

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, U of Victoria (Chair); Karla Karch, Mount Royal; Vang Ioannides, U of Alberta; Eric Vandembroucke, U of Windsor; Angela Orton, U of Guelph; Lisen Moore, McGill U; Daniel Methot, UQAM; Karen Murphy, Memorial U; Krista McKenna, StFx; Robin Guy, Volleyball Canada; Lisette Johnson Stapley, U SPORTS

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 works in conjunction and reviews motions with a financial impact passed at the Sport Technical Sub-Committee level.

3. Highlights for the 2017-2018 season

1. Began the development and implementation of a rule change cycle for all sports.
2. Sport Committee forwarded a motion to the Board to request that a proper plan, process and research be undertaken before adding/removing sport in the Sport Model Review. As such the Board directed U SPORTS to create an Ad Hoc Committee to create the plan.
3. 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).
4. Draft guidelines developed for the management of the Coaches Excellence Funds including FISU funding for coaches.
5. Launched a pilot Men's and Women's combined STSCs with Volleyball in the winter of 2018.
6. Reviewed drafts of the Terms of Reference for the Football Sport Technical Sub-Committee.
7. Reviewed and Approved Coaches Excellence Fund Withdrawals
8. Review of the feasibility of STSC model.
9. Reviewed the voting procedures for STSC.
10. Reviewed Rugby Berth Structure Discrepancies
11. Members began using Basecamp



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4. Plans for 2018-2019

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

- a. Review of all sport championship formats/ berth structures
- b. Launch a review of Coaching Associations and STSCs operating models
- c. Complete annual calendar/rule cycle development and process
- d. Improve STSC/SC alignment and leadership
- e. Consider “harmonization of rules” request and desired outcomes
- f. Align with conferences for Playing Regulation updates
- g. Support the Sport Review Task Force recommendations and implementation process

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: Shawn Camp, Guelph

CW Sport Rep: Rob Godfrey, Mount Royal

CW 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 supplementary discipline at the National Championship
 - *Recommendations being approved at Sport Committee*
- Development of Sport Congress/ Hockey Summit in conjunction with the NHL Draft
- Clean-up of playing regulations- additions were made based on team roster size that clarified the wording and intent
- Video Goal Review was implemented into the new bid book based on recommendation from this committee
- Recommendations on FISU team makeup and selection process for coaches due to concerns on dates



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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

CW Sport Rep: Ken McInnes, Lethbridge

CW 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:

- 4-referee format for National Championship
 - U SPORTS only major championship with 3-referee format
 - Added and approved for playing reg updates
- Ad-Hoc Committee struck for Berth Structure discussion
- Playing Regulation clean-up
 - Overtime and Shootout
 - Bench designation
 - Team Bench composition
- Women's Hockey Pilot Project
 - Report was developed by former STSC Chair, Stephanie White, and circulated to the Women's Hockey STSC for feedback.
 - Committee developed a motion to be presented to Sport Committee and Board of Directors
 - Backgrounder and discussion paper were produced



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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

RSEQ Sport Rep: Pierre Clermont, UQTR

RSEQ Coach Rep: Marc Mounicot, McGill

OUA Sport Rep: Ivan Joseph, Ryerson

OUA Coach Rep: Keith Mason, Guelph

CW Sport Rep: Karla Karch, Mount Royal

CW Coach Rep: Mike Shearon, TWU

President of the Coaching Association: Mike Mosher, UBC

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

*Special thank you to Patrick Nearing, who served as President of the Coaching Association and as a member of this committee for many years!

Current priorities for the committee:

- Implementation and motion drafting for new seeding for the National Championship
 - Based on current year results and Top Ten vs previous
- Drafting of All-Rookie Team Motion
 - Addition to regulations- top 3 per conference
- Implementation of video exchange
 - Approved implementation of pre-championship video exchange and formalized process for implementation at the championship
- Discussion with CPL and a potential draft of U SPORTS players
 - Ad-Hoc committee formed to liaise with the CPL
- Discussion on International Player Caps
 - Concerns raised over the amount of international players currently playing in U SPORTS
 - Coaches currently polling their fellow members for interest
- Beginning plans for the January 2019 Coaching Congress at the University of Toronto
 - Funds from CEF to be allocated to this initiative
- 2019 FISU Summer Universiade
 - Coach and athlete selection- timelines TBD



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D. Women's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: Eric Vandenbroucke, University of Windsor- stepping down. *New Chair to be appointed*

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Tim Maloney, Dalhousie

AUS Coach Rep: Jon Crossland, UNB

RSEQ Sport Rep: Julie Dionne, Laval

RSEQ Coach Rep: Jorge Sanchez, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: no current rep

OUA Coach Rep: Martin Painter, Western

CW Sport Rep: Karla Karch, Mount Royal

CW Coach Rep: Graham Roxburgh, Trinity Western

President of the Coaching Association: Chad Beaulieu, RMC

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

Current priorities for the committee:

- 2019 FISU Summer Universiade
 - Coach and athlete selection- timelines TBD
- Championship draw approval
- All-Rookie Team Wording approval
- Discussion surrounding the dates of the championship- not approved, however still in discussion

E. Men's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair : Jean-Pierre Chancy, Université de Montréal

Committee members:

RSEQ/AUS Sport Rep: John Richard, UNB

RSEQ/AUS Coach Rep: Pascal Clement, Laval

OUA Sport Rep: Mark Alfano, McMaster

OUA Coach Rep: John Barrett, Toronto

CW Sport Rep: Jeff Gamache, Trinity Western

CW Coach Rep: Brad Poplawski, MacEwan- replaced by Shawn Sky, Mount Royal

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

*Mid Way through the 2017-2018, the RSEQ and AUS amalgamated as conferences.

Current priorities for the committee:

- Development of Berth Structure for National Championships with having only three conferences now
 - Each conference worked at canvassing their members to determine the best option
 - A Discussion paper was circulated



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- The Men's Committee also reviewed multiple motions from the Women's Volleyball STSC
 - Approved 3 of 4 motions to be implemented next season

F. Women's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair: Karen Murphy, Memorial

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: John Richard, UNB

AUS Coach Rep: Rick Scott, Dalhousie

RSEQ Sport Rep: Jean-Pierre Chancy, Montreal

RSEQ Coach Rep: Olivier Trudel, Montreal

OUA Sport Rep: TBD

OUA Coach Rep: Kristine Drakich, Toronto

CW Sport Rep: Russ Paddock, Brandon

CW Coach Rep: Laurie Eisler, Alberta

President of the Coaching Association: Doug Reimer (UBC)

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
 - Move to an 8-limited Substitution Rule with fast sub protocol
- The Ball Contract:
 - Ongoing research being done with regards to concussion testing
- Eligibility review of pro participation policies
- Moving forward- committee will review the seeding process for the National Championship
 - Issues surrounding objectivity of the process
 - Updating of the seeding form
- Additions to the Bid Book Minimum standards with regards to volleyball lines on the court

G. Women's Rugby STSC



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Committee Chair: Krista McKenna, StFx

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Leo MacPherson, StFx

AUS Coach Rep: Matthew Durant, Acadia

RSEQ Sport Rep: Roger Archambault, Ottawa

RSEQ Coach Rep: Graeme McGravie, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: Angela Orton, Guelph

OUA Coach Rep: TBD

CW Sport Rep: Vang Ioannides, Alberta

CW Coach Rep: Brittany Watters, Victoria

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:

- National Video Exchange platform discussed
- Various upgrades and clean-up of seeding process
- Berth Structure discussion
 - Development of options paper and philosophy
 - Status Quo for 2018 Championship

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- **now replaced by Darrell Glenn, UPEI**

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

CW Sport Rep: Ken Olynyk, Thompson Rivers- **now replaced by Kenneth Schildroth, MacEwan**

CW Coach Rep: Craig Beaucamp, Victoria

President of the Coaching Association: Shawn Swords, Laurentian- **now replaced by Kevin Duffie, Acadia**

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



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- 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

I. Women's Basketball STSC

Committee Chair: Karla Karch, Mount Royal University

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Chris Huggan, UPEI

AUS Coach Rep: Anna Stammberger, Dalhousie

RSEQ Sport Rep: Julie Dionne, Laval

RSEQ Coach Rep: Tenicha Gittens, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: Chris Critelli, Brock

OUA Coach Rep: Carly Clarke, Ryerson

CW Sport Rep: Lisa Robertson, Regina

CW 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 around pro-participation
 - Adding age exemption policy- in discussion
- Preparation for Sport Congress/ coaches meeting for the 2019 U SPORTS championship
 - Budget prepared
 - Guest speakers list provided

6. Coaches Associations

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

Vote Sheets will be distributed based on motions brought forward



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A. Swimming

President of Coaches Association: Steve Price, UBC

Current priorities for the association:

- The review of the new championship, with addition of C Finals
- Swimming Congress- would like to continue this concept into following seasons
- Hosting Rotation and clarity surrounding process

B. Cross Country

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

Current priorities for the association:

- Ad-Hoc Committee struck with coaches to discuss/ evaluate the rationale, the distances and the overall affect of changing the distances in Cross Country.
- Six weeks prior to the 2018 Championship, the committee will report back with recommendations on moving forward, weighing all factors including equity, age and LTAD.

C. Track and Field

President of Coaches Association: Brett Lumley, Windsor

Current priorities for the association:

- Addition of the Assistant Coach of the Year Award
- Discussion surrounding Para-Athlete exhibition events- ongoing
- Cleaning up of playing regulations

D. Field Hockey

President of Coaches Association: Robin D'Abreo, UBC

Current priorities for the association:

- New championship model going into year 2.

E. Wrestling

President of Coaches Association: Leo McGee, Regina

Current priorities for the association:

- Continued relationship building with Wrestling Canada Lutte
- Review of Pools and ensuring that all 8 positions are filled for the National Championship
- Discussion surrounding AUS and RSEQ inclusion at National Championship.