

2017



**SPORT
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REPORT**

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Sport Committee Report

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1. Current Sport Committee members

James Keogh, Victoria (Chair); Karla Karch, Mount Royal; *Wally Gabler, OUA; Eric Vandenbroucke, Windsor; Lisen Moore, McGill; Daniel Methot, UQAM; *Pierre Arsenault, Mount Allison; Krista McKenna, StFx; Scott Ring, U SPORTS, Lisette Johnson Stapley, U SPORTS

*Many thanks to departing committee members Wally Gabler and Pierre Arsenault, and to incoming members Vang Ioannides (Alberta), Angela Orton (Guelph), and Robin Guy (External)

2. Mandate

Role of Committee: Sport Committee's role is to ensure the appropriate growth and development of U SPORTS sports, and the successful integration of U SPORTS programs in the Canadian sport delivery system. The committee has authority to determine the qualification process and format for Championships. The committee is an advisor to management on all sport technical matters and maintains relationships with NSOs. The committee works in conjunction and approves motions passed at the Sport Technical Sub-Committee level.

3. Main Work of 2016-2017

- a) On-Board new Chief Sport Officer
- b) Reviewed and Updated Terms of Reference for the STSC and for Sport Committee
- c) Began the development of a rule change cycle
- d) Revived the Sport Program Review Document (add or delete from current menu of sports) that began development in May 2016.
 - Sport Committee forwarded a motion to the Board to request that a proper plan, process and research be undertaken before adding/removing sport. As such the Board directed U SPORTS to create an Ad Hoc Committee to create the plan.
 - Due to the organization being in a state of transition a sport review has not be completed in over 10 years. Elements of the document have been reviewed by the Eligibility Committee.
- e) Follow-up on outstanding motions from STSC and/or Coaches Association in preparation for updates to playing regulations that have a financial impact (see note below re vote sheets still to be processed).
- f) Acknowledged that guidelines need to be created for the management of the Coaches Excellence Funds including FISU funding for coaches.
- g) Reviewed drafts of the Terms of Reference for a Football Sport Technical Sub-Committee
- h) Recommended creation of a Trophy Naming Policy



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4. Plans for 2017-2018

The Sport Committee plans to continue to fulfill its mandate in the following ways:

- a. Review of men's/ women's hockey and basketball championship formats
- b. Review the Women's Hockey Pilot Project Data Collection and Timelines
- c. Complete annual calendar/rule cycle development and process
- d. Support work of Ad Hoc committee on Sport Program Review
- e. Improve STSC/SC alignment and leadership
- f. Consider "harmonization of rules" request and desired outcomes
- g. Align with conferences for Playing Regulation updates
- h. Create parameters around addition of awards (All-Canadian Teams)

5. Sport Technical Sub-Committees

A. Men's Hockey STSC

Committee Chair: Dick White, Former CIS President and University of Regina Athletic Director

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Pierre Arsenault, Mount Allison

AUS Coach Rep: Gardiner MacDougall, UNB

OUA Sport Rep: Tom Warden, Lakehead

OUA Coach Rep: Brett Gibson, Queen's (to be replaced by Shawn Camp, Guelph)

CWUAA Sport Rep: Rob Godfrey, Mount Royal

CWUAA Coach Rep: Mark Howell, Calgary

President of the Coaching Association: Dave Adolph, Saskatchewan

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Review of 8-team championship format
 - *Recommendations would be forwarded to Sport Committee for consideration*
- Development of Sport Congress/ Hockey Summit in conjunction with Hockey Canada
- Clean-up of playing regulations
- Development of strong process surrounding Men's Hockey All-Star game with World Junior Team. A debrief was prepared from the 2016 edition of the camp, and moving forward, recommendations were made for continued improvements
- Video Goal review at national championships. This is the wish of the committee, and it will be discussed with Host, UNB for implementation next season, and moving forward.



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B. Women's Hockey STSC

Committee Chair: Danièle Sauvageau, an Officer of the Order of Canada, Head Coach of the 2002 Olympic Gold Medalist Women's Hockey Team

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Mike Eagles, St. Thomas

AUS Coach Rep: Bruce Donaldson, UPEI

RSEQ Sport Rep: Lisen Moore, McGill

RSEQ Coach Rep: Peter Smith, McGill

OUA Sport Rep: Angela Orton, Guelph

OUA Coach Rep: Rachel Flanagan, Guelph

CWUAA Sport Rep: Ken McInnes, Lethbridge

CWUAA Coach Rep: Sarah Hodges, Regina

President of the Coaching Association: Dan Church, York

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Team/ Coach selection process for Hockey Canada Development Camp
 - Committee put together for coach selection
 - Committee formed for athlete selection
- Naming of trophies/awards in women's hockey
 - Specifically the Coach of the Year trophy
- Development a new championship format model for:
 - More teams
 - Seeding procedures
 - Championship Berths
 - Elevation of championship
- Women's Hockey Pilot Project
 - Report was developed by former STSC Chair, Stephanie White, and circulated to the Women's Hockey STSC for feedback.
 - Women's High Pilot Project
 - As per the timelines, a thorough review and report was developed by Stephanie White, former Chair of the Women's Hockey STSC. The report will be reviewed by the Women's Hockey STSC and Sport Committee for a recommendation to U SPORTS.

C. Men's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: James Keogh, University of Victoria

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Tim Maloney, Dalhousie

AUS Coach Rep: Lewis Page, UPEI



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RSEQ Sport Rep: No Current Rep

RSEQ Coach Rep: Marc Mounicot, McGill

OUA Sport Rep: Ivan Joseph, Ryerson

OUA Coach Rep: Keith Mason, Guelph

CWUAA Sport Rep: Karla Karch, Mount Royal

CWUAA Coach Rep: Mike Mosher, UBC

President of the Coaching Association: Pat Nearing, Dalhousie

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Development of a whitepaper for championship berth structure and seeding
- 2017 FISU Summer Universiade Men's Soccer Team
 - Because of no support from Canada Soccer, team selection, training/selection camps and budgets are coordinated by U SPORTS
 - Head Coach: Miles Pinsent
 - In process of training camps. Team has been selected and will train out of UBC prior to departure to Taiwan for the games
- Approval of championship schedule and draw for 2017 Men's Soccer National Championship
- Discussion of moving the National Championship one week later in the year

D. Women's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: Eric Vandenbroucke, University of Windsor

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Kevin Downie, Saint Mary's

AUS Coach Rep: Jon Crossland, UNB

RSEQ Sport Rep: No current rep

RSEQ Coach Rep: Jorge Sanchez, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: Scott Barker, UOIT

OUA Coach Rep: Martin Painter, Western

CWUAA Sport Rep: Karla Karch, Mount Royal

CWUAA Coach Rep: Tino Fusco, Mount Royal

President of the Coaching Association: Chad Beaulieu, RMC

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Championship bids and hosting minimum requirements
- 2017 FISU Summer Universiade
 - Because of no support from Canada Soccer, team selection, training/selection camps and budgets are coordinated by U SPORTS
 - The team, coached by Peyvand Mossavat, is looking to better their performance, a highest ever 4th place finish at the 2015 version of the games



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- More parameters surrounding suspensions with regards to yellow and red cards accumulated at the National Championship and the carry over into the following season.
- Discussion surrounding the move of the Championship to the week after in which it currently lives.

E. Men's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair : Jean-Pierre Chancy, Université de Montréal

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Karen Murphy, Memorial

AUS Coach Rep: Dan McMorran, UNB

RSEQ Sport Rep: Lisen Moore, McGill

RSEQ Coach Rep: Pascal Clement, Laval

OUA Sport Rep: No current rep

OUA Coach Rep: John Barrett, Toronto

CWUAA Sport Rep: Carol Hofer, Trinity Western (to be replaced by Jeff Gamache, Trinity Western)

CWUAA Coach Rep: Brad Poplawski, MacEwan

President of the Coaching Association: Dave Preston, McMaster

Volleyball Canada Rep: Julien Boucher, High Performance Director

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Pre-game protocols and player safety
 - OUA conducting a new warm-up protocol, which will be piloted and discussed this upcoming season
- Usage of VRS ranking system for Top Ten
- New Awards system being developed
 - Would be a hybrid between positional and non-positional honours
 - Each position would receive a Player of the Year, with an overall Player of the Year selected amongst them
- The Ball contract
 - Study being conducting, and coaches will be providing feedback in terms of playability and concussion testing for the new ball contract set to begin soon
- 2017 FISU Summer Universiade
 - Volleyball Canada lost OTP funding which forced reduction in FISU Support. Team and Athlete Selection Processes, Selection/Training Camps and Budgets were brought in house to U SPORTS
 - James Gravelle to be head coach
 - U SPORTS has taken direction of this team, without Volleyball Canada involvementNational Video Exchange program proposed



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F. Women's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair: John Richard, UNB

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Pierre Arsenault, Mount Allison

AUS Coach Rep: Rick Scott, Dalhousie

RSEQ Sport Rep: Jean-Pierre Chancy, Montreal

RSEQ Coach Rep: Olivier Trudel, Montreal

OUA Sport Rep: No current rep

OUA Coach Rep: Kristine Drakich, Toronto

CWUAA Sport Rep: Russ Paddock, Brandon

CWUAA Coach Rep: Laurie Eisler, Alberta

President of the Coaching Association: Vacant (Seeking Replacement)

Volleyball Canada Rep: Julien Boucher, High Performance Director

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Refining Playing Regulations
 - Volleyball Canada provided feedback on suggested rule changes
 - Committee to decide to align with Volleyball Canada or adopt certain rules that would be in contradiction
- 2017 FISU Summer Universiade
 - Volleyball Canada lost OTP funding which forced reduction in FISU Support. Team and Athlete Selection Processes, Selection/Training Camps and Budgets were brought in house to U SPORTS
 - Head Coach: Daniel Huzar, UBC
 - Extensive athlete identification process took place
 - Plan are to train in Vancouver prior to departure
- Discussion on solidifying the awards process
- The Ball Contract:
 - Heavily involved in concussion and impact testing research
 - Will be providing a recommendation to Corporate Partnership division at U SPORTS for ball

G. Women's Rugby STSC

Committee Chair: Krista McKenna, StFx

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Leo MacPherson, StFx

AUS Coach Rep: Matthew Durant, Acadia

RSEQ Sport Rep: Joey Sabo, Bishop's

RSEQ Coach Rep: Graeme McGravie, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: No current rep

OUA Coach Rep: Beth Barz, Queen's



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CWUAA Sport Rep: Vang Ioannides, Alberta

CWUAA Coach Rep: Matt Parrish, Alberta

President of the Coaching Association: Collette McAuley, Guelph

Rugby Canada Rep: Meghan Howat, National Women's Program Manager

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Development of white paper for the addition of Rugby Sevens to the U SPORTS sport model
 - This will include a report from the Canada West pilot project
 - Whitepaper that will cover league structure, championship structure etc...
- National Video Exchange platform discussed
- Various upgrades and clean-up of seeding process

H. Men's Basketball STSC

Committee Chair: Daniel Méthot, UQAM

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: John Ryan, Cape Breton

AUS Coach Rep: Kevin Duffie, Acadia

RSEQ Sport Rep: Lisen Moore, McGill

RSEQ Coach Rep: Rod Gilpin, Bishop's

OUA Sport Rep: Mike Havey, Windsor

OUA Coach Rep: James Derouin, Ottawa

CWUAA Sport Rep: Ken Olynyk, Thompson Rivers

CWUAA Coach Rep: Craig Beaucamp, Victoria

President of the Coaching Association: Shawn Swords, Laurentian (newly appointed)

Canada Basketball Rep: Greg Francis, Manager, Men's High Performance

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Championship structure
 - Proposal being developed for a 12 team format
 - Whitepaper created and distributed to committee for discussion
 - Business model to be discussed
- Definition of a game (for RPI as part of seeding criteria)
 - New definitions proposed, and currently seeking data collection based on those definitions
- Development of proposal for adding a third All-Canadian team.
- 2017 FISU Summer Universiade
 - Canada Basketball lost OTP funding which forced reduction in FISU Support. Team and Athlete Selection Processes, Selection/Training Camps and Budgets were brought in house to U SPORTS
 - Head Coach is Kevin Hanson
 - Plan is to train either in conjunction with Purdue in USA, or in Vancouver prior to Universiade



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I. Women's Basketball STSC

Committee Chair: Karla Karch, Mount Royal University

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Karen Murphy, Memorial

AUS Coach Rep: Anna Stammberger, Dalhousie

RSEQ Sport Rep: Joey Sabo, Bishop's

RSEQ Coach Rep: Craig Norman, Bishop's

OUA Sport Rep: Chris Critelli, Brock

OUA Coach Rep: Dave Wilson, Queen's

CWUAA Sport Rep: Kenneth Schildroth, MacEwan

CWUAA Coach Rep: Scott Edwards, Alberta

President of the Coaching Association: Ryan Thorne, McGill

Canada Basketball Rep: Mike MacKay, Performance Manager, Women's High Performance

U SPORTS Rep: Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical and National Championships

Current priorities for the committee:

- Discussion surrounding berth structure for women's basketball. There is an appetite to move forward with a new proposal, and elevate the championship to ensure the best teams are present at the Championship
- Sport Congress report from the 2017 Women's Basketball Championship in Victoria
- Video exchange and uploading to synergy including exhibition games
- New bid process and minimum standards for women's basketball. Committee strongly feels they should be involved

6. Coaches Associations

Track and Field, Swimming, Wrestling, Curling, Cross Country, Field Hockey

Vote Sheets will be distributed based on motions brought forward

A. Swimming

President of Coaches Association: Jeff Slater, Waterloo

Current priorities for the association:

- the addition of "C Finals" at National Championships
- Swimming Congress- would like to continue this concept into following seasons
- Hosting rotation to be determined by Commercial Committee.
- Alignment with Swimming Canada in regards to qualification periods and short course/ long course
- Strong feeling to ensure championship takes place Thursday-Saturday



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B. Cross Country

President of Coaches Association: Felix-Antoine-Lapointe, Laval

Current priorities for the association:

- Increase of women's distance to 8km
- Brings it closer to the Men's distance, however still allows the athletes to train and prepare better as the distances get closer together.
- Updated lap distance to 2.5km vs 2km

C. Track and Field

President of Coaches Association: Brett Lumley, Windsor

Current priorities for the association:

- Host rotation and the future
- New financial model being developed for hosts
- Strong willingness to move to bid process for Track and Field

D. Field Hockey

President of Coaches Association: Robin D'Abreo, UBC

Current priorities for the association:

- Coaches developed new championship model
- Survey sent out to Institutions regarding 2017 Championship
- Data collected and analyzed by National Office

E. Wrestling

President of Coaches Association: Leo McGee, Regina

Current priorities for the association:

- Continued relationship building with Wrestling Canada Lutte
- Development of potential STSC for Wrestling