time standards for 1st – 2nd 3rd We will compile the results and send out ribbons for anyone finishing within the time standards

Charge for Office Costs, Awards & Admin Fee (~\$50-\$75 for the school) + \$2 per runner

Golf Tournament (17/28 interested)

With social distancing we may be able to run a modified golf tournament with two-somes instead of four-somes.

Cost would be roughly the same as regular years ~\$65 per golfer

Would it be worth it to try to run 2 tournaments? Take the total score for the winners

If we ran the tournament over two days the cost would be higher, we would also need to check with the golf course if it we could have the course for two days in the fall.

Outdoor Tennis League (17/28 interested)

The thought is to run an outdoor singles Tennis league. (Bantam, Midget or Juvenile)

Would be run like badminton, home & home or 1 time each depending on registrations

Schools will have to host if they have facilities

Individual results only – playoff tournament in October or late September

Cost to be determined – without the rental of the indoor facility or team awards it would be less expensive than the current tournament cost.

Cost will participant.

ESport (10/28 interested)

Given the current situation, there has been a few requests and a big push at the Provincial level to start E-Sport in our regions. We could potentially set up a GMAA E-Sport event through the RSEQ or through the FQSE (Federation Quebecois de Sport Electronique). Some schools put parameters on their students (example, each student has to do 1 hour of physical activity before they can 'unlock' their 2 hours of screen time per day). There is a coaches certification process for ESport Coaches and the federation is very helpful. Is there any interest? Do you have students who would potentially join? Should we be looking to host a 'tournament' sometime in the late fall/early winter?

408 2020-2021 Pre-Payments

Team entry costs. We created budgets based on the increased costs from this years' leagues that ran. We had substantial increases in Soccer, Boys Flag, Hockey, Swimming and Rugby (between \$50-\$100 increases). We had nominal increases in Cross Country Run, Basketball, Curling, Futsal, Badminton, Lacrosse, Girls Flag, Rugby 7s (between \$10-\$15 increases). We had no change or decreases in our 8 other sports.

If sports run business as usual, we will have extra costs billed after the seasons directly from the sport federations. Those will be updated as they are confirmed.



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409 2020-2021 Age Categories

The age categories will be emailed to everyone and be posted on the website when we return. Nothing has drastically changed; all ages are the same and a year has been added to all the cut-offs.

410 2021 Halo Road Race – 40th Anniversary

Firstly, thank you to all the schools who participated in the virtual HALO run on May 14th. It was great to see your schools getting involved and making the day special. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Next year we still plan on celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the GMAA Halo Road Race and hope that every school gets involved! We had two logo winners this year, one will be printed on all the certificates (students from John Caboto Elementary) and the other will be printed on all t-shirts and volunteer sweaters (from St Georges).

If anyone has any cool ideas that we can incorporate into the special event do not hesitate to contact us!

411 RSEQ Report & Let's Move (13/28 interested)

The RSEQ has been hosting weekly 2.5-hour video meetings every Tuesday since March. On top of these, each week, there are at least 2 other 2/3 hour video meetings that we are expected to attend.

The biggest things coming out of the RSEQ meetings are the recommendations that the regions try to diversify their offer and plan outside the box for the coming fall season. The thought is that the normal leagues, tournaments, events, etc will not take place as planned. They are trying to brainstorm ideas, projects, etc to make sure that the regions will still be able to operate. As a result of this, we plan to add some form of an Extra Curricular Activity Program, 'Let's Move' to our offer of services.

This program would basically be an offer to schools to organize extra-curricular activities at the school level for them. We would aim to offer some lunchtime and some after-school activities for schools. We may have access to a website and program set up for schools to look up, choose, register, and pay for these activities through the association. (This would be set-up like the Educ-Action company.)

We would try to offer some traditional and many non-traditional sports to the schools (Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Rugby, Dance, Yoga, Martial Arts, Boxing, fitness workouts, etc). If you have contacts with certified individuals who may be interested in working with a program like this, please have them contact Amanda.

We would aim to start the registrations in September to offer a Fall 10-week session starting the last week in September and ending the first week in December. We would potentially start a Winter 10-week Session registration the second week in January to start the session in February until the end of April. This would depend on the interest and success of the fall session. We would also potentially offer this service to the elementary schools.



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This might be a way for schools to use their sports budgets and their budget from the 15028 and 15023 grants.

For a sport to start back up in the GMAA, each Sport Federation must submit their Return to Play Protocol (phased approach) to the Minister for approval. Once this is done, it is sent to the regions and various sports associations. At that point depending on what phase we are in, we would be able to start our leagues following the guidelines.

Will we have multiple coaches for the same sport, will we do outdoor sports, and what is our minimum, can we team up with other schools?

It will be a per school cost, not per participants.

The weather makes it very difficult to do outdoor sports.

Can we do multiple sports in the same session? Staff will be more interested. Kids lose interest quite fast.

412 S1 User Guide

We have created a S1 User Guide that every coach and SAC Rep will be able to get their hands on once we return. We created the document in hopes that it makes all your lives easier as it explains how to do almost everything on S1. Hopefully, it answers all your questions on how to do things on the platform. If we have missed anything that you think should be added do not be shy, let us know and we will add it!

AUGUST SAC MEETING – Wednesday, August 26th, 1:30pm – Zoom