

**SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 23 & 24, 2006**

In attendance: Diane St-Denis, Pat Murray, Tony Addona, Ken Schildroth, Al Scott, Ross Wilson, Marg McGregor, Sheila-Ann Newton

Regrets: Kelly Matheson

1. Approval of Agenda

Several items were added to the agenda:

- a) Coaches Association Fees
- d) Women's Basketball Championship Format Proposal
- b) How motions make their way through Coaches Assoc. to Sport Committee (80.40.10.1)
- a) Feedback to Board re Championship Bid Book Backgrounder
- a) Appointment of student-athletes to Sport Committee
- c) June meeting timelines

**Motion 1 (R. Wilson/K. Schildroth)
To approve the agenda as amended.**

Carried

2. Approval of January 23 and March 8, 2006 conference call minutes (as posted on the web).

**Motion 2 (P. Murray/A. Scott)
To approve the minutes as circulated.**

Carried

3. Business Arising:

- a) Reconsideration of the Women's Ice Hockey Date Change Request (Annex A)

Two letters have been received from Hockey Canada from Julie Healy and Wally Kozak. Both letters indicate Hockey Canada's support of the request from the Coaches Association to move the date of the championship in 2007. In the letter Hockey Canada has committed to moving the date of the Esso Women's National Championship off the current weekend to avoid conflict with our championship, starting in 2008.

Discussion:

- Hockey Canada's commitment to move the date of their Esso Championships is a substantial commitment to working with us.
- Why do they think its easier for us to move for next year?
- Our host is willing to move the date, Hockey Canada may not be in the same position.
- Not a guarantee that all teams will have the \$ to send their coach to the Canada Winter Games to recruit. The letter keeps referring to our coaches recruiting at these Games but I don't see this happening while the athletes are competing in the championship. Our coaches will be there observing.
- Its not necessarily about active recruiting its about a perception that CIS is there along side the NCAA and is intereted in these kids and keeping them in Canada.
- AUS already has two weekends between end of playoffs and the CIS Championship. CW would lead to two weeks off. This will be difficult.

- OUA can accommodate this.
- In our efforts to build a partnership with Hockey Canada, not supporting this request could send a very negative message, one that we don't want to send.
- Must work with Hockey Canada to ensure we don't run into this problem in the future in reference to Canada Games.

Motion 3 (P. Murray/T. Addona)

Carried (4-0-1)

To move the date of the 2007 CIS Women's Ice Hockey Championship from March 8 to 11 to March 15 to 19.

b) Follow-up re Letter from Canadian Ophthalmological Society

This item will be deferred to our June meeting. S. Newton is still in the process of researching information from various groups.

This item will be on the OUA agenda at their meetings in two weeks. OUA Sport Committee reviewed this and will be recommending to go back to full visors. A survey was done internally. OUA coaches don't want the full visor – they give the option to the athletes and the athletes opt for the half-visors. Has been indicated that the question comes up in the process of recruiting from the athletes.

Canada West moved to a sign-off sheet in reference to insurance. There are many who will make the case that there are now more injuries else where from wearing full visor. More stick work, high sticking, aggressive hits, etc. There was some research done on this by a doctor associated with the University of Calgary program. Should try and obtain this information.

AUS discussed in February. Agreed to stay with the half visors (based on coaches feedback).

ACTION: S. Newton to continue to pull the research information. Should include information on what the other leagues are doing (NHL, OHL, CWL, right down to the minor leagues).

c) COMSID's recommendation on definition of exhibition play

S.Newton reported COMSID will be meeting in May at the East-West Bowl Game. Will follow-up with a recommendation following that meeting.

d) Women's Soccer Coaches Assoc. recommendation on rotational berth

Will be addressed as part of the vote sheet.

e) Women's Ice Hockey Coaches Association feedback on QSSF motion

S. Newton reported that at the Coaches Association meeting there was no support to move forward with the motion. Should be a regional association/institutional decision.

Discussion:

- Should be considered/discussed by the Eligibility committee for all CIS team sports (not just women's hockey).
- There are similar examples of this in M Basketball.

- Kim St-Pierre played for the men's team and this is where this motion comes from.
- There are exceptional circumstances and there's no way around it.
- Goalies are definitely an exceptional circumstance.

4. **Championship Schedule**

D. St-Denis reviewed the report previously submitted by the sub-committee.

Discussion:

- A lot has changed from a TV perspective since the initial time of the sub-committees first work.
- Committee agreed it was time to take a second look at the championship schedule based on the new information surrounding the television strategy.
- Volleyball has worked well for years why move it off the current weekend.
- Need to focus first on what's best from a TV perspective then work back from that.
- Several options need to be developed and the membership surveyed.

Committee then worked at developing several options based on certain principles. Please see the attached document (Annex B). The membership will be surveyed. The results of the survey will be shared with the committee for a final decision by the committee on a May conference call. A recommendation will then be presented to the Board at the June meetings.

ACTION: Committee members to survey their conference members and report back to the overall committee immediately following their conference meeting.

5. **Fall Coaches Association Vote Sheets**

- a) Pre-Approved Motions – See Annex C
- b) Motions Forwarded to other Committees - Annex D

Need to send a memo to the President of CUFCA, explaining that their mandate is to govern CIS play at the Vanier Cup and Bowl Games not to Regional Associations.

Football Motions 11 & 12 – Sport Committee strongly urges the Eligibility Committee to look at this. We have no way of checking and we're going to run into difficult situations. Need the protection.

In reference to the motions that are considered out of order we need to ensure this information is sent to the sport convenors regionally so they are aware.

Fall coaches association vote sheets should have been done in January/February. We need to clean up process so we're implementing change instead of waiting for the trickle down affect.

- c) Motions for Approval

Cross Country – 78% response rate

No mover for this motion (*Motion 4 on vote sheet*):

The CIS Cross Country Travel Pool funding formula of 2 births to Canada West, 2 births to OUA, 1 birth to QSSF and 1 birth to AUS (2-2-1-1) be maintained and two additional teams be funded. Selection of the additional funded teams will be based on the previous years results with the highest placing conference(s) that did not receive funding under the 2-2-1-1 funding formula that year other than the host conference for the competition year up to a maximum of three per conference.

Rationale: Under the current cross country travel pool format of 2 births to Canada West, 2 births to OUA, 1 birth to QSSF and 1 birth to AUS (2-2-1-1) there is repeatedly a travel pool surplus remaining after 100% of the travel pool eligible expenses are paid. Under the new funding format proposed the number of funded athletes would increase by 25% from 84 to 112 while incurring only a slight shortfall in the travel pool. Based on the worst case scenario from the 2003 Cross Country Championship held in Moncton the shortfall would be \$115 per athlete.

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 11	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 21	Against - 4	Abstain - 0

Committee felt it was time for a review of the championship principles surrounding travel pool funding. Will forward this information to the Board for consideration.

Still unanswered questions. The shortfall of \$115.00 does that mean that this now becomes part of the fees charged to each school therefore increasing the fees in cross country. Why would we do this?

Note: The Board of Directors met immediately following the Sport Committee where the VP Sport requested the Board review this request as part of their review of the travel pool funding policy. The Board added this item to an upcoming agenda.

Motion withdrawn (*Motion 5 on vote sheet*):

Individual travel pool funding for cross country would be the Gold and Silver medalist in each conference, if they are not on a funded team.

Rationale: The present policy indicates that the top 3 individuals from each conference that are not on a funded team will receive travel pool funding. The new motion is consistent with expectations of the teams and ensures that the best individuals in each conference are at the CIS Championships.

Athletic Director	For - 17	Against - 7	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 7	Abstain - 0

The above motion should not have been on the vote sheet. The Coaches Association executive put forward the motion to their membership following their annual coaches meeting via an email vote. The 66% response rate required to move the motion forward (as part of the vote sheet) was not achieved. An administrative error for being placed on the vote sheet.

MOTION 4: R.WILSON/T. ADDONA (*Motion 6 on vote sheet*) **Carried**
To have the Student Athlete Community Service Award added to the CIS Cross Country Playing Regulations, with the criteria wording consistent with the CIS Track and Field Community Service Award.

Rationale: The award currently does not exist in Cross Country. However the coaching association wishes to recognize outstanding student athletes who make valuable contributions to their community.

Athletic Director	For - 24	Against - 1	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 24	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

<i>Football – 67% response rate</i>
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MOTION 5: T.ADDONA/R.WILSON (*Motion 2 on vote sheet*) **Carried** (as amended)
Be it resolved that CIS adopt the Seven-Man Officiating Crews for the Semi-Final Bowl games and the Vanier Cup subject to a long term agreement with the Canadian Football League that would provide appropriate funding for the cost of this additional Official.

Athletic Director	For - 14	Against - 3	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 15	Against - 3	Abstain - 0

No mover (Motion 7 on vote sheet). In direct conflict of policy 60.20.3.3

Inasmuch as CUFGA feels strongly that, based on a long standing tradition, all Major Award nominees, along with the All-Canadian Team attend the Vanier Cup Festival, and Inasmuch as CUFGA feels that these athletes be properly honoured for their achievements,

Be it resolved that the Vanier Cup Organizing Committee must provide three nights accommodation and meals for the selected All-Canadians, as well as the Major Award winners and Conference nominees.

Athletic Director	For - 11	Against - 6	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

No mover (Motion 8 on vote sheet). In direct conflict of policy 60.20.3.2

Be it resolved that the Vanier Cup Organizing Committee provide commemorative rings for the All-Canadian Team. It is understood that CUFGA would pay one half the cost of these rings up to a maximum of \$250.

Athletic Director	For - 9	Against - 7	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

(*Motion 17 on vote sheet*) – CIS can not mandate a conference to appoint an individual. Sport Committee recommends that CUFGA form a sub-committee to review and provide definitions for the required stats (as was done in volleyball).

Be it resolved that each Conference will delegate a Coordinator of Conference Statistics to meet annually with the purpose to standardize statistics to ensure national consistency.

Athletic Director	For - 16	Against - 2	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

MOTION 6: P.MURRAY/T.ADDONA (*Motion 19 on vote sheet*) **Carried** (as amended)
Inasmuch as there is a concern regarding pre-game incidents involving taunting,

Be it resolved that the Visiting Team be required to stay on their side of the 45 Yard Line during introductions and must return to their bench prior to the commencement of Home Team introductions.

Athletic Director	For - 17	Against - 1	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 17	Against - 1	Abstain - 0

Women’s Soccer – 82% response rate

MOTION 7: R.WILSON/A.SCOTT (Motion 7 on vote sheet) Carried

Change the wording of policy 20.20.4.10 Note a:

The Regional Association with the rotational berth cannot be the same as the Regional Association with the previous year’s medallist berth and/or the host Region. In this case, the Regional Association with the rotational berth would exchange places with the next Regional Association in line for the rotational berth.

Rationale: Simply a clarification of the rules set in place in 2004.

Athletic Director	For - 33	Against - 0	Abstain - 3
Head Coach	For - 35	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Men’s Soccer – 77% response rate

No mover (*Motion 1 on vote sheet*). The committee agreed the host needs time to prepare programs and presentations and by pushing the deadline from 10 days prior to 7 days prior we’re putting the host in a difficult position.

To amend I.3 c) of the playing regulations to read: Voting by conference call will be completed no later than 7 days prior to the start of the championship.

Rationale: Allows Regional Associations more time to pull together the necessary information prior to the conference call.

Athletic Director	For - 31	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 31	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

MOTION 8: K.SCHILDROTH/A.SCOTT (Motion 3 on vote sheet) Carried (as amended)

That where possible the draw for the championship ensure that teams from one region are not playing the same teams as the other team from their region (example CWUAA #1 plays QSSF #2 then CWUAA #2 would not play QSSF #1).

Rationale: Establishes cross conference play.

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 2	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 30	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

MOTION 9: T.ADDONA/A.SCOTT (Motion 4 on vote sheet) Carried

To add the following to D.2.2 “If the Host wins their Regional Association Championship they will take the #1 Regional Association spot and the 2nd place finisher will assume the Host spot.”

Athletic Director	For - 31	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 31	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

MOTION 10: A.SCOTT/K. SCHILDROTH (*Motion 5 on vote sheet*) **Carried**
To support the University of Alberta proposal (Annex D of minutes).

Athletic Director	For - 24	Against - 2	Abstain - 5
Head Coach	For - 24	Against - 4	Abstain - 3

MOTION 11: R.WILSON/T.ADDONA (*Motion 6 on vote sheet*) **Carried**
To amend H.1 to ensure that the number of officials is increased from 6 to 9. AMEND – FOR BOTH MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Athletic Director	For - 30	Against - 1	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 30	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

MOTION 12: R.WILSON/T.ADONNA **Carried**
That there be a maximum of 3 officials from the Host Regional Association and 2 from each of the remaining Regional Associations.

(Motion 7 on vote sheet)

That there be a maximum of 4 officials from the Host conference and 5 from the remaining sport conferences HOWEVER CSA WILL NOT HAVE TO SELECT FROM THE FURTHEST SPORT CONFERENCES (with an effort to ensure all regional associations are represented.)

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 2	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 31	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

No mover (*Motion 8 on vote sheet*) D.6 already allows this to happen.

To amend D.5 to ensure that the Host, in consultation with the CIS Office, have the ability to adjust the schedule, where possible, to accommodate teams travelling from various time zones.

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 2	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 30	Against - 1	Abstain - 0

No mover (*Motion 9 on vote sheet*) – You declare 18 you play 18. This motion would allow a team to declare 20 but they still only dress 18 (different players per game).

To amend A. of the playing regulations so that each team can declare a maximum of 20 players with only 18 being allowed to dress.

Rationale: Teams are currently traveling with 20+ players.

Athletic Director	For - 22	Against - 7	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 28	Against - 3	Abstain - 0

Women’s Rugby – 69.5% response rate
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Not supported. (*Motion 1 on vote sheet*) Committee felt you either make the move or not. To have schools purchase balls for possibly only one year is a financial expense.

That the size 4.5 ball be adopted for CIS competition on a trial basis for the 2006 Championships.

Rationale:

- women’s smaller hand size makes it difficult for them to master many of the handling skills that are considered fundamental to the game of rugby.
- would enhance the progress from skill “acquisition” through to “innovation”
- the 4.5 size ball is used around the world in touch rugby leagues and does not represent a large difference from the size 5 that is currently in use.
- a one-year pilot testing period during which we can observe and attest to its merits. Comparable to the move in women’s basketball to the smaller ball.

Athletic Director	For - 11	Against - 4	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 9	Against - 5	Abstain - 2

MOTION 13 (K.SCHILDROTH/T.ADDONA) CARRIED
That preference be given to qualified referees officiating regular season CIS matches for appointment to referee at the National Championship tournament.

Athletic Director	For - 14	Against - 1	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 1	Abstain - 1

More information required. (*Motion 8 on vote sheet*)

ACTION: S. Newton to work with the Coaches Association to clarify if there is an appeals committee that will deal with anything technical above and beyond what the Championship Management Committee handles.

To change rule J.2.1 to read:

The purpose of the Discipline Committee shall be to hear any official protests that may arise during the championship. The committee shall apply the Canadian Interuniversity Sport rules as written. The committee may not, nor may any member, make any exception to any of the rules or sanctions of Canadian Interuniversity Sport. The committee may not interpret Canadian Interuniversity Sport eligibility regulations. Composition of the committee shall be:

- i) Head Official - non-voting chair
- ii) **One** technically knowledgeable, impartial individual appointed by the Head Official.
- iii) **One member of the management committee**

Athletic Director	For - 15	Against - 0	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 15	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

No mover (*Motion 9 on vote sheet*). Need a critical mass prior to moving ahead. Currently there are only 23 teams.

To adopt the proposed revised Championship format (as outlined in Appendix B).

Rationale:

- given the high physical demands of the game and the increased risk of injury that results from excessive playing time, teams should not be required to play more than one game a day;
- one game per day would increase the overall competitive level of the tournament -- playing fresh means that athletes are able to give their best performance;
- the longer duration games that would result are more aligned with the competitive format of conference league play;
- the OUA conference, based on their comparatively larger population, would benefit from having two berths; and
- additional berths could and should be used to reward success (bonus berth) and to promote continued development (rotational).

Athletic Director	For - 12	Against - 2	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 0	Abstain - 2

6. Program Renewal Follow-up

a) Wrestling

Proposal already approved by the Board.

Committee asked for clarification on item #2 re championship insurance funded through the CIS sport specific fee – do we do this in all our sports?

b) Field Hockey

Draft proposal was circulated. An updated version will be presented to the Board later this week.

Discussion:

- Concern expressed that the Host site selection is now off-loaded to the regional associations.
- \$15,000 travel reimbursement to teams in a similar fashion as the CIS Travel Pool funding.
- CIS and FHC should establish to championship agreement prior to host being brought into the mix.
- \$480.00 membership fee to FHC, is this part of the participating fee? We don't want to be doubling the fees.
- “Spring Technical Assistance” – need to define what this means?

Feedback from Board meeting : an attempt to try and engage the coaches, not meant to be a requirement for all coaches. Not specific to needs from a venue or facilities perspective. Could assist the CIS coaches with recruiting.

c) Curling

- i. Proposal to Board
- ii. Draft Playing Regulations

Committee asked questions to Danny Lamoureux from the Canadian Curling Association:
Proposal

1. Questions around the assignment of berths to the championship. Not sure that the assignments are reflective of the teams commitment to a curling program to date.

- 8 teams in the championship is a good number for curling
- put together an advisory committee to work on this and what is perceived as a strength right now in the country (little if any programs in Quebec and few programs in AUS).
- not tied to the number of berths – if they need to change we can. We're prepared to make changes on an annual basis.
- maybe look at a rotating berth instead of the previous year's gold medalist, especially since this is the starting point.
- consideration of using the format for 2006 (open championship) as the lead up for the 2008 championship format as presented. Timing for Regional Associations in 2007 is going to be a challenge.
- 2008 would be a better launch for the championship with the winners of 08 heading to China for the WUGs.

2. When you reference Training Centres will the athletes have to go there or will someone from the training centre come to them?
 - confirmed that the training centres would go to the athletes not the athletes relocating. Costs of this rest with the CCA.

Playing Regs:

1.2.3 – This could discourage universities from offering programs if they have to say no to athletes who don't meet the criteria. This is also a CCA regulations.
 If you're primary goal is to develop players and to strength the club programs then going with the 3 – 4 rule would be beneficial (3 meet the FISU rule with the 4th and 5th not but being able to replace them when in a FISU year).
 - suggested could test this out with those folks that have expressed an interest in curling.

ACTION: D. Lamoureux to email those schools who have confirmed they will offer a curling program and ask their thoughts on the FISU eligibility rules. Would this impact your decision to participate in the program.

ACTION: To resurvey the membership re their commitment in developing a curling program (i.e. to declare curling as part of the declaration of participation).

4.1 – Travel Fund

- need to add in that the funds will be pro-rated based on distance.

17. – Looking from some flexibility on this as students may have exams. Normally this would be an institutional decision not the head officials decision. Maybe consider a notification process.

19. Code of Conduct

Need to amalgamate the two organizations code of ethics to make sure nothing gets missed.

20. Do we know how many facilities can host with the need for 8 sheets of ice?

- Doesn't have to be 8 sheets in one facility - can be two facilities in the same city.
- Long range sision would be that the men's and women's championships would separate.

Discussion on the Championship date:

Are you tied to the 1st weekend of March?

- the Scott is the last two weekends in February.

- would be flexible to moving as long as we're not hosting the CIS Championship in the same city as the Scott (Alberta, BC and NB next three years).

Miscellaneous questions:

a) Rental costs:

Typically the curling club does not charge for the ice when hosting a national championship (sanctioned event).

- 2 hours of ice time you'd be looking at on average of \$50.00 for one ice surface.

b) In developing our athletes, how many games/matches should they play so they're at equal footing with the club?

- One competitive game a week
- 2 practise per week
- 4 games per month
- 70 games in a season
- Easy to play 7 to 8 games on a weekend.

c) Do you see a duplication – curling for the club and the CIS?

They will be able to do both based on how CCA has set up the schedule.

D. St-Denis to provide the committees feedback to the Board for their consideration. A 2nd generation of the Playing Regulations will be developed.

7. Updates

a) NSO & Officials Fees

S. Newton will be forwarding the information to each of the NSO's on the approved 3 year rotation for the increase of officials fees in the next several months as part of the preparations for the 2006-07 season.

b) Update re Canadian Soccer Association

S. Newton reported on the meeting with Soccer Canada (refer to Annex E).

ACTION: Request should go out to the Regional Associations to work towards assisting in either not scheduling games on Thanksgiving weekend and if that is not an option that schools continue to work at scheduling games so that those teams who are significantly impacted are not playing on that weekend. Shared problem between CIS and CSA.

8. Other Business

a) Letter from Laval re Seeding (Annex F)

D. St-Denis referred the letter received from Université Laval expressing concern with the seeding process used in the women's volleyball championship (tie broken via a coin toss).

Concern was expressed that even though the Coaches Association from a process perspective can choose to conduct their business in this matter, it does impact on the brand and image of the

organization. Reporting to the media and the general public that the top seed going into the championship was determined by a coin toss will not help the CIS image.

ACTION: The chair of Sport Committee to forward a letter to the President of the Coaches Association requesting they review the process to find another layer to replace the coin toss based on the above rationale.

b) Insurance Issue re Football Officials

S. Newton reported that she had been contacted by Ken Green re new information received from their insurance company that they will not be covered if officiating games that do not apply the safety rules as listed in the Canadian Amateur Football Rule Book. As CIS has implemented the blocking below the waste which differs from the rule book regional associations and the CIS could be facing some challenges in the upcoming season.

ACTION: S. Newton to follow-up with Football Canada to verify the information is accurate and to investigate impact. What other leagues would be impacted? How far down the line does this go? To report back to Sport Committee as soon as possible.

c) Women's Basketball Championship Proposal

P. Murray reported having attended the women's basketball coaches association meeting:

- No quorum at the meeting so there was lots of discussion but no motions.
- Majority of meeting focused on the championship format
- President of the Coaches Association reported that Sport Ccommittee asked several questions of clarification and sent the proposal back to them for more work. He expressed his inability to complete the work as the questions centred around marketing and finances that are not the coaches association area of expertise.
- Message was delivered Sport Committee was trying to sabotage any efforts in reference to moving this proposal forward.
- Heard concerns that it undermines the Regional Association championships.

Discussion:

- We need to either make the statement from the Board or the Athletic Directors that we are willing to look at the proposal or not. If there's no open mind, then why continue to do the work.
- Is it the responsibility of Sport committee to do the work behind moving forward a proposal started by another committee? We're not the owners of the proposal. The work has to be done by those who have the final goal in mind.
- If Marketing Committee believes its worth pursuing then the Board needs to direct either VP Marketing or VP Sport to flush out the areas that need more information.
- Who's the group to keep looking outside the box, to be proactive, the look forward?
- We continue to look at all our sports in the same in way – host in, regional association berths, etc. We need to get out of this mentality.
- We don't function as an Executive to brainstorm and think outside the box.
- Need to find time on the Board agenda to put some of these proactive ideas in the for-front.

ACTION: Marketing Committee will continue to investigate the proposal.

d) 80.40.10.3 re Coaches Associations Processes re Vote Sheets

S. Newton requested the committee discuss the current process for submitting motions for the vote sheets and if there is a need to update process.

Currently there are three ways to submit motions from Coaches Associations:

- i) Face to Face meeting requiring a 66% quorum.
- ii) Conference Call with 66% of their membership in attendance
- iii) Email vote with a 66% response rate

Discussion:

- Don't see any need to change this.
- Concern expressed that there are times when motions on the vote sheet are passed clearly by the membership yet through a more global discussion at the Sport Committee level the motion is not supported. Not sure if all Athletic Directors and Coaches are voting in consultation of each other. There can also be a misinterpretation of the motion.
- Difference may be between the full-time coaches vs part-time coaches.
- Are the formal vote sheets doing their job? We look at things from a global perspective which may not be happening when you independently meet with your coach in your office.

ACTION: S. Newton to prepare a summary of stats – total number of motions presented, which ones did we vote against when clearly passed by the members on the vote sheet. How many pre-approved.

Need to establish if the vote sheets are redundant.

Based on learnings from various arbitrations our members can't be held accountable to poorly written rules/policies. We need to make sure that the wording used in the final policies is prepared via our legal counsel using proper terminology, not using the wording pulled together by the coaches association.

e) Coaches Association Fees

Concern has been expressed from members over time with the increase in coaches association fees, most to assist in the area FISU. Others are already charging the maximum \$100 and are have accumulated a significant bank account that isn't being used for anything. What is Sport Committees role in this?

Discussion:

The Coaches Associations are like any other committee in the CIS.

CIS is to provide parameters on how the money is to be spent.

It is now a requirement for all members to pay the coaches association fees.

Currently the money is used for:

- administration (conference calls, awards/trophies, etc.)
- Meeting room space, lunches, audio visual requirements, etc.
- FISU
- Representatives attending NSO meetings and/or CIS AGM
- Sport Congresses

Some coaches association have quite the reserve.

Are there any associations building a fund for a specific project?

May look to establish some guidelines on if there is a significant reserve with no immediate projects on the go then there be no additional fees charged to the membership until such a time as a budget for the use of the money is presented.

ACTION: S. Newton to prepare a summary of all accounts for Sport Committee to review at our June meeting.

- f) Feedback on Backgrounder to Board re Championship Bid Book re Dates

Committee felt bids must be able to commit to what is asked for on the championship schedule. Makes it equitable for all bidding. Bids can however, propose something different i.e. a different weekend or different days. Any proposal that comes as part of the bid would have to go back through the system following our processes for approval. The bid must be accepted based on the original date.

- g) Review of Championship Bid Selection Committee Make-up

D. St-Denis reviewed the new make-up of the Selection Committee for championship bids.

As per the 2006 CIS Bid Book:

The members of the Selection Committee will be selected annually by the Board of Directors. The make-up of the committee will include the following voting members:

President or alternate*

Vice-President Marketing or alternate*

Vice-President Sport or alternate*

Up to four additional members* (dependent on the regions the above three individuals are from. Intent is to attempt a reasonable balance from the four regional associations.)

2 external experts (may include NSO and/or MSO personnel.)

The Selection Committee will be chaired by a non-voting CIS staff member. Other CIS staff members may participate in meetings at the discretion of the CEO.

Note: Representatives from the Coaches Associations will provide their feedback on the bids to the Selection Committee.

The Board of Directors may also choose to appoint a non-voting representative to the committee to assist with translations as required.

*No member of the Selection Committee shall be employed with a university associated with a bid, or executive member of a Regional Association associated with a bid.

The final make-up of the Selection Committee will be announced to the Bid Committees prior to the selection meeting.

- h) Student-Athlete Voice on the Committee

Sport Committee has been without a male student-athlete voice on the committee for quite some time. Need to find a replacement male. Kelly Matheson has been a great asset to the committee but will be coming to the end of her term so we need to start looking for a replacement.

Please reference policy 80.40.9.1:

**Note: For the purposes of including student-athlete perspectives on Canadian Interuniversity Sport committees, a student-athlete shall be defined as a current (at least 4th or 5th year if possible) Canadian Interuniversity Sport student-athlete or a recently graduated student-athlete (graduated within the past 5 years). The student-athlete will be recruited from the pool of Academic All Canadians, and the BLG Awards nominees as this pool of student-athletes represent an extraordinary talent pool of leadership potential. The board shall make every effort to appoint student-athletes from different Regional Associations, and different sports. The terms shall be for two years.*

Regional Association representatives should forward any names to S. Newton.

i) June Sport Committee Meeting

Based on the draft agenda and the items requiring follow-up from this meeting, we will need to meet as per the original AGM schedule: Monday, June 12, starting at 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Tuesday, June 13 until 12:00 noon.

j) Open Discussion Time

Behaviour at National Championships:

- behaviour of athletes or coaches at a CIS Championship – who reports to who, who deals with it. Process.
- Process is articulated in the CIS procedures via the CEO to the President, etc. etc. Very long and cumbersome. Looking at coming up with another mechanism so the Championship Management can deal with it in real time.
- OUA working on a Code of Conduct (from feedback from the other regional associations) that would include consequences for athletes, coaches, administrators and fans. Will share the document if it gets approved.

Eligibility Issues – Timing of process

- the ability to challenge what we have in writing from legal counsel in comparison to people in sport in the know of the intent of the rules and the writing of such rules.
- certainly there was some learnings from the process, CIS policies vs ADR etc. Flagged a lot of issues.

k) Adjournment

**MOTION R. Wilson/A. Scott
That the meeting be adjourn.**

Carried

ANNEX A



Canadian Interuniversity Sport
Sport Committee
c/o Sheila-Ann Newton
801 King Edward Avenue, Suite N206
Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5

April 13, 2006

Attention Diane St. Denis

RE: CIS Coaches Date Change Proposal

Hockey Canada would like to support the CIS Coaching Association's recommendation to change the date for the 2007 CIS National Women's Ice Hockey Championship. The current date of March 8 – 11, 2007 will see Canada host three major female hockey events in three different provinces across the country: the Canada Winter Games (March 4-11), the CIS National Championship and the Esso Women's National Hockey Championship (March 7-11).

Every 4 years the Canada Winter Games brings together the top Under 18 female players from across Canada. This elite group of athletes represents the strongest group of potential student-athletes that are talking to University coaches about their post-secondary academic choices. As the fall Under 18 National Championship does not take place in a CWG year, this is the marquee event for recruiting for university programs. When it occurs the same week as the CIS National Championships it places the Canadian University coaches at a disadvantage, especially the six top teams in Canada. For those coaches whose teams are not participating, they are free to attend the CWG however the CIS Women's Hockey Coaches Association are not able to conduct their annual meeting, which is an essential piece of the CIS decision making structure.

The NCAA schools will all attend this event so in addition to the perceived value and prestige of a NCAA scholarship, the absence of coaches from all of the Canadian University women's hockey schools leaves athletes and their parents with the impression that Canadian schools are not interested and/or do not have the resources the NCAA schools are putting on the table.

The presence of CIS coaches at the Canada Winter Games events is essential for parents and players to learn that Canadian universities are a better choice for most of them. Hockey Canada is working with the CIS coaches to assist them with their athlete-development models and to share best practices for elite athlete development of hockey players. We are partners in ensuring the student-athlete environment is the best it can be. No matter how much we work together to educate parents and athletes, if Canadian schools are not in attendance, then we are wasting everyone's resources.

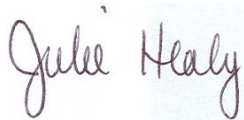
The challenge of keeping athletes in Canada is difficult enough for CIS coaches. A change in date will demonstrate the value the CIS feels this event has to its CIS programs. It will provide all CIS coaches

with an opportunity to attend the CWG, speak to recruits and their parents and compete head-to-head with the coaches from the NCAA schools. It is an essential step in beginning to keep our best student athletes in Canada.

Hockey Canada strongly believes in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport system both from a coaching and athlete development perspective. The CIS can play an integral role in developing future national team players. Our elite athlete development model supports the potential importance of CIS programs if we are able to get our under 18 provincial athletes to stay in Canada. CIS coaches have been an invaluable resource to our Women's National Team programs since its inception and we will continue to invest in their development.

To demonstrate our commitment to growing the game together Hockey Canada has already determined that the dates of the 2008 Esso Women's National Championship will be March 12-16, thereby moving it away from the same weekend as the 2008 CIS National Championship. We are requesting that the CIS change the dates of the 2007 CIS National Women's Ice Hockey Championship from March 8-11, 2007 to March 15-18, 2007. We want to be partners with the CIS in growing women's hockey in Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Healy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Julie Healy
Director, Female Hockey
Hockey Canada
(403) 777-4545
jhealy@hockeycanada.ca

**ANNEX C
FALL COACHES ASSOCIATION MOTIONS
PRE-APPROVED**

Cross Country – 78% response rate

Motion 1 – PRE-APPROVED

To change the wording of item 13 in the 2004 CIS Coaches Association meeting minutes (Playing Regulation D.1 for women to read: the women’s course should be a maximum of two (2) laps (2.5 km per lap) to complete the course.

Athletic Director	For - 24	Against - 1	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 24	Against - 1	Abstain - 0

Motion 2 – PRE-APPROVED

That the CIS Cross Country Coaches Association put forward, one time, one thousand (\$1,000) per coach up to a maximum of three (3), for the assistant coaches for 2006 FISU Cross Country Championships.

Rationale: In 2004 CIS provided funds to the coaches association for coaching development opportunities and these funds were used to offset the cost of the assistant coaches participating at the 2004 FISU Championship. However, CIS no longer provides funds for coaching development. The coaching association sees value in providing coaching development for our membership through international coaching opportunities and wishes to assist the selected coaches with a portion of their expenses for the 2006 FISU championships.

Athletic Director	For - 16	Against - 4	Abstain - 5
Head Coach	For - 22	Against - 2	Abstain - 1

Motion 3 – PRE-APPROVED

To enter the athletes ten (10) days prior to the championships and enter a maximum of 10 athletes in rank order, with declaration of seven (7) at the CIS Cross Country Technical meeting. (Rule C. Participants, subsection C4, Individual entries).

Rationale: The earlier date will provide CIS championship host a larger window of opportunity deal with the entries (creation of media guide, number of gifts, assigning bibs etc...). The rank order will be used in situations where the head coach or his/her designate are not present at the technical meeting to declare championship start list.

Athletic Director	For - 23	Against - 2	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 25	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Motion 7 – PRE-APPROVED

That the CIS Cross Country Technical Meeting set aside a minimum of one (1) hour and the CIS Cross Country Coaches Association Meeting set aside a minimum of two and one half (2 ½) hours. (Technical Meeting is Playing Regulation G.1 and CIS Cross Country Coaches Association Meeting is Playing Regulation G.2)

Athletic Director	For - 25	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 25	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Motion 8 – PRE-APPROVED

To review the CIS Cross Country Coaches Association constitution by subcommittee to present at the 2006 CIS Cross Country Coaches Association meeting.

Committee Members: Doug Lamont (Calgary), Claude Berubé (Manitoba), Dan Hennigar (Dalhousie), Ingrid Ruys (Alberta).

Athletic Director	For - 24	Against - 0	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 25	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Motion 9 – PRE-APPROVED

The committee to review the constitution will also deal with the Policy Manual.

Athletic Director	For - 23	Against - 0	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 24	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 10 – PRE-APPROVED

In future, for FISU related expenses, that we consider the athletes needs as well as the coaches when utilizing CIS Cross Country Coaches Association Funding.

Athletic Director	For - 16	Against - 4	Abstain - 5
Head Coach	For - 20	Against - 2	Abstain - 2

<i>Football – 67% response rate</i>
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Motion 3 – PRE-APPROVED

Be it resolved that all CIS Football Conferences consider the adoption of a modified Rule Book by 2007 that would minimize the rule differences between CFL and CIS Rules. George Black, CFL Director of Officiating and Ken Green, OUA Referee-in-Chief, would work together in the development of this common Rule Book.

Athletic Director	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Motion 9 – PRE-APPROVED

Inasmuch as there is inconsistency and a lack of information for Selection Committee, Be it resolved that CUFCA form a Sub-committee to develop a process to review the criteria for selection of the All-Canadian Team and the Major Awards. These criteria to be documented and reviewed by the Selection Committee annually prior to the actual selections being made.

Athletic Director	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 10 – PRE-APPROVED

Be it resolved that Head Coaches only hold voting privileges at All-Canadian/Major Awards Selection Committee Meetings.

Athletic Director	For - 14	Against - 3	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 16	Against - 2	Abstain - 0

Motion 16 – PRE-APPROVED

Be it resolved that Glen Constantin and Blake Nill be tasked to develop a preliminary feasibility study for a national interlock schedule to be presented at the 2006 East – West All Star Bowl.

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 4	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Motion 18 – PRE-APPROVED

Carried unanimously

Be it resolved that CIS Football Playing Regulations E.2 Video (III) regarding video exchange during Bowl Games include the three most recent games both wide view and **end zone** copies.

Athletic Director	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

NOTE: CHANGE VIDEO TO VIDEO/DIGITAL.

Motion 20 – PRE-APPROVED

Be it resolved that the next Annual Coaches Meeting be held in Saskatoon, SK at the site of the 2006 Vanier Cup and that the Coaches Working Committee Meetings take place on Thursday afternoon, November 23rd with League Meetings in the morning and the Plenary Session held on Friday, November 24, 2006.

Athletic Director	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Women’s Soccer – 82% response rate

Motion 2 – PRE-APPROVED

That the Coaches Association set aside funds from the fees collected for the FISU Head Coach for the following amount:

1. \$1000.00 for the role of Head Coach
2. \$2000.00 for flights to scout players in each region

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 1	Abstain - 6
Head Coach	For - 34	Against - 1	Abstain - 1

Motion 3 - PRE-APPROVED

That for the CIS Championship games the substitution rule limit each team to 6 substitutions for the 90 minutes with unlimited changes at the halftime and substituted players can re-enter the game.

Rationale: This will provide a more uniform substitution policy limiting the overall amount of changes and allowing for a better flow during games.

Athletic Director	For - 32	Against - 2	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 34	Against - 2	Abstain - 0

Motion 4 - PRE-APPROVED

That for games at the CIS Championship that go to extra time, that unlimited changes can be made at the end of the regulation time and that 3 additional substitutions be granted to each team for the additional 30 minutes of play.

Rationale: Same rationale as previous motion.

Athletic Director	For - 32	Against - 2	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 34	Against - 2	Abstain - 0

Motion 5 - PRE-APPROVED

That the team wearing dark jerseys must wear dark socks and that the team wearing light jerseys wear light socks.

Athletic Director	For - 30	Against - 2	Abstain - 4
Head Coach	For - 32	Against - 2	Abstain - 2

Motion 6 - PRE-APPROVED

For players wearing lycra spandex that it must be a solid colour and that all the players on one team must wear that same colour.

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 1	Abstain - 6
Head Coach	For - 29	Against - 2	Abstain - 5

<i>Men's Soccer – 77% response rate</i>
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Motion 2 – PRE-APPROVED

That there be two OUA representatives (East and West) on the All-Canadian/Awards conference call to speak of the athletes nominated from each of the divisions maintaining that there be only one OUA vote for final selections.

Rationale: With OUA East and West not playing each other during regular season makes it very difficult for one representative to fairly represent athletes from the other conference. This will ensure a knowledgeable individual is speaking to the athletes from their region yet maintains CIS policy.

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 0	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 30	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 10 – PRE-APPROVED

That an assessment tool be developed for non-participating coaches in attendance at a National Championship. The forms would be completed following each game and provided to the Head Assignor/Evaluator and used as required.

Athletic Director	For - 24	Against - 4	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 27	Against - 3	Abstain - 2

Motion 12 – PRE-APPROVED

That the consolation semi-final games go directly to penalty kicks if tied at the end of regulation time.

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 1	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 30	Against - 1	Abstain - 0

Motion 13 – PRE-APPROVED

That Gord Franson remain as the Secretary for another two-year term.

Athletic Director	For - 24	Against - 0	Abstain - 7
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Head Coach	For - 27	Against - 1	Abstain - 3
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Women's Rugby – 69.5% response rate
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Motion 2 – PRE-APPROVED.

To allocate \$3,000 to the FISU Management team to use as needed.

Athletic Director	For - 10	Against - 3	Abstain - 3
Head Coach	For - 9	Against - 4	Abstain - 3

Motion 3 – PRE-APPROVED

That University Men's Rugby Coaches be invited to join the CIS Women's Rugby Coaches' Association as honorary members.

Athletic Director	For - 12	Against - 3	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 0	Abstain - 2

Motion 4 – PRE-APPROVED

In the event that the formula results in one Regional Association having less than 2 All-Canadians spots, the Regional Association with the highest number of All-Canadian spots will give one up to this Regional Association.

Athletic Director	For - 12	Against - 3	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 1	Abstain - 1

NOTE – Meets the 66% within their mandate but feedback from Sport Committee to the Coaches Association is this is a unique process compared to the standard practises and would encourage the group to work towards another process.

Motion 5 – PRE-APPROVED

To accept the All-Canadian formula as outlined in Appendix A.

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 2	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 1	Abstain - 1

Motion 6 – PRE-APPROVED

To make the following change to Policy I.3 All-Canadians

- a) Selected, no later than 10 days prior to the start of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championship, by an Awards Committee composed of one representative from each Sport Conference.
- b) 15 players will be selected to the All-Canadian team.
- c) Each Sport Conference will be asked to put forth **nominations for their best players. The number of nominations is based on the formula in Appendix 1.**
- d) To win the national award the athlete must have been named to the All-Star team in their sport conference, if such a team is named.

Athletic Director	For - 15	Against - 0	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 15	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 10 –PRE-APPROVED

That Matt Parrish be elected to the position of Awards Chairperson

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 1	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 15	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 11 – PRE-APPROVED

To increase the Coaches Association fee from \$50 to \$100.

Rationale: to help offset the costs of FISU World University 7’s Championships.

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 3	Abstain - 0
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 1	Abstain - 1

Motion 12 – PRE-APPROVED

To change title from Secretary/Treasurer to Secretary

Athletic Director	For - 14	Against - 1	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 15	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 13 – PRE-APPROVED

To change the scheduled time for the Coaches Association meeting from the evening of the 2nd day of the Championship\ tournament to the evening of the 3rd day.

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 1	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 14	Against - 0	Abstain - 2

ANNEX D
FALL COACHES ASSOCIATION MOTIONS
FORWARDED TO ANOTHER COMMITTEE

Football – 67% response rate

Motion 11 – FORWARD TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the CIS Declaration of Eligibility, signed by all CIS Football Players, include a place where the league and number of years of post high school participation, other than the CIS, can be entered.

Athletic Director	For - 15	Against - 2	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 12 – FORWARD TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the CIS Rules and Eligibility Committee examine and rule on the following Case Studies regarding post secondary play submitted by this Committee for clarification and application

- Case 1 – In year one, a player “Red Shirts” at a CIS University. In years 2 and 3, the player plays for a Canadian Junior Football League team. In Year 4, the player returns to a CIS University. How many years of eligibility are used?
- Case 2 – In year one and two, a player plays at a CIS University. In year 3, the he plays for a Canadian Junior Football League team. In Year 4, the player returns to a CIS school. Did Year 3 count as a year of CIS eligibility?
- Case 3 – In year one and two, a player plays in the CJFL. In year 3, the player “Red Shirts” at a CIS University. In Year 4, the player transfers to a CIS University. What is the player’s eligibility status?

Athletic Director	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 16	Against - 0	Abstain - 2

Motion 13 – FORWARD TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that CIS Recruiting Regulation regarding on campus visits by prospective student athletes be changed to reflect the following stipulations: An institution may provide tickets to a recruit and his family for any home game. The institution may not provide any other hospitality for the recruit in attendance at a home game.

Athletic Director	For - 13	Against - 4	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 16	Against - 2	Abstain - 0

Motion 14 – FORWARD TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the CIS appoint a representative for each CIS Football League to investigate all allegations of recruiting misconduct brought forward by an institution that has complied with the following:

1. Filed a formal, written complaint
2. Posted a \$1,000 bond

The Investigator will act on the complaint under conditions of anonymity and will file the findings and rule appropriately. In the event the complaint is unfounded, the complainant will forfeit the posted bond. Should the Investigator find that a recruiting violation has occurred, the school found in violation will be required to pay the \$1,000 bond. The complainant will be reimbursed the \$1,000 bond. Further sanctions may be applied to the school in violation according to CIS Rules and Regulations. In the event that the two schools involved are from the same Conference, the Investigator will be from another Conference.

Athletic Director	For - 9	Against - 6	Abstain - 3
Head Coach	For - 13	Against - 3	Abstain - 2

Motion 15 – FORWARD TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that no CIS Head Football Coach be permitted to participate in the coaching of an athlete who is in the final year of high school. Further, that no CIS Head Football Coach be permitted to participate as a member of the Coaching Staff of a Football Canada sanctioned representative team at the national or provincial level.

Athletic Director	For - 11	Against - 4	Abstain - 3
Head Coach	For - 13	Against - 3	Abstain - 2

Women’s Soccer – 82% response rate

Motion 1 - FORWARD TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

To put forward to the CIS the following:
That eligibility not be consumed by any post-season play (any competitive opportunities) that occurs in Women’s Soccer between the date of the last game played at the CIS Championships until April 30th.

Rationale: A sport specific rule for women's soccer regarding post season play be considered so that there is consistency across Regional Associations.

Currently there is a varied environment for participation opportunities in the post-season.

There is:

- 1) 5 vs 5 indoor soccer played in a gym
- 2) 6 vs 6 indoor soccer played in arenas
- 3) Futsol soccer played indoors without walls
- 4) 11 vs 11 played indoor
- 5) 11 vs 11 played outdoor

The women's soccer coaches association wishes to endorse and encourage all opportunities that enhance player development in the post-season.

Athletic Director	For - 22	Against - 11	Abstain - 3
Head Coach	For - 28	Against - 7	Abstain - 1

Men’s Soccer – 77% response rate

Motion 11 – MARKETING COMMITTEE

That the CIS pursue sponsorship opportunities for an official ball with leading soccer corporations i.e. Umbro, Adidas, Nike, etc.

Athletic Director	For - 29	Against - 0	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 30	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 14 – ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

That eligibility not be consumed by any post-season play (any competition opportunities) that occurs in men's soccer between the date of the last game played at the CIS Championship until April 30th.

Athletic Director	For - 21	Against - 8	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 23	Against - 5	Abstain - 3

**MOTIONS THAT ARE CONSIDERED OUT OF ORDER
AS CIS CAN NOT MANDATE A REGIONAL ASSOCIATION**

<i>Football</i>

Motion 1 - (for consideration by RA)

Inasmuch as not all CIS Stadia are equipped with 20-Second Clocks, and this has been recommended to members for [three] years, be it resolved that CIS Member Football Schools install 20-Second Clocks for the 2006 Season including Playoffs and Bowl.

Athletic Director	For - 16	Against - 0	Abstain - 2
Head Coach	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1

Motion 4 – (for consideration by RA)

Be it resolved that all CIS Football Conferences adopt the rule that ineligible receivers be allowed beyond the neutral zone on a forward pass play, but not allowed to block until the ball is touched or caught.

Athletic Director	For - 16	Against - 1	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 16	Against - 2	Abstain - 1

Motion 5 (for consideration by RA)

Be it resolved that all CIS Football Conferences adopt a modification to the intentional grounding rule that would follow the CFL Rule, to wit: “If on a forward pass the ball crosses the line of scrimmage, it will be ruled an incomplete pass with no infraction being called”

Athletic Director	For - 17	Against - 0	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 18	Against - 0	Abstain - 0

Motion 6 (for consideration by RA)

Be it resolved that all CIS Football Conferences adopt the CFL rule on timing, whereby the clock will continue to run on first downs and not be stopped waiting for the chains to be set. As well, the clock will run during a convert after a touchdown.

Athletic Director	For - 15	Against - 2	Abstain - 1
Head Coach	For - 15	Against - 2	Abstain - 1

ANNEX E

Desired outcome: To provide an update to the Sport Committee

Background: It was reported in June 2005 that a letter had been received from Soccer Canada expressing concern with CIS teams not releasing players to their provincial teams on Thanksgiving weekend.

Following the June meetings, Marg McGregor and Sheila-Ann Newton had two meetings with Soccer Canada staff as well as a few of the CIS teams involved. Teams were accommodating and the situation alleviated for 2005.

Members of CSA, following an invitation from CIS, attended the Women's Soccer Coaches Association meeting in November at the CIS Championship. During this meeting additional concerns from both parties were discussed. Paul James, York University head coach was directed by the Coaches Association to continue to work with CIS in strengthening the partnership with the CSA.

On March 25, 2006, Paul James and Sheila-Ann Newton attended the CSA Board of Directors meeting to present on behalf of CIS.

Below is a follow-up letter from CIS to CSA and list of action items from that meeting.

Canadian Soccer Association Board

On behalf of both the men's and women's CIS soccer coaching associations we would like to thank you for allowing us to present our proposal at your recent meetings in Ottawa.

For your review, we have attached a suggested schedule and task list for developing our future relationship.

While we were very happy with the general response and support of our overall message we, as a group, still feel we have to do a better job of communicating to you and to the soccer community as a whole on the merits and benefits of being a student athlete in Canada.

To summarize, we do recognize that in many instances young soccer players from Canada can and will obtain wonderful opportunities to play and study south of the border in the NCAA collegiate system. This we accept as a reality and understand your need to support this, particularly at higher levels of competition. However, where we feel we need to bridge the gap is in the imbalanced message that is often perpetuated through the media, soccer governing bodies, and particularly in the entrepreneurial soccer market which often gives the impression there is truly no merited alternative.

We feel strongly that by gaining your support – in the short term, through webpage coverage of news worthy material – it will kick start our growth and development through the attainment of much needed credibility. We know and recognize that we have to improve our facilities, our ability to give athletic scholarships, and the number of full-time coaching personnel that we hire. Nevertheless, even as we are today, we still feel we offer a lot to student soccer players: A first class education, competitive schedule, professionally qualified coaches, year round training, good facilities and all at a relatively low cost.

While there are many other issues that are important to us, the acquirement of this credibility will play a pivotal role towards our future direction. If you can help us to develop in this area then you will not only positively influence what is an often missed soccer market, but in turn, you may help prevent avoidable errors of judgment by future Canadian soccer players and parents.

Again, we thank you for allowing us to open the door to what we hope will be a prosperous new relationship.

Sincerely,

Paul James
Master Soccer Coach
York University

Highlights of CIS – CSA Meeting

- CSA generally happy and supportive of the opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with CIS.
- CSA concerned with the limited amounts of athletic scholarship monies available to student athletes.
- CSA expressed the need for Canadian universities to develop relationships with the provincial bodies.
- CSA highlighted scheduling conflicts during season and would like CIS flexibility.
- CSA agreed in principle to promote CIS soccer initiatives on their website.
- CSA will review the proposal of having a working relationship with the FISU games team but were not necessarily optimistic due to potential policy infringement.
- CSA was very positive about the initiative taken by the CIS.
- From CIS perspective, there seemed to be a lack of knowledge and understanding of some of the benefits of the collegiate soccer system in Canada. Nevertheless, it was very encouraging to see and hear the positive response to building a strong CIS-CSA relationship

CIS – CSA Task List

- CIS to provide CSA Head Office with a calendar of CIS soccer events for 2006.
- During season (August-November) CIS to update CSA Head Office with news worthy items on CIS soccer from coast to coast.
- CIS to provide CSA with a more specific proposal regarding the FISU games team travelling to Thailand in 2007.
- CSA to promote CIS soccer on www.canadasoccer.com beginning August, 2006.
- CSA will permit CIS representatives to attend one of their annual meetings in order to provide updates on CIS soccer and potential future initiatives.

ANNEX F

Quebec City, February 27, 2006

Ms. Sheila-Ann Newton
Manager, Events & Programs
CIS

Dear Sheila-Ann,

As indicated in our recent phone conversation, I was totally astonished to find that our undefeated women's volleyball team - #1 on the Top Ten since early in the year with a 34 and 0 record that has recently easily won our conference championship series 2-0 (3-0 and 3-0 in sets) - has been seeded #2, with all the consequences of such a ranking, for the upcoming CIS championship.

You were nice enough to explain that the process was applied as stated in the playing rules by the coaches committee and ... that it had to go to the ultimate step of a coin toss!

A coin toss was used to discriminate against a team that has been considered #1 since the beginning of the season and thus relegated to second place for the ultimate tournament, the national championship!

There is no doubt that this ruling casts a shadow on the image of university sport in the media, in the public and in the sport community. There are questions that beg to be answered!

- A) Can we not find a better and more objective criterion than a coin toss?
- B) What is the purpose and how is the Top Ten ranking managed?

A) Criteria

Our present playing regulations state:

1. Head to Head - this means one team's record against all other teams in the championship, respecting the priority of 1) Playoffs, 2) League, and 3) Exhibition results.
2. If there is no head-to-head competition between teams under consideration, the 2nd criteria will be results against common opponents, respecting the priority of 1) Playoffs, 2) League, and 3) Exhibition results.
3. The order of teams in respective conference championships must be respected for seeding purposes (regardless of any lack of head-to-head results).
4. If there is no head-to-head and no common opponents, then seeding for those teams involved will be determined by draw or coin toss.

In this case, I'm referring to UBC and Laval as the two teams:

1. Yes, they have not played against each other.
2. Yes, they have played against common opponents

	Laval	UBC
Winnipeg	1-3	1-3
Montréal	1-3 2-3 0-3 1-3 0-3 0-3	
Average:	0.66-3	2-3
Trinity Western	2-3	0-3 1-3 1-3 2-3
Average:	2-3	1-3

It seems that the committee only used global results of « matches won vs matches lost » and not « sets won vs sets lost ». The argument used to justify using only matches is that there are too many other factors that affect those specific results. The same observation applies to matches, sets and points scored... What is usually used in volleyball.

The terms « results and record » thus need to be clarified.

B) Top Ten

We should be concerned about the credibility and the consistency of the message. Why then use different criteria when doing the ranking for the national championship than when doing the ranking for the Top Ten ?

I believe and others do so likewise, that we need to eliminate as much as possible criteria that are subjective. We also need to consistently use the same system.

On the need for objectivity, I've made my point.

On the process, having participated on the committee in the past, I did suggest that:

- The ranking be done with only the top teams from each region being considered initially. (see example at end of letter)
- With this approach, the committee would consider only four teams at a time and take into account the standings in each conference.

I hope that these suggestions will be examined carefully so that we may in the future avoid situations that can discredit university sport in Canada.

Obviously, I'm disappointed about the consequences of this situation, but I would like to thank you for handling our exchanges on this issue in a very professional and objective way.

Sincerely,

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C.c. Ms. Diane St-Denis, CIS Vice-president

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Ouest 3	Ont 3	Qc 3	Mar 3	
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	Ont 4	Qc 4	Mar 4	