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# High School Sports ...

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**FRIENDSHIPS**

*teach*  
IMPORTANT  
**LIFE LESSONS**

can be a  
**HOME**  
to your students no matter  
WHERE THEY COME FROM

**TWO SPORTS**  
*are better than*  
**ONE**

*bring people*  
**TOGETHER**

*give students the opportunity  
to be a*  
**ROLE MODEL**  
**FOR OTHERS**

have many advantages,  
**GET YOUR STUDENTS INVOLVED !**



**CONSTITUTION  
BY-LAWS  
OPERATING REGULATIONS**

of the

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NEW BRUNSWICK**  
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Interscholastic Athletics Association)

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École secondaire Népissiguit

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Blackville School

### Eastern Conference

AAA: Neal Couture

AA: Josette Allain

A: René Bouchard

École l'Odysée

École Clément-Cormier

Poly. Mgr. M.-F.-Richard

### Southern Conference

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AA: David Taylor

A: Michael Head

Kennebecasis Valley High School

St. Stephen High School

Sir James Dunn Academy

### Western Conference

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Leo Hayes High School

Woodstock High School

Nackawic High School

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# CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

## AAA SCHOOLS - 17

### **NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

École secondaire Népisinguit

### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Bernice MacNaughton High School

Harrison Trimble High School

École L'Odysée

École Mathieu-Martin

Moncton High School

Riverview High School

### **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

Harbour View High School

Kennebecasis Valley High School

Saint John High School

Simonds High School

St. Malachy's Memorial High School

Sussex Regional High School

### **WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Cité-des-Jeunes-A.-M. Sormany

Fredericton High School

Leo Hayes High School

Oromocto High School

## AA SCHOOLS - 20

### **NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

Bathurst High School

James M. Hill Memorial High School

Polyvalente Louis-Mailloux

École Marie-Esther

Miramichi Valley High School

Sugarloaf Senior High School

Polyvalente W.-Arthur-Losier

### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Bonar Law Memorial High School

École Clément-Cormier

Polyvalente L.-J.-Robichaud

Salisbury Regional School

Tantramar Regional High School

### **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

Fundy Middle & High School

Hampton High School

Rothsay High School

St. Stephen High School

### **WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Carleton North High School

École Sainte-Anne

Polyvalente Thomas-Albert

Woodstock High School

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### **NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

École Aux quatre vents

Blackville School

École Carrefour Beausoleil

Central NB Academy

Centre La Fontaine

Dalhousie Regional High School

North & South Esk Reg. High School

Polyvalente Roland-Pépin

École Régionale de Baie-Sainte-Anne

Stanley Consolidated School

### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Belleisle Regional High School

Caledonia Regional High School

Cambridge-Narrows School

Chipman Forest Avenue School

City Impact Academy

École Étoile de l'Acadie

École Mgr-M.-F.-Richard

Minto Memorial High School

Moncton Christian Academy

Petitcodiac Regional School

Sussex Christian School

### **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

Campobello Island Consolidated School

Charlotte County Christian Academy

Grand Manan Community School

Harvey High School

Heritage Christian School

McAdam High School

Rothsay Netherwood School

École Samuel-de-Champlain

Sir James Dunn Academy

Valley Christian Academy

### **WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Polyvalente A.-J.-Savoie

Canterbury High School

Fredericton Christian Academy

École Grande-Rivière

Hartland Community School

John Caldwell School

École Marie-Gaétane

Nackawic Senior High School

Saint Mary's Academy

Southern Victoria High School

Tobique Valley High School

# SECTION 2

## PHILOSOPHY AND RESPONSIBILITY

### VISION

SSNB will promote quality experiences by enriching education and enhancing personal development through high school sports.

### MISSION

To be the governing body of high school sports, where we create, promote, and facilitate positive sporting experiences in an educational environment in the province of New Brunswick.

### ORGANIZATIONAL CORE VALUES

#### Quality Experiences

SSNB strives to create and facilitate a quality high school sporting experiences for student-athletes, coaches, officials, school administrators, students, and volunteers. These experiences are fostered through competition, opportunities, events, sportsmanship, and educational values.

#### Excellence in Sport

SSNB will provide sporting opportunities at the A, AA, and AAA levels of competition. SSNB will attempt to ensure fair play, facilitate the positive development of student-athletes, create a competitive sporting environment, and to ensure the safety of student-athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers.

#### Inclusiveness/Equity

A core value of SSNB is to be recognized as an organization that promotes and fosters inclusiveness and equity in high school sports throughout the province of NB. All student-athletes and coaches should have an opportunity to participate in high school sports.

#### Respect

A core value of SSNB to promote Respect in high school sports. Respect can involve student-athletics, coaches, officials, volunteers, school administrators, and parents. Respect is understood as instilling values that include sportsmanship, integrity, fair play, safety management, physical development, and promoting positive psychological development for student-athletes, coaches, parents of student-athletes, and school administrators.

#### Leadership

A core value of SSNB is to be the organization that facilitates the development of leaders (student-athletes, coaches, and volunteers) through high school sport.

#### Educational Values

A core value of SSNB is to promote and facilitate the educational values within the context of high school sports. The educational values are established by the Department of Education under the *Provincial Student Code of Conduct Guidelines*. This document states that, "The Provincial Student Code of Conduct reflects the values and behaviours that will help New Brunswick schools be positive, caring and safe places to learn and work" (Government of New Brunswick, 2018, p.2). This code of conduct is applicable to the student-athlete, parent, teacher, school administrator, and member of the school community.

# RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The school principal or his/her designated representative shall be the responsible administrative officer of a school. Due to the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, principals must advise parents that when participating on school sports teams, student names and depending on the sport, grade level and height information may be distributed for use on games sheets, schedules, tournament programs. While students participate in SSNB activities in public venues and schools, it is expected that photographs or videos (live stream) may be taken by spectators and the media. Once spectators are invited to the event, it becomes a public event and anyone in attendance is allowed to take photographs or videos without first obtaining consent. Visitors are reminded to be respectful of other individuals' privacy, but SSNB/school is not able to control the images captured and shared on social media sites. For a sample of an Interschool Athletic Participation Form, principals can refer to Appendix A of the New Brunswick Safety Guidelines for Secondary Interschool Athletics.

The school principal's responsibility shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

**Host School** – The basic responsibility of the host school is to take every possible measure at any athletic activity to assure courteous, friendly, safe and fair treatment to visiting players, school representatives, fans and game officials.

**Administrative Control** – The administration and supervision of all facets of all activities in the high school program shall be entirely controlled by the properly constituted administrator.

**Conduct of Participants** – The responsibility for the conduct of the coaches, players and spectators at any athletic contest shall lie with the administrators of the schools whose teams are participating in the contest.

**Hazing** – A form of team initiation is a behaviour that will not be accepted amongst SSNB school teams. Any penalty for inappropriate behaviour that is outlined in the Department of EECD Policy 703 will be administered by the school or schools involved. Upon further review of the incidents, SSNB reserves the right to impose further sanctions.

**Conduct of Administrators – News Media** – A school administrator shall never use the news media or social media to criticize another school administrator, school team, coach, player, game official or SSNB. All members have a right to discuss issues with the SSNB Executive Committee, but these issues should be communicated by all members with due diligence in a professional manner.

**Student Eligibility** - The school administration must assume responsibility for verification of all student eligibility rules.

**Online Access** - The username and password for the SSNB online system has been given to the school Principal. The password for the online system is considered to be the signature of approval from the school Principal.

**Non-School Teams** - The use of the school name, uniforms and equipment by the non-school team gives the perception that the team is under the authority of the principal. To prevent a legal challenge concerning liability, it is not permitted that the non-school team be allowed the use of the name, uniforms or equipment of the school (as per O.R. 10.8). If the school district permits the non-school team to use its facilities or equipment, a formal agreement must be signed between the school system official and the outside organization/individual responsible for the supervision at the school facility during the event (EECD Policy 407 – Community Use of School; Education Act – Regulation 97-150 – Community Use of School Property). It is also recommended that facility rental agreements be put in place with the non-school teams. The agreements should clearly define who has jurisdiction over the non-school team.

# SECTION 3

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as School Sport New Brunswick (formerly New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association) and shall be affiliated with School Sport Canada.

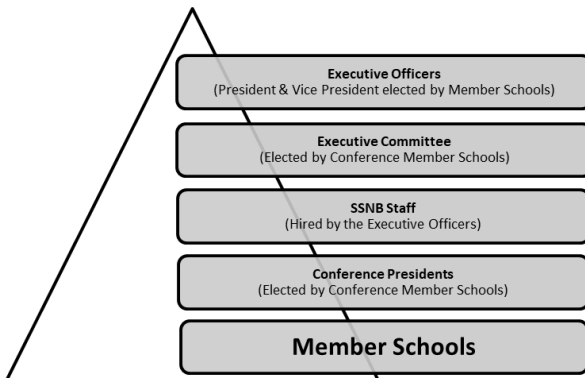
### ARTICLE 2 - ORGANIZATION

The Association came into being at the biennial meeting of the New Brunswick Educational Institute in Fredericton, N.B., on June 28, 29 and 30, 1926.

SSNB is an organization of New Brunswick high schools that operate athletic teams in various activities, consisting of students from member schools. The Association is funded by member schools, as well as a grant provided the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

SSNB will work in a consultative and collaborative fashion with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to ensure fair and equitable application of the Constitution, By-laws and Operating Regulations of the Association.

SSNB Organizational Structure is as follows:



### ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 1.

Any High School in the province of New Brunswick whether public or private, overseen by Directors or Governors, may become a member of School Sport New Brunswick providing they agree to:

- Submit the School Membership Form to register online by June 1st.
- Comply with the rules and regulations of SSNB.
- Pay an annual membership fee as shall be determined by the membership, at an Annual General Meeting.
- Pay the appropriate fees as set out in the Operating Regulations.

#### Section 2.

The fiscal year shall be June 1 to May 31.

## ARTICLE 4 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall consist of one representative per classification per Conference, one Anglophone and one Francophone designate will act as direct liaisons through SSNB to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as non-voting members and the Executive Officers. Executive Officers shall include the President, Vice President, Past President and the Executive Director.

Note: Representatives appointed to the Executive Committee must be Principals or B contract teachers.

### Section 2.

The President and the Vice-President shall be elected at Annual Meetings of the Association. The term of office for the President and Vice-President shall be for a possible, two (2) successive three-year terms.

### Section 3.

For purposes of continuity, the Executive Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee rather than elected.

The position of the Executive Director:

- a) shall be an appointed full-time position;
- b) shall not vote at any meetings of the Association.

### Section 4.

Any vacancies which may occur among the Executive Officers shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Committee until the next AGM.

### Section 5.

60% of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

### Section 6.

The expenses of Executive Committee members incurred in traveling to and from scheduled meetings shall be borne by the Association.

### Section 7.

The signing officers of the Association shall be 2 of the following: President, Executive Director and 2 other designates decided by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Section 1.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall have full control of the affairs of the Association in accordance of the By-Laws and Operating Regulations. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held four times a year, with others called by the President or Executive Director as often as the business of the Association requires. If three consecutive meetings are missed, the member shall be replaced (extenuating circumstances may be considered). The Executive Committee may authorize exceptions (under extreme circumstances) to the association's By-Laws and Operating Regulations and has the authority to rule on any issue not clearly covered in the handbook.

### Section 2.

The Executive Committee has jurisdiction over regional to provincial affairs.

### Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall be the sole agent responsible for rendering decisions in the specific areas of: Operating Regulations (Activities and Playoff Systems). Coaches' Associations,

Conferences and individual schools may petition the Executive Committee to request amendments or revisions to established procedures. The Executive Committee will strike a standing review committee every five year for a comprehensive review of the Handbook.

#### **Section 4.**

The Executive Committee, with valid reason(s), may request the resignation of any member at any time prior to the expiry date of that member's term of office.

#### **Section 5.**

**PRESIDENT:**

- a) shall be presiding officer of the Association and shall attend General and Executive meetings of the Association.
- b) shall be the official spokesperson for the Association.
- c) shall have general supervision of all matters and affairs of the Association.
- d) shall appoint or assign members of the Executive Committee to positions of responsibility pertaining to the business of the Association.

#### **Section 6.**

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

The Vice President shall attend General and Executive meetings of the Association and in the absence of the President, have all the powers and duties of the President. At all times the Vice President shall assist with the overall administration of the Association.

#### **Section 7.**

**PAST PRESIDENT:**

The Past President shall retain office for a minimum two (2) years or as determined by the Executive Committee. They shall have all rights and privileges of a member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 8.**

**SSNB STAFF:**

- a) shall manage the day to day affairs of the Association.
- b) shall be responsible for the records, correspondence and other property of the Association.
- c) shall attend all General and Executive meetings, and keep accurate records of the proceedings.
- d) shall interact with the media, amateur sports bodies, officials' organizations and other sports -associated agencies.
- e) shall prepare press releases relative to competitions and pertinent matters.
- f) shall prepare the annual activity calendar.
- g) shall control all financial operations; prepare budgets and financial statement, collection of monies, payment of bills, record keeping, banking and arrange for audit.
- h) shall edit and produce the Calendar of Events.
- i) shall interpret and enforce all articles and policies of SSNB.
- j) shall organize Executive Committee meetings and distribute the minutes to committee members.
- k) shall organize the Annual General Meeting and distribute AGM minutes to the membership.
- l) shall arrange conference calls or special meetings when required.
- m) shall order and distribute provincial championship awards.
- n) shall oversee all aspects of school membership, team registration, player registration and insurance.
- o) shall maintain liaison with the School Sport Canada.
- p) shall maintain records of Provincial Championship.
- q) shall keep the President informed of controversial matters and regularly report on all activities to the Executive Committee.
- r) shall co-ordinate Special Projects.

- s) shall attend competitions when feasible.
- t) shall be an ex-officio member of all Association committees.

### **Section 9.**

#### **CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a) shall attend all General, Executive and Conference meetings.
- b) must attend two (2) of the three (3) conference meetings on a yearly basis (extenuating circumstances may be considered).
- c) shall liaison concerns to the Executive Committee from their respective Conferences.
- d) shall keep the Conference membership informed of happenings and issues pertaining to regional and provincial matters.
- e) shall attend provincial competitions hosted by their Conference when feasible.
- f) shall ensure that the rules and regulations of the Association are respected and followed by the membership of their Conference.
- g) shall keep the Conference membership abreast of changes of operating procedures.
- h) shall handle issues involving schools they represent within the Conference.
- i) Any member of the committee may resign at any time, upon sending a written notice to the Executive Director.

### **Section 10.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a) shall attend all General and Executive meetings.
- b) shall liaison concerns to the Executive Committee from their respective districts.
- c) shall keep the District Superintendents informed of happenings and issues pertaining to regional and provincial matters.
- d) shall attend provincial competitions hosted by their District when feasible.
- e) shall ensure that the rules and regulations of the Association are respected and followed by the membership of their District.
- f) shall keep the District Superintendents abreast of changes of operating procedures.
- g) shall handle issues involving superintendents they represent.

## **ARTICLE 6 - CONFERENCE STRUCTURE**

Each Conference shall have identical Executive structures, elected every two years - President , Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The President will be one of the A, AA, or AAA conference representatives. A Discipline Committee shall also be in place. *An Executive member's term begins on August 15th.*

#### **Duties of the Conference President:**

- a) shall be appointed for a two year term.
- b) shall hold conference representative elections every two years - North and West on odd years and East and South on even years.
- c) shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Meetings.
- d) shall have general supervision of all matters and affairs of the Conference.
- e) shall oversee the conference financial affairs.
- f) shall be the official spokesperson for the conference.
- g) shall call at least three general meetings of the conference members (Fall, Winter, Spring).
- h) shall communicate with the president of the adjacent regional conference pertaining to regional playoffs sites and tournament managers.
- i) shall communicate regional sites and tournament managers' names to the SSNB office.
- j) shall appoint sport chairs to administer scheduling and standings of conference leagues and tournaments.
- k) shall establish a conference disciplinary committee.

- l) shall enforce all articles and policies of SSNB.
- m) shall keep the SSNB Executive Director informed of controversial matters and regularly report on all activities.
- n) may invite a principal or teacher from within their conference to attend Executive Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity.

## ARTICLE 7 - COACHES ASSOCIATIONS

### Section 1.

Coaches' Associations are advisory groups only.

### Section 2.

Coaches' Associations are to follow the same guide lines as established by SSNB for their Annual General Meeting (re: notices-of-motion and quorums) for the passage of significant recommendations.

## ARTICLE 8 - RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings at general meetings and associate affairs, unless the rules contradict the Constitution and By-laws of this association.

## ARTICLE 9 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Section 1.

The AGM shall be held during the month of June in each school year.

### Section 2.

The AGM shall be held on one (1) day, commencing at 9:30 AM.

## ARTICLE 10 - VOTING

### Section 1.

At any annual or general meeting of the Association voting shall be conducted by schools. Each member school in good standing (annual dues paid) shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

### Section 2.

The voting and speaking privileges of a member school at any annual or general meeting of the Association shall be exercised by the principal or designated teacher from the staff.

### Section 3.

With the exception of the Executive Director, each Executive Officer shall have full voting privileges at all SSNB Annual or General meetings.

## ARTICLE 11 – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Annual General Meeting of the Association by either of the two (2) following methods (see Sections 1 & 2):

### Section 1.

Notices-of-motion submitted in writing to the Executive Director prior to April 15th in advance of the meeting at which they are to be introduced; may be adopted by 60% of those present\* and entitled to vote.

\* 'present' be defined as those present and registered at the beginning of the meeting.

**Section 2.**

A seventy-five (75) per cent majority vote on a motion introduced and duly seconded from the floor at the appropriate time within the framework of the agenda. Motions from the floor (other than Notices-of-Motion) involving changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall not take effect until one Calendar year has elapsed following the motion.

**Section 3.**

At any annual meeting no motion may be voted upon unless a quorum of voting delegates is in attendance. For purposes of this Section, a quorum shall be 50% of eligible voters.

**ARTICLE 12 - CONFERENCE / REGIONAL FORMAT****Section 1.**

A two (2) region provincial format shall be used to determine teams for advancement to provincial play requiring pre-qualification. The regional alignment shall consist of the following conference combinations: South/West and North/East. (Unless otherwise determined by the Executive committee.)

**Section 2.**

A team may apply before the sport registration deadline to interlock with a conference (North, East, South, West) based on safety and travel. If the conference move is approved, that school will become a team within the approved conference for one sport season.

**ARTICLE 13 - LANGUAGE POLICY**

SSNB supports policies and initiatives to promote and strengthen the use of French and English at their functions. SSNB will undertake and ensure that these communications are offered in both official languages of NB.

**Section 1.**

Official written communication in both official languages for all SSNB playoffs (conference, regional to provincial) when the two linguistic communities are represented. This does not include SSNB exhibition events.

**Section 2.**

Official communications from the SSNB office to its members will be in both official languages or in the language of the school.

**Section 3.**

Official verbal communication in both official languages during all SSNB provincial events when the two linguistic communities are represented.

**Section 4.**

National Anthems: Instrumental or in both official languages for all SSNB events when the two linguistic communities are represented.

# SECTION 4

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1 - TEAM ELIGIBILITY

#### Section 1.

The school must be a member of SSNB in order for its teams or players to be eligible for SSNB sanctioned events.

- a) A school that has a preparatory team participating outside of SSNB will be ineligible to compete in championship play in that sport (gender specific) for that season of play. However, a school with a preparatory team can have other teams that are eligible to compete in championship play in that same sport (gender specific) if there is a complete and clear separation between the two programs.

#### Section 2.

A school team shall consist entirely of eligible players who are students of a school, or a neighboring school who have players who want to play, but are unable to play for their home school due to a viable reason, approved collaboratively by the two school's administration, Athletic Director's and in consultation with SSNB. These players are under the authority of that school's principal while team activities are taking place. (Refer to O.R. 3.1)

#### Section 3.

A team **must** complete all conference / regional or provincial obligations and commitments. Failure to do this will result in a fine of up to **\$200**, removal from the playoff format and a possible suspension from participating in that activity in the succeeding season.

In Group A \* activities individuals who fail to compete in all conference / regional or provincial obligations may be suspended from participating for that school year and the next year (for that sport only) and the school may be fined \$20 per athlete to a maximum of \$200.

\* Badminton, cheerleading, cross-country, golf, swimming, wrestling and track & field.

#### Section 4.

When there are a maximum of 12 teams registered in a classification, a provincial league shall be permitted. League structure shall be determined as per By-Law Article 8.

#### Section 5.

The use of an ineligible player(s) shall cause the team concerned to forfeit all games and all points won in those games in which the player(s) participated. The Executive Committee may levy such additional penalties as it deems are warranted. The coach or coaches who utilize ineligible player(s) may also face suspensions.

#### Section 6.

High schools which repeatedly violate the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association shall be suspended from membership in the Association on a 60% majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### Section 7.

The full membership (all teams) shall be enrolled in a universal general accident insurance and a commercial general liability package, whereby, each individual team member is covered by the school, to be submitted with the team personnel registration form. All SSNB insurance will be terminated once that sports season is completed.

## ARTICLE 2 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### Section 1.

A player must be a student enrolled in a public or private high school in New Brunswick, which has become a member of SSNB and must be in regular attendance during the school year in which they wish to compete as certified by the school Principal.

### Section 2.

A player is eligible:

- a) for five (5) years from entering into Grade 9.
- b) unless declared ineligible or suspended by their Principal.
- c) until they have graduated and/or received a high school diploma or its equivalent, (or the end of the school year in which the person attains the age of 21—Education Act).
- d) Special Olympics participants are eligible while a full-time student at the member school.

### Section 3.

A student **must** carry a full complement of regular/credit courses during the four years of eligibility (Grades 9-12). Students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of grade 12, with enough credits to graduate, are permitted to participate in interscholastic activities with a part time schedule. A fifth year student is required to enroll in the courses needed to fulfill graduation requirements.

### Section 4.

Students who have been transferred and/or placed in schools by the Superintendent should be allowed to participate in sports. Students that have changed schools during the school year are ineligible to participate in any sport that they are currently registered with SSNB in at the previous school during that same season of play.

## ARTICLE 3 - COMPETITION WITH NON-MEMBERS

### Section 1.

No member school shall compete in activities with non-member schools unless the contest has been sanctioned by SSNB.

### Section 2.

No student or team from member schools shall compete in interprovincial or international competition unless the contest has been sanctioned by all participating provincial and/or state school associations.

### Section 3.

All sanctioned tournaments must meet all SSNB requirements as per the by-laws.

### Section 4.

No student or team from member schools shall compete in any tournament or exhibition play (alumni & fundraising games included) unless the contest has been sanctioned by the Association. Schools or teams are responsible for verification of sanction approval by SSNB, prior to accepting an invitation.

### Section 5.

Application deadlines by member schools for tournaments or exhibition games with teams within the 'Region' (Maritime Provinces and Maine) must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the event and at least four (4) weeks prior to the event when involving teams outside the "Region". The applications must be submitted using the SSNB online sanction request. Schools will be assessed a fee of \$100 in order to approve a sanction request received after the deadline.

**Section 6.**

Post-Secondary Institutions and approved outside organizations must apply to SSNB through a member school for sanction of competition involving teams or players of member schools. The application must be submitted using the SSNB online sanction request at least four (4) weeks prior to the season of play. This member school must act as a co-sponsor with the non-member organization. Schools will be assessed a fee of \$500 to submit a sanction request and a fee of \$100 in order to approve a request received after the deadline.

**Section 7.**

SSNB will sanction International Athletic Competition if the conditions of the competition as outlined on the International Application Sanction Form are met. (Contact the SSNB office for the application form.)

**Section 8.**

Any student or team from a member school violating the provisions of this article may be declared ineligible from further interscholastic competition in that season and the following season and may be fined up to \$1000. The Executive Committee may levy additional penalties as it deems are warranted.

**ARTICLE 4 - CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS**

The Executive Committee shall classify schools for competition; such classification to be based on total school population - Grades 9-12 inclusive (based on a grade average of the previous three (3) years).

Class A Schools - 299 students and under

Class AA Schools - 300 - 699 students

Class AAA Schools - 700 + students

Each "classification period" shall be three years duration; with a review of the same after the second year.

Note:

1. Where there is a significant increase or decrease in enrollment during a "classification period", a school may be reclassified upon such a change in enrollment.
2. A school may register one (1) team only in a division leading to a provincial championship.
3. Schools with students of one gender only shall have their enrollment doubled for classification purposes.

**ARTICLE 5 - DIVISIONS OF PLAY**

The Executive Committee sanctions competition at the championship and exhibition levels.

**Junior** - (Only in those schools comprised of students in grade 9 to 12)

- Students in their first and second year of high school for group A activities.
- Students in their first, second and third year of high school for soccer, basketball, volleyball and rugby. Teams are permitted to have a total of three (3) third year students. If more than three third year students are required, permission must be granted by the SSNB office.

Students in a SSNB member high school comprised of grade 8 and below under the authority of the same school Principal may participate in SSNB activities.

**Senior** - Students primarily in grades 9 to 12

**Exhibition** – An exhibition team is one that will not compete for a Provincial Championship banner and does not have a set league schedule they must follow.

**Exhibition Division** – An exhibition division team is one that will not compete for a Provincial Championship banner and does not have a set league schedule they must follow. An Exhibition Division team is for schools that enter a second team in the same sport category (Ex – AAA Sr. Girls Volleyball).

Students are not permitted to move freely from the Exhibition, Exhibition Division and the Provincial Championship teams, as they are considered separate teams. Participants can make one (1) permanent move from an exhibition team to championship team during the season of play.

## ARTICLE 6 - CALENDAR SPORTS

Criteria for the dropping or adopting of a calendar sport:

- a) There must be at least six (6) schools registered in order for an activity to be sanctioned for a Provincial Championship. If there are less than six (6) registered in an activity, that activity in that division, will become an exhibition sport for one year.
- b) In classification activities, if the number of registered schools is less than the required number of teams registered for a sanctioned Provincial Championship, then those schools may compete in a higher operational classification.
- c) New activities to be sanctioned by SSNB shall be adopted according to the following procedures:
  - i. The safety of the student-athlete must be the highest priority in establishing an activity.
  - ii. The activity must be proposed in writing by a member school not less than forty-five (45) calendar days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
  - iii. The activity must be covered under the SSNB existing insurance policies.
  - iv. The Executive Committee will place the activity in a 'season of play'.
  - v. The activity must follow all SSNB policies and regulations and including any SSNB modifications.
  - vi. The activity must have certified officials available.
  - vii. Upon review, the Executive Committee can allow the activity to continue or discontinue at any time.

The proposed new activity must be introduced as an Exhibition league:

- The activity must have a governing body – Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) or National Sport Organization (NSO).
- The activity must have conference support.
- The activity must have 8 schools in a division.
- The activity must have Executive support.

A final detailed report must be submitted to the Executive Committee for review.

Championship league:

- The activity must have 3 years as an exhibition league.
- The activity must have growth to a minimum of 12 schools in a division.
- The activity must have a geographical representation across the province.

Upon recommendation from the Executive Committee with appropriate notice given to member schools, a calendar sport may be dropped by 60% of those present and entitled to vote at the SSNB AGM.

## ARTICLE 7 - OFFICIALS

### Section 1.

Certified officials must be used for all SSNB sanctioned competitions. Member schools will be guided by Letters of Agreement with Officials where applicable, as available on the SSNB website.

### Section 2.

Top level certified officials must be given first consideration for regional to provincial championships.

### **Section 3.**

Whenever possible, neutral certified officials shall be secured to officiate competitions.

### **Section 4.**

"Officials' Associations" will not be compensated for costs associated with assignment of officials for any of the association's activities.

## **ARTICLE 8 - ACTIVITIES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Section 1.**

League play, exhibition games and scheduling are the responsibility of the conference. Make up of the league schedule, number of games played within the league and league structure are conference responsibilities. Leagues may have unbalanced schedules with divisions (often determined by geography and distance travelled); however, whether a league has a single, double, triple home and away schedule or an unbalanced schedule, league play will be determined by league members based on the following schedule. The structure of the league will be reported to the league chair who will forward the information to the conference president.

League structure will be determined by a majority of schools comprising the league:

- 3 team league (2 of 3 schools must agree to the structure)
- 4 team league (3 of 4 schools must agree to the structure)
- 5 team league (3 of 5 schools must agree to the structure)
- 6 team league (4 of 6 schools must agree to the structure)
- 7 team league (5 of 7 schools must agree to the structure)
- 8 team league (5 of 8 schools must agree to the structure)
- 9 team league (6 of 9 schools must agree to the structure)
- 10 team league (7 of 10 schools must agree to the structure)
- 11 team league (8 of 11 schools must agree to the structure)
- 12 team league (9 of 12 schools must agree to the structure) Etc.

### **Section 2.**

Regional to Provincial playoff schedules shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.

### **Section 3.**

Officials for all SSNB competition shall be appointed by assigners of the officials association.

### **Section 4.**

The official rules for each SSNB sponsored activity shall be those sanctioned by the Sports Governing Body for that activity. These rules shall be followed with the exception of such modifications as are outlined in the Operating Regulations pertaining to each sponsored activity.

### **Section 5.**

The individual charged with coordinating a regional to provincial championship shall be responsible for providing all involved schools and the Executive Director with a detailed report of the event. Failure to comply shall warrant a fine.

## **ARTICLE 9 - PROTESTS**

The judgement of the game official is not considered grounds for protest.

### **Section 1.**

All protests must be written on the game sheet before the conclusion of the game and must be received from a SSNB member school.

**Section 2.**

All protests of activities involving conference competition or matters shall be resolved by that Conference Executive.

**Section 3.**

All protests of activities involving regional to provincial competition or matters shall be resolved by three (3) Executive Committee representatives. Exception: the Executive Committee may delegate authority to a Tournament Committee to resolve issues associated with provincial tournament. All decisions are final.

**Section 4.**

A statement signifying your protest (which may be made by telephone or email) must be received by the SSNB Executive within twenty-four (24) hours of the event in question. A letter fully outlining the details of the protest must be received within 72 hours following the incident in question. All such communication must be signed by the school.

**Section 5.**

All denied protests will result in a fee of \$200. Failure to pay the fine will disqualify the school from all SSNB activities until the fine is paid.

**ARTICLE 10 - APPEAL OF SSNB RULING**

There is no appeal of any suspensions up to 5 games or suspensions which meet minimum guidelines.

**Section 1.**

The member school may appeal the ruling of SSNB to the Executive Appeal Committee (EAC) by filing a written Appeal Request Form (J-1) with the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days from the date of the ruling.

The EAC is comprised of three members of the SSNB Executive Committee who are not in conflict with the incident.

Appeals will be granted when evidence illustrates one or more of the following:

1. An error in fact;
2. A lack of procedural fairness;
3. The suspension committee exceeding its authority;
4. Evidence of excessive/harsh suspension.

**Section 2.**

The Notice of Appeal shall:

- a) include a non-refundable appeal fee of \$500.
- b) clearly set out the bylaw and/or policy at issue;
- c) clearly and concisely state the grounds upon which the applicant requests an interpretation of, or an exemption from, the bylaw and/or policy at issue;
- d) clearly and concisely state the grounds upon which the applicant member appeals the ruling of SSNB;
- e) specify whether the applicant member school wishes to proceed by video conferencing or by special EAC meeting;
- f) submit all documentation that will be presented in support of the appeal;
- g) be signed by the school principal.

The sanctioned individual must be present at the appeal hearing with the administrator or their designate. If the parties cannot be present, the original sanction will stand until the hearing takes place.

**Section 3.**

Upon receipt of the Notice of Appeal in compliance with 1 and 2 of this section, the EAC shall hear the member's appeal.

**Section 4.**

During the course of the appeal, the EAC may consider materials not previously considered by the Conference Executive and/or the Executive Director.

**Section 5.**

In the event that the applicant member wishes to proceed by video conferencing, the applicant member shall be responsible for charges that may occur. In the event that the applicant member fails to reimburse the SSNB for the actual cost of the video conferencing as aforesaid, the appeal shall be dismissed.

**Section 6.**

Before issuing a decision, the EAC shall consider:

- a) all written materials submitted by the applicant member;
- b) the written decision of the ruling;
- c) any other written materials or documents that the EAC deems relevant;
- d) the SSNB policy and/or by-law at issue, or any other SSNB by-law and/or policy and the EAC deems relevant;
- e) all legislation and regulations the EAC deems relevant; and
- f) all verbal submissions made by or on behalf of the applicant member and the Executive Director, in the event that the applicant member elects to proceed by video conferencing.

**Section 7.**

Appeal hearings of the EAC shall be called by the Chair. The Chair shall be responsible for arranging the agenda in consultation with the Executive Director. The Chair controls the meeting and is responsible for outlining the specific procedures to be followed at the hearing.

**Section 8.**

The Executive Director will coordinate hearing times and locations and is responsible for distribution of the agendas and relevant information. In appropriate cases the Executive Director will make the necessary arrangements for video conferencing.

**Section 9.**

The EAC members will be selected to serve on a particular appeal hearing committee as the need arises. Members of the EAC are responsible for reviewing and familiarizing themselves with the agenda/information provided to them by the Executive Director in advance of the appeal hearing date. They must advise the Executive Director as early as possible if circumstances no longer permit them to attend a scheduled appeal hearing.

**Section 10.**

With the exception of the applicable charges as set out herein and paid by the applicant for video conferencing, the administrative costs of the EAC shall be the responsibility of SSNB. Each party appearing before an EAC shall be responsible for its own costs regardless of the decision of the EAC.

**Section 11.**

Within seven (7) days of the hearing of the appeal, the EAC shall issue a written decision detailing its reasons. A copy of the written decision shall be sent to the school principal. The decision of the EAC shall be final.

**ARTICLE 11 – DISCIPLINE PROCESS**

The following procedures as outlined below will be followed for all suspensions:

- I. Conference & Inter Conference Discipline Committee Duties and Obligations
- II. SSNB Discipline Duties and Obligations

### I. Conference & Inter Conference Discipline Committee Duties and Obligations

1. Each conference will establish a conference discipline committee.
2. The incident must be reported either on a game sheet by an official or by filling out the SSNB Incident Report Form (I-1). The incident must be sent to the conference president and /or league coordinator within 72 hours of the incident.
3. The Conference President(s) / league coordinator(s) will review the incident report and if clarification is required, they will request additional information from those involved.
4. Once all information has been gathered and reviewed, the Conference President(s) / league coordinator(s) or the Discipline Committee(s) will consult and collaborate for input on sanctions.
5. The Conference will render their decision and inform the school administration, as well as the SSNB Executive Director of the decision.
6. The Conference(s) can impose the suspension appropriate for the action. The SSNB minimum suspensions cannot be appealed.

The conference discipline committee is comprised of the conference president/vice president, plus 2 other members of the conference committee. Committee members will have no affiliation with the party schools directly involved in the incident.

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| President/Vice president | (1)        |
| Conference members       | <u>(2)</u> |
| Total                    | (3)        |

### II. SSNB Discipline Duties and Obligations

Two Executive Officers shall consult with each other on the incident in question to render a decision.

It is expected that Committee members will have no affiliation to the party schools directly involved in the incident.

- The incident is reported to the SSNB Executive Director by the Conference President / League Coordinator with all pertinent information.
- The school principal /designate will be given the opportunity to provide further information.
- The office of the SSNB will inform in writing the decision rendered to the school administration.

# SECTION 5

## OPERATING REGULATIONS

### O.R. 1 - FEES

- 1.1 Annual membership dues shall be \$350.00 per school.

Note: Registration is confirmed upon receipt of payment. A late administration fee of \$50 will be assessed if payment is received after September 15<sup>th</sup>. Members not in good standing will be ineligible from all SSNB activities after this date until the fine is received at the SSNB office.

- 1.2 The sport participation fees will be invoiced to schools by SSNB, as per the SSNB Fee Structure and dates indicated in Section 7. If payment is not received within 30 days, 5% interest will be applied to the invoice. If payment is not received within 60 days of invoice, 10% will be applied to the invoice amount. If payment is not received within 90 days, the member school is in default and is not eligible to participate in SSNB activity.
- 1.3 A U.S. Sanction Fee of \$50 is required for schools to compete against teams in the United States. This fee must be paid prior to travelling in the United States.

### O.R. 2 - REGISTRATION

- 2.1 The School Membership Information, Team Registration and the Team Player's Lists **must** be submitted using the SSNB Online System. The School Membership Information and the Fall Activities must be submitted online by June 1st. When submitting the Team Players' List, please make sure the athletes name, student ID number, date of birth, year entered grade 9 and their current grade is accurate. For insurance purposes, the names of all bench staff (coach, manager, trainer, school staff advisor/security) must be submitted with the players list and can be edited online at any time. It is also required for coaches to provide their NCCP number, contact number and email when submitting a team roster. Schools will be assessed a penalty of \$50 for each coach not on the team list.

Schools that wish to register or withdraw from activities before the deadlines may do so through the SSNB Online System. Once the deadlines have passed, schools must notify the SSNB office by e-mail to register for activities. In order to withdraw from activities, schools must access our Online System and click on the 'Team Registration' link and click 'Withdraw' to the right of the sport. By withdrawing online, it automatically activity in the succeeding season. The penalty is subject to appeal to the Executive Committee. Schools requesting to withdraw from activities before or after the official deadline dates must do so through the SSNB Online System.

- 2.1.1 Teams are required to compile a tryout list of all participants for each sport, whether hard copy or digital. Lists are to be kept with the SSNB Representative at member school until 60 days after completion of the season of play and available upon request by SSNB.
- 2.2 Schools which register for activities requiring a June 1st entry deadline may withdraw by the first Friday after the start of the school year, without penalty, if unforeseen circumstances occur over the summer. Notification of registrations or withdrawals for all activities are due at the deadline date. A school withdrawing from an activity after the deadline date may be subject to a fine of up to \$200 and possible suspension from participating in that activity in the succeeding season. The penalty is subject to appeal to the Executive Committee.
- 2.3 A school may register after the official activity deadline, subject to a \$50 late fee, by emailing the SSNB office to request special permission. Schools requesting to enter activities before the official due dates must edit their Team Registration online and the SSNB office will be notified.
- 2.4 Schools will be assessed a fee of \$100 plus the participation fee per student when adding

to a players' list after the deadline date. Late players must be added prior to competing and no later than one week prior to the Regional. Group A \* activities and all exhibition teams will be assessed a fee of \$25 plus the participation fee per student. All late player additions must be submitted using the SSNB Team Personnel Form (E-1) signed by the school Principal. \* Badminton, cheerleading, cross-country, golf, swimming, wrestling and track & field.

- 2.5 A players' list emailed to the SSNB office after the due date will be subject to an administrative fee of \$200. After a period of 5 school days, the team will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the season. notifies the SSNB office. The SSNB office will not accept any phone call notifications to enter or withdraw from activities.
- 2.6 Failure to pay a fine within fourteen days from the date it was levied shall result in the suspension of the school concerned from all SSNB activities until the fine is received at the SSNB office.
- 2.7 **Reclassification and Realignment**  
The deadlines for receipt of application for reclassifications in all fall activities shall be May 15th, the deadline for the winter activities shall be September 30th and the deadline for spring activities will be January 15th. Applications for full realignment must be received by May 15th.
  - a) Applications must be submitted using the SSNB Online System on the website by clicking on the 'Forms' link of the admin menu, then click 'Request Reclassification'.
  - b) Schools given permission to reclassify must compete at the new level for 1 full year, unless extenuating circumstances arise that warrant a change as determined by the SSNB Executive.
  - c) Teams approved to play down a classification will be included in the league schedule, where all games must be played and count in the standings, but they cannot advance beyond league games.
  - d) Reclassification requests must be team specific.
  - e) A fine of \$400 will be applied to schools that withdraw after receiving the reclassification decision and possible suspension the following year.

## O.R. 3 - ELIGIBILITY & RECRUITMENT

- 3.1 No student may participate in athletics for a school in which they are not enrolled, with the exception of the following:
  - a) Schools who are in need of extra player(s) to field a team may be eligible to add players from a maximum of two other local school(s) if they meet the following criteria:
    - i. School does not have a reasonable enough number of players to field a team and has not made any athlete cuts after their own school tryouts.
    - ii. Other local school(s) have players available to play, but were cut from all home school teams, including exhibition teams.
    - iii. Schools with more than 20% of their players from another school may be moved up a classification. Combined school populations may be used to determine the team's classification.
  - Available for team activities only (baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer, football, cheerleading, hockey, basketball, volleyball and rugby).
  - The shared student-athlete(s) must be approved by the schools' administration, Athletic Directors and SSNB.
  - Applications from the sending and receiving school must be submitted to the SSNB office with reviews of submissions on announced review dates with the last review occurring 5 days prior to the player's list deadline.
  - **SSNB has the right to monitor all shared-athlete teams and if it's being abused, has the right to revoke the team or place a school(s) on suspension or probation.**
- 3.2 A sport specific education program allows for sport specific education, training, instruction and/or competition; provides sport skills training in a targeted sport; provides other training/education such as, but not limited to, weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to

support the targeted sport. If this program involves more than 50% of instructional time in one sport, it is considered a sport specific education program.

A student is allowed to enrol in a sport specific program for one semester and will remain eligible to compete in that sport with SSNB. Once the student enrolls in a second sport specific program of that same sport, they become ineligible to participate with the SSNB for that sport until graduation.

- 3.3 Insurance becomes available once the player meets the eligibility requirements of SSNB.
- 3.4 SSNB strongly condemns any attempt to recruit a student-athlete into a member school. A recruiting prohibition discourages exploitation of students: prevents over-emphasis of athletics; gives average student-athletes more opportunity to participate; discourages adults from jeopardizing a student's eligibility and prevents misuse of athletic programs.
1. **Definition:** recruiting is defined as a representative of a school, either directly or through another party, encouraging a student to attend a school other than that catchment area in which they reside, for the purpose of being involved in extracurricular sport. The school representative could be a teacher, administrator, school district employee, school employee, student, parent, alumnus or any person representing themselves as a school contact.
2. **Indicators of Recruiting:** there are many legitimate times that a school representative and/or coach of a school team will be in contact with students from another school. Therefore, indicators of recruiting have been developed to provide parameters of behaviour expectations for coaches and other school representative(s). For brevity, the term "coach" is used, but the policy applies equally to coaches or any other school representatives as listed above.
  - a) a coach shall not initiate contact with any student who does not attend, or does not directly feed into the coach's school, in order to suggest, encourage or explain a transfer to a different school.
  - b) a coach shall not encourage any other person, including past and present players, to contact any student to suggest, encourage or explain a transfer to a different school.
  - c) a coach shall not permit a student who is not currently enrolled at the coach's school, or whose present school does not directly feed into the coach's school, to participate in team practices or participate in scheduled team activities (including travel to games/events, team meetings or trips), unless specifically agreed to by SSNB.
  - d) a coach shall not permit a student who is not currently enrolled at the coach's school, or whose present school does not directly feed into the coach's school, to attend "open gym" at the coach's school or attend spring or summer practices, games or camps specifically designated for enrolled students.
  - e) a coach shall not entice a student who is not currently enrolled at the coach's school, or whose present school does not directly feed into the coach's school, into transferring to the coach's school. Examples of the applicable situations are listed below, but are not limited to:
    - i. Providing particular inducements such as preferential accommodation, reduced fees or employment at any camp program;
    - ii. allowing the non-enrolled student to accompany the team to a school or team function, or by offering a discounted or special admission to any school function, including team games;
    - iii. providing a non-enrolled student with team plans, practice outlines or game plans;
    - iv. providing transportation, equipment, clothing/footwear or financial inducement in order to facilitate a non-enrolled student's involvement in out-of-season contests, leagues, camps, clinics or related programs;
    - v. inviting or allowing a student who is transferring to the coach's school to reside with the coach (and/or coach's family) who is not the student's parent or legal guardian or being financially supported in anyway by a coach or institution;
    - vi. a coach shall not use an evaluation process from an out-of-season program or

camp to suggest that a student transfer to any other school other than the one at which they are currently enrolled or into which they will directly feed.

- f) **Student Approaching a Coach:** If a coach is approached by any student who is not enrolled at the coach's school, or by any student who will not directly feed into the coach's school, with questions or comments regarding any sports program at the coach's school, the coach must direct the student to the school administration or school district office. Once a student has registered at the coach's school, the coach may discuss school teams.
- g) offering monetary or transportation assistance to a student, parent or guardian (including fees, tuition, bus passes or other allowances or waivers). Provided however, that for the purposes of these regulations, waiver or any fee ordinarily charge to an international student by a school, shall not necessarily be considered undue influence or recruitment. Provided further that, when determining whether undue influence or recruitment exists, the SSNB Executive shall be entitled to consider whether such fees are waived for students not involved in athletic activities.

**If a person has knowledge of undue influence or recruitment, as defined herein and allegedly committed by any other student, coach, teacher, school staff, or administrative personnel connected with an SSNB member school, they shall provide written notice of the allegation of undue influence or recruitment to the Executive Director.**

#### **Sanctions and Penalties:**

Upon reporting of a recruiting violation **in writing and signed by the school Principal or Director of Schools or Superintendent** to SSNB, the Executive Director shall initiate an investigation of the allegations contained in the written notice. The Executive Director will present the written complaint to the school involved and require a written response from the Principal by 4:00 PM of the next business day.

Any school staff or administrative personnel of the school involved, who fails or refuses to cooperate with and assist in the investigation conducted by the Executive Director, may result in the team being excluded from all competition or subject to alternative penalties as determined by the SSNB Executive Committee.

Should the investigation result in confirmation of recruiting, the SSNB Executive committee will review the infraction and sanctions may range from:

1. The player and / or team may be ineligible for participation in SSNB provincial playoffs within the same season of play.
2. Be fined up to \$1000.00
3. Have the head coach ruled ineligible for participation within the CURRENT and NEXT season of play.
4. Be subject to any or all of the above mentioned penalties or to alternative penalties as determined by the SSNB Executive Committee.

## **O.R. 4 - JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION**

4.1 Junior competitions shall be conducted in similar manner to senior competition.

4.2 Junior games shall be of the same duration as senior games.

4.3 Junior soccer championships will be conducted one (1) week prior to the senior tournaments; basketball and volleyball two (2) weeks before senior events. Badminton, cross-country, swimming, track & field and wrestling will be held in conjunction with the senior championships.

4.4 A junior eligible player may participate in a maximum of three (3) junior championship/senior league and (6) junior championship/senior exhibition games or matches prior to Junior Regional play without the loss of junior eligibility. An email notification must be sent to the SSNB Conference President or designate.

4.5 After the players' list deadline, a junior player can be transferred to the senior team. Such actions constitute a permanent move. A player cannot be transferred up if their team has competed in Junior Regional play.

4.6 After the SSNB Junior championship sport registration deadline, if there are not enough teams to fill for a provincial championship from a region, the format can be modified by the SSNB Executive.

## O.R. 5 - FINANCIAL AFFAIRS: REGIONAL TO PROVINCIAL EVENTS

5.1 All expenses for officials, minor officials, facility and custodian must be covered by entry fees from all participating teams (host included if involved). Entry fees are to be paid at the event for badminton, cross-country, swimming, wrestling and track & field, all other sports will be notified following the event. The host school will complete the financial report form and on approval from SSNB, will either invoice or send a rebate to the participating schools. Rebates under \$25 will not be sent back to the participating teams or SSNB and the host will retain the profits.

| SPORT         | REGIONAL                                       | PROVINCIAL                                     | PERCENTAGE                                                                 |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Badminton     | \$3 / athlete per event                        | \$3 / athlete per event                        | Host - 70%, SSNB - 30%                                                     |
| Baseball      | \$75 / team                                    | \$75 / team                                    | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%<br>SSNB - 10%                               |
| Basketball    | \$80 / team                                    | \$80 / team - Junior<br>\$80 - Sr. Sectional   | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%<br>SSNB - 10%<br>*See Basketball O.R.       |
| Cheerleading  |                                                | Determined by host                             | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                              |
| Cross Country | \$10 / athlete per event                       | \$10 / athlete per event                       | Host - 70%, SSNB - 30%                                                     |
| Field Hockey  |                                                | \$75 / team                                    | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                              |
| Football      | Determined by host                             | Determined by host                             | Semi-Finals & Provincials<br>Host - 50%, Visiting team- 40%,<br>SSNB - 10% |
| Hockey        | Determined by host                             | \$600 / team - boys<br>\$500 / team - girls    | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                              |
| Rugby         | Determined by host                             | Determined by host                             | Semi-Finals & Provincials<br>Host - 50%, Visiting team- 40%,<br>SSNB - 10% |
| Soccer        | \$125 / team                                   | \$125 / team                                   | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                              |
| Softball      | \$75 / team                                    | \$75 / team                                    | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                              |
| Swimming      | \$3 / athlete per event;<br>\$12 per relay     | \$3 / athlete per event;<br>\$12 per relay     | Host - 70%, SSNB - 30%                                                     |
| Track & Field | \$5 / athlete per event;<br>\$20 per relay     | \$5 / athlete per event;<br>\$20 per relay     | Host - 40%, ANB - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                                       |
| Volleyball    | \$125 / team - Junior<br>\$150 / team - Senior | \$125 / team - Junior<br>\$200 / team - Senior | Host - 40%, Participants - 50%,<br>SSNB - 10%                              |
| Wrestling     |                                                | \$15 / athlete                                 | Host - 70%, SSNB - 30%                                                     |

5.2 SSNB shall receive a percentage of net profits from regional to provincial championship events. The SSNB Financial Report Form must be sent to the SSNB office within 30 days of the event. Failure to do so, the host school will no longer be in good standing and may face possible suspension.

5.3 An admission must be collected from SSNB Regional to Provincial competitions\*. The rates of \$5 per adult and \$2 per student are on a per day basis, unless otherwise specified (Final 12 Basketball, Hockey, Sr. Volleyball, Football and Cheerleading) and approved by SSNB. There is no charge for children 12 and under. For events held outside without a fenced in field, admission is not required. \*No admission will be collected for badminton, golf and cross-country.

5.4 Teachers, on showing their NBTA membership card, will be exempt from paying admission fees to SSNB events.

## O.R. 6 - PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

6.1 The maximum number of entries per region shall be as follows:

- Badminton - 4 for each of 5 categories
- Baseball - 2
- Basketball - 3
- Cross Country - see O.R. 18.5
- Field Hockey - 2
- Football - 2
- Golf - 4 teams + 4 top individuals
- Hockey - 2
- Rugby - 2
- Soccer - 2
- Softball - 2
- Track & Field - 8 per individual event + a school may enter 1 team per relay
- Volleyball - Jr. - 4 and Sr. - 2
- Regional play is not required for: Cheerleading and Wrestling.

6.2 Consolation play, not effecting final standings, shall not be played.

6.3 The selection of tournament all-stars and MVP are prohibited.

6.4 Player of the game/match recognition is permissible.

6.5 The presentation of Sportsmanship Awards are acceptable providing there are no formal obligations to the Association.

6.6 Any member who commits to host a SSNB Provincial Championship and fails to do so may be subject to a penalty of \$200, and a possible suspension for participating in the activity in the following season.

## O.R. 7 - ALL-STAR GAMES

7.1 One all-star game for girls and one all-star game for boys will be sanctioned per sport. Games will be organized by the sport specific coaches associations without executive committee involvement. The Association will not bear any financial responsibility for such events.

## O.R. 8 - WEATHER POLICY

The safety of players, coaches, management and spectators is the primary concern in any weather or air quality event that occurs during all SSNB sanctioned activities. Consideration for air quality standards under advisement of the NB Chief Medical Officer. By understanding and following the information below, the safety of everyone shall be greatly increased. Ultimately the referee has the final say over delaying or restarting a match they are controlling due to weather and they are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events. (See Lightning Protocol in the Appendix Section of the Handbook)

SSNB and all schools involved in Conference, Regional or Provincial tournaments must be notified of changes to schedules if weather forces a delay or cancellation. Confirmation must be received from all schools involved regarding changes.

No teams shall travel until they are notified that everything is on schedule.

8.1 No SSNB activities (practices, league games, exhibition games, tournament games) are allowed to **occur** if any school involved is closed **due to weather** by their district's superintendent. When school districts (*zones*) are closed, those SSNB activities within that school district (*zone*) are cancelled and teams are not permitted to travel **out, in or through those areas**. For safety reasons, all private schools are to be considered closed if their local school district is closed. Exceptions may be granted by the SSNB office with approval from the superintendent(s) for certain SSNB Provincials Championships when teams are on site

and no travel is required.

- 8.2 The decision to cancel or postpone SSNB regional to provincial events will be made by the SSNB office. The decision is typically made one day prior to the event, while taking into consideration the weather forecast, potential school closures and the number of teams affected.
- 8.3 All schools hosting regional to provincial events are to contact the SSNB Executive Director to prepare alternate schedules that would come into effect if the events are postponed.
- 8.4 Teams involved in regional to provincial tournaments, that run over two or more days, must be prepared to stay overnight if weather becomes a safety issue.
- 8.5 SSNB will not be responsible for any expenses incurred related to rescheduled events.

## O.R. 9 - SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

All coaches **must** fulfill their obligation to provide the safest possible environment for their athletes by following the Safety Guidelines for Physical Education in New Brunswick (Secondary Interschool Athletics—Module 6) and Policy 709 (Student Physical Activity Safety Standards) published by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

**First Aid Certified & High Risk Sports** - The following sports are considered High Risk through the Dept. of EECD - Safety guidelines for Physical Education : Cheerleading, Field Hockey, Football, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming, Track and Field – Discus, High Jump, Javelin, Shot put and Wrestling.

For the high risk sports, a member of the coaching staff **must** be first aid certified with the team at all practices and events. The minimum requirement for first aid coverage is the presence of an individual who takes responsibility for providing first aid to injured participants throughout the entirety of a practice and competition. For further information, refer to the First Aid Coverage for Activities as per Module 6 above.

The SSNB Emergency Action Plan (EAP) **must** be completed and filed with the SSNB representative at the start of each sport season per team. The purpose of the EAP is to assist the coach in responding to an emergency situation during a team event. Coaches must assign team members to the EAP and educate the students on their roles. Further information can be found in the EAP form online.

ALL coaches **must** follow the "Rule of Two", which means they are never alone with a student-athlete and always having another coach, volunteer, student-athlete or parent present.

The Safety Guidelines on "Universal Precautions Re: Blood and Bodily Fluids" must be followed along with the following precautionary measures to reduce the spread of infectious diseases such as Aids, hepatitis, etc., when blood is present:

- 9.1 Any athlete with an open wound (cut, scrape, blister, etc.) from which blood, plasma, or pus is escaping should be removed from competition by an official at his/her discretion and should not be allowed to return until the wound has been adequately covered.
- 9.2 Any athlete whose uniform is bloodied either with their own or someone else's blood should be removed from the game by the official at his/her discretion until said uniform has been exchanged, cleaned\* or the affected area adequately covered.  
\*Blood spots may be cleaned on the site by spraying a 10% bleach solution (Solution must be prepared daily).  
\*Any bloodied uniform should be laundered in hot soapy water.
- 9.3 Any athlete returning to the game after a "blood policy infraction" must be cleared by a game official.
- 9.4 All teams should make provisions to have extra uniforms or adequate uniform substitutes which an official could approve.

- 9.5 Air horns or any other electronic amplifiers will not be permitted during SSNB events. If the SSNB event organizer, the officials or SSNB questions the safety or appropriateness of any noise maker, we will ask for it to be removed from the event.

## O.R. 10 - DISCIPLINE

- 10.1 Team personnel ejected from a game, or a game of a match, for disciplinary measures shall be suspended from the remainder of that contest and the next played scheduled game or match (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). Any further disciplinary action should come from the Conference Disciplinary Committee, Hockey Coordinator or the SSNB. Any team personnel who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any SSNB activities (league, playoff, exhibition or tournament) in any capacity (i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.) until such suspension has been served in that sport season. If all suspensions are not fully served in that sport (\*see requirements for Hockey), the remaining suspensions will carry over to their next SSNB sport. **\*Hockey suspensions remaining at the end of the hockey season will be reviewed by the SSNB Executive Director, President & Hockey Commissioner to determine how they will be served.** In order to serve their remaining suspensions in the next SSNB sport, athletes and bench staff must have been part of the SSNB sport in the previous year. Athletes and coaches can remain practicing until that suspension has been served. No additional competitions may be added to a team's schedule until after the suspension has been served. Team personnel may not participate / communicate with his/her team before a game / match, between periods, at half-time or after a game while serving a suspension. Such action will result in a minimum 5 game suspension. If a coach is ejected from a contest and an assistant coach or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as coach, the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent. If the suspension/ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, they will be suspended from the next scheduled game of that sport, excluding exhibition games.
- 10.2 a) Any team personnel who physically abuse an official shall be suspended from interscholastic sports for a minimum of 10 games. Such suspensions will come directly from the SSNB office.  
Upon further review of any incident, SSNB reserves the right to impose further sanctions.
- 10.3 The head coach, as a representative of the school, is responsible for the safety and conduct of all personnel composing of the school's team (players, assistant coaches and other bench personnel).
- a) Any coach who removes their team from the field of play prior to the conclusion of a game or match may be suspended and the incident will be reviewed by SSNB.
- b) Any team receiving 3 or more major infractions in the same game or repeat offences within the same sport season, the head coach will receive a 1 game suspension for the 1<sup>st</sup> offence; 3 game suspension for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offence; indefinite suspension for the 3<sup>rd</sup> offence. (Exception - refer to Hockey Guidelines for Suspension)
- 10.4 Any conduct including, but not limited to deliberate intent to injure, fighting, verbal abuse, tobacco, drugs and alcohol use, that results in dishonour to the athlete, the team, the school or the SSNB will not be tolerated. Team personnel guilty of the following conduct over their SSNB five year eligibility period will serve the appropriate minimum suspensions (pending review) listed below:
- a) Attempt to Injure – indefinite suspension until further review by a discipline committee. The maximum suspension could be up to 12 months.
- b) Fighting - indefinite suspension until further review by a discipline committee. The maximum suspension could be up to 12 months.
- c) Verbal Abuse - 4 game suspension for their 1<sup>st</sup> offence; 6 game suspension for their 2<sup>nd</sup> offence; remainder of sport season\* for their 3<sup>rd</sup> offence; indefinite suspension for their 4<sup>th</sup> offence.
- d) Unsportsmanlike Conduct - 1 game suspension for their 1<sup>st</sup> offence; 3 game suspension

for their 2<sup>nd</sup> offence; indefinite suspension for their 3<sup>rd</sup> offence.

\*If the remainder of sport season is finished, SSNB will determine the appropriate suspension for their 3<sup>rd</sup> offence (minimum 8 games).

Team personnel guilty of misconduct before, during or immediately after a game shall be reported to the SSNB office in writing (e-mail) or telephone by a member school administrator, official, or tournament manager as soon as possible after the misconduct occurs. (Any penalty for inappropriate behaviour that are outlined in the Department of EECD Policy 703 will be administered by the school or schools involved.) Upon further review of the incident, the SSNB reserves the right to impose further sanctions.

Please see Video Review Policy and procedures in Appendix 7

- 10.5 All SSNB activities are to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free for all players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators. This applies to activities held on school property, as well as rented community facilities. SSNB will not sanction activities where facilities are not able to accommodate this policy.
- 10.6 Coaches and players not following the fair play code of ethics may be suspended or placed on probation for a year. (See Section 6)
- 10.7 When any school event or game is held or played outside the school's facilities, the administration of the school retains the right to discipline those involved as if the event or game was held or played on school property. The host school and/or school representative is responsible for safety, good order and discipline, and can take disciplinary action when necessary.
- 10.8 To prevent a legal challenge concerning liability, a member school shall not allow a non-school team use its' name, uniforms or equipment. Refer to Non-School Teams in Section 2 regarding signed agreements.
- 10.9 Upon SSNB receiving the Incident Report Form (I-1) within 72 hours of the incident, SSNB, Conference President(s) and / or Hockey Coordinator(s) will refer to By-Law Article 11. A \$300 fee will be invoiced to the school and if the verdict is in the favour of the school, the school will be invoiced \$100 as an administration fee. The Incident Report Form fee will not be required when submitted by a school not involved in the improper conduct. If there is video evidence as part of the review, please refer to Video Review Policy in Appendix 7.
- 10.10 When penalties are indicated on the score sheet, it is the home team/host's responsibility to submit it to the sport chair/league coordinator and/or conference president within 24 hours of the game. If the game was played outside of NB, the SSNB team is responsible for submitting it.

## **O.R. 11 - CANADA GAMES**

- 11.1 No SSNB sanctioned Regional to Provincial Tournaments shall be scheduled so as to conflict with Canada Games.

## **O.R. 12 - AFFILIATION OF COACHES' ASSOCIATIONS**

- 12.1 SSNB encourages high school coaches in any activity to join together to improve competition and communication in that activity.
- 12.2 Any activity-specific association of SSNB coaches may apply to the Executive Committee for recognition, providing:
  - a) all coaches in that activity in high schools are eligible to join, and the association submits its' constitution to the Executive Committee for review and approval, and the association regularly elects an executive from among its' members and
  - b) the association holds an annual meeting prior to April 15th.
- 12.3 Amendments to the SSNB Operating Regulations specific to an activity may be considered at the Coaches' Association AGM of that activity. Any recommendations

advanced to the Executive Committee from a Coaches' Association must have been properly moved, seconded and approved by at least 75% of members present at the AGM of that activity. All recommendations must be forwarded to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

12.4 SSNB will not pay additional charges to outside associations.

## O.R. 13 - SSNB COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

All coaches must go through an approval process by the school administration to determine their knowledge, experience and qualifications to coach the school activity. The EECD Safety Guidelines for Physical Education (Secondary Interscholastic Athletics) indicated in O.R. 9 must also be followed.

13.1 In order for a team to be eligible to participate in SSNB activities, the following courses are required by all coaches prior to the beginning of the sport season. If a coach is not certified in the required courses, they will not be able to coach until the courses have been taken and passed. All courses can be found under the Coaching Courses link on the SSNB website.

- a) A **Coach's Guide to the NBIAA** course, revised in March 2024, was developed in partnership with Coach NB, with assistance from the Coaching Association of Canada, is designed to educate the teacher coach, as well as the non-teacher coach who has volunteered to coach in a New Brunswick high school. This FREE online course is available as an eLearning module hosted on the Coaching Association of Canada's online Locker and will help coaches to understand SSNB Policies, school procedures and the role of a high school coach. All registered members on the coaching staff must have successfully completed this revised course as of March 2024, prior to the beginning of the sport season. If a coach is not certified, they will not be able to coach until they have taken and passed the course.
- b) The free online CAC **Making Head Way** concussion course.
- c) **Cheerleading, Football, Basketball, Hockey, Rugby and Soccer** have specific coaching requirements and recommendations referenced in each sport O.R.

13.2 All SSNB coaches must have knowledge of the basic elements of the coaching fundamentals that are needed to work with our student-athletes at the high school level. SSNB recommends coaches take the appropriate entry level course as well as the following:

- a) Individuals who are new to coaching to complete the CAC **Coach Initiation Course**.
- b) Coaches should have at least completed the following **NCCP** courses: **Make Ethical Decisions Module, Planning a Practice & Sport Nutrition e-module**.
- c) The CAC **Safe Sport Training** module to identify and prevent situations of maltreatment.

Coaches should also take advantage of the additional coaching information and courses that can be found on The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) website [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca).

## O.R. 14 - CONFERENCE / REGIONAL FORMAT

14.1 If a Conference has three (3) teams or less in an activity, then two conference presidents and the appropriate executive members will decide on the structure for regional advancement. If no agreement can be reached, then interlocking play shall take place with the other Conference in the regional set-up. If a conference or interlocking conferences have more than 8 teams registered in the league, we recommend that the teams be divided geographically to create two pools with a playoff format. The proposal shall be sent to SSNB for approval. No league play may commence before such approval has been received.

14.2 All playoffs and tournaments must be carried out to their conclusion in order to attain competitive rankings leading into provincial play. All playoffs will consist of a maximum of 4 teams or less.

14.3 Formats for single elimination play shall be (see exceptions to basketball, hockey and

volleyball in each sport O.R.):

Regional – Four (4) teams: North/East 1N vs. 2E, 2N vs. 1E  
South/West 1S vs. 2W, 2S vs. 1W  
Provincial – Four (4) teams: 1NE vs. 2SW, 2NE vs. 1SW

- 14.4 All Regional schedules must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. The first place team may have the right to host regional play where required, pending conference approval.
- 14.5 SSNB ONLINE SCHEDULES & SCORES - Entering schedules and scores is **mandatory** for all team\* sports, as it determines the official league standings. \*Exception for sports using mandatory digital scoring platforms, as all games are automatically entered to determine league standings. SSNB is recommending that all scores be submitted online by the **HOME** team within 48 hours of each game and must be updated two weeks prior to the Regional. Each team is ultimately responsible to verify that their scores have been accurately submitted at the conclusion of league play. An administration fee of \$50 will be applied if all scores that affect the final standings are not entered 24 hours following your last game before Regionals All games must be included on the SSNB online schedule in order to track suspensions served.
- 14.6 **SSNB Score Books** – **SSNB** produced scorebooks must be purchased online and used for all **SSNB** activities in the following sports: Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, and Rugby. Hockey and Soccer will be required to use the digital version through Gamesheet Inc. while Volleyball will be required to use iSet, Baseball and Softball will be required to use Gamechanger.

## O.R. 15 ATHLETIC CALENDAR REGULATIONS

- 15.1 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparation of the annual schedule of activities. In order to avoid conflicts which may occur relative to other school or non-school activities, the Executive Committee is empowered to make changes in the Calendar where deemed necessary.
- 15.2 The length of an activity season must be at least one (1) calendar month, which includes the previous 3 weeks practice time.
- 15.3 Interscholastic sports shall have three competitive seasons:
- Fall – School opening to the Saturday prior to Remembrance Day.
  - Winter – November 10<sup>th</sup> or the second Friday in November, whichever comes first to the last Saturday in February
  - Spring – Last Monday in February to the first Saturday in June
- The sports that fall in these three competitive seasons may not begin play (league games, exhibition games, controlled scrimmages, jamborees or tournaments) before their respective start dates.
- Exceptions to football in O.R. 18.7 and hockey in O.R. 18.9.

Formal try-outs or practices will be restricted to three (3) weeks prior to the beginning of the season. (Hockey on September 20th)

School teams can practice or train only during seasons of play.

Exhibition Tournaments involving SSNB teams for softball, soccer, basketball, hockey, volleyball and rugby must be registered with the SSNB office three (3) weeks before the tournament. The host school must submit the Exhibition Tournament Registration Form (C-4) to the SSNB office.

**Hockey** - All SSNB exhibition tournaments must be registered with SSNB three (3) weeks before the tournament. Tournament managers are required to enter their tournament games through the Gamesheet App under SSNB league. Schools in violation of this rule

may be fined and the Executive Committee may levy additional penalties as it deemed warranted. SSNB will not sanction tournaments that are not registered on time.

Regular league play is to be completed the Sunday prior to any regional event. (See O.R. 15.13 for dates) Failing to do so, the Executive Director will declare the top teams in league play as the representatives that will advance to provincial play.

Only teams (including exhibition) who are eligible to play after regional weekend are those who have qualified for championship play.

#### SSNB SEASONS OF PLAY

| FALL                                             | WINTER               | SPRING           |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Baseball                                         | Basketball           | Badminton        |
| Cheerleading<br>(SSNB Championships in February) | Hockey<br>(Sept. 20) | Rugby            |
| Cross Country                                    | Wrestling            | Track & Field    |
| Golf                                             |                      | Volleyball       |
| Field Hockey                                     |                      | Ultimate Frisbee |
| Football                                         |                      |                  |
| Soccer                                           |                      |                  |
| Softball                                         |                      |                  |
| Swimming<br>(SSNB Championships in Dec.)         |                      |                  |

#### Violations of Seasons of Play

- Violations of the seasons of play by a school shall be reported to the school's Conference President and to the SSNB Executive Director. Such reports of violations must be corroborated with first hand evidence of individuals who, through their institutions, are members of the Association. All such reports must be in writing.
- Violation reports received by the Executive Director will be dealt with by the SSNB Executive Committee immediately. Penalties imposed are at the discretion of the Executive Committee and may result in the individual or team at fault being ruled ineligible for SSNB competition for a specified period.
- Any school found in violation of the seasons of play policy and penalized may appeal the penalty within 48 hours of notification of penalty.

#### 15.4 Limits of Games per season per sport

The regular season would count all league games, exhibition games, controlled scrimmages and tournament games\*. Regional and Provincial Championships would not be counted as part of the 'regular season'.

The following maximum numbers of games per regular season will be as follows:

\*The minimum guaranteed games per team at a tournament will count towards the season limit.

| SPORT        | MAXIMUM NO. OF GAMES/MATCHES | SPORT          | MAXIMUM NO. OF GAMES/MATCHES |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Baseball     | 18 Games                     | Sr. Basketball | 32 Games                     |
| Field Hockey | 20 Games                     | Jr. Basketball | 28 Games                     |
| Football     | 10 Games                     | Sr. Volleyball | 36 Matches                   |
| Sr. Soccer   | 20 Games                     | Jr. Volleyball | 30 Matches                   |
| Jr. Soccer   | 18 Games                     | Rugby - 15     | 12 Games                     |
| Softball     | 18 Games                     | Ice Hockey     | 40 Games                     |

Hockey: If you have playoffs that are best 2 out of 3, 2 games count and if they are best 3 out of 5, 3 games count.

It is important to note that every game or match in each sport differs in length of playing time and physical intensity. The safety of the student-athlete is a major factor in the number of games or matches per competition day.

The penalty for violations of game limits may result in the following:

- i. Be ineligible for participation in SSNB provincial playoffs within the same season of play.
- ii. Fined up to \$1000
- iii. Head coach to be ruled ineligible for participation within the next season of play.
- iv. Be subject to any or all of the above mentioned penalties or to alternative penalties as determined by the SSNB Executive Committee.

15.5 All league competition shall be held outside instructional hours. No exhibition games shall take place during instruction hours between Monday and Thursday. The loss of instructional time will be limited to no more than three instructional days per activity for regular season play. If necessary and after consulting with the school principal, students traveling to school activities will be allowed during instructional hours. (Example: leaving early due to distance and daylight) .

All SSNB regionals and provincial competitions shall be held no earlier than 1:00 p.m. on a Friday, however competitions will be allowed to begin at 10 a.m. if deemed necessary by SSNB.

Recognizing that extraordinary circumstances arise from time to time and communication from the school Principal needs to be addressed with the SSNB for approval.

15.6 The loss of instructional time during regional and provincial competitions may be necessary.

15.7 All students should be given the opportunity and encouraged to participate in a variety of activities.

15.8 Expectations regarding appropriate conduct must be explicitly stated and clearly communicated to all involved.

15.9

- a) Behavioural standards will confirm to the requirements of the Education Act, as well as, provincial, district and school policies.
- b) Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the SSNB Executive Director and penalties may result in the school being assessed a fine of \$200.
- c) Players are banned from using cell phones during SSNB competition and cell phones are not allowed for use by students acting as minor officials at conference /regional/provincial championships.
- d) Mercy Rule: To promote fair and equitable competition in all contests and to recognize the educational need to control games involving teams that are over-matched, a mutual agreement between the involved officials and coaches is determined in order to implement strategies to complete the game by limiting the negative experience. (See specific rules in baseball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer and softball)

15.10 Open activities (open gym/field/rink/pool or other facility) may be conducted by member schools, providing they are approved and scheduled by the school principal. The open activities are for recreational purposes for which all students are invited to participate. Adults involved in such activities should be solely for the purpose of supervision and under no circumstances should be instructing, teaching skills or coaching at any time. In addition, SSNB will conclude that out of season coaching is taking place if those attending the open activities are only members of one athletic team including 1 or more of its coaching staff.

15.11 **Gender Participation Principles**

Gender eligibility in SSNB competition shall be in line with the following sanctioning of calendar activities by the Association:

The onus is on individual member schools to provide programs consistent with the Association's sanctioned activities. A female-athlete may try-out for the team of the opposite gender within the school, but is encouraged to participate in the appropriate gender category.

- At the ASSOCIATION level: - girls have access to participate in all 17 activities  
- boys cannot participate in field hockey and softball

|               |                    |               |             |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Badminton     | Boys, Girls, Mixed | Hockey        | Boys, Girls |
| Baseball      | Open               | Rugby         | Boys, Girls |
| Basketball    | Boys, Girls        | Soccer        | Boys, Girls |
| Cheerleading  | Open               | Softball      | Girls       |
| Cross Country | Boys, Girls        | Swimming      | Open        |
| Golf          | Open               | Track & Field | Open        |
| Field Hockey  | Girls              | Volleyball    | Boys, Girls |
| Football      | Open               | Wrestling     | Boys, Girls |
|               |                    | Ultimate      | Mixed       |

Any transgender and/or non-binary student-athlete may participate fully and safely in gender-separated sports activities in accordance with their gender identity. A student-athlete who does not identify as either binary gender may participate with the gender in which they feel most comfortable. Decisions will center around the student-athlete's wishes and will not be subject to requirements for disclosure or personal information beyond those required of cisgender athletes.

Decisions regarding team choice will be made at the beginning of the season of play. The student-athlete may not switch teams within the season of play. If the student chooses to identify as a different gender in a different season of play, the school personnel must submit a letter to the SSNB office.

Transgender and gender diverse student-athletes have the right to safe restroom facilities and the right to use a washroom that best corresponds to their gender identity. Section 6.4.1 in Policy 713 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity states that 'all students will have access to washroom facilities that align with their gender identity. The washroom facilities will be available to all students in a non-stigmatizing manner.' Schools may also provide gender neutral wash-room and change room facilities as an option for student-athletes, keeping in mind the right to use the facilities that best match their gender identity.

## O.R. 16 - TIE BREAKING POLICY

The order of rankings will be decided with this tie breaking policy for all SSNB sporting events. (Exception: Please refer to the sport O.R. rules for badminton, cheerleading, cross-country, golf, rugby, swimming, track & field & volleyball.)

### Part A If two teams are tied:

- the record between the two teams
- Points/goals against between the two teams
- most wins in the league / tournament
- Points/goals against in the league / tournament
- fewest sanctions / penalty minutes (Reg. / Prov. / tournaments only)
- full sudden death game – neutral site

### Part B If three or more teams are tied:

- the record of games played, only between the teams that are tied
- Points/goals against among the teams tied
- most wins in the league / tournament
- Points/goals against in the league / tournament
- fewest sanctions / penalty minutes (Reg. / Prov. / tournaments only)
- points for in the league / tournament

For reference in using tie breaking policy please keep in mind:

- Once you break a three-way tie and if you are left with a two-way tie, we would revert to using criteria for a two-way tie. (Record between tied teams).

## O.R. 17 - CANCELLATION POLICY

For all SSNB league games:

- 17.1 A 48 hour minimum notice must be given by the school Principal or SSNB representative to your opponent, officials, conference president and sport coordinators.
- 17.2 If you fail to notify all of the above within 48 hours of your game time, your school will be charged a fee of \$50 by your conference and any cost of the game.
- 17.3 Once a game is cancelled, the rescheduled date must be agreed upon within 72 hours from the original game time. The rescheduled game must be played as soon as possible. If no agreement can be reached by the schools, then the sport chair, president or coordinator will make the final decision. The rescheduled game must be updated on the SSNB web site and notifications sent to the scheduler and those mentioned in point 1.
- 17.4 If the home team is unable to secure an alternate location, then the visiting team will do so.

Cancelled games will be allowed for the following reasons ONLY with no penalty: Inclement weather, No officials, Tragedies.

\*Lack of a coach, goalie, players, exhibition games or tournaments are not valid reasons to cancel a game. Teams must be aware of their full season schedule and must make a commitment to the team.

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15.13 **Calendar Dates** - If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the deadline date remains in effect.

| Activity      | Registration & Withdrawal Dates                     | Players' List Deadlines | League play can begin | League play to be completed    |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Baseball      | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | Oct. 4                         |
| Field Hockey  | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | Oct. 25                        |
| Football      | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | Nov. 1                         |
| Golf          | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | n/a                            |
| Sr. Soccer    | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 11 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | Oct. 25                        |
| Jr. Soccer    | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 18 | <b>Sept. 30</b>         | Sept. 8               | Oct. 18                        |
| Softball      | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | Oct. 4                         |
| Cross Country | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 30</b>         | Sept. 8               | n/a                            |
| Cheerleading  | <b>Registration: June 1</b><br>Withdrawal: Sept. 15 | <b>Sept. 20</b>         | Sept. 8               | n/a                            |
| Hockey        | <b>Oct. 15</b>                                      | <b>Nov. 15</b>          | Nov. 10               | Mar. 7                         |
| Swimming      | <b>Oct. 15</b>                                      | <b>Nov. 7</b>           | Oct. 15               | n/a                            |
| Basketball    | <b>Nov. 1</b>                                       | <b>Nov. 30</b>          | Nov. 10               | Jr. - Jan. 24<br>Sr. - Jan. 31 |
| Wrestling     | <b>Nov 1</b>                                        | <b>Dec. 15</b>          | Nov. 10               | n/a                            |
| Badminton     | <b>Feb. 15</b>                                      | <b>March 20</b>         | Feb. 15               | Apr. 4                         |
| Volleyball    | <b>Feb. 25</b>                                      | <b>April 1</b>          | Feb. 22               | Jr. - Apr. 18<br>Sr. - May 2   |
| Rugby         | <b>Mar. 30</b>                                      | <b>April 30</b>         | March 29              | May 23                         |
| Track & Field | <b>April 30</b>                                     | <b>May 15</b>           | March 29              | n/a                            |
| Ultimate      | <b>Mar. 30</b>                                      | <b>April 30</b>         | March 29              | n/a                            |

**O.R. 18 - OPERATING REGULATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES**  
(Please refer to O.R. 15.13 for activity deadlines.)

|       |               |
|-------|---------------|
| 18.1  | Badminton     |
| 18.2  | Baseball      |
| 18.3  | Basketball    |
| 18.4  | Cheerleading  |
| 18.5  | Cross Country |
| 18.6  | Field Hockey  |
| 18.7  | Football      |
| 18.8  | Golf          |
| 18.9  | Hockey        |
| 18.10 | Rugby         |
| 18.11 | Soccer        |
| 18.12 | Softball      |
| 18.13 | Swimming      |
| 18.14 | Track & Field |
| 18.15 | Volleyball    |
| 18.16 | Wrestling     |
| 18.17 | Ultimate      |

## BADMINTON (18.1)

Badminton Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules. (Note: The Rally Point Scoring System is now in effect.)

### SSNB Modifications:

1. The white Mavis 300 is the Official Badminton shuttle of SSNB and will be used for all SSNB competitions.

### Continuous Play (As per Badminton Canada Rules)

- 16.1 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded, except as allowed in Laws 16.2 and 16.3.
- 16.2 Intervals:
  - 16.2.1 Not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 11 points; and
  - 16.2.2 Not exceeding 120 seconds between the first and second game, and between the second and third game shall be allowed in all matches.
- 16.3 Suspension of play
  - 16.3.1 When necessitated by circumstances not within the control of the players, the tournament manager may suspend play for such a period as the tournament manager may consider necessary.
  - 16.3.3 If play is suspended, the existing score shall stand and play shall be resumed from that point.
- 16.4 Delay in play
  - 16.4.1 Under no circumstances shall play be delayed to enable a player to recover strength or wind or to receive advice.
  - 16.4.2 The umpire shall be the sole judge of any delay in play.
- 16.5 Advice and leaving the court
  - 16.5.1 Only when the shuttle is not in play (Law 15), shall a player be permitted to receive advice during a match.

### Use of protective glasses

Athletes are recommended to wear protective glasses at all times while participating.

### Conference Play

Each school is allowed four (4) entries per category – girls' singles, boy's singles, girl's doubles, boy's doubles and mixed doubles. Top four (4) from each category advance to regional play. A player may participate in 3 different events. Schools must declare their team list and seedings, 1 week prior to the Conference Tournament.

### Regional Play

Eight (8) entries (four (4) per conference) in each category.

Schedule - A Single Elimination - Consolation Format will be used.

Top four (4) from each category advance to the provincial tournament.

|                                     |                |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----|----|----|
| First round draw -                  | Top Bracket    | 1S | vs | 4W |
|                                     |                | 3S | vs | 2W |
|                                     | Bottom Bracket | 1W | vs | 4S |
|                                     |                | 3W | vs | 2S |
| Same arrangement for the North East |                |    |    |    |

The 5<sup>th</sup> ranked player may be an alternate ranked fourth, if a seed is unable to attend the Regionals/Provincials.

If a region does not have 4 entries per category, no additional entries can be added from the other region.

All doubles play that earn a position in Regionals or Provincials may provide a substitute if a player gets injured (*is medically unavailable to play*) or has a personal tragedy. Substitutes must be registered as a team member with SSNB and must have competed at the Regionals to advance to the SSNB Provincials. The injured player will be eliminated from competition.

### Provincial Tournament

Eight (8) entries (four (4) per region) in each category.

|                    |                |     |    |     |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|----|-----|
| First round draw – | Top Bracket    | 1SW | vs | 4NE |
|                    |                | 3SW | vs | 2NE |
|                    | Bottom Bracket | 1NE | vs | 4SW |
|                    |                | 3NE | vs | 2SW |

### Format

Single Elimination / Consolation. Championship side play: Best 2 of 3 games.

Games shall be 21 points.

Consolation play: one game of 21 points.

### Scoring

|                |                  |                 |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1st - 7 points | 3rd - 3 points   | 5th - 1 point   |
| 2nd - 5 points | 4th - 1.5 points | 6th - 0.5 point |

### Championships

The SSNB Championships will be held on the third Friday & Saturday of April (with exceptions made around the Easter holiday).

Team championships will be declared in both Junior and Senior divisions for all classifications. Individual medals will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Junior-aged players may play in the junior divisions or the senior divisions, but not in both.

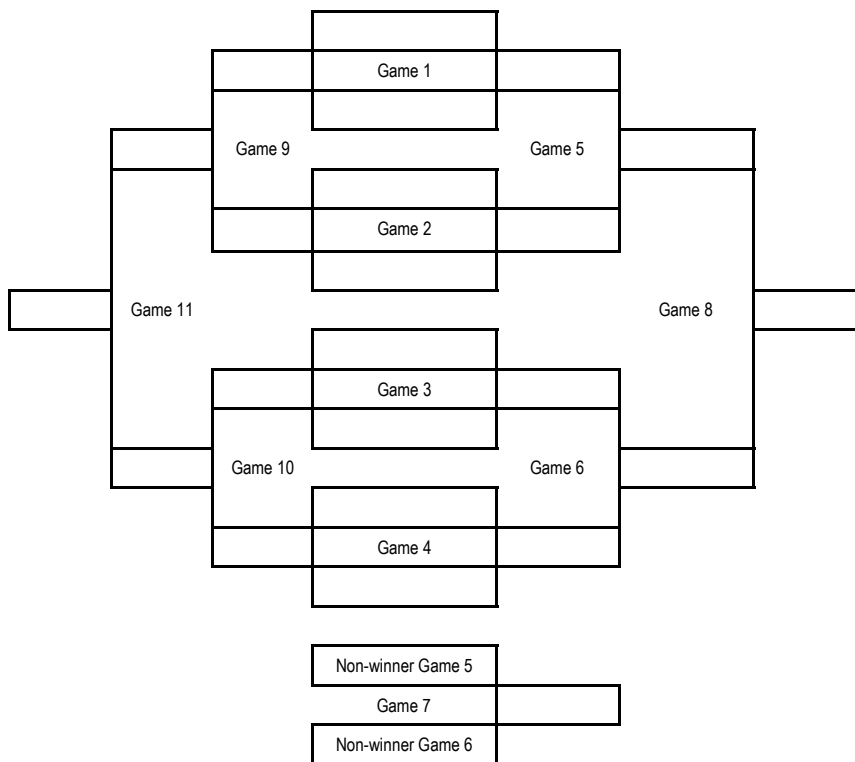
If there is a tie for first place in the Provincial Meet, the tie will be broken in the following manner:

- The team with the highest number of first place finishers will be declared the winner.
- If there is still a tie, the team with the highest number of second place finishers will be declared the winner.
- The process will continue in declining order until the tie is broken.

### Schedule

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday Evening | 6:00 P.M. Singles                   |
| Saturday       | 9:30 A.M. Doubles and Mixed Doubles |

# Regional / Provincial Draw Format



|                    |     |       |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| Winner Game 8      | 1st | _____ |
| Non-winner Game 8  | 2nd | _____ |
| Winner Game 7      | 3rd | _____ |
| Non-winner Game 7  | 4th | _____ |
| Winner Game 11     | 5th | _____ |
| Non-winner Game 11 | 6th | _____ |

## BASEBALL (18.2)

Baseball Canada rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### SSNB Modifications:

1. The SSNB game ball shall be the Rawlings ROML.
2. The game shall consist of seven (7) innings.
3. For conference league play only, there will be no extra innings.
4. Gamechanger will be the digital scoring platform for all SSNB league, exhibition and regional to provincial games.

**Pitch Count:** SSNB has adopted the rules governing pitch count in the 18U Division of Baseball Canada, which can be found under the SSNB Baseball Rules section.

**Re-entry:** Any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game, may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position."

### Rules Governing the Pitcher:

- a) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- b) Pitchers will not be permitted to exceed the maximum daily allowable number of pitches in any two day period. Pitchers cannot pitch in 3 games during a day. Ex: A pitcher throws 35 pitches on Day 1. Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches.
- c) Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed 40. If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds 40, they require at least 1 days rest. Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed. A Pitcher's combined 4 day pitch count cannot exceed 150.
- d) ALL pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

| No. of pitches | Days Rest required | No. of pitches | Days Rest required  |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1-40           | 0                  | 86-105         | 4 days              |
| 41-55          | 1 day              | 105            | 1 and 2 Day Maximum |
| 56-70          | 2 days             | 150            | 4 day Maximum       |
| 71-85          | 3 days             |                |                     |

- e) When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold, they can complete the at-bat without the penalty of days of rest, as long as they do not pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log. The coach/manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment prior to the next pitch (the pitch that breaks the threshold). The umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.
- f) The Home Team will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day. After each game the Home Team scorekeeper will fill out the pdf charts and these will be sent to the Conference / League Chair. These charts MUST be sent by email within 24 hours.

**Pitch count violations:** Any violation of any part of the pitch count rule, the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

## Number of Games Permitted

A team shall be limited to **18** games (including all exhibition, controlled scrimmage, tournament and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the **18** game limit.

## Special Provisions:

1. SSNB Championships to be held on the 3rd Saturday in October - Game Time: 10:00 A.M.
2. If only one field is available:
 

|          |                |    |                 |
|----------|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Host Region #1 | vs | Guest Region #2 |
| 1:00 PM  | Host Region #2 | vs | Guest Region #1 |

Championship Game: The time in between the final game for the provincials can up to a maximum of an hour.

If two fields are available, both games will be held at 10:00 AM with the championship game at 2 PM.
3. The higher seed team is the home team. If both #1 teams meet in the finals, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.
4. Baseball and softball are not to be categorized as parallel programs; therefore girls are eligible to participate.

## Suspended Game during Conference, Regional and Provincial Play

- a) A suspended game shall be resumed as soon as possible at the exact point of suspension of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.
- b) A game ending with the score tied will be treated as a suspended game providing it is a legal game (4 1/2 or 5 innings).

## Runs Ahead Rule

A baseball game shall end any time *after four, or after 3 and one half innings when a team is 15 or more runs behind; or* after five innings, or after four and one-half innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

## Schedules

Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the SSNB By-laws. The schedule must be approved by the Executive Director.

## Umpires

Only rated New Brunswick Amateur Baseball Umpires shall be used in all league games.

## Protests

In the event of a question or a protest during a Regional or Provincial Tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final. The Tournament Director will base his decision on SSNB By-laws.

Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in SSNB By-Laws.

## Ejections

All names of players and coaches ejected from a game must be reported to the school principal. A player or coach ejected from a game for disciplinary measures shall be suspended from the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

## BASKETBALL (18.3)

F.I.B.A. rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### SSNB Modifications:

1. Players – There is no limit to the number of players that may be dressed for a game.
2. The game shall have a ten (10) minute halftime.
3. SSNB game ball shall be the Wilson Evolution (Size 7 - Male, Size 6 - Female).
4. The "old" FIBA 3 point line will remain in effect: 6.25 meters or 20' 6".
5. SSNB rectangular key has been adopted as the standard key and will be used when available. The old trapezoidal key may be used if it is all that is available.
6. The no-charge semi-circle will not be enforced.
7. The shot clock will be reset to 24 seconds (not 14 seconds) on an offensive rebound.
8. Three experienced minor officials are required for all playoff games.
9. All regional to provincial games must be video recorded by the tournament host.

### Season

The season begins on November 10<sup>th</sup> or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in November, whichever comes first, until the conclusion of the Provincial Tournament.

### Use of Mouth Guards

The use of mouth guards for all players is strongly recommended.

### Number of Games Permitted

A senior team shall be limited to **32** games (including all exhibition, control scrimmage, tournament and league play). All games in the regionals, provincials and Final '12' shall not be counted in the 32 game limit.

A junior team shall be limited to **28** games (including all exhibition, control scrimmage, tournament and league play). All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 28 game limit.

### Mercy Rule

Straight time will be run when there is a 40 point lead in the 4th quarter. When the mercy rule is in effect, there shall be no deliberate pressing or trapping anywhere on the court by either team. The mercy rule will not be in effect at the Regionals, Sectionals or Provincials.

### Regional Tournaments

Where necessary, Regional Tournaments (for Regions that do not have interlocking schedules) will be played the weekend before the Junior Provincial Tournaments and the weekend before the Senior Provincial Sectionals. The Regional host will be the #1 ranked team in their conference. For Regional Championships, if a conference cannot fill teams, the regional tournament format will be determined by the SSNB Office in consultation with the conference presidents.

#### JUNIOR BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT– 6 teams

Pool A: Host #1, Guest #2, Host #3      Pool B: Guest #1, Host #2, Guest #3

| Game    | Time     | Home                | Guest               |
|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fri. | 6:00 PM  | Host Conference #2  | Guest Conference #3 |
| 2. Fri. | 8:00 PM  | Guest Conference #2 | Host Conference #3  |
| 3. Sat. | 10:00 AM | Host Conference #1  | Winner Game 2       |
| 4. Sat. | 12:00 PM | Guest Conference #1 | Winner Game 1       |
| 5. Sat. | 4:00 PM  | Non-winner Game 3   | Non-winner Game 4   |
| 6. Sat. | 6:00 PM  | Winner Game 3       | Winner Game 4       |

**Note:** Non-winners of first two (2) games are eliminated. The participants in game 6 of game 5 will be the four (4) teams that advance to the SSNB Provincial Championships

**Junior Championships** will be held on the fourth full weekend before March Break (March Break is Monday to Friday as defined as per the Department of EECDC Calendar).

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL FORMAT FOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 8 Teams

| Game                  | Time     |                  |    |                  |  |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|----|------------------|--|
| 1. Fri.               | 1:00 PM  | Host Region #1   | vs | Guest Region #4  |  |
| 2. Fri.               | 3:00 PM  | Guest Region #2  | vs | Host Region #3   |  |
| 3. Fri.               | 5:00 PM  | Guest Region #1  | vs | Host Region #4   |  |
| 4. Fri.               | 7:00 PM  | Host Region #2   | vs | Guest Region #3  |  |
| 5. Sat.               | 9:00 AM  | Winner 1         | vs | Winner 2         |  |
| 6. Sat.               | 11:00 AM | Winner 3         | vs | Winner 4         |  |
| Championship: 4:00 PM |          | Winner of Game 5 | vs | Winner of Game 6 |  |

\*maximum 4 teams per region, if a region can't fulfill a spot, the quarterfinal will become a bye.

### SENIOR BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

| Game    | Time     | Home                | Guest               |
|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fri. | 6:00 PM  | Host Conference #2  | Guest Conference #3 |
| 2. Fri. | 8:00 PM  | Guest Conference #2 | Host Conference #3  |
| 3. Sat. | 10:00 AM | Host Conference #1  | Winner Game 2       |
| 4. Sat. | 12:00 PM | Guest Conference #1 | Winner Game 1       |
| 5. Sat. | 4:00 PM  | Non-winner Game 3   | Non-winner Game 4   |
| 6. Sat. | 6:00 PM  | Winner Game 3       | Winner Game 4       |

**Note:** Non-winners of first two (2) games are eliminated. The participants in game 5 and game 6 will be the four (4) teams that advance to the SSNB Sectional tournaments. Winner of Game 6 hosts a SSNB Sectional next weekend, with the non-winner of Game 5. The non-winner of game 6 and winner of game 5 goes to other sectional.

If a school ends up hosting a Jr. Championship, as well as a Senior Regional, the SSNB office will determine the schedule.

**Senior Provincial Sectionals** will be held the third full weekend before March Break (March Break is Monday to Friday as defined as per the Department of EECDC Calendar).

### Schedule

- Eight (8) teams, four (4) from each region.
- Two sectional tournaments, composed of 1 & 4 from one region and the 2 & 3 seed from the other, shall be played to determine the two finalists. The tournaments will be hosted by the two regional winners.
- Championship game will be played as part of the Final '12' on the following weekend.

### Format for Hosting Single Provincial Sectional:

| Game | Time |          |                                                   |                                  |
|------|------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.   | Fri. | 6:00 PM  | <u>Guest Region #2</u>                            | <u>vs</u> <u>Guest Region #3</u> |
| 2.   | Fri. | 8:00 PM  | <u>Sectional Host</u>                             | <u>vs</u> <u>Host Region #4</u>  |
| 3.   | Sat. | 12:00 PM | Sectional Final Game (Win. Game 1 vs Win. Game 2) |                                  |

**Format for Hosting a Double Provincial Sectional:**

| <b>Game</b> | <b>Time</b>     |                            |           |                        |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1. Fri      | 2:00 PM (Girls) | <u>Guest Region #2</u>     | <u>vs</u> | <u>Guest Region #3</u> |
| 2. Fri      | 4:00 PM (Boys)  | <u>Guest Region #2</u>     | <u>vs</u> | <u>Guest Region #3</u> |
| 3. Fri      | 6:00 PM (Girls) | <u>Sectional Host</u>      | <u>vs</u> | <u>Host Region #4</u>  |
| 4. Fri      | 8:00 PM (Boys)  | <u>Sectional Host</u>      | <u>vs</u> | <u>Host Region #4</u>  |
| 5. Sat.     | 12:00 PM        | Girls Sectional Final Game |           |                        |
| 6. Sat.     | 3:00 PM         | Boys Sectional Final Game  |           |                        |

**Final 12**

Schools participating must have a school staff representative present at the game.

**Finances**

- Final '12' – An amount of up to \$500 per team will be given to participating schools and the remainder of the profits going to the SSNB.
- No entry fee will be charged for the Final '12'.
- Senior and Junior Regionals, Junior Championships & Senior Provincial Sectionals:
  - Refer to O.R. 5.1 for the entry fees for participating teams.
  - Profits will be divided among participating teams.
  - Admission fees must be charged.
- SSNB will not cover any deficits.
- SSNB will set the admission price per session. Please refer to O.R. 5.3.

**Coaching Certification**

SSNB recommends that all coaches take the NCCP Basketball Learn to Train course before the start of the season. Completion of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' revised in 2024 & CAC Making Headway courses are mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see OR 13.

**Ejections**

All names of players and coaches ejected must be reported to the school principal. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

**Technical & Unsportsmanlike Fouls**

Each conference shall keep track of technical fouls and unsportsmanlike fouls relating to unsportsmanlike conduct. Any Clear path fouls noted by the officials, will not be counted towards suspension tracking. Team personnel receiving their 4<sup>th</sup> technical or unsportsmanlike foul will receive a 1 game suspension; 5<sup>th</sup> technical or unsportsmanlike foul will receive a 2 game suspension, a 6<sup>th</sup> technical or unsportsmanlike foul will be suspended for the balance of the season.

All home team coaches **MUST** send game sheets (legible and signed by officials) to the Conference President/League Coordinator within 24 hrs or no later than the next school day. Failure to submit will result in the levying of an administrative fee of \$25 per game sheet, which stays within each conference.

## CHEERLEADING (18.4)

The NBCA/SSNB Information Guide will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Rules and Guidelines

A majority of SSNB registered cheerleading coaches MUST be International Cheer Union (ICU) credentialed to a minimum of level 2 in all disciplines (stunts, tosses and tumbling) and MUST be present with the team during all cheerleading related activities (i.e.: practices, games, competitions etc.).

A majority of coaches must be Level 2 ICU/credentialed coach from each school must attend the Safety Clinic. It is required that credentialed coaches be present to help ensure athlete safety.

Cheerleading teams will be limited to the rules and stunt guidelines as set forth by the NBCA and SSNB. These rules and guidelines will be reviewed at the Coaches Safety Clinic and will be available to all coaches in the NBCRRG.

- Pyramids do not exceed 2 levels.
- No inversions from off the ground (cannot flip from someone's shoulders or hands).
- Legal suspended rolls will be allowed (forward suspended rolls off multi-base stunts, shoulder height or below, where the top person maintains continuous hand to hand/arm contact with the original two bases).
- Inverted dismounts are not permitted (except legal suspended rolls).
- Reversed vaults are not permitted.
- The insurance will not cover activities such as inversions and stunts higher than two people.

### Team Personnel Form

Schools may register as many students as they desire. Individuals wearing the school mascot costume must be included on the cheerleading team personnel form.

### COMPETITIVE TEAM

Teams must decide if they wish to operate as an exhibition team or a competitive team. The purpose of an exhibition team is to support your school's sport teams until one week prior to the Provincials. The purpose of a competitive team is to compete at the Provincial Championship and they may also support other sport teams at their school.

**Start Date** - Tryouts and practices can begin three weeks prior to the beginning of the fall season. Please refer to O.R. 15.13.

**Stunt Limitations** - Stunts may not exceed two people high. Further rules are covered in NBCRRG.

### Team Composition for Competition

A team may consist of twenty-five (25) or fewer members. Gender designation not applicable.

### Invitational Competitions

Competitive Teams have the option of competing at any Invitational Competition which follow the SSNB guidelines.

### Provincial Championship

1. Competitive Teams must compete at the SSNB Provincial Championship, which will be held on the second Saturday of February.
2. The host team will be determined at the NBCA/SSNB AGM.
3. The facility shall be centrally located with adequate space and be accessible to hotels, motels, eating establishments and must be able to hold as many spectators that wish to attend.

4. Entry Fees will be charged to schools to cover the cost of the facility rental (where applicable) and judges.
5. Admission fees will be charged, please refer to O.R. 5.3.
6. Five (5) neutral judges will be engaged to officiate at the Provincial Championship, consisting of one (1) for each of the following categories:
  - a) Building Skills
  - b) Jumps and Tumbling
  - c) Tosses and Overall
  - d) Two (2) LegalitiesJudges must have taken the NBCA prescribed training for the current competition year and must have satisfactorily completed training in the categories that they are assigned to judge.
7. There will be a call back of the top 4 teams to perform their routine a second time and that the two scores be added together for a total to arrive at the actual winner.

**Participation in other Activities**

Teams, with permission from their principals, may participate in other school activities, but they do so without SSNB accident and liability insurance.

## CROSS COUNTRY (18.5)

Athletics Canada Rules will be used unless special rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Registration:

There are **four** categories (Sr. Boys, Jr. Boys, Sr. Girls & Jr. Girls) of competition and four Provincial Championship banners are presented. Medals will be awarded to each championship team and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

### Special Provisions:

1. Team - A cross country team shall consist of **4 and a maximum of 7 runners**. The top 4 to count in the team's scoring. Individual runners are eligible to compete - 3 or less. SSNB Junior registered athletes must compete as Juniors and cannot compete in the Senior category, unless they register with SSNB as a Senior.  
Paralympic athletes may compete according to their category and distance as set out below in number 3, separate results will be provided.
2. Scoring – Scoring shall be as shown in the following table:

|        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | 6 <sup>th</sup> Place | Etc. |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Points | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     | 6                     |      |

All competitors who finish the race shall be ranked and tallied in accordance with the above table. The team score shall then be determined by totalling the points scored by the First Four finishers of each team. The team which scores the smallest number of points is the winner.

In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finished nearer the first place.

While the fifth, sixth and seventh finishers of a team do not score points toward their team's total, their place if better than those of any of the first four of an opposing team, result in an increased score for that team.

3. Categories and Distances:

|                      |               |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Boys                 |               | Girls                |               |
| <i>Para/SO</i> ..... | <i>1,000m</i> | <i>Para/SO</i> ..... | <i>1,000m</i> |
| Senior .....         | 5,000 m.      | Senior .....         | 5,000 m.      |
| Junior .....         | 4,000 m.      | Junior .....         | 4,000 m.      |

4. Athletes will be required to participate in two (2) SSNB meets prior to Regionals.

5. **Regional/Provincials Regulations:**

The top five (5) runners from the top four (4) teams, plus individual runners up to 32 total runners from each category (Sr. Boys, Jr. Boys, Sr. Girls & Jr. Girls) per region will qualify for the Provincial Championships. A total of 32 runners (teams plus individuals) in each category per region will advance. All athletes must compete in the Regionals to advance to the SSNB Provincial Championships.

|                  |          |          |           |           |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| N-E Teams:       | Sr. Boys | Jr. Boys | Sr. Girls | Jr. Girls |
|                  | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1         |
|                  | 2        | 2        | 2         | 2         |
|                  | 3        | 3        | 3         | 3         |
|                  | 4        | 4        | 4         | 4         |
| N-E Individuals: | Sr. Boys | Jr. Boys | Sr. Girls | Jr. Girls |
|                  | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1         |
|                  | 2        | 2        | 2         | 2         |
|                  | 3        | 3        | 3         | 3         |
|                  | 4        | 4        | 4         | 4         |
| S-W Teams:       | Sr. Boys | Jr. Boys | Sr. Girls | Jr. Girls |
|                  | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1         |
|                  | 2        | 2        | 2         | 2         |
|                  | 3        | 3        | 3         | 3         |
|                  | 4        | 4        | 4         | 4         |
| S-W Individuals: | Sr. Boys | Jr. Boys | Sr. Girls | Jr. Girls |
|                  | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1         |
|                  | 2        | 2        | 2         | 2         |
|                  | 3        | 3        | 3         | 3         |
|                  | 4        | 4        | 4         | 4         |

7. SSNB Championships will be held on the second Friday after Thanksgiving.
8. A school identified uniform/jersey is required when competing.
9. No iPods or other electronic devices may be worn by competitors during the race. Hats are prohibited during competition except for the wearing of winter caps due to cold weather.  
Competitors shall not wear jewelry during competition. The following are exceptions: medical-alert medals, religious medals and a watch.
10. A course walk must be held at the Regional and Provincial events. The course walk will be at 10:30 A.M., followed by the coaches meeting and the first Race at 12:00 P.M. (recommended - 90 minutes between the course walk and first race).
11. The SSNB online registration list as of the Saturday before the SSNB Regionals is the official school entry. **NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER THIS DAY.**

## FIELD HOCKEY (18.6)

Field Hockey Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provisions:

1. A team shall be limited to 20 games (including all exhibition, controlled scrimmage, tournament and league play). All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 20 game limit.
2. All games shall consist of four (4) fifteen (15) minute quarters.
3. Time during quarters is running except in the case of injury or goalkeeper substitution, including in the event a penalty corner or penalty stroke is awarded.
4. Each team is allowed one (1) time one-minute time out per game.
5. Teams may dress and unlimited number of players and must identify a field captain.
6. The wearing of mouth guards is compulsory for all players and the wearing of shin guards is compulsory for all field players. Any player found in the game without the required equipment shall be suspended from the game (without substitution) until a mouth guard and/or shin guards are secured.
7. In addition to the minimum goalkeeper equipment requirements from the applicable RULES OF HOCKEY, goalkeepers must also wear body, upper arm, elbow, hand, thigh protection and a mouthguard.
8. For safety reasons, SSNB strongly recommends following the Rules of Hockey: Field players are required to wear a smooth preferably transparent or single coloured face mask or metal grill face mask, which follows the contours of the face, when defending a penalty corner or penalty stroke. Players should remove their penalty corner equipment as soon as they are able to do so after the penalty corner is completed. If no suitable opportunity to remove equipment arises, they can continue to wear it whilst they are within the 23m area without penalty. All players must remove all protective equipment before they leave the 23m area or when instructed to by the umpire; the primary objective of wearing a face mask to defend a penalty corner is safety; wearing of face masks which are consistent with the underlying spirit of this guidance should be allowed
9. All names of players and coaches ejected from a game must be reported to the school principal. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the final of that event.
10. All league standings will follow the SSNB operating regulation: 3 pts. for a win, 1 pt. for a tie and 0 pts. for a loss.
11. In Regional league play (interlocking), the top two teams based on league standings would advance to the Provincials.
12. The SSNB Championships will be held on the last Saturday in October. It is required that turf fields be used for the championship event. Entry Fees and admission fees must be charged, please refer to O.R. 5. Regional and Provincial games which result in a tie will move to a 10-minute overtime sudden death period. If overtime ends in a tie, there will be a shootout following FIH rules.

### Saturday's recommended schedule: (to be approved by SSNB)

Game One: 10 A.M. Host Region #1 vs Guest Region #2  
 Game Two: 12:00 P.M. Guest Region #1 vs Host Region #2  
 Championship Game: 3:00 P.M.

If two fields are used:

Game One and Game Two at 10 A.M.

Championship Game: 2:00 P.M.

## FOOTBALL (18.7)

Football Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Rules Modifications

1. The official game ball is the Wilson F2000.
2. Weather regulations: If a game is stopped due to weather, the following procedures will be in effect: If it occurs in the first half than no team is declared the winner. Both teams will receive one (1) point. If it occurs in the second half, then the team that is ahead will be declared the winner.
3. Video tapes and Communication Equipment - No team shall gain an unfair advantage through the use of videos or communication equipment.
  - a) The home team is responsible for videotaping the game and providing it to the other team and the rest of the league.
4. Minor Officials - Timers and Stick Crews - All teams will provide qualified minor officials to attend a mini seminar.
5. Coaches Technical Time Out - A CTTO is for the sole purpose to inquire in an application of the referees' interpretation of a call. The CTTO must be called before the ball has been whistled in for the next play. One per half. No carry over from half to half. One CTTO per overtime. Teams must huddle and no communication can be made to any player.
 

Upon a CTTO both coaches, one from each team, will come to a neutral area with the head official and line umpire. Neither coach may argue the point. Penalty for improper use of the CTTO: Loss of further CTTO and objectionable conduct foul with a loss of 10 yards, where it is the second half and there can be no further loss of CTTO the team shall be penalized an objectionable conduct foul and 15 yard.
6. Officials will send all ejections and UR penalties called from each game, within 24 hours to the league president and SSNB for school and athlete tracking purposes. The UR card will also be indicated on the game sheet at the end of the game for both the home and visiting teams to take their copy.
7. An athlete receives a UR (which violates FC article 7, 8 or 16) during the game and it's recorded by the official, the athlete is sent off the field for 3 plays and we recommend the coach speak to the player about the incident. The athlete gets their 2<sup>nd</sup> UR in the same game and they are removed for the remainder of the game, but not necessarily the next game – unless determined by officials that it was a flagrant foul with the intent to injure.
8. A player receiving their 4<sup>th</sup> UR in the season for the violation of rules involving article 7 (spearing), article 8 (head leading block or tackle) and article 16 (player in defenseless posture) will receive a 1 game suspension; 5<sup>th</sup> UR and they will receive a 2 game suspension, 6<sup>th</sup> UR and they will be suspended for the balance of the season.
9. When a team states that they are taking a knee to the officials, the defence cannot come across the line and there is no play.

### Special Provisions

1. Date of first practice: No earlier than three weeks before the first day of school.
2. No games against other teams can be held before the first day of school.
3. Schools will be allowed to play football exhibition controlled scrimmage the weekend prior to the first day of school.
 

Guidelines:

  - a) No team will scrimmage for more than the time allowed for regular game.
  - b) Involvement of special teams will be modified to include kick off, kick-off return, punt, punt return, and extra point and field goal and the play will end where the ball lands.
  - c) Certified officials must officiate the game.
  - d) Coaches may be on the field.
4. Season – The season, inclusive of all play-off games, shall end no later than the **second**

**Saturday** in November. Spring team practices are not allowed.

5. Number of Games – A team shall be limited to **10** games (including all exhibition, controlled scrimmage, tournament and league play). All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 10 game limit.
6. **Mercy Rule** - Straight time will be run when there is a 35 point lead after half time.
7. All home team coaches **MUST** send the game sheet (legible and signed by officials) to the NBHSFL President & Conference President within 24 hrs or no later than the next school day. Failure to submit will result in the levying of an administrative fee of \$25 per game sheet, which stays within the conference.
8. Coaches must submit to the NBHSFL President and SSNB Executive Director a weekly checklist for team injuries, indicating the type, when and how it occurred and their opponent.

### Registration Information

1. All teams must register with SSNB by June 1.
2. Team players' list are to be submitted online by September 20<sup>th</sup> and the fees will be invoiced by SSNB. 9 A-side teams may only dress a maximum of 36 players per game.
3. A copy of a school's team roster is to be sent to NBHSFL no later than 24 hours prior to the first regular season game.
4. NBHSFL fees are due 3 weeks after the first regular season game. The NBHSFL dues are based on an even division of the calculated total official costs during the regular season. The official costs after the regular season will be divided only among the participating teams. NBHSFL fees are only to cover the officials costs during the season and do not include the banquet or AGM expenses. The NBHSFL fees are to be sent directly to the NBHSFL President.
5. Additions to team rosters can be made up to two weeks before the league playoffs. Late fees will be charged in accordance with the SSNB by-laws.

### Coaching Certification

All coaches will be required to take the NCCP Safe Contact course before the start of the season. It is also required that the head coach complete the NCCP Competition - Introduction Part A. Position coaches are recommended to complete the NCCP position course they are coaching and that coordinators and head coaches take the NCCP coordinator courses. Completion of the courses 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' revised in 2024 & CAC concussion 'Making Headway' are mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the football season, see OR 13.

**Sanctioning Procedures:** Please note Article 3 of SSNB's By-Laws.

### League Structure

Football will be structured into two different categories - 12 A-Side Football and 9 A-Side Football.

### Playoff Format

The quarter finals to stay within the pools. The top 4 teams will advance to playoffs.

Semi-final - cross over - highest seeded winners from each pool will host the semi-final games.

Provincial Semi-finals

- 12 & 9 A-Side Leagues - lowest pool A @ highest pool B  
 - lowest pool B @ highest pool A

### Admission Prices to SSNB Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals

SSNB will set the admission prices (where there are secure facilities) in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and the finals. Admission fees must be charged, please refer to O.R. 5.3.

## Championship Games

The Championship Finals will be held on the second Saturday in November. If it falls on November 11th, the game time(s) will be delayed in consultation with the host and the NBHSFL President.

Saturday game times: 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

## Ejections

All names of players and coaches ejected must be reported to the school principal. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

## Pre-Season Practice Recommendation

The first six (6) days of practice should be used for physical conditioning according to the following provisions. During the first three (3) days, headgear, T-shirts, shorts, and football shoes constitute an acceptable dress and no other football attire should be worn. On days four, five, and six, complete football uniforms may be worn, but **ABSOLUTELY** no body to body contact should be permitted. Practice during this six-day period should be limited to two hours a day, excluding flex time (stretching) and breaks. This conditioning week should include callisthenics, kicking, throwing, running, and similar exercises. Arm shields, tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds or similar devices could be used during these six days. If a student is late coming out for the team, he should still undergo six days of physical conditioning as outlined prior to beginning regular practice and workouts.

For educational purposes for athletes and coaches, it is strongly recommended that coaches invite an official from the NBFOA to one of your training practices to explain and provide examples of targeting, defenseless player and the head leading block or tackle rules.

## Contact Practice

Teams should begin "contact" drills the day following the six days used for physical conditioning. Only one-a-day contact sessions should be conducted. A player should participate in at least eleven (11) separate days of practice, five of which should be in pads, before participating in a football contest or scrimmage with outside competition.

Schools must be sure to follow the New Brunswick Physical Education and Safety Guidelines which state that 'there must be a minimum of 72 hours between athlete participation in any regulation football games (e.g., between competition and interschool competition or between interschool competitions).'

## \* FNB "Head Out Of The Game" Unnecessary Roughness Penalty

1. Any **SIGNIFICANT** contact delivered **TO THE HEAD OR NECK AREA** of an opponent with the helmet, facemask, forearm, shoulder or hands shall be ruled as unnecessary roughness.
2. Any **SIGNIFICANT** contact by a player with their **HELMET** to an opponent either in attempting a tackle or a block shall be ruled as unnecessary roughness.

For the purpose of this rule, **INTENT** is NOT a factor when considering if it is a foul or not. **The responsibility lies solely with the player initiating the hit or tackle to avoid the contact to the head and neck area.**

## Exceptions:

1. Straight arm by ball carrier - A ball carrier is permitted to make contact to the helmet, facemask, or neck area of an opponent attempting to make a tackle with their hand provided that there is **no thrusting motion** of the arm involved in making the contact to the head or neck area. After the hand is in contact with the potential tackler a pushing action is permitted to ward of the tackler. The hand may be on the facemask but must not grasp the facemask.

2. Short yardage plunge - A ball carrier may plunge head first toward a gap when attempting to gain a first down or a play at the goal line, either attempting to score or get out of the end zone. An opponent attempting to stop the runner may make unavoidable contact to the head or neck area of the runner due to the position the runner has assumed to gain the required distance, this contact shall not be considered a foul unless it involves SIGNIFICANT helmet to helmet contact. A short yardage play of this nature does not permit the ball carrier to lower their helmet and target a potential tackler with their helmet.

## GOLF (18.8)

Golf Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provisions:

1. A team shall consist of **four** players (minimum) and up to **six** players (maximum) for Regional and Provincial play. Individual golfers are eligible to compete with 3 or less players, when they are unable to form a full team. The top 4 individual golfers advance to Regional play.
2. For purposes of calculating team standings, the lowest **four** gross scores shall be used.
3. In conference competition, at the discretion of the Tournament Manager a school may enter more than six players, but the six players comprising the team **must** be named before play begins.
4. A player found to be taking liberties of the rules shall be disqualified.
5. Female golfers will tee off from the forward tee.
6. A standard 10 stroke maximum score per hole is in place for conference, regional and provincial play. Once a player has incurred 10 strokes, they will pick up their ball and wait for other players in the group to finish the hole.
7. Regional and Provincial hosts must book the course by June 1st.
8. Attending coaches would be responsible to act as course marshals, as directed by the host – minimum of one adult per group.
9. Coaching/communication with the players will not be permitted on the course. (Communication includes, but is not limited to coaches, parents, and spectators. Cell phone use of any kind is not permitted). Spectators are only permitted in designated spectator areas (if applicable), as assigned by the host in consultation with the golf course staff.

10. Entire course is a lateral hazard where a lost ball is dropped at point of entry and a 1-stroke penalty.

### Conduct

Conduct considered detrimental to the best interest of the game, or be coming of a contestant, either on or off the golf course, and coming to the attention of the Tournament Manager, will be dealt with and can result in disqualification of the offending person(s).

### Acceptable Dress Code

Shirts with collars and sleeves, golf shirts, slacks, golf shorts or walking shorts are considered appropriate attire.

Appropriate non-metal spike golf shoes, tennis shoes or sneakers are required on the golf course. Other types of shoes are prohibited.

Any item of clothing that advertises an alcohol product or a product, which is not in 'good taste' is not permitted.

### Recording scores

The marker (player) should verbally check the score with the competitor and record it. After completion of the round, the competitor should check their score for each hole and settle any doubtful point with their playing partner (marker). They must ensure that both players have signed the score card and return it to the organizing committee as soon as possible.

**Team Tie-Breaker Procedure**

If a tie for the team title exists after 18 holes at the provincial tournament, or fourth place at the conference or regional level, the winner will be determined by using the scores of the 5<sup>th</sup> player on the tied teams.

If one team or both teams don't have a 5th player, each team shall select their top player for a sudden death playoff.

**Regional Play**

Four (4) teams from each conference + any individual (s) in the top four in conference play. Shot gun starts are permitted in all conference, regional and provincial play. If a shot gun start is not being used, the order of play will begin with the highest handicaps until the lowest handicaps.

**Provincial Play**

Four (4) teams from each region + any individual (s) in the top four in regional play. All athletes must compete in the Regional to advance to the SSNB Provincial Championships. The SSNB awards ceremony will begin once all participants have completed the course. The SSNB banners will be presented to the first place school in each category (A, AA & AAA). Medals will be awarded to each championship team and to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for individual golfers per category.

The SSNB Championships will be held on the Friday or Saturday in October of the Thanksgiving weekend.

**Season**

Fall - Regional and Provincial tournaments are to be scheduled on Saturdays whenever possible.

**Note:**

The Rules of Golf were amended to permit the use of mechanical and electronic range-finding devices on the course as long as distance is the only metric being displayed. Technology which provides other information (such as inclination or wind data) remain illegal.

## HOCKEY (18.9)

The Canadian Hockey Association (CHA) Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provisions:

While the rules governing the conduct of hockey shall be provided by Hockey Canada (HC); a number of modifications outlined below shall take precedence over HC rules.

### SSNB - MODIFICATIONS

1. All coaching staff of hockey teams must be certified by SSNB and must wear CSA approved helmets during on-ice practices for insurance purposes.
2. High school hockey shall be administered with the following dates:

**September 20:** tryouts begin (all players must sign the Waiver & Release Liability cards before they tryout)

**October 15:** Date to register or withdraw from hockey with SSNB.

**October 20:** Teams can start exhibition games/tournaments, which count towards the game limit.

**November 1:** Deadline for all bench/team personnel to take the HNB certification for *Shift Forward* (or *Respect in Sport* or *Speak Out*) & the head coach to take the University Safety Course (expires after 5 years). If team personnel is not certified by December 15th, they will not be able to coach until they have taken and passed the course(s).

**November 10** or the second Friday in November, whichever comes first : league play begins (No team involved in a fall sport provincial championship is forced to play on this date.)

**November 15:** Team personnel forms are to be submitted online through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). All bench staff and schools advisor's name(s) must be submitted using the SSNB online system.

**January 15:** Deadline to add an affiliate player with HNB.

**February 1st:** Deadline for late additions to team personnel form.

Schools will be allowed to play in a piloted jamboree with the following guidelines:

a) Maximum of three (3) 20 minute games prior to October 20th and counts as one exhibition game.

b) Ensure the NB Safety Guidelines are adhered to.

**Number of Games Permitted** – A team shall be limited to 40 games (including exhibition, jamboree, tournament and league play). All games in the regional and provincial playoffs shall not be counted in the 40 game limit. \* The minimum guaranteed games per team at a tournament will count towards the season limit.

If you have playoffs that are best 2 out of 3, 2 games count and if they are best 3 out of 5, 3 games count.

The league playoffs for girls and boys must be completed by the Sunday prior to the Regionals. The provincial championships will be held one week later.

3. High school teams shall be permitted to dress 20 players for a game, if 20 players are dressed two (2) must be goaltenders.
4. Affiliation between SSNB and HNB will be as follows:
  - Female – SSNB can affiliate to the following HNB teams – Female (U15 AA, U15 AAA, U18 AA, U18 AAA) and U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA, U18 A, U18 AA.
  - Female – HNB registered female (U13 A, U13 AA, U15 A, U15 AA, U15 AAA, U18 A, U18 AA) and U13 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA, U15 C, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA and U18C players can affiliate to SSNB.
  - Male – SSNB can affiliate to Junior C, Junior B, Junior A. Players in their 2nd and 3rd year of HNB U18 eligibility can affiliate to U18AAA. Players in their 1st year HNB Eligibility of U18 will not be able to affiliate to U18AAA unless there is no U16AAA team in their HNB District.
  - Male – U15 AAA, U15 AAA Major, U15 AA, U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U16 AAA, U18 AA, U18 A, U18 B and U18 C can affiliate with SSNB.

Shared athletes through Policy 3.1 can not be designated as an affiliate player on the SSNB

Players will be able to affiliate for a maximum of 10 games and would exclude exhibition games and/or exhibition tournaments games. All affiliation rules would follow Hockey Canada (Regulation E) and HNB Guidelines.

Affiliated players used by a team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or team roster.

**Emergency Goaltender:** *A replacement for a goalkeeper who may be seriously ill or injured, so as to prevent their playing may be permitted at the discretion of the SSNB Executive Director in consultation with League Coordinator and HNB Executive Director when applicable*

If a player is registered in any Hockey Canada/USA Seniors, Juniors, U18 Major AAA on December 1st or later, they are ineligible for SSNB hockey for the remainder of the season.

5. The registration procedure is as follows: Each high school team must register using the SSNB Online System and submit the team roster using the HCR prior to their first league game, but no later than midnight of November 15. Before they tryout, all players must sign the Waiver & Release Liability cards, which can be found online. No WAIVER and RELEASE LIABILITY cards of a player who is under 18 at the time of registration will be deemed valid unless countersigned by their parent or guardian. The WAIVER and RELEASE cards MUST be kept by the School Principal.  
SSNB will invoice each school to pay the participation fees. The school will issue a cheque payable to the SSNB.
6. Every team MUST have a staff advisor, designated staff personnel or security at all home games and are encouraged for playoffs, regionals and championships. The staff advisor's name(s) must be submitted using the SSNB online system by November 15th.
7. SSNB will only use NBHOA officials to officiate SSNB games. For all SSNB games, 4 officials must be used for boys and 3 officials must be used for girls. If the proper number of officials cannot be obtained for exhibition games, approval must be granted by the SSNB after consultation with the NBHOA. Goal judges will not be used for any SSNB playoffs, Regional or Provincial. If leagues agree to use goal judges, they must be a certified official.
8. Time out rule: One 30-second time-out per period will be permitted (including OT). A request for a time-out can only be made by the Captain, Alternate captains or coaches to the referee. This request cannot be refused by the referee.
9. Protective Equipment: In all games, warm-ups and practices a CSA approved helmet and facemask and a BNQ throat protector must be worn by all players and goalkeepers. All goalkeepers must wear a throat protector that is attached to the facemask. A 10 minute misconduct penalty will be issued to those not following this rule.
10. Icing - A team that is in violation of icing shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing face-off. Should the offending team elect to utilize their team time-out at this stoppage of play, they are still not permitted to make any player substitutions. However, a team shall be permitted to make a player substitution to replace a goalkeeper who had been substituted for an extra attacker, to replace an injured player, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the on-ice strength of either team.
11. The playing time for all boys games will be three (3) 20 minute stop time periods and the playing time for all girls games shall be three (3) 15 minute\* stop time periods. \*In leagues where possible and may play up to 18 minutes (which must be determined at the start of the season). A suspended game shall be resumed as soon as possible at the exact point of suspension of the original game, unless both coaches agree to which the original score stands. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.
12. Overtime: If a league chooses to play overtime and for all Regional and Provincial Playoffs (with the exception of the Provincial Championship final game), it will be as follows: 1 five (5) minute overtime period consisting of three on three players, followed by a three player shootout. No player can shoot twice until all players (except goalies) on the roster have par-

ticipated in the shootout. The winner will receive 2 points and the non-winner receives one (1) point. The Provincial Championship final game's overtime will be 3 vs 3 format, with 1st overtime will be 10 minutes, followed by: resurfacing, then 20 minutes, repeating until sudden death.

13. The recommended minimum number of players dressed for a game be eleven (11) players including one goaltender.
14. Mercy Rule - Straight time will be run in the last 10 minutes of the game when there is a 6 goal lead, but if both coaches agree, they may play the remainder of the game to which the final score counts.
15. Video requirements for all hockey and video review policy:
  - a) Both male & female teams will be responsible to record the game at two different angles, where possible cameras should be at 45° angle from each other. The Home team will set their location and the Guest team will adjust accordingly. Video is still required even if the game is being streamed by another group.
  - b) All games must be kept for a minimum of 7 days.
  - c) Upon request from SSNB, clips of major incidents (timestamped) must be submitted by both teams to offer two angles of play within 24 hours. Teams unable to provide the requested video will be issued a fine of \$250 for the 1st offence and \$500 for each additional.
  - d) Clips submitted must only include the captured infractions for which the major incident occurred.
  - e) SSNB will determine if further review is required by the NBHOA.
  - f) Decisions made in the video review process will have no impact on the game played, but further suspensions may occur.
  - g) All video review decisions will be final and will not be subject to appeal.
  - h) Video may be shared with the NBHOA and could be used as an education / development tool.
  - i) Please read further on Video Review policy in Appendix 7.

#### 16. Fair Play Point system

For all SSNB games, including exhibition, regular season, tournaments, playoffs and regional play, both teams are eligible to earn 1-point in their respective league/tournament standings if they have 16 minutes in penalties or less during the game.

### Regional & Provincial

**Regional Format** - To be determined by each league coordinator and approved by SSNB. For regions playing a best of 3 format, we recommend that game 1 of the series be played by the Tuesday prior to the Regional weekend.

**Provincial Format** - SSNB Championships will be declared by a Round Robin Tournament

|          | Away              |    | Home           |
|----------|-------------------|----|----------------|
| Friday   | Host region 2     | vs | Guest region 1 |
|          | Host region 1     | vs | Guest region 2 |
| Saturday | Guest region 2    | vs | Guest region 1 |
|          | Host region 2     | vs | Host region 1  |
|          | Guest region 2    | vs | Host region 2  |
|          | Guest region 1    | vs | Host region 1  |
| Sunday   | Championship Game |    |                |

Format with the top two teams advancing from each region. For the Round robin of the Provincial Championship, teams will be ranked by win/loss record.

The higher seed team is the home team. If both #1 teams or both #2 teams meet, then the host region is the home team.

**Play in March Break** - Each league will decide if they will play over March break and the decision will be determined prior to the schedule being sent out.

### **Conference Leagues' Responsibilities**

Leagues **MUST** declare their two top seeded teams by the Sunday prior to the Regionals. Failing to do this, the Executive Director will declare the two top teams in League Play as the conference representatives that will advance to provincial play.

### **Financial Obligations to SSNB**

Admission must be charged to all spectators attending the Regionals and Provincial Hockey Championships. Regional tournaments and Provincial ticket prices per session - \$10/adults, \$5/ students (13 and over), \$25/adult tournament pass, \$10 student tournament pass. A session consists of two games (Friday, Saturday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday final). School season passes are not honored at SSNB Regionals or Championships.

The SSNB Financial Report Form must be submitted by **April 15** of each year. **Failure to do so will result in a \$1000 fine.**

### **Coaching Certification**

All head coaches must obtain a minimum certification of Development 1 by December 15th. All coaches are required to complete the Hockey Canada Coach 2 course **before** the start of the season and will not be permitted to be on the bench until they are certified. One bench staff from each team **must** also be certified at the Hockey University online Safety Course by December 15th, if not, the team will be ineligible for all games, practices and sanctioned activities. All volunteers will be required to take the online Respect in Sport course, as well as a Criminal Record Check. Completion of 2024 version of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' & CAC Making Headway courses are mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see O.R. 13. Coach certifications will be reviewed after December 15th and if courses are missing, the coach(es) will be removed from the bench until they can complete the course and the team will be issued a \$100 fine. Coaches receiving unsportsmanlike suspensions may also be asked to update a course

### **Sanctioning Procedures**

All schools must receive sanction by SSNB to play non-member teams. Alumni and fundraiser\* games are not permitted by Hockey Canada. All schools must send their schedules and out-of-province scoresheets to the SSNB office. The sanctioning procedures of SSNB are clearly stated in **Article 3 of the SSNB By-Laws**.

\*Fundraiser games against SSNB hockey teams registered through Hockey Canada may be approved

Schools competing in international tournaments against non-member schools must pay a sanction fee of \$50 and they must submit all their tournament game sheets to the SSNB office immediately following the tournament.

**Schools are reminded not to plan exhibition games or tournaments until they have received proper sanction.**

### **SSNB Member Tournaments**

All SSNB exhibition tournaments must be registered with SSNB three (3) weeks before the tournament. Tournament managers are required to enter their tournament games through the Gamesheet App under the SSNB league. Schools in violation of this rule may be fined and the Executive Committee may levy additional penalties as it deemed warranted. SSNB will not sanction tournaments that are not registered on time.

**Participation Fees** (Invoiced by SSNB)

\$90 per player and \$65 per coach/bench staff

Any additions to the team roster after the deadline will be assessed a late fee of \$100 plus the participation fee per player. All additions must be made by February 1st by contacting the SSNB office.

\* Extenuating circumstances (i.e. goaltender injury) will be given special consideration.

### SSNB Hockey – Guidelines for Suspensions

Hockey Canada rules are to be enforced for all games with the following modifications:

1. Copies of all notices of suspension must be sent to SSNB Executive Director, Hockey Commissioner, school Athletic Director & Principal, SSNB Conference President and HNB.
  2. Team personnel ejected from a game for disciplinary measures shall be suspended from the remainder of that contest and the next played scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the suspension /ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, they will be suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games. Any further disciplinary action should come from the Hockey Coordinator, Conference Disciplinary Committee or SSNB. Any team personnel who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any played games (league, playoff, exhibition or tournament) in any capacity (i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.) until such suspension has been served in hockey. If all suspensions are not fully served in hockey\*, the remaining suspensions will carry over to the next SSNB sport. \*Hockey suspensions remaining at the end of the hockey season will be reviewed by the SSNB Executive Director, President & Hockey Commissioner to determine how they will be served. In order to serve their remaining suspensions in the next SSNB sport, athletes must have been part of the SSNB sport in the previous year. Athletes and coaches can remain practicing until that suspension has been served. No additional competitions may be added to a team's schedule until after the suspension has been served. Team personnel may not participate /communicate with his/her team before a game / match, between periods, at half-time or after a game while serving a suspension. Such action will result in a minimum 5 game suspension. If a coach is ejected from a contest and an assistant coach or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as coach, the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.
  3. **Warm Ups** – the following actions will result in a 10-minute misconduct being issued to the offending player. If 3 misconducts are issued to a team, that coach will receive a game misconduct.
    - a) Not wearing a neck guard.
    - b) Wearing a helmet without the chin strap or facemask straps properly fastened.
    - c) Intentionally shooting a puck over the center line.
    - d) If a player/goalie touches the centerline.
    - e) If a player remains on the ice following the expiration of the 15-minute warm-up. 2 players per team will be permitted to pick up pucks without receiving a 10-minute misconduct.
  4. Hockey Canada playing rule 28 f. (stick infraction rule) applies in SSNB High School hockey. Three (3) stick infractions in a game calls for a game ejection. For the purpose of applying this rule, the 5 stick penalties are: High Stick, Cross Check, Slashing, Butt-ending and Spearing.
  5. Any player accumulating 4 minor penalties in the same game will receive a game ejection.
  6. Any 10 minute misconduct issued following the completion of the game shall warrant a one game suspension.
  7. **Coach Accountability**
    - If a team receives 2 game misconducts (GM) (excluding 2 min. CFB + GM) in a game, the coach is advised that any additional GMs to their team will result in an automatic GM to the head coach.
- Fights** – Players participating in a fight will receive a suspension.
- If there is a fight, coaches will be given a verbal warning by the game official that if there

are any additional fights, the head coach will be assessed a GM.

- If another fight occurs in a subsequent stoppage of play in the same game, the head coach will be assessed a GM. However, if an instigator is identified in such subsequent fight, only the head coach of the instigating player will receive the GM.
  - If a player is identified as the instigator of a fight, the instigating player(s) will receive the minimum suspension, plus a 2 game suspension.
  - If a fight should occur in the last ten minutes of the game, those involved will receive an additional 2 game suspension.
8. All digital game sheets signed by officials can be viewed by the League Coordinator within 24 hrs or no later than the next school day. Failure to finalize the digital game sheet will result in the levying of an administrative fee of \$25 per game sheet, which stays within each conference.
  9. Suspensions will be handed down by the league coordinator for any games involving teams in their conference.
  10. All suspensions begin immediately and include the next played "scheduled" SSNB sanctioned exhibition, league, tournament and/or play-off games.
  11. Suspended players / team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.
  12. SSNB will honour all suspensions levied under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick.
  13. The following strike system will be in place at the start of every hockey season and will be reviewed on a case by case basis:

Only the major penalties listed within the Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per 5 years of Eligibility, excluding administrative coach suspensions will be included in the total number of game suspensions

⇒ Strike 1 – A team has a total of 20 game suspensions:

- School staff representative must attend all games;
- A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA refresher course for all bench staff must be taken within 72 hours of Strike 1 notice;
- Fair Play Codes for Athletes & Coaches must be reviewed and signed by all within 72 hours of Strike 1 notice.

⇒ Strike 2 – A team has a total of 30 game suspensions:

- School staff representative must always be near the bench;
- HNB Shift Forward refresher course for all bench staff must be taken within 72 hours of Strike 2 notice;
- The team is put on probation;
- Performance bond of \$750 must be received at the SSNB office within 7 days of Strike 2 notice;
- Additional suspensions may be issued to players and coaches based on team history.

⇒ Strike 3 – A team has a total of 40 game suspensions:

- Forfeiture of the performance bond;
- The team is no longer eligible;
- Coaches and/or players may be suspended next season.

In preparation for next season, all teams in Strike 2 or Strike 3 in the current season must submit to SSNB their plan of action indicating how they will change the culture of their hockey program.

| Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per Season                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Accumulative Major Suspensions  |                                                                           |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| HC Rule No.                                                   | Infraction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1st Offence                     | 2nd Offence                                                               | 3rd Offence |
| 4.7                                                           | 3rd 10 Minute Misconduct - season                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 game                          | Doubles with each subsequent; 4th=2 games, 5th=4 games, 6th=8 games, etc. |             |
| 4.7 C                                                         | Second misconduct in the same game                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 game                          |                                                                           |             |
| 4.8 C                                                         | Game Misconduct - Last 10 minutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 game                          |                                                                           |             |
| 7.2 B                                                         | * <b>Boarding</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.3 B                                                         | * <b>Body Checking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.4 B                                                         | * <b>Charging</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.4 B                                                         | * Charging Goaltender                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.5 B                                                         | * <b>Checking from Behind (5m + GM)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.5 B                                                         | * <b>Checking from Behind (non-checking game)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4 games                         | 8 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.6 B                                                         | * <b>Head Contact</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.8 B                                                         | * <b>Kneeing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.9 B                                                         | * <b>Roughing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 8.1 B                                                         | <b>Holding</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 game                          |                                                                           |             |
| 8.2 B                                                         | <b>Hooking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 game                          |                                                                           |             |
| 8.3/8.4/<br>8.5 B                                             | * <b>Interference / Protection of Goaltender</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 8.6 B                                                         | * <b>Tripping</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 game                          |                                                                           |             |
| 8.7 B                                                         | * <b>Clipping</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 9.2 B                                                         | * <b>Cross-Checking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 9.3 B                                                         | * <b>Slashing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
|                                                               | <i>In addition to the minimum suspension, any player receiving 2 <u>major</u> penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions* = 1st offence; 3 penalties = 2nd offence.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 games                         | Indefinite                                                                |             |
|                                                               | Any team that receives 2 or more penalties in the same game, for any of the infractions*, the coach receives the 1st offence; the 2nd violation, the coach will receive the 2nd offence and the 3rd violation, the coach will receive the 3rd offence. Coordinators must consult with the <u>SSNB</u> Hockey Commissioner prior to awarding coach suspensions. Additional coach education may be requested. | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 10.5 B                                                        | * <b>Throwing / Shooting a Stick/Object</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 games                         | 4 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per 5 years of Eligibility |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Accumulative Major Suspensions  |                                                                           |             |
| HC Rule No.                                                   | Infraction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1st Offence                     | 2nd Offence                                                               | 3rd Offence |
| 4.9 B                                                         | * Gross Misconduct - Last 10 minutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 additional game               |                                                                           |             |
| 7.1 B                                                         | * Pulling hair or grabbing face mask / helmet/ chin strap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3 games                         | 6 games                                                                   | Indefinite  |
| 7.1 C                                                         | * <b>Attempts to Injure or Deliberate Injury (Match)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>          |                                                                           |             |
|                                                               | In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 match penalties in the same season for any infractions*.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6 games                         |                                                                           |             |
|                                                               | Any player receiving 3 match penalties for any of the infractions*.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Indefinite until further review |                                                                           |             |
| 7.2 C                                                         | * <b>Boarding (Match)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>          |                                                                           |             |
| 7.3 C                                                         | * <b>Body Checking (Match)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>          |                                                                           |             |
| 7.4 C                                                         | * <b>Charging (Match)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>          |                                                                           |             |
| 7.5 C                                                         | * <b>Checking from Behind (Match)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>          |                                                                           |             |
| 7.6 C                                                         | * <b>Head Contact (Match)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>          |                                                                           |             |

| Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per 5 years of Eligibility |                                                                                                                                                                                               | Accumulative Major Suspensions     |                                      |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| HC Rule No.                                                   | Infraction                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1st Offence                        | 2nd Offence                          | 3rd Offence |
| 7.8 C                                                         | * Kneeing (Match)                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 7.9 C                                                         | * Roughing (Match)                                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 7.10                                                          | * Fighting                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 7.10 E                                                        | * Player(s) 2nd, 3rd, 4th man into fight                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 7.10 E                                                        | * Second Fight- Same Stoppage of Play                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 7.10 F                                                        | * Fighting with team official (Gross Misconduct)                                                                                                                                              | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
|                                                               | Any coach whose team engages in two or more fights in a game                                                                                                                                  | 1 game<br>(2 games in last 10 min) | 3 games<br>(4 games in last 10 mins) | Indefinite  |
| 7.11                                                          | Instigator or Aggressor of a fight                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Minimum 3 games</u>             |                                      |             |
|                                                               | The coach of a team whose player is penalized for a 3rd offence of Instigator or Aggressor                                                                                                    | 3 games                            |                                      |             |
| 8.3 C /<br>8.4 C /<br>8.5 C                                   | * Interference (Match)                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Minimum 5 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 8.8 C                                                         | * Slew Footing (Match)                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 9.1 C                                                         | * Butt-Ending (Match)                                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 9.2 C                                                         | * Cross-Checking (Match)                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 9.3 C                                                         | * Slashing (Match)                                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 9.4 C                                                         | * Spearing (Match)                                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 10.4 E                                                        | * Leaving bench/penalty bench for (or during) a fight                                                                                                                                         | 5 games                            | Indefinite                           |             |
|                                                               | The coach of the team whose player is penalized for being the first to leave the players bench or penalty bench during a fight or start a fight.                                              | 4 games                            |                                      |             |
|                                                               | * Any player who leaves the players' bench or penalty box during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty for his actions shall also incur an automatic Game Misconduct penalty. | 4 games                            | Indefinite                           |             |
|                                                               | The coach whose player left the players or penalty bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty                                                                         | 3 games                            |                                      |             |
|                                                               | The coach whose player left the players or penalty bench, but is not identified as the first to leave the bench during an ice altercation.                                                    | 2 games                            |                                      |             |
|                                                               | Team Official getting on the ice - Game Misconduct                                                                                                                                            | 3 games                            |                                      |             |
|                                                               | Game Misconduct - Coach fails to hold bench at end of game when penalties are being called                                                                                                    | 1 game                             | 2 games                              | Indefinite  |
| 10.5 C                                                        | * Throwing / Shooting Stick/Object                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| MALTREATMENT                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                    |                                      |             |
| 11.1 E                                                        | * Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Player/Coach/Personnel (Game misconduct only)                                                                                                                     | 1 game                             | 2 games                              | Indefinite  |
|                                                               | Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season                                                                                                                                       | 4 games                            | 3rd = Indefinite                     |             |
| 11.2 E                                                        | * Disrespectful & Abuse Behavior - Players (Game misconduct only)                                                                                                                             | 4 games                            | 6 games                              | Indefinite  |
| 11.2 E                                                        | * Disrespectful & Abuse Behavior - Coach/Team Official (Game misconduct only)                                                                                                                 | 6 games                            | 10 games                             | Indefinite  |
|                                                               | Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season                                                                                                                                       | 6 games                            | 3rd = Indefinite                     |             |
| 11.2 F                                                        | * Disrespectful & Abuse Behavior - (Gross misconduct)                                                                                                                                         | <u>Minimum 5 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 11.3 C                                                        | * Spitting - Match Penalty                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 11.4                                                          | * Gross Misconduct - Discriminatory Grounds                                                                                                                                                   | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |
| 11.5                                                          | * Physical Harassment of Officials - Match Penalty                                                                                                                                            | <u>Minimum 6 games</u>             |                                      |             |

## RUGBY (18.10)

Rugby Canada Rules will be used under the guidelines set down for the Under Nineteen Division unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provisions:

1. The required minimum number of players dressed to start a game must be fifteen (15) .
2. For 15s , teams must have a minimum of twenty (20) players registered for competition, but SSNB strongly recommends registering twenty-five (25) or more players.

**Length of Game:** Rugby 15s games consist of two 35-minute halves (70-minute games) with at least a five (5) minute break between halves. Players are only permitted to play a maximum of 80 minutes per day and 48 hours between full regulation games.

No overtime is played in regular season matches. (See below for playoff format)

The completion of ½ of a rugby match constitutes full time if the referee decides to halt the match for safety. The team with the most points at the completion of the ½ will be considered the winner. This does not include a team forfeiting the remainder of a game. Sanctions are set down by SSNB for any team failing to complete a match.

**Number of Games Permitted:** A rugby 15s team shall be limited to **12** games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournament and league play). Each team can participate one pre-season jamboree to maximum of 70 minutes of play and be considered 1 game. All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 12 game limit.

### Tie-Breaking Procedure (at the Conclusion of a Playoff Game)

There is no overtime in regular season play.

In the event of a tie after regulation in a play-off match, prior to penalty kicks, each team will get a line-out from the 22-yard mark until a non-penalty stoppage or a try, before proceeding to the U-19 tie-breaking procedure.

- The team scoring the higher number of tries shall be deemed the winner.
- The team scoring the higher of goals (converted ties) shall be deemed the winner.
- If a tie still exists, the team scoring the higher number of drop goals shall be deemed the winner.
- If a tie still exists, the team scoring the higher number of penalty goals shall be deemed the winner.
- If there is still a tie, each team shall nominate five kickers to kick at goal from the 22 metre line. The kickers from each team will alternate. All kickers will kick. The team that scores the higher(est) number of successful kicks out of five, will be designated a higher(est) place.
- If there is still a tie, kicks will be taken from a position, a further ten metres from the posts. The competition shall continue until one kicker in the series succeeds where the opposition misses. The team whose kicker has recorded the successful kick out of this pair shall be designated the higher(est) place.
- The kicking competition shall be repeated until a winner is declared.

**League points system:** Points will be awarded for play on the following basis: Win - 3 points; Tie - 1 point; Loss - 0 points

**Substitutions:** Unlimited substitutions are permitted. Substitutions shall be made only when the ball is dead and with the permission of the referee.

### Equipment:

- a) All players must wear full fit interior mouth guards.

- b) All other players' clothing will be as stated in the World Rugby's Law 4 (Players' Clothing).

**Disqualifications:** Any player ordered off the field shall be suspended from the team's next scheduled match. Names of all players suspended must be reported to the school principal.

### **Coaching Certification**

All coaches will be required to take the Community Initiation - World Rugby Level 1 course before the start of the season. Completion of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' course is mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see OR 13.

### **Officials**

All rugby games played under SSNB guidelines must be refereed by a minimum level 1 certified referee.

**Pre-Season :** Due to the nature of the sport of rugby and the length of the season training sessions should begin in February. Players must be physically ready to participate in contact drills and have participated in at least 8 separate 60 minute minimum full contact progressive physical training sessions.

**Schedule:** The league is composed of two Regions : North/East and South/West. The scheduling will depend on number of teams registered.

**Regional Play:** In Regional league play (interlocking), the top two teams based on league standings would advance to the Provincials.

**Semi-Finals:** to be played the Sunday prior to provincials.

**Provincial Championship Game:** The site will be alternated between the North-East and South-West winner. The Championship Match will be played on the first Friday of June with a start time of 5:00 PM or 5:30 PM if possible. The schedule must be sent to SSNB for approval.

**Financial** - The Semi-Finals and Provincial Championships must charge admission fees, please refer to O.R. 5.3.

**Ejections:** All names of players and coaches ejected must be reported to school principal. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

## SOCCER (18.11)

The F.I.F.A. rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### SSNB Regulations:

1. Number of Games Permitted – A senior team shall be limited to **20** games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournaments and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 20 game limit. A junior team shall be limited to **18** games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournaments and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 18 game limit.
2. Length of Game - Two (2) thirty-five minute halves with a 10-minute rest between halves.
3. The Adidas MLS Competition NFHS is the official soccer ball of SSNB and will be used for all SSNB competitions.
4. Tie-Breaking – Where required (league playoffs, regionals, provincials), if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, two (2) ten-minute periods of overtime play shall be played in its entirety. If the score is still tied at the end of overtime, the winner shall be decided by taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.
5. Substitutions - Unlimited
6. Number of Players Dressed for a Game - Unlimited. The required minimum number of players dressed to start a game must be seven (7).
7. A player receiving a **Red Card** in the semi-final of a Provincial Tournament, shall be suspended from the final game of that tournament.
8. A soccer match will be declared official if a minimum of **fifty-five (55)** minutes have been played.
9. Mercy rule will take effect when there is a 6 goal lead and the score at the 55 minute mark will be the final score.
10. All league standings will follow: 3 pts. for a win, 1 pt. for a tie and 0 pts. for a loss.
11. Officials - Every attempt shall be made to have three (3) qualified officials for all Conference, Regional and Provincial Playoffs.
12. **Regional Play:** The final game cannot be played sooner than 90 minutes after the completion of the semi-final game, unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches.

The format for Regional soccer games using one field is as follows:

|                    |                                       |     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Game 1: 10:00 A.M. | Host Conference #1                    | vs. | Guest Conference #2 |
| Game 2: 12:00 P.M. | Guest Conference #1                   | vs. | Host Conference #2  |
| Game 3: 3:30 P.M.  | Winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2 |     |                     |

If two fields are used:

Game 1 and Game 2 at 10:00 A.M.  
Game 3 at 2:00 P.M.

13. **SSNB Junior Soccer Championships** will be held the last Saturday in October.

14. **SSNB Senior Soccer Championships** will be held on the first Saturday & Sunday in November.

15. **Junior Championship Schedule:**

Two fields must be available on Saturday with the Championship schedule as follows:

Start time for semi-finals: 10:00 A.M.

Host Region #1 vs Guest Region #2

Guest Region #1 vs Host Region #2

Championship Game: 3:00 P.M.

If both #1 teams meet in the finals, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.

**Coaching Certification**

SSNB recommends that all coaches take the Canada Soccer 'C Licence' course before the start of the season. Completion of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' & CAC Making Headway courses are mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see OR 13.

**Ejections**

Each conference shall keep track of red and yellow cards. A participant that receives 2 yellow cards in one game equals 1 red card and will be suspended the rest of that game and the next game. A participant who receives 3 red cards will be suspended for an additional game (i.e. two game suspension). A participant receiving a 4<sup>th</sup> red card will be suspended for the balance of the season. A participant receiving 4 yellow cards will receive a 1 game suspension; 5<sup>th</sup> yellow card a 2 game suspension, a 6<sup>th</sup> yellow card suspended for the balance of the season. SSNB has agreed to adopt these changes.

All coaches are to report names of participants who receive "red cards" and or a series of "yellow" cards to their school's principal and SSNB Conference President. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

## SOFTBALL (18.12)

Softball Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB (U19\*). In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provision:

1. The distance from home base to the pitcher's plate shall be forty (43) feet.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. The required minimum number of players dressed to start and continue a game must be nine (9). No more than eighteen (18) players shall be in uniform for any one game.
4. Number of Games Permitted - A team shall be limited to 18 games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournaments and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 18 game limit.
5. All on deck batters, batters and base runners must have a batting helmet with an attached face mask.
6. All pitchers are required to wear an approved face mask/guard and it is recommended for all infielders.
7. For conference league play only, there will be no extra innings.
8. The higher seed team is the home team. If both #1 teams meet in the finals, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.
9. A request for an intentional walk can be made prior to or during the at-bat by the defensive coach or catcher to the umpire.
10. Scoring runs: The first 4 innings are capped at 5 runs per half inning of play, the last 3 innings are open.
11. Gamechanger will be the digital scoring platform for all SSNB League, exhibition and regional to provincial games.
12. The SSNB game ball shall be the yellow 12 inches in circumference Rawlings Red Dot Hot Seam Fastpitch Softball.
  - U19 - Ball - 30.48 cm (12") Pitching - 13.1064 m (43') Baselines - 18.3 m (60')  
Fences – Min – Max. – 61.0 m – 64.0 m (200' – 210')

### Runs ahead Rule

A softball game shall end any time after four, or after 3 and one half innings when a team is 15 or more runs behind; or after five innings, or after four and one-half innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

### Regional Play

No Regional Tournament is necessary when an interlocking schedule is used. Competition must decide the number one and two seed. In Regional league play (interlocking), the top two teams based on league standings would advance to the Provincials.

**Regional/Provincial Format** using one field :

|                    |                                       |     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Game 1: 10:00 A.M. | Host Conference #1                    | vs. | Guest Conference #2 |
| Game 2: 12:00 P.M. | Guest Conference #1                   | vs. | Host Conference #2  |
| Game 3: 2:30 P.M.  | Winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2 |     |                     |

If two fields are used:

Game 1 and Game 2 at 10:00 A.M.  
Game 3 at 2:00 P.M.

SSNB Championships will be held on the third Saturday in October.

These are recommended times, which may be adjusted for fields with lights.

The higher seed team will be the home team. Regional Tournaments or Regional play will be used to decide provincial participants. The **rain date** will be Sunday.

## SWIMMING (18.13)

The Swimming/Natation Canada Rules will be used unless special rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules. Schools must be sure to follow the New Brunswick Safety Guidelines for Secondary Interschool Athletics regarding all athletes & coaches.

### SSNB Regulations:

1. SSNB Championships will be held on the second weekend in December, starting at 10:00 A.M.
2. Regional Swim Meets will be held at least two (2) weeks before SSNB Championships.
3. Regional and Provincial hosts must be determined by June 15th.
4. Registration of Teams:  
There are **four** categories (Sr. Boys, Jr. Boys, Sr. Girls & Jr. Girls) of competition and two Provincial Championship banners are presented (Senior & Junior). Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each event.
5. Regional Regulations
  - a) Each school may enter **two (2)** athletes per individual event and one team per relay event in each category.
  - b) A swimmer may enter a maximum of **four (4)** events including relays.
  - c) The top **six (6)** swimmers from each level and event will qualify for the Provincial Championships and they can only swim in what they qualify for.
  - d) Swimmers **must** compete in the Regionals to advance to the SSNB Championships.
  - e) Relays: Schools do not have to qualify their relay teams for the Provincials, but all members of the relay teams must be made up of swimmers who have participated in an event in the regionals. A Senior relay team can allow a Junior athlete to move up to complete the relay team, as long as they are not replacing an eligible Senior athlete. The Junior athlete cannot compete in the same event at the Junior level.
  - f) All events are "Timed Finals".
  - g) No deck entries will be accepted.
6. Provincials and Regionals Order of Events:
  - All Para & Special Olympic events will be grouped together (Jr./Sr.-Boys/Girls) unless number of participants warrants division.

#### Event Order

200 Medley Relay  
 200 Free  
 100 Breast  
 50 Fly  
 100 Free  
 100 Free Para & S. O.  
 50 Back  
 50 Back Para & S. O.  
 100 IM  
 4x50 Mixed Free Relay  
 100 Back  
 50 Free  
 50 Free Para & S. O.  
 100 Fly  
 50 Breast  
 50 Breast Para & S. O.  
 200 Free Relay

7. SSNB Championship Regulations: There will be two heats (Timed Finals). The top 6 regional swimmers will be placed in one heat and the next 6 regional swimmers will be placed in the other heat. All relays will be Timed Finals.

8. Entry forms, with swimmers' times, must be received by the Regional Meet Manager seven (7) days before the Regionals. The provincial entries, including relays and Meet Fees, must be in the hands of the SSNB Meet Manager at least seven (7) days before the SSNB Championships.
9. Relay Injury Factor: Coaches who have a relay athlete injured may apply to SSNB for permission to substitute another athlete. The substitute must have participated in the Regional Meet. The application must be signed by the school principal.
10. Scoring: Points shall be awarded for the first six places, as outlined below. For Para & S.O. events, points will be awarded as long as there are two athletes competing in the same event.

| Individual Events |        | Relays |        |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Place             | Points | Place  | Points |
| 1                 | 7      | 1      | 14     |
| 2                 | 5      | 2      | 10     |
| 3                 | 4      | 3      | 8      |
| 4                 | 3      | 4      | 6      |
| 5                 | 2      | 5      | 4      |
| 6                 | 1      | 6      | 2      |

11. If there is a tie for first place in the Provincial Meet, the tie will be broken in the following manner:
  - The team with the highest number of first place finishers will be declared the winner
  - If there is still a tie, the team with the highest number of second place finishers will be declared the winner.
  - The process will continue in declining order until the tie is broken.
12. Minor Officials: It shall be the responsibility of each school entered to provide to the Regional and Provincial meets one person to act as a minor official under the direction of the Chief Official.

## TRACK & FIELD (18.14)

Athletics Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

The SSNB Track & Field Championships will be held the first Saturday in June. The Regional Track & Field Meets will be held one week before the Championships.

### Special Provisions:

The following modifications of rules shall apply at the Provincial and Regional Meets:

1. Competitors: No competitor shall compete in more than three (3) individual events. Relays shall be considered separate from the individual events. A school identified uniform/jersey is required when competing.
2. Entries: Each school shall be allowed to enter up to three (3) athletes per event (Jr. Girls / Jr. Boys / Sr. Girls / Sr. Boys) in the regionals. Each school shall be permitted one (1) team entry per relay at the Provincial Championships. Students will compete in the senior division or the junior division.

Registration of entries for Regional meets will be online through Athletics New Brunswick linked to the SSNB web site. Schools with 10 or more athletes must provide a minimum of one volunteer for Regionals & Provincials.

3. Ineligible Competitors: An ineligible athlete competing in a Regional or Provincial Meet shall be disqualified and any points earned by that athlete shall be eliminated.
4. Regional Meets: The top eight (8) athletes in the track events at the Regional Meet shall qualify to advance to the Provincial Meet. The top eight (8) athletes in the field events must qualify by meeting the minimum distances to advance to the Provincial Meet.
5. Scoring: Eight (8) places shall count in the scoring of all events\* on the following basis and shall be on a school basis only:

1st Place - 9 points

5th Place - 4 points

2nd Place - 7 points

6th Place - 3 points

3rd Place - 6 points

7th Place - 2 points

4th Place - 5 points

8th Place - 1 point

\*For Para & S.O. events, points will be awarded as long as there are two athletes competing in the same event.

6. Awards: Banners shall be awarded to the first place school in each category of school (AAA, AA & A). Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event. If there is a tie for first place in the Provincial Meet, the tie will be broken in the following manner:
  - The team with the highest number of first place finishers will be declared the winner
  - If there is still a tie, the team with the highest number of second place finishers will be declared the winner.
  - The process will continue in declining order until the tie is broken.
7. Coaches: Coaches must not be on the track, behind or in front of the starting line when a race is started. In the case of field events, coaches must remain outside the competition area and on the outside of the track. Such infraction may lead to the disqualification of the athlete involved and/or the expulsion of the coach from the meet site.
8. Athletes: Athletes who are not ready for an event when the official in charge is prepared to start shall be disqualified. No iPods or other electronic devices may be worn by athletes during a race.
9. Number of Attempts in the Field Events: For all Throws and Jumps, the following rules shall apply:
  - a) Regional Qualification Meets: All competitors shall be given the required three (3) attempts with the top eight (8) qualifying athletes advancing to the Provincial Meet. No additional attempts are required. Should a tie exist at the end of the qualification round, all athletes tied for the last position shall advance.

- b) Provincial Meet: For all Throws and Jumps all athletes shall have three (3) qualifying rounds with the top eight (8) qualifying athletes advancing to the final rounds. All athletes tying for the eighth spot advance.
- 10. Track Events:
  - a) Regional Meets: All track events are timed finals. The top eight (8) athletes qualify for the Provincial Meet.
  - b) Provincial Meet:
    - i) In the 100m events, semi-finals shall be run with a minimum of six (6) athletes qualifying to the final as per World Athletics rules.
    - ii) In track events from 200m to 3000 meters inclusive, as well as sprint hurdle events, races shall be run as timed final.
    - iii) The results from the track events at the Regional Qualifiers will be used to seed the events at the Provincial Championships. The 100m finals will be seeded according to the semi-final heat results.
- 11. Relays: Exhibition relays may be run at the Regional meets. Athletes competing in any event at Regionals may participate on relay teams at the SSNB Championships. Juniors may only compete in junior relays, and seniors may only compete in senior relays. Only athletes competing in Regionals may participate on relay teams at the SSNB Championships. Juniors run in junior relays and seniors run in senior relays.
- 12. False Starts: Any competitor making a false start shall be warned. Only one false start per race shall be allowed without the disqualification of the athlete(s) making the false start. Any athlete(s) making further false starts in the race shall be disqualified from the race.
- 13. The use of starting blocks is not mandatory for SSNB races.
- 14. The Meet Director shall prepare for distribution a program for the Provincial Meet which will include a seeding list of competitors, a final schedule with approximate start times, a current list of records, and any other information which may be helpful.
- 15. Supervision: Each school shall name a responsible person to act as coordinator (Manager) for athletes representing the school at the Regional and Provincial Meets. Each coach will accompany his/her own athletes.
- 16. Records: Only a record achieved at the Provincial Meet shall count as a provincial interscholastic record if all requirements for records as stated in the official rules have been met.

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 1. Schools must submit online their SSNB Track & Field Team Personnel List by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. No athlete may compete in the Regionals if their name is not on the SSNB players' list. All athletes must compete in the Regionals to advance to the SSNB Provincial Championships.
- 3. Schools must submit online their team's event entries for Regionals through the ANB link found on the SSNB website before the deadline. All athletes must be registered with SSNB. There will be NO CHANGES made after the event entries registration deadline.
- 4. Schools registering relay teams for the SSNB Championship must submit participants names to the Meet Manager the morning of the meet.
- 5. Schools must bring a cheque to the meet, made out to the host school to cover their fees for the Regional and Provincial events.

**PLEASE NOTE: Athletes not competing in the SSNB Championships may be suspended from participating in Track & Field in the next school year and the school may be fined \$20 per athlete to a maximum of \$200.**

**SCHEDULE (TRACK)**

Scratch/Information Meeting with coaches:

- All events will proceed in the following order unless changes are noted (Jr. Girls / Jr. Boys / Sr. Girls / Sr. Boys).
- Para Events –Any physically challenged athletes requiring a wheelchair or modifications to competition are eligible for this category.
- IPC RULES AND REGULATIONS are being used for Para events.
- All Para events will compete together (Jr./Sr. – Boys/Girls) unless number of participants warrants division.

9:00 AM - Start of Competition

|                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 300 m Hurdles (JG)                | Timed Finals                       |
| 400m Hurdles (SG)                 | Timed Finals                       |
| 300 m Hurdles (JB)                | Timed Finals                       |
| 400m Hurdles (SB)                 | Timed Finals                       |
| 100m                              | Timed Finals at Regionals          |
|                                   | Heats (semi-finals) at Provincials |
| 3000m                             | Finals                             |
| 400m                              | Timed Finals                       |
| 100m                              | Timed Finals at Provincials        |
| 100m Wheelchair                   | Timed Finals at Regional Meet      |
| 100m Wheelchair                   | Timed Finals at Provincial Meet    |
| 50 m Special Olympic              |                                    |
| 100m Visually Impaired with Guide | Timed Finals at Regional Meet      |
| 100m Visually Impaired with Guide | Timed Finals at Provincial Meet    |
| LUNCH                             |                                    |
| 800m                              | Timed Finals                       |
| 110m Hurdles (SB)                 | Timed Finals                       |
| 100m Hurdles (JB)                 | Timed Finals                       |
| 100m Hurdles (SG)                 | Timed Finals                       |
| 80m Hurdles (JG)                  | Timed Finals                       |
| 200m                              | Timed Finals                       |
| 200m Wheelchair                   | Timed Finals                       |
| 1500m                             | Timed Finals                       |
| BREAK                             |                                    |
| 4 x 100m Relay                    | Timed Finals at Provincials        |
| 4 x 400m Relay                    | Timed Finals at Provincials        |

**Regional and Provincial Field Schedule of Events**

Top eight competitors **MUST** qualify for the Provincial Meet by meeting the following minimum measured qualifying distances for Field Events (Regional Meet):

|                  |                        |                                                     |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Jr. & Sr. Girls: | Shot Put – 6 meters    | Javelin – 18 meters                                 |
|                  | Discus – 15 meters     | Long Jump – 3.5 meters                              |
|                  | Triple Jump – 7 meters | High Jump – 1.30 meters (Jr.) and 1.35 meters (Sr.) |
| Jr. & Sr. Boys:  | Shot Put – 10 meters   | Javelin – 25 meters                                 |
|                  | Discus – 21 meters     | Long Jump – 4.5 meters                              |
|                  | Triple Jump – 8 meters | High Jump – 1.50 meters (Jr.) and 1.55 meters (Sr.) |

**SCHEDULE (FIELD)**

9:00 AM - Start of Competition

| Session  | High Jump | Long Jump       | Triple Jump | Shot Put        | Discus    | Javelin   |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 9:00 AM  | Jr. Girls | Jr. Boys        | Sr. Girls   | Sr. Boys        | Para      |           |
| 10:30 AM | Sr. Boys  | Special Olympic |             | Jr. Girls       | Jr. Boys  | Sr. Girls |
| 12:00 PM | Sr. Girls | Jr. Girls       | Jr. Boys    | Special Olympic | Sr. Boys  |           |
| 1:30 PM  |           | Sr. Boys        |             | Sr. Girls       | Jr. Girls | Jr. Boys  |
| 3:00 PM  | Jr. Boys  | Sr. Girls       | Jr. Girls   | Para            |           | Sr. Boys  |
| 4:30 PM  |           |                 | Sr. Boys    | Jr. Boys        | Sr. Girls | Jr. Girls |

**Appendix "A" Events Technical Reference Chart**

| Event                 | Junior Girls                                                | Junior Boys                                                    | Senior Girls                                                   | Senior Boys                                                       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 80m Hurdles           | 8 hurdles;<br>Ht.: 0.762m:<br>12m to 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8m   |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                   |
| 100m Hurdles          |                                                             | 10 Hurdles;<br>Ht.: 0.914m<br>13m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>8.5m | 10 Hurdles;<br>Ht.: 0.838m<br>13m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>8.5m |                                                                   |
| 110m Hurdles          |                                                             |                                                                |                                                                | 10 Hurdles<br>Ht.: 0.914m<br>13.72m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>9.14m |
| 300m Hurdles          | 7 Hurdles:<br>Ht.: 0.76m<br>50m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>35m | 7 Hurdles:<br>Ht.: 0.84m<br>50m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>35m    |                                                                |                                                                   |
| 400m Hurdles          |                                                             |                                                                | 10 Hurdles:<br>Ht.: 0.762m<br>45m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>35m  | 10 Hurdles:<br>Ht.: 0.838m<br>45m to 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>35m     |
| High Jump (Start Ht.) | 1.30m                                                       | 1.50m                                                          | 1.35m                                                          | 1.55m                                                             |
| Shot Put              | 3.0 Kg.                                                     | 4.0 Kg.                                                        | 4.0 Kg.                                                        | 5 Kg.                                                             |
| Discus                | 1.0 Kg.                                                     | 1.0 Kg.                                                        | 1.0 Kg.                                                        | 1.5 Kg.                                                           |
| Javelin               | 500 g.                                                      | 700 g.                                                         | 600 g.                                                         | 800 g.                                                            |

## VOLLEYBALL (18.15)

Volleyball Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB. In this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### SSNB Modifications:

1. The Libero Player and the SSNB 12 Man Substitution Rule\* will be used.
2. Unlimited number of players may be recorded on the score sheet and there shall be no limit on the number of players dressed.
3. The Mikasa V200W is the Official Volleyball of SSNB and will be used for all SSNB competitions.

**\*SSNB 12 Man Substitution rule:** For SSNB competitions, each team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one set.

- a) There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or re-enter the set as long as the maximum number of 12 substitutions is adhered to and as long as they leave or re-enter for the same player.
- b) Once you have a designated partner, that is the only player that you may leave or re-enter that set for. This may change between sets.
- c) These substitutions may occur at any point in the set as long as the play is stopped.
- d) All other substitution rules must be followed according to Volleyball Canada rules. These rules concern exceptional substitutions, substitutions for expulsion or disqualification, illegal substitutions, injury substitutions for the libero and non libero players and incomplete teams.

### Special Provisions:

1. Number of Games Permitted - A senior team shall be limited to **36** matches (including all exhibition, controlled scrimmage, tournament and league play). All matches in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 36 match limit. A junior team shall be limited to **30** matches (including all exhibition, controlled scrimmage, tournament and league play). All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 30 match limit.
2. The net height for volleyball shall be as follows:
 

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| a) Junior Girls - | 2.24 M |
| b) Senior Girls - | 2.24 M |
| c) Junior Boys -  | 2.35 M |
| d) Senior Boys -  | 2.43 M |
3. League play **MUST** take place at the conference or regional level in order to advance to Provincial Playoffs.
4. Volleyball Canada rules will be used for all tie-breaker procedures
5. In Regional and junior provincial tournaments the teams will be numbered based on the following:

| Junior/Senior Regionals and Junior Provincials |                               |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pool A                                         | Pool B                        |
| 1. #1 Host Region/Conference                   | 5. #1 Guest Region/Conference |
| 2. #2 Guest Region/Conference                  | 6. #2 Host Region/Conference  |
| 3. #3 Host Region/Conference                   | 7. #3 Guest Region/Conference |
| 4. #4 Guest Region/Conference                  | 8. #4 Host Region/Conference  |

6. In Regional Tournaments, team standings will be determined by the following schedule:

| <i>Junior/Senior Volleyball Regional - Format with 8 teams</i> |                                                                           |                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday                                                       | COURT 1                                                                   | COURT 2                                                                                        |
| Game 1 - 9:00 AM                                               | 1 vs 3                                                                    | 6 vs 8                                                                                         |
| Game 2 - 10:15 AM                                              | 2 vs 4                                                                    | 5 vs 7                                                                                         |
| Game 3 - 11:30 AM                                              | 1 vs 4                                                                    | 6 vs 7                                                                                         |
| Game 4 - 12:45 PM                                              | 2 vs 3                                                                    | 5 vs 8                                                                                         |
| Game 5 - 2:00 PM                                               | 1 vs 2                                                                    | 5 vs 6                                                                                         |
| Game 6 - 3:15 PM                                               | 3 vs 4                                                                    | 7 vs 8                                                                                         |
| Game 7 - 4:45 PM                                               | <i>#1A vs #2B (Playoff 1)</i>                                             | <i>#1B vs #2A (Playoff 2)</i>                                                                  |
| Game 8 - 6:15 PM                                               | <i>Winner Playoff 1 vs.<br/>Winner Playoff 2<br/>for 1st and 2nd seed</i> | <i>non-winner Playoff 1 vs.<br/>non-winner Playoff 2<br/>for 3rd (and 4th seed for junior)</i> |

\*Recommend playoffs to be played on two main courts, where possible.

6. Junior Volleyball Provincial Championships will be held on the first Saturday & Sunday of May. All Junior Provincial Volleyball Tournaments will consist of **8** teams. Pools are determined based on regional standings. Semi-Final play begins at 11:00 A.M. Championship match begins at approximately 2:00 P.M.

| Junior Volleyball Provincials<br>Format with 8 teams over two days |                   |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday & Sunday                                                  | COURT 1           | COURT 2         |
| <u>3:00 PM</u>                                                     | 1 vs 4            | 2 vs 3          |
| <u>4:15 PM</u>                                                     | 5 vs 8            | 6 vs 7          |
| <u>5:30 PM</u>                                                     | 1 vs 3            | 2 vs 4          |
| <u>6:45 PM</u>                                                     | 5 vs 7            | 6 vs 8          |
| <u>Sunday 9:00 AM</u>                                              | 1 vs 2            | 3 vs 4          |
| <u>Sunday 10:15 AM</u>                                             | 5 vs 6            | 7 vs 8          |
| <u>Sunday 12:00 PM</u>                                             | <u>1A vs 2B</u>   | <u>1B vs 2A</u> |
| Sunday 2:00 PM                                                     | Championship Game |                 |

7. Senior Volleyball Provincial Showcase will be held in Fredericton on the fourth weekend of May. Pools are determined based on regional standings, with the top 3 teams per region advancing per classification.
8. **All Matches are Best of Three for Junior & Senior Regionals & Provincials.**
9. Any changes to the tournament formats must be approved by the Executive Director.
10. All Regionals and Provincial Championships must charge admission fees, please refer to O.R. 5.3.
11. Teams must have a minimum of six (6) players to compete in competition, but SSNB strongly recommends competing with eight (8) or more players.
12. **Ejections:** Each conference shall keep track of red and yellow cards. A participant that receives an expulsion (yellow and red together) in the same match will be suspended for the rest of that match and the next match. A participant who receives 3 red cards in the season will be suspended for the next match. A participant receiving a 4<sup>th</sup> red card in the season will be suspended for the balance of the season. A participant receiving 4 yellow cards in the season will receive a 1 match suspension; 5<sup>th</sup> yellow card will be a 2 match suspension, a 6<sup>th</sup> yellow card will be suspended for the balance of the season. The referee

will record the sanctions on the scoresheet and will contact their zone assignor. The zone assignor will inform the principle of the sanctions. All coaches are to report names of players who receive "red cards" or a series of "yellow" cards to their school's principal and SSNB Conference President. Players and coaches ejected from a match shall be suspended from the remainder of the match and the next scheduled match (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

## WRESTLING (18.16)

The UWW (United World Wrestling) rules with WCL (Wrestling Canada Lutte) modifications will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB, in this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provisions:

1. Headgear is permissible and recommended provided the surface is not abrasive and it is not used deliberately against an opponent's head.
2. No grand amplitude back-bending throws will be awarded and a caution will be given with +1 awarded to the opposite wrestler.
3. Double disqualification is possible for misconduct.

### Rules and Regulations:

1. Competition will be in two categories – Boys and Girls and all games will be of the same duration.
2. The following weight categories will be used for the Provincial Championship Meet:  
Girls: 44kg., 47, 51, 55, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 97, HWT  
Boys: 44kg., 47, 50, 54, 57, 61, 65, 70, 75, 82, 90, 105, 125, HWT
3. A school is allowed unlimited entries in each weight category.
4. When only two wrestlers are in a weight class, a best two out of three will determine the winner.
5. The 'one second pin' rule will be used.
6. Each athlete must participate in two (2) Open SSNB Tournaments and must be registered with SSNB one month prior to Provincials in order to qualify for the SSNB Provincial Championship.
7. A minimum of five (5) tournaments must be scheduled throughout the season.
8. There will be an official team weigh-in for each wrestler at their first competition of the season. There will be no weight allowance given at this time. If the wrestler decides to move down a weight class, they must reweigh in at that competition, with no weight allowance.
9. Competitions throughout the season will have a weight allowance in KG's of the SSNB weights and will follow the red dot rule. The Head Official of each competition will use a random generator to select 5 random athletes to be chosen to be red dotted. Girls Kg allowance will be 1kg for weight classes below 72kg and 2kg for 72kg to 97kg classes. Boys Kg allowance will be 1kg for weight classes below 70kg and 2kg for 70kg to 125kg. All athletes will weigh in at the first tournament of the year and a list will be created with each wrestler and an assigned number. Any athlete weighing-in over the weight allowance when red dotted, the whole team will be weighed at that competition. The athlete still has the opportunity to be weighed in again at the next tournament to try and make the lower weight class.
10. Medical: Coaches who had athletes participate in only one (1) tournament because of injury, may apply to SSNB two weeks prior to the Provincials for permission to have the athlete (now healthy) declared eligible to participate. It is recommended that medical personnel be available on site for all SSNB sanctioned events. If an athlete/team chooses to not participate in two open SSNB tournaments during the season, then they cannot use the injury provision. Athletes who wish to use the medical provision must be registered before the initial deadline of Dec 15th/ Sports deadline registration.
11. Weather / transportation provision: Schools may apply to SSNB two weeks prior to the Provincials for special consideration if the weather prevents athletes from participating in two (2) Open SSNB Tournaments. If an athlete/team chooses to not participate in two open SSNB tournaments during the season, then they cannot use the weather provision.

Athletes who wish to use the Weather/Transportation provision must be registered before the

initial deadline of Dec 15th/ Sports deadline registration

12. The SSNB Championships will be held on Saturday, the third full weekend before March Break. The start time of the Provincial Championships is 12:00 P.M.
13. Tournament Structure and Procedure:
  - a) The SSNB Championships will be run in a bracket style format in weight classes that have 6 or more competitors. Five or less competitors will be run in a round robin format.
  - b) Team registrations are to be sent in on Friday night by 7:00pm, the day before Provincials. Weigh-ins shall be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Flexible weigh-in time, based on location will be allowed. Weigh-ins are one hour of duration. A minimum of 2 digital scales (3 preferred) must be provided for the weigh-ins. Head coaches will be present for weigh-in's and will hand-in the Team registration prior to weigh-in's. Satellite weigh-in's for each team will take place on the Friday before the first competition. Each wrestler's actual weight will be recorded and sent to the chair and host of the venue by 7:00pm, Friday. Teams can travel to other schools to make weigh-in's more efficient given the location within the province. The weigh-in's will be ran with a referee and an athletic director/administrator present. Athletes who miss their respective weight class, can re-weigh-in at the next competition. There is no weight allowance for the first weigh-in of the season.
  - c) The number of mat surfaces to be used at the SSNB Championships will reflect the number of participants.
  - d) The start order for team's weigh in will be conducted through a random draw by the head official and the order will proceed alphabetically based on the schools present. (When each athlete weigh's-in they will select a card/token that has a number which will randomize the placement of athletes within the draw/brackets. The numbers identified for each athlete will be recorded and sent with all other documents proceeding the competition.)
  - e) Weigh in sheets are to be forwarded to the SSNB Wrestling Coaches' Chair at the conclusion of the draw.
  - f) Tournament hosts must send an accompanying no show roster report with the weigh-in sheets to the SSNB Wrestling Chair at the conclusion of the tournament.
  - g) All SSNB event results must be forwarded to the SSNB Chair within 48 hours and they will be released to media outlets via the chair within 24 hours. (via the SSNB within 24 hours)
14. Officials
  - a) The officials for the tournament shall be secured by the convener in consultation with the Head Official for New Brunswick.
  - b) The standard number of officials for an SSNB Tournament should be equal to the number of mats used plus one extra official. Under exceptional circumstances, a tournament (excluding Provincials) may be run with the number of officials equaling the number of mats.
  - c) There shall always be a head official of the rating Provincial A or higher in the building when an SSNB tournament is being run.
  - d) Officials of the rating Provincial A & B officials may run a mat by themselves at any time. Officials of the rating C must be accompanied by a Provincial A official or higher at all times.
15. Scoring
 

Team scoring shall be as follows: Place Points 10-7-5-3-2-1 for the first six places. There will be a correction factor. (as set out by the WCL)

ARTICLE 34 of the WCL rule correction factor;

5 = 9-6-4-2-1

4 = 7-5-3-1

3 = 5-3-2

2 = 4-2

1 = 3

#### 16. Seeding

Boys and Girls should be seeded in the following order:

- a) Champion – if two or more returning champions – winner from the heaviest weight class is seeded above lighter champions in order.
- b) Champion – if two or more returning champions – winner from the heaviest weight class is seeded above lighter champions in order.
- c) Returning silver medalists – if two or more returning medalists – the medalist from the heaviest weight class is seeded above lighter medalists in order.
- d) Returning bronze medalists – if two or more returning medalists – the medalist from the heaviest weight class is seeded above lighter medalists in order.

#### 17. Clothing - Wrestlers dress shall consist of two options – a UWN style wrestling singlet or shorts and a t-shirt, with the t-shirt tucked in. Athletes must change in designated changing room. Apparel/equipment can include tights/spandex, jogging/sweatpants (no pockets), jewelry out, braces must be safe to use in performance setting. All other loose/extra apparel must not be used/worn during performance/competitions. Athletes/teams can be subject to fines if instances are re-occurring.

#### 18. The Entry Fee, set by SSNB (see O.R. 5.1) shall be charged to cover the cost of the officials and equipment if needed, for the SSNB Championships.

#### 19. All other SSNB rules and regulations pertaining to Provincial Championships will be followed.

#### 20. Digital scales and visible score clocks must be used for Provincial Championships.

#### 21. Weight Loss Policy:

SSNB opposes excessive weight loss. Excessive weight loss places athletics at risk both physically and from the standpoint of enjoyment of participation. For the purposes of weight loss, the coach is deemed to be responsible for the weight loss practices of his/her athletes. Coaches are asked to monitor their athletes' weight and overall physical condition on a regular basis.

Extreme measures of weight loss include:

- i. The use of diuretics and other medications.
- ii. The use of saunas.
- iii. The use of rubber suits or other vapour impermeable clothing, as well as the use of excessive clothing.

**Enforcement is the responsibility of the event convenor. Violation will result in disqualification from the event.**

#### Ejections

All names of players and coaches ejected must be reported to school principal. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.

## ULTIMATE (18.17)

The USAU rules with Ultimate Canada modifications will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by SSNB, in this case the SSNB rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### SSNB Modifications:

1. Ultimate Frisbee is played during rain. If lightning, thunder or other major weather event occurs, Operating Regulation 8 – Weather Policy will be in effect
2. Games will last precisely 65 minutes with the organizer starting the timer on the first whistle and will stop play 65 minutes later. Half-time will occur after a team scores after the 25-minute mark, and the half-time will be 5 minutes. The chronometer will not stop during halftime. A 5-minute warning (at 60 min.) and another 'final whistle' to signal the end of the match (at 65 min.) will be sounded. When the final whistle blows the game is over (even if the disc is in the air). If teams are tied at the final whistle, the play will continue to determine a winner.
3. Play will consist of 5 on 5, with a minimum recommended game roster of 8 players (4 female, 4 male) and a maximum of 20 players dressed (10 female, 10 male), and certified coach(es). During play, the ratio will be 3-2 or 2-3, which means 2 male – 3 female or 3 male – 2 female.
4. At the start of the game after the first disc flip, an additional disc flip happens with the winner selecting gender ratio for the first point. For the second and third points, the ratio must be the reverse of the first point. For the fourth and fifth points, the ratio will be the same as the first point. The pattern of alternating the ratio every two points repeats itself until the end of the game (half-time has no impact on the pattern).
5. The official disc will be the 175g in weight and shall be Discraft or Daredevil. The disc must be white in colour.
6. Each team is permitted 1 timeout per half for 1 minute, but no timeouts can be called in the final 5 minutes.
7. Players can defend with their foot.
8. Regulation size field is 25m wide and 45m long with 15m deep end zones in each end.
9. Cleats that could endanger participants (metal spikes – baseball or track) are not permitted. Soccer cleats are permitted.
10. Ultimate Frisbee is a sport that relies on self-officiating in the spirit of the game. An observer will be assigned to assist with rule clarifications.
11. When a player is bleeding, they must remove themselves from the field of play to attend to their injury.
12. Scoresheets must have the complete roster filled out by each Head Coach and signed. Scores must be entered on the SSNB website at the completion of the event.
13. Teams must have matching jerseys/shirts in colour and design. Numbered jerseys are permitted but not required. Numbered jerseys would be worn on the back and no two players shall share the same number. Matching shorts are recommended, but not required.
14. Officials/Observers: If available, trained observers will be used as officials in Finals.

**Regional/Provincials:** Ultimate Frisbee has been added as an exhibition sport for the 2025-2026 season as a spring sport. Ultimate Frisbee will be eligible for inclusion as a championship league in 2028-2029.

**Season of Play:** League play can commence on March 28<sup>th</sup> and must be complete by the first Saturday of June.

**Coaching Certification:** All coaches/bench staff must complete the SSNB required coaching courses, "A Coaches Guide to the NBIAA (revised 2024)" and "Making Headway" offered Free from Coach Canada.

**Number of games permitted:** Ultimate Frisbee teams are permitted a total of 24 games for the season, not including any tournament playoff games that aren't guaranteed. Violations of this rule will be applicable by operating regulation 15.3.

# **SECTION 6**

## **POLICIES**

### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR ATHLETES**

1. I will train and compete because I want to and not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play fair and follow the rules and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper – fighting, “mouthing off” and inappropriate actions, language or gestures can spoil the activity for everyone.
4. I will respect my teammates and my opponents.
5. I will do my best to be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning is not everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
7. I will let my coaches know when I or any teammates are hurt or injured.
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
9. I will never criticize or use social networking to criticize or threaten in an unprofessional manner another school team, coach, player, or game official or SSNB.

### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR COACHES**

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices.
2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
3. I will ensure that all athletes get instruction, support and an opportunity to compete.
4. I will not ridicule my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that athletes compete for enjoyment and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes’ age and abilities.
6. I will ensure my players health & safety is priority and to educate them on the importance of disclosing any injuries to themselves or their teammates.
7. I will practice good sportsmanship and not gamesmanship and will win or lose with honour.
8. I will remember that athletes need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
9. I will respect my athletes, parents, officials and our opponents.
10. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
11. I will abide by all of the by-laws, operating regulations and written policies of SSNB, as well as the expectations of the school administration.
12. I will never criticize or use social networking to criticize in an unprofessional manner another school’s administrator, school team, coach, player, game official or SSNB.

## FAIR PLAY CODE FOR SPECTATORS & PARENTS

SSNB is committed to ensuring that all athletes have the opportunity to participate in a safe and enjoyable environment. We have strong values of fair play, integrity, mutual respect, safety, graciousness and sportsmanship. Spectators and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which supports the values of our organization and encourages the development of all athletes on and off the competition area.

1. I will cheer for all athletes in a positive manner, modeling good sportsmanship, respect for others and fair play and will not cheer against the opponents.
2. I will show respect to all individuals, treating everyone with courtesy, including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, other spectators and parents.
3. I will present any protest or disagreements via the correct avenue and in a respectful manner.
4. I will never criticize or use social networking to criticize in an unprofessional manner another school's administrator, school team, coach, player, game official or SSNB.
5. I will refrain from engaging in foul or profane language or otherwise offensive behavior.
6. I will not use physical force or engage in verbal abuse, or violent acts of any kind.
7. I will not partake in the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal use of drugs at any SSNB activities.
8. If my child is participating, I will make sure the coach is aware if they have any injuries.

## CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES'

- **Exemplify the highest moral character** as a role model for young people.
- Recognize the individual worth and **reinforce the self-image** of each team member.
- **Encourage and assist** team members to set personal goals to achieve their highest academic potential.
- **Create a set of training rules** for athletes that reflect the positive values of abstaining from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Strive to **develop the qualities of leadership**, initiative and good judgment in each team member.
- **Communicate and interpret program goals** and objectives to parents and the community.
- **Provide a safe environment** for practice and competition.
- Gain an awareness of the importance of **prevention, care and treatment of athletic injuries**.
- **Respect the integrity** and judgment of the game official.
- Teach and abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- **Build and maintain ethical relationships** with coaches and administrators.
- **Strive for excellence** in coaching skills and techniques through professional improvement.
- **Promote personal fitness** and good nutrition.
- **Be modest** in victory and gracious in defeat.
- **Encourage** a healthy respect for **the overall athletic program** and its vital roles in education.

## Corporate Sponsorship Policy

SSNB should allow corporate involvement in its interscholastic activities through carefully constructed relationships with companies and organizations to generate income, promotions and savings that benefit member schools and the student-athletes who attend them. The corporate partner involvement must balance SSNB's commitment to education, integrity and quality with acceptance of financial support for its interscholastic activities and related programs.

SSNB, through corporate sponsors, shall maintain a conscious and consistent effort to assure that the association's commitment to its constitutional objectives are not compromised.

SSNB shall place limits on the amount of corporate partners, the scope of their corporate involvement and use of SSNB marks and the level of corporate identification with SSNB events. The association shall insist that its corporate partners are quality companies that are supportive of the Association's responsibility to develop educational programs that benefit its member schools.

The corporate partners must be willing to adapt their promotional activities to the constraints of SSNB's philosophy and SSNB must be sensitive to the needs of the corporate partners to use the relationship in beneficial ways.

SSNB realizes that there must be real benefit and value to corporate partners, which participate with the association. The viability and success of any corporate involvement requires that the participants benefit from the relationship.

The following are guiding principles reflecting the values of SSNB, which must be respected:

1. SSNB is committed to education, integrity, amateurism, fairness and good sportsmanship.
2. SSNB is committed to assuring that the focus of the events, activities and programs is on the member schools and the athletes who attend them.
3. SSNB is committed to the higher level of quality in all its activities and programs.
4. SSNB is committed to maintain fiscal responsibility that enables it to promote and administer interscholastic programs.
5. SSNB is committed to supporting and providing services for its member schools and the students who attend them.

SSNB corporate partners involvement is founded on quality, integrity and highly regarded values. Intelligent, informed, good faith commitment by the participants will assure the long-term well being of the involvement.

# SECTION 7

## FEE STRUCTURE

1. **School Membership Fee - \$350** per school. Deadline – **September 15** of the school year.

| Team          | Participation Fee                             | Schools To Be Invoiced by: |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Baseball      | \$12 per athlete                              | October 1st                |
| Cheerleading  | \$25 per athlete                              |                            |
| Field Hockey  | \$15 per athlete                              |                            |
| Football      | \$20 per athlete                              |                            |
| Golf          | \$8 per athlete                               |                            |
| Sr. Soccer    | \$15 per athlete                              |                            |
| Softball      | \$12 per athlete                              |                            |
| Jr. Soccer    | \$15 per athlete                              | December 15th              |
| Cross Country | \$8 per athlete                               |                            |
| Swimming      | \$15 per athlete                              |                            |
| Basketball    | \$15 per athlete                              |                            |
| Hockey        | \$90 per athlete & \$65 per coach/bench staff |                            |
| Wrestling     | \$20 per athlete                              | April 15th                 |
| Badminton     | \$8 per athlete                               |                            |
| Volleyball    | \$12 per athlete                              |                            |
| Rugby         | \$30 per athlete                              | May 20th                   |
| Ultimate      | \$12 per athlete                              |                            |
| Track & Field | \$15 per athlete                              |                            |

## PENALTY FEES

Failure to pay a fine within 14 days from the date it was levied shall result in the suspension of the school concerned from all SSNB activities until the fine is received at the SSNB office.

### 1. **\$20 Penalty Fees**

- Late Fees of **\$20** per team: Participation Fees are due within 14 days after receiving the SSNB invoice.
- Group A individuals who fail to compete in all conference / regional or provincial obligations.

### 2. **\$50 Penalty Fees**

- Late Membership: **\$50** will be assessed if payment is received after September 15th.
- Late Activity Registration: A school may register after the stated deadline, subject to a **\$50** penalty.
- Schools will be assessed a penalty of **\$50** for each coach not on the team list.

### 3. **\$100 Penalty Fees**

- Late addition per athlete to team's players' list after the deadline. (Refer to O.R. 2.4 for Group A activities.)
- Sanction request approval received after the deadline.

### 4. **\$200 Penalty Fees**

- Late withdrawal from competition in a given activity after the due date, may be subject to a fine of up to **\$200**.
- A team must complete all conference / regional or provincial obligations and commitments, failure to do this will result to a fine of up to **\$200**, etc.
- Late players' list sent to the SSNB office after the due date will be subject to an administrative fee of **\$200**.
- Any member who fails to commit to host an SSNB Provincial Championship.
- Violations to teams changing their uniform in the competition area may be fined **\$200**.

### 5. **\$400 Penalty Fee** - Schools that withdraw after receiving the reclassification decision.

### 6. **\$1000 Penalty Fees**

- Violations of By-Law Article 3 - Competition with Non-Members may be fined up to **\$1000**.
- Violations to SSNB Eligibility & Recruitment policies may be fined up to **\$1000**.
- Violations of game limits may be fined up to **\$1000**.

# SECTION 8

## FORMS

The following fillable forms can be downloaded from the SSNB website. The **School Membership Information, Team Registration** and **Team Player's Lists** must be completed online, as well as requests for **SSNB Sanctions, Reclassifications and Re-alignments**. Please visit our website at [www.ss-nb.org](http://www.ss-nb.org).

### A - SSNB Shared Athlete Form (A-1)

### B - Sanction Forms - submit using the SSNB Online System

### C - Event Forms

SSNB Exhibition Hockey Tournament Registration Form (C-1)

SSNB Event Information Form (C-2)

SSNB League Information Form (C-3)

### D - Financial Report Forms

SSNB Financial Form (D-1) (Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Field Hockey, Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball)

SSNB Financial Form - Group A Sports (D-2) (Badminton, Cross Country, Swimming, Wrestling)

SSNB Financial Form (D3) (Football & Rugby)

SSNB Financial Form (D4) (Track & Field)

### E - Team Personnel Forms - submit using the SSNB Online System

SSNB Team Personnel Form (E-1)

Hockey Team Personnel Form (E-2A) & Hockey Bench Personnel Form (E-2B)

Non-School Personnel Form (E-3)

### F - Sportsmanship Award Forms

SSNB Excellence Award Nomination Form (F-1)

Emery Johnson Memorial Award Nomination Form (F-2)

SSNB Team Sportsmanship Award Nomination Form (F-3)

### G - Reclassification & Re-alignment Request Form - submit using the SSNB Online System

### H - Medical Forms

SSNB Markel Canada Insurance Form

Hockey Canada Injury Report Form (not a fillable form) (H-3)

### I - Incident Forms

SSNB Incident Report Form (I-1)

Emergency Action Plan (I-2)

### J - Appeal Form

SSNB Appeal Request Form (J-1))

### K - Motion Form

SSNB Notice of Motion Form (K-1)

WEBSITE - [www.ss-nb.org](http://www.ss-nb.org)

# SECTION 9

## APPENDIXES

### Appendix 1: Lightning Protocol

The following safety protocol **MUST** be followed as per the New Brunswick Safety Guidelines for Secondary Interscholastic Athletics, 2014:

#### Chain of Command:

The person filling the roles listed below are responsible for making the decision to remove a group or individuals from the playing field, stopping the activity and determining when/if it is safe to resume the activity:

Practices: teacher/coach

Games: teacher/coach in consultation with official

#### Planning in Advance

The following must be taken into consideration:

1. **Weather Conditions:** Monitor weather conditions prior to practice or event. Be aware of potential thunderstorms that may form during scheduled practices or athletic events. (e.g., local weather forecasts from the Weather Channel, local radio/TV stations.
2. **Shelter:** Know where the closest 'safe structure or location' is to the field or playing area and know how long it takes to get to that safe structure or location.

#### Safe structure or location is defined as:

- Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people (e.g.: a building with plumbing and electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure).
- In the absence of a safe structure, **any vehicle with a hard metal roof** (not a convertible or golf cart) and rolled-up windows can provide a measure of safety. (It is not the rubber tires that make a vehicle a safe shelter, but the hard metal roof which dissipates the lightning strike around the vehicle.)
- **DO NOT TOUCH THE SIDES OF THE VEHICLE.**

#### Alternate location: If there is no safe structure or location:

- Find the low ground. Seek cover in clumps or bushes or a dry ditch.
- Remove all metal objects.
- Minimize your body's surface area in contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. (Lightning current often enters a victim through the ground rather than by a direct overhead strike).
  - **PLACE YOUR FEET TOGETHER, LOWER YOUR HEAD, CROUCH DOWN WITH ONLY THE BALLS OF YOUR FEET TOUCHING THE GROUND, AND WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND YOUR KNEES.**
  - If you are in a group in the open, spread out keeping people several meters apart.

#### Unsafe shelter includes:

|                                                         |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Near flag poles                                         | Near fences and gates |
| Light poles                                             | Metal bleachers       |
| Golf carts                                              | Machinery, etc.       |
| All outdoor metal objects<br>(e.g., football standards) |                       |

**AVOID** trees, water (e.g., ponds, creeks), open fields and high ground.

**Detection and Response:** When you first see lightning or hear thunder, activate your emergency plan and seek shelter immediately (go to a building or a vehicle.) Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

Apply the following lightning safety slogan:

**'IF YOU SEE IT, FLEE IT; IF YOU HEAR IT, CLEAR IT'.**

**Resumption of the Activity:** Wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the last visual observation of lightning or sound of the thunder before resuming activities.

Injured persons do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. **Call 911** or send for help immediately. Apply first aid procedures if you are qualified to do so.

## Appendix 2: Concussion

### Concussion Definition

- is a brain injury that causes changes in how the brain functions, leading to symptoms that can be physical (e.g., headache, dizziness), cognitive (e.g., difficulty concentrating or remembering), emotional/behavioural (e.g., depression, irritability) and/or related to sleep (e.g., drowsiness, difficulty falling asleep);
- may be caused either by a direct blow to the head, face or neck, or a blow to the body that transmits a force to the head that causes the brain to move rapidly within the skull;
- can occur even if there has been no loss of consciousness (in fact most concussions occur without a loss of consciousness); and,
- cannot normally be seen on X-rays, standard CT scans or MRIs.

### Concussion Diagnosis

A concussion is a clinical diagnosis made by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. It is critical that an athlete with a suspected concussion be examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.

Schools should follow the Concussion Management Procedures as per the New Brunswick Safety Guidelines for Secondary Interschool Athletics.

SSNB is **requiring** that coaches complete the free online concussion course "**Making Head Way**" at [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca). This course is **mandatory** for all coaches in all SSNB activities.

## Appendix 3: SSNB Awards Information

### SSNB Excellence Awards

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School Sport New Brunswick introduced these annual Awards in 2006. Graduating student athletes from across New Brunswick may be nominated to receive the **Raymond Légère Excellence Award** and the **William S. Ritchie Excellence Award**.

All selected student athletes will receive this award, which is named in honour of Raymond Légère, a member of the Moncton's Wall of Fame as a builder. Raymond taught physical education in many schools in New Brunswick. His love for coaching was only overshadowed by his love of physical education and the values it taught young people. He was the director of physical education for years at Vanier High School and École Mathieu-Martin.

The top two student athletes selected each year, one male and one female, in each school category, will receive the top award, which is in honour of William S. Ritchie, a member of the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame and a past Executive Director of School Sport New Brunswick. He served on the board of directors for Canadian School Sports Federation from 1970-1982 and he was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997.

#### Mission

The SSNB Excellence Awards promotes high standards of achievement, attitude and ethics in high school athletics.

SSNB will promote participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through interscholastic activities which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

#### Eligibility

These awards are open to all graduating student-athletes who have shown outstanding qualities of excellence throughout the school year, while participating in SSNB sports. Male and female awards will be granted each year per school classification.

#### Conference Nomination Process

Schools may nominate one or more graduating athletes. Each nomination must include the athlete's name, grade, age, sport(s), along with their significant attributes using the award's criteria listed below. The nomination forms can be downloaded from the SSNB website. [www.ss-nb.org](http://www.ss-nb.org)

Each conference will select 3 males and 3 females (AAA, AA & A). A total of 24 athletes will be selected across the province.

#### Selection Process Criteria

- Participation in sport(s)
- Attitude and Effort
- Leadership Abilities
- Dedication and Enthusiasm
- Special Attributes or Circumstances

The selection committee, consisting of SSNB Executive Committee members, will announce the winners at the annual banquet held in April in Fredericton.

**Awards** - The award recipients will receive a personalized plaque and certificate.

**Send nominations to the Conference Presidents by April 1st.**

## Emery Johnson Memorial Award

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In 2004, the SSNB Executive Committee introduced the Most Sportsmanlike Coach of the year award. This award is named after Emery Johnson, the former athletic director of Dalhousie Regional High School, who passed away in November, 2003.

The Emery Johnson Memorial Award aims to recognize the outstanding lifetime achievements and significant contributions coaches have made to their students and SSNB school sports programs. SSNB recognizes that high school sports are made up of not only players and participants, but also great coaches and leaders that guide the student-athletes on and off the playing field.

### Selection Process Criteria

In submitting your nomination, please comment on why you are nominating this person, taking the following into consideration:

The coach has, by example, consistently shown good sportsmanship while coaching and has brought credit to him/herself and the school.

Further, the coach shows:

- proper acceptance of officials' judgments/decisions
- positive encouragement of player performance and bench behaviour
- general deportment and interaction with other coaches and athletes

You can provide specific examples if you wish.

### Submission:

Each nomination form must include your name and school, name and school of nominee, sport(s) of nominee and years of coaching, relevant testimonials and references. Please note - submissions are welcome from students, parents and other, but should be directed through the school. The nomination forms can be downloaded from the SSNB website. [www.ss-nb.org](http://www.ss-nb.org)

Note: The nominations submitted will stand for five years and the school will be contacted prior to the selection process.

The Emery Johnson Memorial Award will be presented at the annual banquet held in April.

### Send nominations to SSNB by April 1<sup>st</sup>

by e-mail: [ss-nb@gnb.ca](mailto:ss-nb@gnb.ca)

### Adjudication:

The SSNB Executive Committee will adjudicate this award.

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## SSNB Merit Award

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On retirement from teaching, current and former Executive Committee members and Conference Presidents shall receive a memento to recognize their contribution to high school sports in New Brunswick.

## **Team Sportsmanship Award**

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In 2014, School Sport New Brunswick introduced the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual School Sportsmanship Awards. In 2017, the 'School Award' was modified to a 'Team Award', where SSNB member teams from across New Brunswick may be nominated to receive this team award. The nomination may come from another school or from their own school.

### **Mission**

The SSNB Team Sportsmanship of the Year Award is to recognize a team, whose athletes, coaches and fans promote what sportsmanship is all about in every aspect of high school athletics.

### **Eligibility**

These awards are open to all SSNB member teams who have shown outstanding qualities of sportsmanship throughout their season while participating in SSNB events.

### **Conference Nomination Process**

Each team nomination must include a completed Team Sportsmanship of the Year Nomination Form. The nomination form can be downloaded from the SSNB website.

Each Conference President will select their top three teams and forward their selections to the SSNB office.

### **Selection Process Criteria**

The selection is based on the following criteria:

- Showing respect towards others.
- Creating a friendly and respectful environment while participating in SSNB events.
- Being a gracious host and guest.
- Being modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

A total of 4 teams (one per conference) will be selected across the province to receive a SSNB Team Sportsmanship Banner. The selection committee, consisting of the SSNB Executive Director and 4 other Executive Committee members, will determine the winners. The Team Coach and captain from the selected schools, along with the Principal or their SSNB Representative will be invited to attend the annual banquet held in April.

### **Awards**

The team recipients will each receive a personalized SSNB Team Sportsmanship Banner and certificate.

**Send nominations to your Conference Presidents by April 1st.**

## Appendix 4: Insurance Manual

### SSNB INSURANCE POLICIES ON STUDENT- ATHLETES

It is extremely important that all SSNB representatives explain the Accident Insurance Policies to all coaches, players and parents.

#### Policy # CAS831941-04 – for all sports (except hockey)

##### **Procedure:**

1. Copies of the SSNB Markel Canada Athletic Accident Claim Forms should be kept by the coach for all games home and away. The forms are also available for download on the SSNB 'Insurance Information' section of the website.
2. When an accident occurs in a game or practice, the SSNB Markel Canada Athletic Accident Claim Form must be properly filled out, signed by a physician and sent to the SSNB office within 30 days.
3. Original claim forms and receipts are only required if there is no other insurance coverage and must be mailed to the SSNB office. If the SSNB insurance is being used as a secondary coverage, a copy of the claim form and receipts can be scanned and emailed to [ss-nb@qnb.ca](mailto:ss-nb@qnb.ca).
4. Once the SSNB office receives the completed forms, they are signed off by the SSNB Executive Director and sent to the insurance company.
5. The parents or guardian will be contacted by the insurance company on the claim request.

#### **Accident Insurance Claim Forms are to be filled out within 30 days of a sport accident.**

**Coverage** - To provide protection against accidents because of bodily Injury or death while participating or training for a sanctioned event for the following participants:

- Members (excluding Ice Hockey) provided such individuals' names are registered with SSNB..
- Coaches, trainers, instructors and officials (excluding Ice Hockey) ; or
- Executive Officers of SSNB and executive officers of SSNB member schools.

Sanctioned Events mean events, tournaments and/or matches conducted by an authorized event organizer that have received formal approval by SSNB.

Sanctioned events include being transported with other members as a group (three or more) to/from the place of a sanctioned event, as arranged by SSNB.

##### **Benefit Highlights:**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits - Maximum Amount Payable, Any One Accident

- Death \$10,000.00 any one Insured
- Loss of two or more limbs or total and irrecoverable loss of sight of both eyes or hearing in both ears or any combination thereof \$20,000.00 any one Insured
- Loss of one limb or total and irrecoverable loss of sight of one eye or total hearing in one ear \$15,000.00 any one Insured
- Loss of thumb and index finger \$2,000.00 any one Insured
- Quadriplegia (complete paralysis of both upper and lower limbs) \$20,000.00 any one Insured
- Paraplegia (complete paralysis of lower limbs) \$20,000.00 any one Insured
- Hemiplegia (complete paralysis of upper and lower limbs of one side of the body) \$20,000.00 any one Insured
- Any bodily injury which prevents the Insured from engaging in any occupation or employment for which they are reasonably suited by education, training or experience continuously for a period of 12 months from the date of the accident and is deemed to be permanent or irrecoverable. \$20,000.00 any one Insured

Important Note: Benefits with respect to quadriplegia, paraplegia and hemiplegia require total paralysis of the limbs which shall have been continuous for a period of 12 months from the date of the accident and is deemed to be permanent and irrecoverable.

Indemnity provided with respect to items 2.a.i) through viii) will not be paid under any circumstances for more than one of the losses, the greatest, sustained by any one Insured as the result of any one accident.

##### **Supplementary Benefits**

Maximum Amount Payable, Any One Accident

- Prosthetic Appliances \$3,000.00 any one Insured
- Blanket Medical Expense Reimbursement \$10,000.00 any one Insured
- Rehabilitation Benefit \$3,000.00 any one Insured
- Tuition Benefit \$2,000.00 any one Insured
- Special Treatment Travel Expense Benefit \$1,000.00 any one Insured, \$150 per day
- Out of Province - Excess Surgical and Medical Accident Benefits (applicable only within Canada)

- \$10,000.00 any one Insured
- Emergency Transportation Benefit \$50.00 any one Insured
- Eyeglass & Contact Lens Expense \$100.00 any one Insured
  - \* Blanket Dental Accident Reimbursement \$2,000.00 any one insured
- Dentures, Hearing Aids and Removable Teeth Expense \$200.00 any one Insured
- Fracture or Dislocation Benefit - (including Greenstick Type Fracture) for any one Insured:
 

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| *of the skull (depressed) \$500.00                    | *of the skull (not depressed) \$500.00                |
| *of the spine (one or more vertebrae) \$250.00        | *of the lower jaw (alveolar process accepted) \$75.00 |
| *of the upper jaw \$75.00                             | *of the shoulder (dislocation) \$50.00                |
| *of the clavicle (collar bone) \$75.00                | *of the scapula (shoulder bone) \$75.00               |
| *of the elbow \$50.00                                 | *of the hip \$125.00                                  |
| *of the pelvis \$125.00                               | *of the thigh (femur) \$125.00                        |
| *of the knee cap \$100.00                             | *of the sacrum or coccyx \$100.00                     |
| *of the sternum \$50.00                               | *of the leg (tibia or fibula) \$100.00                |
| *of the upper arm (humerus) \$100.00                  | *of the forearm (radius or ulna) \$100.00             |
| *of the hand or wrist (other than phalanges) \$100.00 | *of the foot (other than phalanges) \$100.00          |
| *of the ankle \$50.00                                 |                                                       |

### Notes

- Any of the above losses, costs, expenses or treatments must be incurred within 52 weeks from the date of the accident and incurred in Canada.
- There is no limit to the number of accidents covered per Insured Person; however, indemnity under Death and Dismemberment will not be paid for more than one of the losses, the greatest, sustained by any one insured as the result of any one accident.
- \*Physiotherapy, chiropractor, osteopath limit – Under Blanket Medical Expense Reimbursement, treatment by any legally qualified physiotherapist is limited to \$100 per visit with a maximum of \$500 per any one insured
- The policy is subject to and does not contravene any Federal or Provincial statutory requirements with respect to Hospital or Medical Plans. Reimbursement of medical and medical expenses will be reduced by any amount paid or payable under any policy providing similar reimbursement expenses.
- Travel medical coverage outside Canada is recommended and available upon request.

### Exclusions to the Plan:

- Alcohol or Drugs
- Benefits available under Government Health Insurance plan
- Certain Medical Conditions
  - i) Sickness, disease, incapacity or bodily infirmity either as a cause or effect;
  - ii) Suicide or any attempt thereof by the insured while sane;
  - iii) Self-inflicted injuries or any attempt thereof by the insured while sane or insane;
  - iv) Neuroses, psychoneuroses, psychotherapies, psychoses or mental or emotional disorders of any type;
  - v) Sustained while the insured is undergoing the medical or surgical treatment of sickness, disease or bodily or mental infirmity.
  - vi) Stroke or cerebrovascular accident or event, cardiovascular accident or event, myocardial infarction or heart attack, coronary thrombosis, aneurysm;
  - vii) Infections of any kind regardless of how acquired, except bacterial infections that are directly caused by botulism, ptomaine poisoning or an accidental cut or wound independent in the absence of any underlying sickness, disease or condition including but not limited to diabetes;
  - viii) Pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or abortion;
  - ix) Hernia;
  - x) Pre-existing medical or mental condition. However **bodily injury** for which the treatment has not been rendered or treatment medically recommended for the past thirty consecutive months shall not be considered a pre-existing condition unless otherwise specifically excluded.
- Criminal Activity
- Expenses Covered under other insurance
- Other Participant Accident Policy
- Personal articles
- Professional athletes excluded

The information shown is not intended to be a complete description of all terms, conditions and exclusions applicable to the coverage. In all cases, the cover offered by Markel Canada Insurance are governed by the actual policy wording.

# **Hockey Insurance (Hockey Canada)**

Full coverage explanation can be found on the SSNB Hockey website.

**Coverage** - To provide protection against losses resulting from Bodily Injury due to accident for players, coaches, managers, trainers, on and off-ice officials and volunteers that are on the official team roster during official games, practices and team/club travel throughout the entire season (from the date of first practice to the date season ends).

## **Benefit Highlights:**

- \$25,000 in the event of death due to accident.
- \$1,000,000 in the event of loss of all four limbs (quadriplegia), both lower limbs (paraplegia) or hemiplegia.
- \$30,000 in the event of loss of speech or hearing in both ears.
- \$35,000 in the event of loss of sight of one eye.
- Up to \$5,000 for the cost of prescription drugs, ambulance fees, hospital charges in excess of standard ward accommodation, licensed physiotherapist, athletic therapists and chiropractor's fees; private duty nurses (R.N.) and miscellaneous expenses such as hearing aids, crutches, splints, casts, trusses and braces, but excluding replacement thereof. Some of the benefits have their own maximums.
- Up to \$2,500 for dental, when accidental injury to whole or sound teeth shall (including capped or crowned teeth), within 30 days, require treatment, the plan will pay for reasonable expenses actually incurred within 52 weeks after the date of the accident. \$1,250 per tooth or up to \$2,500 per injury.
- Up to \$140 for emergency taxi transportation from the scene of the accident to the nearest hospital or doctor's office following an injury.
- Up to \$2,000 if tutorial expenses of a qualified teacher are required during post-accident confinement.

## **Notes**

- Only Accident Report Forms received in the Branch office within 90 days of the date of accident will be accepted.
- Forms must be completed in their entirety or the forms will be returned.
- Forms must be faxed or emailed to HNB and SSNB offices.
- Only original receipts and/or invoices are acceptable.
- Hockey Canada is strictly a supplemental insurer. If you have access to any other insurance, you must pursue it through them first. Hockey Canada shall cover those costs not covered by your primary insurance to our policy limits.

## **Exclusions to the Plan:**

- Benefits eligible for payment by an Employee's Private Medical and/or Dental Plan. The plan acts as second "payer" in all cases and can be used for deductibles/coinsurance not paid by the first "payer".
- Any benefits provided or paid by any Government Hospital or Medical Plans, whether or not the injured person is included in such plan. There are no payments for any non-resident who plays hockey in Canada without some form of primary coverage.
- The purchase, repair or replacement of eyeglasses or contact lenses, or prescriptions thereof.
- Sickness or disease either as a cause or effect.
- Injury resulting from war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared.
- Air travel, except as a fare-paying passenger in an aircraft with a certificate of air worthiness to/from a Hockey Canada sanctioned activity.
- Expenses of dental treatment incurred for the cost of replacement or repair of artificial teeth or dentures, permanent bridgework excepted.
- The expenses of a knee brace or similar device, the use of which is solely to allow an insured person to participate in a game or practice of hockey.
- Any expenses not submitted within 365 days of the date of the accident.
- Any accident report forms not submitted within 90 days of the accident.
- Equipment replacement.

## Appendix 5: Tournament Manager's Handbook

This handbook has been developed by SSNB to assist Tournament and Meet Managers who are responsible for the running of SSNB sanctioned events. A pre-planned tournament or meet will run smoothly if specific guidelines are followed.

Schools are responsible for selecting a tournament or meet manager when they host SSNB Regional to Provincial Championship events and to be sure they adhere to all SSNB rules & regulations.

The individual charged with coordinating a regional to provincial championship shall be responsible for providing all involved schools and the Executive Director with a detailed report of the event. Failure to comply shall warrant a fine.

The following items are pre-set by the SSNB: (Do not make any changes unless permission is granted by the Executive Director)

1. Date of tournament or meet
2. Tournament and meet format
3. Awards - SSNB Banner, SSNB Medals (Provincials)
4. Budget limitations
5. Rule modifications
6. Officials expenses
7. Game equipment
8. Facility specifications

Tournament Managers must remember they are running a SSNB Regional to Provincial Tournament and not a local school tournament.

Check List for Tournament Manager:

1. Select tournament or meet location.
2. Reserve facilities as soon as possible. Consider the following in selecting facilities:
  - a) Dressing rooms – enough available
  - b) Seating – try to forecast the anticipated attendance
  - c) Internet connection for potential broadcasting
  - d) Parking
  - e) Lighting
3. Formulate tournament or meet budget based on SSNB guidelines.

The Tournament Manager must follow these procedures:

  - a) Entry fees are to be charged to competing schools including host school for all activities except the Final 12 Basketball. Please refer to O.R. 5.1 for the entry fee amounts to be charged to participating schools.
  - b) If securing additional sponsors, please review with SSNB.
  - c) Please refer to O.R. 5.3 for admission prices.
  - d) The host team will be responsible for all game equipment, tournament programs and any hospitality expenses. A digital version of the tournament program shared through a QR code is highly recommended.
  - e) The cost of janitor services can be included under expenses. Receipts are required.
  - f) For the financial reports, please refer to the Financial Affairs section in O.R. 5.1.
  - g) The selection of tournament all-stars and MVP are prohibited. Player of the game / match recognition is permissible.
  - h) Appropriate music will be provided by the host school.
4. Design schedule according to SSNB regulations.
5. Send schedule to SSNB Executive Director for approval.

6. Contact officials' association for assigning official. (Make sure they are familiar with SSNB rule modifications)
7. Secure proper game/score sheets for tournament games.
8. List equipment required for tournament or meet.
9. Recruit tournament doctor or St. John Ambulance.
10. Recruit tournament or meet personnel:
  - a) Scorers
  - b) Statisticians
  - c) Ticket sellers
  - d) Bilingual game announcers
  - e) Decorations and ceremony personnel
  - f) Timers
  - g) Hostesses
  - h) Media personnel
  - i) Facility maintenance personnel
11. Establish Protest Committee made up of three (3) adults with knowledge and experience in the sport being played (Example: Tournament Manager, Head Official or crew chief and neutral knowledgeable adult)
12. Establish a security committee. (Review O.R. 9.5)
13. Establish procedure for Awards Presentation (Provincials).
14. Make Press Release on tournament or meet.
15. Send information package (see the Language Policy in Article 13 of the Constitution) to coaches of teams entered in tournament or meet. Include the following:
  - a) Tournament schedule
  - b) Entry fee
  - c) Directions to tournament site
  - d) Accommodations available
  - e) Restaurants available
  - f) Facility phone number for emergency purposes
  - g) Explain team bench / area procedures
  - h) Explain uniform colour responsibility
  - i) Emphasize proper conduct by coaches and players will strongly be enforced
  - j) Warm-up time limit
  - k) Half-time game activities
  - l) Post game activities
16. Secure Provincials Awards and Banners from SSNB.
17. Obtain schedule of officials – both minor and major officials. Pay officials before game if possible. Keep receipts of officials' expenses.
18. Oversee the operation of the tournament or meet.
19. Carry out SSNB Provincial Award Presentation using the script at the end of competition.
20. Contact SSNB and Media with tournament or meet results after the event.
21. All game sheets and penalties must be sent to the Conference President/League Coordinator and SSNB within 24 hours of the event; incident reports must be sent within 72 hours.
22. Prepare financial report for SSNB and send to the SSNB Executive Director within 30 days of tournament or meet. Include the following in the report:
  - i) Final results - if not previously sent
  - ii) Financial Report – submit all receipts approved by SSNB regulations
  - iii) Recommendations
23. Send thank you letters to volunteers

## Appendix 6: SSNB Hosting - Minimum Standards for all Provincials and Senior Regionals

**We also recommend that these standards be followed for SSNB Junior Regional events and if some cannot be met, the conference presidents must be in agreement.**

\*Some revisions may be required and must be approved by SSNB.

### Accommodations

Depending on the particular competition being hosted, accommodation requirements can vary greatly. Although it is preferable that required accommodations be near the competition site (60 km maximum one way), it should be noted that smaller communities away from the host site may need to be used. When accommodations are required, the tournament committee should attempt to negotiate a reduced rate for visiting competitors and inform all conferences of the arrangements. Where possible, block rooms with the SSNB sponsor hotel when one exists in the area. Inform the hotel that teams attending provincials will likely not be known until the weekend before provincials and request that they hold all block booked rooms until 9:00pm on the Monday prior to Provincials.

**Note:** SSNB has an accommodation agreement with InnVest Hotels (Comfort Inn). With this in mind, the tournament committee should use an InnVest Hotel, when one exists in the area. InnVest Hotels offer a competitive SSNB rate and terms as well as offer financial support to SSNB. Please see the Proud Sponsors of SSNB, at the bottom of the SSNB website and click on the InnVest Hotels logo for a complete hotel listing or refer to the back of the SSNB Handbook for the InnVest ad.

### Concessions

Depending on the nature and location of the meet, concessions may or may not be necessary; therefore, concessions should be provided at the discretion of the organizing committee and with menu choices that keep the best interests of the student athletes in mind (Nutrition Policy 711). No alcohol is to be served at SSNB events, as per O.R. 10.5.

### First Aid

A first aid station must be available with first aid certified personnel. Please be sure to consult the Safety Guidelines for Physical Education.

### Playing facilities

Prior to determining the location, the school host, conference and officials must approve of the playing conditions.

#### Indoor venues:

- All floor lines must be of a consistent color and clearly visible to players and officials.
- The playing area must be flat and of a consistent material to allow for safe play.
- The gym must be adequately lite to ensure clear visibility for players and officials.
- Score keeper's devices must be clearly visible to coaches, spectators, and officials.

#### Outdoor venues:

- All required lines must be clearly identified and visible to players and officials.
- The playing surface must be flat, without holes and of a consistent material (grass or turf), which is maintained in order to allow for proper play and safety. It must be free of all debris and water.

### Admission

Entry fees for spectators must be collected at all regional/championship events\*. We highly recommend that outside facilities are fenced. \*Exceptions – Golf, badminton and cross-country.

## **Sound System**

A proper sound system must be used for the playing of warm-up music / national anthem, as well as the announcing of players. The national anthem must either be an audio file or performed by an individual and must also be bilingual or instrumental.

**In addition to following the recommendations contained in the NB Safety Guidelines, the following facility requirements are needed at the host locations:**

### **Badminton**

- A minimum of 4 double courts is required to host.
- All courts must have a minimum of half a meter of clearance between courts and 1 m on the ends.
- The minimum ceiling height shall be 7m.
- Seating for spectators should accommodate a minimum of 150 people.
- Adequate change facilities to accommodate the players.

### **Baseball**

- A minimum of one (1) field with lights.
- Minimum field dimensions as indicated by baseball Canada (U18).
- The dugouts must be covered.

### **Basketball** (Provincial Sectionals & Finals)

- FIBA court dimensions for regulation are 28m by 15m (25m x 15m minimum).
- Seating for spectators must be able to accommodate a minimum of 200 people.
- There must be a minimum one meter free zone around the court.
- Floor markings and backboards must comply with rule specifications.
  - 3pt line – 19' 9" radius to outside of line
  - Rectangular board – 1.8m wide by 1.05m tall
- Must have proper functioning score clock with 24 second clocks on both ends.
- Wall safety pads must also be provided as per the NB Safety Guidelines.

### **Cheerleading:**

- Facility - A 42' x 42' matted surface for the performance floor and an additional one for warm ups (preferably near the main floor).
- Seating for spectators in the main gym area must be able to accommodate a minimum of 400 people, plus seating area for all the teams.
- Limited entry points to ensure a secure gate for admissions.
- Area available for teams to get ready.

### **Cross Country**

- The course should be laid out in an area that will provide a variety of terrain for all distances to be run.
- Essential that each route be clearly marked to avoid confusion for the participants.
- Races are encouraged to incorporate a looped distance.
- Although parts of the course should be challenging, care must be taken to avoid routes that could be dangerous in the event of rain or snow conditions.
- The start line must be at least 50m wide and half of the race route must be a passable area with a minimum width for being no less than 1m for no more than 250m.
- Ample washrooms and change facilities to accommodate 256 runners, plus spectators.

### **Field hockey**

- Regulation size field hockey field as established by FIH – 91.40m x 55m wide.
- It is required to use a synthetic turf field and to try to have two fields available.
- Must supply a bench for each of the two teams and it is recommended to provide temporary shelter.

- The net must be regulation size – 3.66m wide x 2.14m and in good condition, without holes.
- Must have access to changing and washroom facilities.
- The host school must provide two game balls for each game.

#### **Football:**

- A synthetic turf field is required.
- Adequate change room/shower facilities for 40 players per team.
- Change room for officials. Game Officials will normally arrive approximately 1 hour prior to game time. Please ensure they have access to dressing rooms and to shower facilities following the game. The dressing rooms must be able to be secured (locked) during the game, and should not be accessible to others until after the officials have vacated the premises following the game.
- An announcer, P.A. system, timer, scorekeeper, a vantage point for videotaping and or coaches observation.
- Suitable goal post padding is required.
- The Home Team is responsible for field security. In the interest of safety, spectators should be kept at least 10 yards back from the sidelines.
- Adequate parking & spectator seating.
- Access to field for emergency vehicles.
- Washroom facilities for spectators.
- Limited entry points to ensure a secure gate for admissions.

#### **Golf**

- 18 hole regulation golf course is required for Provincials and recommended for Regionals.
- Must have access to the 'club house'.
- The ground must be available for practice rounds the day before the tournament.

#### **Hockey**

- Must have access to four locker rooms with showers and 1 official's room with showers.
- Rink surface must be a minimum of NHL size (85 x 200).
- When possible, have a room to store equipment.
- Seating for spectators must be able to accommodate a minimum of 500 people.

#### **Rugby**

- The minimum field dimensions would be 68m W x 112m L (122m max) 6.11 m end zone. 100m playing field – 6m to 11m max end zones.
- All goal posts must be properly padded.
- Must supply a bench for each of the two teams and it is recommended to provide temporary shelter.
- Must have access to change facilities and washroom facilities for spectators.
- All fields must have 14 flags (1.25m in height), 7 per side, placed properly (minimum 3.4m for uprights).

#### **Soccer**

- Two fields must be available within 50km of each other for the Provincials and recommended for the Regionals. The semi-final games must be played on the same type of surface, either grass or turf.
- Field dimensions – 45m (90m max) x 90m (120m max). Width of the lines must be the same and must not be more than 12 cm.
- It is highly recommended to use a synthetic turf field.
- All lines must be clearly identified and marked appropriately, including technical areas.
- Proper corner flags must be used.
- The nets must be regulation size – 7.32m x 2.44m and must be in good condition, without

holes.

- Must supply a bench for each of the two teams and it is recommended to provide temporary shelter.
- Must have access to two change facilities for players and one for officials.
- Washroom facilities for spectator must be provided.

### **Softball**

- The field dimensions as per the SSNB Softball guidelines must be followed.
- Fields must have access to washroom facilities.
- Lights are recommended in case of bad weather.
- A set of bases are required, including the safety bag at 1st base.
- Pitching rubber is required, as some fields have them only at 46'.

### **Swimming:**

- A 25m pool with 6 lanes minimum is required.
- Seating for spectators and participants must be able to accommodate a minimum of 500 people.

### **Track and Field**

- A 400m all-weather track is required with a minimum of 6 lanes for all track events.
- Events require a high jump pit and equipment, two long jump/triple jump pits, one javelin area, one discus area (netted), one shot put area and a minimum of 90 hurdles.
- Washrooms (portable toilets rent as required) and change facilities are required and showers are recommended.
- Spectator space is required with all spectators and non-competitors to be excluded from the track infield area. A recommendation would be seating for 500 people.

### **Volleyball**

- Two courts are required within close proximity – regulation size (18m x 9m) – Senior volleyball – 2 main courts; Junior volleyball – 2 side courts.
- Properly secured nets with antennas, the nets must be able to be set at the proper height and must be taut to allow ball play off it. Recommendation to utilize the new 3" pole system.
- Posts must be at least ½ m outside the side line and completely padded.
- Proper referee stands to allow the officials to officiate safely.
- Playing area – there must be 2m of free space all around the court with a minimum of 7m of clearance above the entire playing court (18m x 9m). All seating, player's bench as well as scorer's table must be outside the 2m free space.
- Must provide two change facilities for players and one for officials.
- Seating for spectators must be able to accommodate a minimum of 100 people per court.

### **Wrestling:**

- The number of mat surfaces to be used at the SSNB Championships will reflect the number of participants (36x36).
- Score/Time Clocks
- Mat Cleaner & Tape
- Seating for spectators must be able to accommodate a minimum of 100 people.
- Mats with protection area around wrestling mats.

## Appendix 7: Video Review Policy

### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1. The use of video in sport has become increasingly prevalent, along with the quality of available technology. Many teams involve the use of video technology as a teaching or player/team development tool, in addition to parents or family members recording games for personal use. With that in mind, the utilization of video by SSNB for the review of situations that may occur during a game continues to be an ongoing issue.

### **2.0 Purpose**

2.1 SSNB acknowledges that video evidence may possibly support the decision makers, and as such, may consider it in the decision-making process, where approved and at its discretion.

### **3.0 Official judgement**

3.1 Video submissions that are protesting a referee's decision will not be considered unless it is outlined in this policy.

### **4.0 Video that may be reviewed**

4.1 SSNB may review the following:

- Videos for the purpose of identifying the correct player in situations where an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice official(s) and issued a penalty resulting in suspension. This excludes players who have been issued a penalty without a suspension;
- Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of game officials, players or coaches during altercations, specifically when the use of force is concerned;
- Videos for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that has, or may have, resulted in a serious injury to any player whether a penalty was assessed or not;
- Videos for the purpose of reviewing a penalty that may have resulted in a major suspension.
- Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators or parents.

4.2 Only videos submitted or endorsed by a school principal will be reviewed.

4.3 Video may be requested by SSNB at any time to aid in its decision making related to conduct that is inappropriate or dangerous.

### **5.0 Submission process**

5.1A review shall occur when the following has been submitted by the respective school to the Conference President / SSNB Executive Director.

- A copy of the video in its entirety (note: the video must include 20 seconds prior to the infraction in question as well as 20 seconds after the infraction occurred).
- A copy of the game sheet;
- Submission form;

All documentation must be submitted within 72 hours of the game in question.

### **6.0 Review procedure**

6.1 A discipline committee with a minimum of three representative from the league, conference and/or SSNB executive will be used to review the evidence submitted.

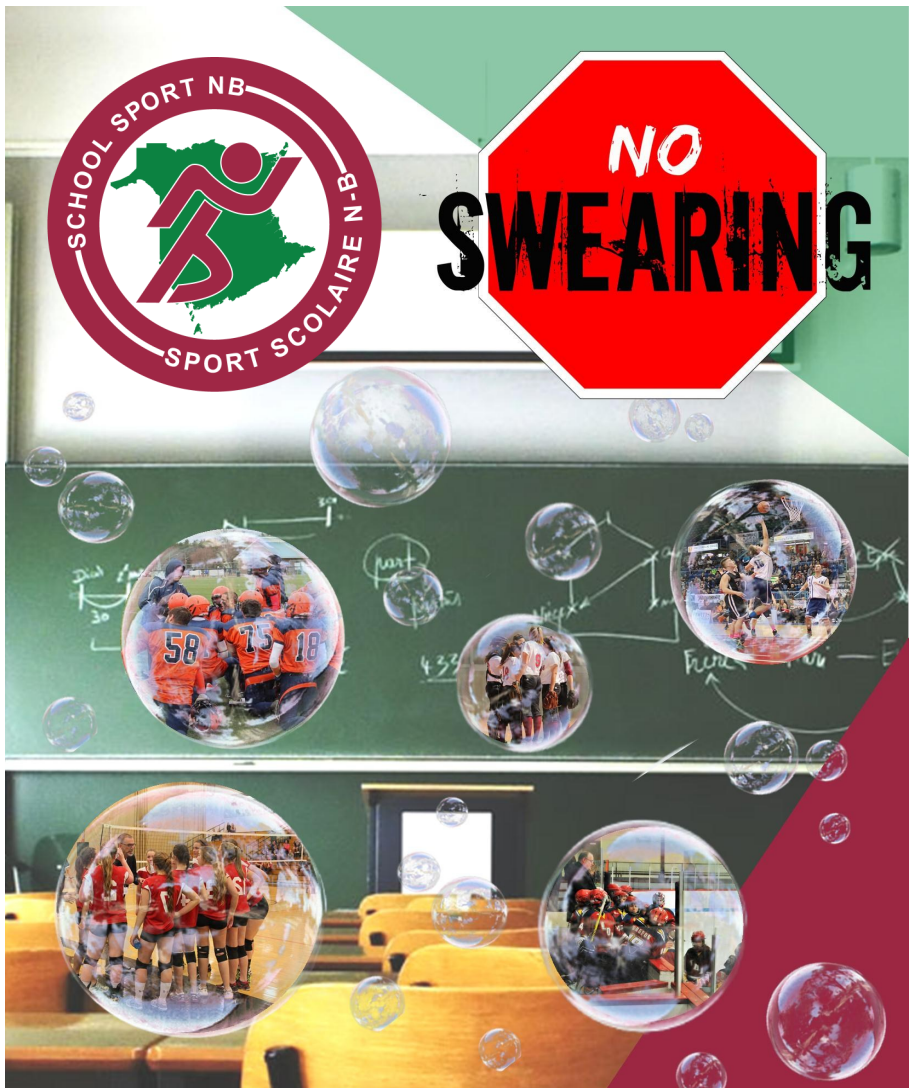
6.2 One of the following determinations shall be made:

- The review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgment resulting in revision or revocation of the corresponding suspension(s);
- The review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/or used correct judgment resulting in the penalty/penalties or non- suspensions remain in effect.
- The review is inconclusive where the video recording does not provide a sufficiently clear view of the incident resulting in any decisions and/or suspension(s) from a penalty or penalties assessed remaining in effect.

6.3. The review is final and shall not subject to any further appeal.

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