



## REPRESENTATIVES' COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 4-5<sup>th</sup> 2025

### ORDER PAPER

#### Voting Information:

As per **OFSAA Regulations:**

#### **Page R38, G) Amendments, Section 3 – Amendments to the Playing Regulations (per sport)**

- i. The Playing Regulations, as defined in these Regulations, are the sport specific rules of play at the various Championships and Festivals sponsored by the Federation. They are documented separately from these Regulations.
- ii. The Playing Regulations of the Federation can be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast (excluding abstentions) of the Representatives' Council. No Representatives' Council member shall have more than one vote.

#### **Eligible Voting members of the Representatives Council are:**

- a. One (1) male and one (1) female representative from each Member Association, as determined by each Association. All Association male and female representatives shall be currently employed teachers/administrators.
- b. Six (6) regional principal representatives who are selected by the Principals' Council at its Annual meeting. The six representatives must represent the six regions as identified in these By-laws.

## HOCKEY - 4 MOTIONS

### Motion 1

MOTION - Jones/Cannon

#### **Page K-1, Section 2 - Championship Structure and Procedure**

**WHEREAS** Members of the Hockey SAC believe that player and coach introductions, along with the playing of the national anthem, add value to the Championship experience by recognizing and celebrating the student-athletes' achievement in qualifying for OFSAA, and help commemorate this special accomplishment consistent with the traditions of many local-level tournaments.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 2 (g) be added and read: "Where feasible and facility capabilities allow, prior to each team's first game of the Championship, as well as the bronze medal and gold medal games, player and coach introductions shall be conducted, followed by the playing of the national anthem."

**Mover:** Melanie Jones  
**School:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
**Association:** ROPSSAA

**Second:** Justin Cannon  
**School:** Bishop Ryan CSS  
**Association:** GHAC

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### Motion 2

MOTION - Cristine/Cannon

#### **Page K-2, Section 5 - Championship Structure and Procedure**

**WHEREAS** Page K-2, Section 5 (a) (ii) currently states, "To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must: Participate in the Association Championship or qualifying event. If neither is held, then the team must play in a minimum of six exhibition games."

**AND WHEREAS** Members of the Hockey Sport Advisory Committee believe that additional clarification is needed to ensure compliance with eligibility requirements at the Championship;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 5 (a) (ii) be changed to read: "Participate in the Association Championship or qualifying event. If neither is held, then the team must play in a minimum of

six exhibition games. At the Championship, coaches are expected to present game sheets verifying that this eligibility requirement has been met.”

**Mover:** Ryan Coristine  
**School:** Holy Names CHS  
**Association:** SWOSSAA

**Second:** Justin Cannon  
**School:** Bishop Ryan CSS  
**Association:** GHAC

**Speaker:** Tim Larry

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **Motion 3**

MOTION - McMahon/Jones

#### **Page K-14, Section 2 - Seeding**

**WHEREAS** Section 2 (c) currently states, “The convenor shall choose a committee for the purpose of seeding teams in consultation with the OFSAA liaison responsible for the event. Final approval shall be given by the OFSAA office and the Chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee before publishing the final seeding order.”

**AND WHEREAS** Members of the Hockey SAC believe clearer parameters are needed regarding the composition and preparation of the seeding committee to ensure that all members are informed and prepared prior to the meeting, recognizing the importance of accuracy, fairness and timeliness in determining the final seedings.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 2 (c) be changed to read: “The convenor shall choose a committee for the purpose of seeding teams in consultation with the OFSAA liaison responsible for the event. The committee members must be approved by the Chairperson of the Hockey Sport Advisory Committee two weeks prior to the seeding committee meeting. Final approval of the seeding results shall be given by the OFSAA office and the Chairperson of the Hockey Sport Advisory Committee before publishing the final seeding order.”

**Mover:** Michael McMahon  
**School:** St. Joseph's HS  
**Association:** EOSSAA

**Second:** Melanie Jones  
**School:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
**Association:** ROPSSAA

**Speaker:** Tim Larry

**ACTION: CARRIED**

#### **Motion 4**

MOTION - Cannon/Dale

#### **Page K-15, Section 3 - Officials**

**WHEREAS** Section 3 (c) states, "For all boys' playoff games, (quarter finals, semifinals and medal games), at minimum a three (3) person system will be put into place, it is recommended a four (4) person system be used. Where a 3-person system is used, it is recommended that there shall be 2 referees and 1 linesperson."

**AND WHEREAS** Section 3 (d) states, "For all girls' playoff games, (quarter finals, semifinals and medal games), a three (3) person system must be put into place."

**AND WHEREAS** Members of the Hockey SAC believe this section should be reviewed to ensure consistency and fairness across both boys' and girls' championships, taking into account equity, officiating costs, and the availability of qualified officials.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 3 (c) be changed to read: "For all playoff games, (quarter finals, semifinals and medal games), at minimum a three (3) person system will be put into place, it is recommended a four (4) person system be used. Where a 3-person system is used, it is recommended that there shall be 2 referees and 1 linesperson."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Section 3 (d) be removed entirely.

**Mover:** Justin Cannon

**School:** Bishop Ryan CSS

**Association:** GHAC

**Second:** Katelyn Dale

**School:** Senator O'Connor

**Association:** TDCAA

**Speaker:** Tim Larry

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **SLO-PITCH - 4 MOTIONS**

### **Motion 1**

MOTION - Rouleau/Clark

#### **Page O-1, Section 2. Festival Structure and Procedure**

**WHEREAS** The Slo-Pitch Playing Regulations do not explicitly state the number of points for a win/tie/loss in pool play.

**AND WHEREAS** Consistency is needed to determine teams that advance from pool play.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 2 (a) v. be added and read: "The total number of points obtained by each team determines its order of finish within the pool. Points will be awarded as follows; Win = 2; Tie = 1; Loss or Default = 0."

**Mover:** Viviane Rouleau  
**School:** ES Notre-Dame  
**Association:** WOSSAA

**Second:** Steve Clark  
**School:** Nelson High School  
**Association:** GHAC

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **Motion 2**

MOTION - Clark/Rouleau

#### **Page O-1, Section 2. Festival Structure and Procedure & Page O-9, Section 2. Seeding**

**WHEREAS** Page O-1, Section 2. (b) states "The top eight (8) teams will be determined prior to the start of the Festival.

**AND WHEREAS** Page O-9 Section 2 (a) states "The top eight (8) teams shall be seeded. The remaining seeds will be selected by random draw.

**AND WHEREAS** Having now completed three Slo-Pitch Festivals and with continued growth of the sport, the Slo-Pitch SAC feels it is important to seed the entire draw rather than only the top eight teams.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Page O-1, Section 2. (b) be changed to read: "All teams in the OFSAA Slo-Pitch Festival shall be seeded."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Page O-9 Section 2 (a) be changed to read: “All teams in the OFSAA Slo-Pitch Festival shall be seeded.”

**Mover:** Steve Clark  
**School:** Nelson High School  
**Association:** GHAC

**Second:** Viviane Rouleau  
**School:** ES Notre-Dame  
**Association:** WOSSAA

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **Motion 3**

MOTION - Rouleau/Clark

#### **Page O-3, Section 6. Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS** The Slo-Pitch Playing Regulations do not explicitly state tie-breaking procedures for pool play.

**AND WHEREAS** The tie-breaking procedures are outlined in the SPO guidelines, but there are always questions about how they are broken and the SAC feels that adding them to the playing regulations will better assist convenors in terms of tie-breaking procedures to determine advancing out of pool play.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 6 (c) be added and read:

#### c. Tie Breaking Procedures

- i. Tie games in Pool Play shall stand.
- ii. Tie games in the playoffs will be broken as follows: With no outs in their offensive half of the extra inning the teams will place a runner at second base (last player who made an out) and play extra innings until a winner is declared.
- iii. Tie breaking procedure for standings in pool:
  - i. For two-way, three-way and four-way ties, in this order, the winner will be determined by best won/loss record, head to head (if applicable), best plus/minus in all games, least runs against in all games, most runs for in all games, coin toss.
  - ii. For three-way ties, in this order, the winner will be determined by best won/loss record, head to head (if applicable), best plus/minus in all games, least runs against in all games, most runs for in all games, coin toss.
  - iii. Once the three-way tie is broken, the entire tie-breaking formula will be used again for the remaining two teams. A four-way tie will use the same format.
  - iv. Maximum run differential will be +7 / -7 in each game when determining tie-breakers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Page O-3, 6. (b) (ii) be removed.

**Mover:** Viviane Rouleau  
**School:** ES Notre-Dame  
**Association:** WOSSAA

**Second:** Steve Clark  
**School:** Nelson High School  
**Association:** GHAC

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**AMENDMENT TO Section 6 (c)(ii) -**

Tie games in the playoffs will be broken as follows: With no outs in their offensive half of the extra inning the teams will place a runner at second base (the batter scheduled to bat last in respect to the 1st batter of the tie-breaking inning) and play extra innings until a winner is declared.

**Mover:** Richard Gallacher

**Second:** Tim Clayton

**AMENDMENT ACTION: CARRIED**

**ACTION: CARRIED**

**Motion 4**

MOTION - Rouleau/Clark

**Page O-3, Section 6. - Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS** The current playing regulations do not include any reference to a maximum number of runs per inning.

**AND WHEREAS** At the past Slo-Pitch Festivals, innings have often run excessively long, resulting in significant game delays, schedule disruptions, and challenges with diamond availability due to evening city permit restrictions.

**AND WHEREAS** Many local associations already apply a maximum runs-per-inning and mercy rule to promote fair play and maintain game flow, and implementing a similar rule at OFSAA would support both the spirit of the game and the need to stay on schedule.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 6. b. xiii. Be added and read: "A maximum of five (5) runs may be scored per team per inning. A mercy rule shall be applied after five (5) complete innings if a team is ahead by twelve (12) or more runs. The last declared inning shall be open, and the maximum runs per inning rule shall not apply."

**Mover:** Viviane Rouleau  
**School:** ES Notre-Dame  
**Association:** WOSSAA

**Second:** Steve Clark  
**School:** Nelson High School  
**Association:** GHAC

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **TENNIS - 3 MOTIONS**

### **Motion 1**

MOTION - MORRIS/GRUSCYK

**Page 5 -4, Section 6 - Rules and Officials:**

**WHEREAS** Section 6 states that:

6. The Tennis Canada Rules of the Court shall govern play at the OFSAA Tennis Championship with the exception that:

- a) The structure of the championship will be an 8 game pro-set.
- b) No advantage scoring with a twelve (12) point tie breaker at seven (7) all, unless otherwise indicated by the convenor.

**AND WHEREAS**, Section 2 (a), Championship Structure and Procedure, outlines the amended Championship Structure that was passed at the 2024 AGM, thereby rendering Section 6 incorrect.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Section 6 be replaced with:

6. Rules and Officials

The Tennis Canada Rules of the Court shall govern play at the OFSAA Tennis Championship.

**Mover:** Shawn Morris  
**School:** YRAA Athletic Coordinator  
**Association:** YRAA

**Second:** Andrea Gruscyk  
**School:** The Woodlands SS  
**Association:** ROPSSAA

**Speaker:** Jim Barbeau

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **Motion 2**

MOTION - MORRIS/GRUSCYK

**Page S-7, Sport Specific Directives, Section 1 a. - Championship Structure and Procedure:**

**WHEREAS** Section 1 a. states that:

1. 1a. Upon approval from the OFSAA Tennis Sport Advisory Committee, the convenor may modify the structure of the Championship if there is a lack of entries or inclement weather. This modification may range from a six (6) game pro-set to a match consisting of a best two (2) out of three (3) sets.

**AND WHEREAS** with Tennis having moved to solely an indoor Championship, the modifications suggested in 1 a. will not provide the convenor with the necessary flexibility to deal with a lack of entries, inclement weather or delays relating to the operation of an indoor facility. (ie. leaks, power outages, etc.) The convenor, in consultation with the Sports Advisory Committee and OFSAA Staff, should be provided with the greatest flexibility possible in order to ensure that an appropriate, adjusted schedule can be completed on time.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** under the Sport Specific Directives, Section 1 a. be replaced with the following:

1. a. Upon approval from the OFSAA Tennis Sports Advisory Committee, in consultation with OFSAA, the convenor may modify the structure of the Championship where circumstances dictate that a change is necessary.

**Mover:** Shawn Morris

**School:** YRAA Athletic Coordinator

**Association:** YRAA

**Seconder:** Andrea Gruscyk

**School:** The Woodlands SS

**Association:** ROPSSAA

**Speaker:** Jim Barbeau

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **Motion 3**

MOTION - MORRIS/GRUSCYK

#### **Page S-7, Sport Specific Directives, Section 1 b. - Championship Structure and Procedure:**

**WHEREAS** Section 1 b. states that:

1. b. Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating players/teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.

AND WHEREAS The scheduling of the Tennis draws require that individual draws be held at the same facilities during the first two days of competition. This is necessary in order to eliminate complications and confusion for both athletes and coaches should Section 1 b. be enforced and will provide the Convenor with the flexibility necessary to schedule appropriately.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** under the Sport Specific Directives, Section 1 b. be deleted.

**Mover:** Shawn Morris

**School:** YRAA Athletic Coordinator

**Association:** YRAA

**Seconded:** Andrea Gruscyk

**School:** The Woodlands SS

**Association:** ROPSSAA

**Speaker:** Jim Barbeau

**ACTION: CARRIED**

## **VOLLEYBALL - 3 MOTIONS**

### **Motion 1**

MOTION - English/Kuzmar

#### **Page V-1, Section 2 - Championship Structure and Procedures**

**WHEREAS** Section 2 (c) (i) states, Following the regular pre-game warm-up, the teams shall line up on their respective baselines for introductions. At the direction of the referee the captains shall come forward and shake hands, followed, on a second whistle, by the remaining team members.

**AND WHEREAS** Members of the Volleyball SAC believe introductions of student-athletes and coaches should be read out prior to each team's first game of the championship and prior to the Consolation Final and medal rounds, consistent with many local-level tournaments.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 2 (c) (i) be changed to read: Following the regular pre-game warm-up, the teams shall line up on their respective baselines. At the direction of the referee the captains shall come forward and shake hands, followed, on a second whistle, by the remaining team members. Following the regular pre-game warm-up prior to each team's first game of the Championship, the Consolation final, Bronze and Gold Medal games, the teams shall line up on their respective baselines and for introductions of each student-athlete and coaches.

**Mover:** Bryan English

**School:** Sydenham High School

**Association:** EOSSAA

**Second:** Natasha Kuzmar

**School:** St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

**Association:** GHAC

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**ACTION: CARRIED**

### **Motion 2**

MOTION - Brunner/Michaluk

#### **Page V-1, Section 2 - Championship Structure and Procedures**

**WHEREAS** Section 2 (d) (i) states, When the first referee signals for the teams to change court at the end of a set, the teams may go directly to their bench and then proceed to the team bench on the other side of the court.

**AND WHEREAS** The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) trialed a “no switching sides” rule in the 2024-2025 season and fully adopted it in the 2025-2026 season, under which teams do not change sides during a set unless an official determines an advantage at the start of the game.

**AND WHEREAS** This rule reduces unnecessary movement between benches, aligns with COVID-era safety considerations, and promotes consistency with practices familiar to student-athletes competing at the OVA level;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 2 (d) (i) be changed to read: Teams do not change sides after a set, except when an official determines an advantage at the start of the game. At the end of a set, teams may go directly to their bench.

**Mover:** Jennifer Brunner  
**School:** William Lyon Mackenzie CI  
**Association:** TDSSAA

**Second:** Curtis Michaluk  
**School:** Westgate C & VI  
**Association:** NWOSSAA

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**AMENDMENT TO Section 2 (d)(i) -**

Teams do not change sides after a set, except when the head official in consultation with the championship convenor determines an advantage at the start of the championship. At the end of a set, teams may go directly to their bench.

**Mover:** Tim Clayton

**Second:** Brad Barker

**AMENDMENT ACTION: CARRIED**

**ACTION: DEFEATED**

**Motion 3**

MOTION - Brunner/Michaluk

**Page V-3, Section 6 - Rules and Officials**

**WHEREAS** The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) along with some member associations allow

ceiling contact in volleyball.

**AND WHEREAS** Members of the Volleyball SAC believe a significant number of student-athletes participating at OFSAA Volleyball Championships also compete at the OVA level, where the ceiling rule is in use.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 6 (l) be added and read:

One-Touch Ceiling Rule:

- i. A ball shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or overhead object(s) directly above the playing area on the team's own side of the court, provided it touches only one surface. Multiple contacts result in the end of play.
- ii. A ball cannot cross over to the opponent's side after contacting the ceiling. Any such ball is considered out.
- iii. A ball is considered out if it:
  - Contacts the ceiling or overhead object(s) beyond the boundaries of the playing area.
  - Contacts the ceiling or overhead object(s) on the team's own side and immediately crosses the net plane.
  - Contacts the ceiling or overhead object(s) on the opponent's side at any time.
  - Contacts the ceiling or overhead object(s) on the opponent's side immediately following a completed block.

**Mover:** Jennifer Brunner

**School:** William Lyon Mackenzie CI

**Association:** TDSSAA

**Seconded:** Curtis Michaluk

**School:** Westgate C & VI

**Association:** NWOSSAA

**Speaker:** Nicole Clarke

**AMENDMENT TO Section 6 (l)(i) -**

A ball shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or overhead object(s) directly above the playing area on the team's own side of the court, provided it touches only one surface. The ball is still in play as long as the ball is still moving (i.e. the ball can travel along the ceiling and bounce multiple times, as long as the movement of the ball is still happening. If the ball stops, it is deemed out of play meaning a stopped/stuck ball is OUT.

**Mover:** Brad Barker

**Seconded:** Kim Chezzi

**AMENDMENT ACTION: CARRIED**

**ACTION: CARRIED**