

**Sport Committee Conference Call
January 23, 2006**

In attendance: Diane St-Denis (Chair), Pat Murray, Kelly Matheson, Ken Schildroth, Al Scott, Ross Wilson

Regrets: Jean-Guy Ouellette, Tony Addona

1. Approval of November 16th meeting minutes

Motion 1 (R. Wilson/P. Murray)

Carried

To approve the minutes of the November 16, 2005 conference call.

2. Update on Men's Basketball Championship Format

S. Newton provided an update that the CIS Board of Directors had supported the Sport Committee recommendation. With that the next steps included an email vote to the membership seeking approval of the change to policy 20.20. Email will be distributed this week with a response date of February 17th.

A. Scott expressed concern that the NABCC had not adequately provided rationale for the extra berth to the OUA and CWUAA in the 8-team format.

D. St-Denis responded that the committee had discussed this issue on the previous call, a motion was put forwarded and supported by the committee and the next steps were well in place.

3. Women's Basketball Proposal Update

The President of the Coaches Association has been consumed with other priorities and has not at this time provided an update to the original proposal. Until such a time as an updated proposal is provided this matter will be placed on the back burner.

4. Officials Fees – 3 year plan (Annex B)

Committee reviewed the backgrounder provided to S. Newton. It was clarified that the intent was not to automatically provide an increase every three years to all officials but only for those that made the official request.

Next steps would be for S. Newton to educate the NSO's/Officials bodies on the new system so they can make the request as required.

It was questioned why the rates for women's hockey officials were significantly over then the men's. S. Newton to follow-up on this with Hockey Canada.

5. Women's Ice Hockey Championship Date Change Request (Annex C)

Committee reviewed backgrounder.

Reluctant to make a change without at least looking at other options, such as the use of male officials if the supply of women's officials is strained due to the three events taking place on one weekend. Note: The male officials would have to have officiating women's game prior.

From a television perspective, the Winter Games are broadcast on CBC, Esso Women's Nationals on TSN, may be other possibilities. Not necessarily increasing our odds of receiving coverage by moving to the same weekend as Men's Basketball.

CWUAA already has their 2006-07 schedule in place. Need to investigate what the impact would be.

Asked with the age of the players are at the Esso Women's Championship. Confirmed that the championship is an 18 and Under event.

ACTION:

- a) Regional Association reps to discuss at upcoming Regional Association meetings. Impact on schedule.**
- b) S. Newton to contact Hockey Canada re use of male officials.**
- c) P. Murray to discuss further with P. Metzals re television options.**
- d) Follow-up conference call in late February to discuss further.**

6. Letter from Canadian Ophthalmological Society (Annex D)

A copy of the letter was provided as information only. S. Newton will be contacting Hockey Canada to see if they already have any research on the number of injuries. Will also check with our insurance provided for additional details.

R. Wilson indicated that a work study was completed recently gathering exactly this type of information, including moving to full visors, increased stick work and the increase in number of injuries. R. Wilson to provide S. Newton with the name of the University contact who provided information for the study.

7. Other Business

D. St-Denis reminded that committee that the position of Vice-President Sport would be open this June.

ANNEX B

Backgrounder – Officials Fees Sport Committee January 23, 2006

Desired outcome: To approve a 3 year plan for the implementation of increases to officials fees.

Background: The following motions have been passed by Sport Committee.

(February 28, 2005) MOTION 9 (P. Murray/J. Jeffrey) Carried
That CIS will only consider the increase in officials fees every 3 years. Any increases can only be to the maximum of 10% at any one time. A schedule should be developed to ensure increases in officials fees do not happen all in one given year.

(June 2005) MOTION 25 (P. Murray/B. Mullaly) Carried
To adjust previous motion to read ...A request for an increase shall be no more than the average CPI rate over the last 3 years to a maximum of a 10% overall increase.

ACTION: S. Newton to conduct an audit with all the regional associations. DEADLINE: September 2005.

(September 26, 2005) MOTION 2 (R. Wilson/K. Schildroth) Carried
That CIS increase the following officials fees for implementation in the 2006-07 season:
- Men's and Women's Basketball to \$110.00 plus \$38.50 for standby officials (amounts to a 10% increase).
- Football to \$126.50 and \$115.50 for Vanier Cup and \$115.50 and \$104.50 for the two Bowl games.

ACTION: S. Newton to prepare a schedule for additional increases over the next three years including another scheduled increase for Basketball in 2009.

Attached is a chart outlining calculated increased based on a 10% increase.

Recommendation #1:

That CIS increase officials fees based on the following schedule:

- 2007-08 = W Rugby to \$40.91 for the referee and \$20.45 for the touch judge.
- 2007-08 = M & W Soccer to \$81.81 for the referee and \$40.91 for the linesmen.
- 2007-08 = M & W Volleyball to \$66.47.
- 2008-09 = M Ice Hockey to \$122.72 for the referee and \$61.36 for the linesmen
- 2008-09 = W Ice Hockey to \$71.60 for the referee and \$35.80 for the linesmen
- 2008-09 = Wrestling to \$66.47

Sport	Current Fee	CPI Increase	10% Increase	Last Increase	The Ask
Basketball	\$100/referee	\$102.30	\$110	Prior to 97-98	\$110 (06) to 120 (07)
	\$35/stand by	\$35.80	\$38.50		\$50
Football	\$115 – Vanier	\$117.60	\$126.50	97-98 by \$10	\$165
	\$105 – Vanier	\$107.38	\$115.50		\$135
	\$105 – Bowl	\$107.38	\$115.50	97-98 by \$5	\$130
	\$95 – Bowl	\$97.15	\$104.50		\$110
Ice Hockey (M)	\$120/referee	\$122.72	\$132.00	2004-05	None
	\$60/linesmen	\$61.36	\$66.00		None
Ice Hockey (W)	\$70/referee	\$71.60	\$77.00	Never	None
	\$35/linesmen	\$35.80	\$38.50		None
Rugby (W)	\$40/referee	\$40.91	\$44.00	Never	None
	\$20/touch judge	\$20.45	\$22.00		None
Soccer	\$80/referee	\$81.81	\$88.00	Prior to 97-98	None
	\$40/linesmen	\$40.91	\$44.00		None
Volleyball	\$60/match	\$61.36	\$66.00	2003-04 by\$10	Not from officials
Wrestling	\$65/official	\$66.47	\$71.50	Prior to 97-98	None

ANNEX C

Desired outcome: To discuss a request to change the date of the 2007 CIS Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

Background: The CIS Womens Ice Hockey Championship is currently scheduled to be held March 8-11, 2007. This is also the same weekend as Hockey Canada's Esso Women's National Championship (Sydney, NS) and will also conflict with the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

The following email was sent to coaches via the President of the Coaches Association:

From: Shelley Coolidge [<mailto:scoolidg@uottawa.ca>]
> Sent: June 13, 2005 9:04 PM
> Cc: Sheila-Ann Newton
> Subject: CIS Meeting Highlights/ Hockey Canada Meeting Highlights/
Vote to change date CIS Nationals

CIS Coaching Association Championship Date Change Option:

I know that as an association there was initially opposition to the Idea of moving the Championship. I also know that as the CIS we have spoke about the importance of exposure at the Canada Winter Games for the athletes to see interest from our Canadian Programs.

As the host for the 2007 National Championship, in speaking with the Sport Committee we can put forward a proposal to move the dates of the CIS National Championship for 2007 and 2008 back one week so that we Run the same weekend as Men's Basketball. If as an Association we are interested in moving the dates I need to let our facility management and host committee know prior to the printing of our booklets (June 30th, 2005).

Could you please email me with either a yes - change the date to the weekend following (pending sport committee approval) or a no -do not change the dates for the championship

The response to date includes:

16 responded – 15 in favour of a date change.

59% response rate – The President of the Coaches Association is continuing to work on achieving the 66% required response rate (2 more responses will do it).

CIS received a request from the University of Ottawa as the Host of the 2007 Championship also requesting a date change and confirming facility availability. See attached.

A request has been made for comments from a marketing perspective. I hope to have this information available at the time of the conference call.



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December 12, 2005

The Canadian Intercollegiate Sport
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Fax 1 613-562-5669

RE: CIS Signed Championship Agreement for 2007 and 2008

Dear Sheila-Ann,

Please find attached a signed CIS Championship Agreement for Women's Hockey for 2007 and 2008 from the University of Ottawa.

Please forward to the CIS Sport Committee for consideration:

The CIS Women's Ice Hockey Coaches Association along with the University of Ottawa Host Committee would like to request a date change to the CIS National Ice Hockey Championship. We would like to move the 2007 Championship date back one weekend to the same weekend as the CIS Men's Basketball Championship for this season. This would move the Championship away from March 8-11, 2007 as it now states in the contract to the dates of March 15 - 18, 2007.

The Championship currently runs at the same time as the Esso Women's National Championship and during the 2007 season the dates will also conflict with the 2007 Canada Winter Games. To assist our programs with identifying and recruiting athletes and to help insure access to quality officiating we would like to move our championship for the 2007 season.

In consultation with the CIS Women's Ice Hockey Coaching Association, an electronic vote was conducted regarding a potential change in the date for the Championship. We have taken the liberty to consult with our facilities staff and the University of Ottawa would be able to accommodate that request for the 2007 Championship.

Sincerely,

Luc Gelineau
Director of Athletics

Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa
Gee-Gees Women's Hockey Program
Hôte Championnat de hockey sur glace féminin de SIC/
Host of the CIS Women's Hockey National Championships
Mars 2007 et 2008/ March 2007 and 2008

December 7, 2005

Ms. Marg McGregor
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Interuniversity Sport
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Dear Ms. McGregor:

Re: Facial Protection in Men's Ice Hockey

It has been brought to our attention by physicians working with men's ice hockey teams in the OUA that a rule was passed at the CIS this year to permit regional associations to pass rules allowing the use of CSA-approved half visors.

If our understanding of the situation is correct, prior to this year, half visors have been used in some of your regional associations, but not in others. One might understand the purpose of the rule passed by the CIS this year as being to harmonize the regulations across regional associations, which motive we can understand.

However, such harmonization should have been achieved by requiring all associations to elevate their safety standards to acceptable levels, not to lower standards to the lowest common denominator (in this case, half visors).

The evidence in ice hockey is very clear: full facial protection prevents ocular and orofacial injuries. There has never been a player blinded by an injury occurring when wearing full facial protection. However, there have been nine players in Canada who have been permanently blinded in one eye while wearing CSA-approved half visors. Half visors are better than nothing, but they are not good enough!

In light of the recent death of Dr. Tom Pashby, who devoted his life to improving the game of ice hockey by promoting adequate facial protection, the timing of this regressive rule change deeply disturbs us.

December 7, 2005

Please reconsider your position based on scientific evidence. The CIS should amend its rules for men's ice hockey to require the use of full facial protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hubert Drouin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Hubert Drouin
Executive Director

HD/EP

Copies to: Executive Directors, CIS Regional Associations
Chair, CIS Men's Ice Hockey Committee