

# **Report to the HCAA: 2013 SHSAA Annual General Meeting** (Nipawin, June 20-21)

As summarized by Brian Grest, Horizon SD Administrator of Student Activities. This is not an official account and is not intended to reflect the actual wording of motions, nor does it cover every motion and issue. *Please consult the SHSAA website ([www.shsaa.ca](http://www.shsaa.ca)) for the official minutes or call the SHSAA office (721-2151) for clarification.*

## **Governance:**

- Starting this upcoming school year, **all coaches and assistant coaches** – faculty or non-faculty – for all HCAA and SHSAA junior and senior activities must complete the “Respect in Sport” online **course**.
  - the course is free, takes about three hours, and can be stopped and revisited
  - the course must be completed by Sept. 30, 2013. Extensions will be granted for those activities that begin after September
  - the course is found at <http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/RiS> (be sure you save your certificate number)
  - the following courses are recognized as equivalent (proof of completion necessary):
    - NCCP “Empower +”
    - Hockey Canada “Speak Out”
    - “Respect in Schools”
- Starting this upcoming school year, all schools will be required to follow the SHSAA **concussion protocol** in all activities. This includes completion of the “Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know” course by at least one coach per team for all HCAA and SHSAA junior and senior activities (HZSD policy may ask for more than one coach).
  - the course is free and takes about 20 minutes to complete
  - the course should be completed before the first practice
  - the course is found at <http://www.schoolcoach.ca/courses.aspx>, second course on the list (be sure to save your certificate number)
- Starting in 2014-2015 (so **NOT** this upcoming school year), all **new** non-faculty individuals seeking “**non-faculty coach**” status (i.e. work with students without a teacher-supervisor present) will be required to complete the SIAAA “Fundamentals of Coaching” **course** before being approved.
  - *individuals approved as non-faculty coaches in any prior year will be grandfathered and thus will not be required to complete the course*
  - *retired teachers and substitute teachers currently approved by your Board or Band would not be required to take the course (they have a teaching certificate)*
  - the course currently costs \$95; it currently would be up to each school to determine how to reimburse the coach this fee
  - the course takes about six hours to complete and can be stopped and revisited
  - the course is found at <http://www.schoolcoach.ca/courses.aspx>, fifth course on the list (be sure to save your certificate number)
  - the course would have to be started by the E-5 deadline for that sport and be completed before the first round of the HCAA or SHSAA playoffs

- The **jewelry rule** was upheld. Volleyball and badminton players MUST remove all jewelry and plastic jewelry retainers.
- The **transfer policy** from 2012 was upheld.
- Starting in 2014-2015 (so NOT this upcoming school year), a strict policy will be in place for **start date** for practices, for the **number of competitions** prior to playoffs, and for the number of games/matches etc. in one day. Refer to the AGM minutes for the exact details for each activity.
- Each District will pay a fee of \$5.00 per school to help establish the **SIAAA** (professional development for in-school athletic administrators).

## **Badminton:**

- The **tie-breaking** procedure has changed for three-way ties. Refer to the AGM minutes for the exact details.

## **Basketball:**

- In basketball, **5A schools** in smaller cities will no longer be placed in the 4A category (enrollment is the only determinant for classification).
- In schools with only a trapezoidal **key** or only a rectangular key, either will be acceptable for all SHSAA play. If a school has both, it is the rectangular key that shall be used.

## **Cross Country:**

- It was reaffirmed that coaches and spectators should **NOT be on the course** itself but should stay in the viewing areas.

## **Curling:**

- Provincial Curling will now involve a **round-robin** format. Regionals will now require an A-B playoff as the Regional winner has an advantage in the tie-breaking at Provincials.

## **Football:**

- Nine-man football will now have **two divisions** (eight teams in each advance to playoffs).

## **Track:**

- No changes to **implement weights** or **race distances** in track and field.

## **Volleyball:**

- The **start time for Provincial Volleyball** has been moved earlier by one hour.
- No change to the **third game** in a best-of-three in volleyball (games to 25).

## **2013-2014 Calendar:**

- **Provincial Cross Country** is on the Thanksgiving long weekend
- **Provincial Basketball** is one week earlier than last school year
- **Provincial Track** will be held on **June 6 & 7 in Moose Jaw**

## **2014-2015 Calendar:**

- **Provincial Cross Country** will be one week earlier to avoid the Thanksgiving long weekend
- **Provincial Football** will be one week later than usual
- **Provincial Volleyball** will be one week later than usual
- **Regional Curling** will be later to avoid the Family Day break
- **Provincial Curling** will be the weekend following Regional Curling
- **Provincial Basketball** will be later than usual (last weekend in March)

## **Hosting 2013-2014:**

- **Provincial 2A Boys Soccer** – Muenster
- **Provincial 3A Girls Volleyball** – Watrous
- **Regional Curling**
  - Boys – Humboldt
  - Girls – Ituna
  - Mixed – Strasbourg
- **Regional Badminton** – Foam Lake

## **Open Bids 2013-2014:**

- **Provincial 1A Boys Volleyball** – bids to SHSAA office by Sept. 13, 2013
- **Provincial 1A Boys Soccer (7v7)** – bids to SHSAA office by Sept. 13, 2013
- **Provincial 1A Girls Soccer (7v7)** – bids to SHSAA office by Sept. 13, 2013

## **Hosting 2014-2015:**

- **Provincial 1A Girls Soccer (7v7)** – we will wait some time to name our host
- **Provincial 3A Boys Volleyball** – we will wait until after Sept. 30 to name our host

## **Open Bids 2014-2015:**

- **Provincial Cross Country** – bids to SHSAA office by Nov. 22, 2013