



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
SECONDARY SCHOOLS'
RUGBY UNION**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 11, 2020.

Room # 103, St. George's School, Vancouver, BC.

12:15 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Voting Procedure
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Introduction of Jordan Abney – Executive Director BC School Sports
5. Adoption of Minutes from 2019 AGM
6. Commissioner's Report and Business Arising from Minutes of 2019 AGM
 - a. Tiering Numbers for AA and AAA
 - b. Varsity Letters
 - c. New Zones and Final Day of Qualification for Provincial Championships
 - d. New Date for the BCSSRU AGM
7. Financial Report – Summary of Accounts.

8. Three Year Calendar for the Stadium Series and Provincial Championships
 - a. Stadium Series
 - b. Provincial Championships

9. New Business

- I. Motion: Kyle Barry (DW Poppy) – AA Tiering Numbers

Whereas there are far more schools playing AAA rugby than AA rugby, which has resulted in some zones having very few AA teams and the number of AA teams in the Provincial Championships reduced by 4 schools this year from 16 to 12 for the first time in decades, and

Whereas the tiering numbers used for some sports may work for those sports but not for rugby, and

Whereas this year AA teams in the Fraser Valley had to play in combined AA and AAA league and the AA champion did not even have an opponent in the FV AA Final,

Let it be moved that the tiering numbers for rugby be adjusted to schools with 275 male students or fewer in Grades 11 and 12 be in the AA Division and those above in AAA.

- II. Motion: Walter van Halst and Kevin Ballard (BCSSRU) – Combined School Teams

Whereas the BCSSRU has supported combined school teams from different schools such as Clear Water/Barriere and from Sardis/GW Graham in the past, and

Whereas BC School Sports allows for the formation of combined school teams in cases where neither school could field a team, and

Whereas it is important to give student-athletes a positive school-based opportunity to play rugby without turning school-based sport into club-based sport, and

Whereas approximately 75 % of the secondary schools in BC do not currently have a Sr. Boys high school rugby team,

Let it be moved that for schools wishing to field a combined (exhibition) team for 15s no more than 3 schools be combined and that for schools wishing to play (exhibition) 7s no more than 2 schools be combined and all schools involved must provide a letter signed by their Principals and Athletic Directors and their participation be approved annually by the BCSSRU.

III. Motion: Moreno Stefanon (Byrne Creek) – Grade 9 Players in Sr. Boys Rugby

Whereas the BCSSRU is making ongoing efforts to ensure player welfare is kept in the highest regard,

Let it be moved that no player below Grade 10 level be allowed to participate at the Senior competition level.

IV. Motion: Moreno Stefanon (Byrne Creek) – Turf Fields and World Rugby Law 22

Whereas, in the continued interests of player welfare,

Let it be moved that the BCSSRU be consistent with World Rugby, Rugby Canada and the BCRU regarding lines, markings, padding and the use of artificial fields for matches. Therefore, the Field of Play must continuously meet World Rugby's Law 1, which includes all lines and markings on the field as well as flags and post pads. Furthermore, all artificial turf fields used for rugby matches must comply with World Rugby's Regulation 22.

10. Discussion Items – Moreno Stefanon (Byrne Creek) – Rugby 7s

11. AAA and AA Ranking Chairs, and Jr. Boys Committee Election

12. Rugby 7s Committee Election

13. Election of Directors/Officers

- a. Commissioner
- b. President
- c. 1st Vice-President
- d. 2nd Vice-President
- e. 3rd Vice-President

Adjournment