



2018-2019 SPORT COMMITTEE STSC'S REPORT

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Sport Committee Report

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1. Current Sport Committee members

Karen Murphy, Memorial U (Chair); Krista McKenna, StFx; Guy Dube, RMC; Mark Alfano, McMaster U; Karla Karch, Mount Royal; Vang Ioannides, U of Alberta; Lisen Moore, McGill U; Daniel Methot, UQAM; Robin Guy, Volleyball Canada; Lisette Johnson Stapley, U SPORTS, Scott Ring, U SPORTS, Barbara Giroud, 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 from the 2018-2019 season

1. First year with New Chair, Dr. Karen Murphy (James Keogh, U VIC stepped down after 12 years)
2. Review of the Eligibility requirements for CPL (Canadian Premier Soccer League) and CEBL (Canadian Elite Basketball League)
3. Approval of Venue Change and Date change for Rugby
4. Approval of Sport Model Framework to move the file forward
5. Review of Berth Proposal from 2020 U SPORTS Men's and Women's National Basketball Championships
6. Began the development and implementation of a rule change cycle for all sports.
7. 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.
8. Follow-up on outstanding motions from STSC and/or Coaches Association in preparation for updates to playing regulations that have a financial impact
9. Approved drafts of the Terms of Reference for the Football Sport Technical Sub-Committee.
10. Reviewed and Approved Coaches Excellence Fund Withdrawals
11. Reviewed Hosting & Financial Models for Individual Championships (calls held with all institutions)
12. Reviewed Critical Paths for next Phase of Sport Model & Women's Hockey Pilot Project
13. Review of the feasibility of STSC model
14. Football STSC became operational
15. Implementation of Basecamp for use as Project Tool



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4. Plans for 2019-2020

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 STSC for all Sports
- c. Review and provide feedback on the U SPORTS Sport Model & Women's Hockey Pilot Project
- d. Implement new approval process that will come out of the Governance Review
- e. Improve STSC/SC alignment and leadership

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: Todd Johnson, Regina

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 championship format
 - Length of tournament (4 vs 5 days)
 - Number of teams
 - Removal of single elimination
- Addition of Hybrid Icing for the National Championship
- Change in team bench complement
- Addition of supplementary video review at the National Championship
- Discussion on a coaches symposium and/or professional development session



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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: Peter Hellstrom, Laurentian

OUA Coach Rep: Lisa Haley, Ryerson

CW Sport Rep: Ken McInnes, Lethbridge

CW Coach Rep: Graham Thomas, UBC

President of the Coaching Association: Dan Church, York

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

Current priorities for the committee:

- Review of 4-referee format
- 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
 - Feedback received from the group regarding the Women's Hockey Pilot Project report by Bob Copeland

C. Men's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: Patrick Nearing, Dalhousie University

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Scott Gray, Saint Mary's

AUS Coach Rep: Miles Pinsent, UNB

RSEQ Coach Rep: Marc Mounicot, McGill

OUA Coach Rep: Keith Mason, Guelph

CW Sport Rep: Gord Hopper, UBC

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 Pierre Clermont and Ivan Joseph who left the committee this past year.



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Current priorities for the Committee (Men's Soccer):

- Development of CPL Communication piece for teams and athletes
 - Document that goes to all U SPORTS coaches prior to the season, and then to players.
 - Document will outline expectations of players once drafted
 - A separate document/ 1 pager for clubs which lays out the development contract parameters
- National tournament ball
 - All coaches tested the balls (Wilson, Nike) and provided their feedback
 - U SPORTS Corporate Partnerships department will be securing ball partner based on feedback.
- ELO for Championship Seeding and Top Ten
 - Discussion on reducing the weight on playoffs as a change for next year
- International Player Limits
 - Continuation of discussion on this topic.
- UMBRO Showcase initiative
 - Discussion on bringing the Men's and Women's Soccer coaches together for professional development session at the UMBRO Showcase
- Discussion on format of championship
 - Ongoing conversation on dates, # of days, and berth structure

D. Women's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: Guy Dubé

AUS Sport Rep: Scott Gray, Saint Mary's

AUS Coach Rep: Jon Crossland, UNB

RSEQ Coach Rep: Jose Valdes, McGill

OUA Coach Rep: Martin Painter, Western

CW Sport Rep: Gord Hopper, UBC

CW Coach Rep: Liz Jepsen, Alberta

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 draw approval
- National tournament ball
 - All coaches tested the balls (Wilson, Nike) and provided their feedback
 - U SPORTS Corporate Partnerships department will be securing ball partner based on feedback.
- Minor edits to playing regulations



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E. Men's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair : Jean-Pierre Chancy, Université de Montréal

Committee members:

RSEQ Sport Rep: John Richard, UNB

RSEQ Coach Rep: Pascal Clement, Laval

OUA Sport Rep: Mark Alfano, McMaster

OUA Coach Rep: James Gravelle, Windsor

CW Sport Rep: Jeff Gamache, Trinity Western

CW Coach Rep: Shawn Sky, Mount Royal

President of the Coaching Association: John Barrett, Toronto

Volleyball Canada Rep: Julien Boucher, High Performance Director

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

Current priorities for the committee:

- Development of Berth Structure for National Championships after issues with the VRS wildcard system
 - Each conference worked at canvassing their members to determine the best option
 - A Discussion paper was circulated with options
- Volleyball video exchange system preferences (Volleymetrics)
- MIKASA Volleyball discussion
 - Will be similar process to the soccer ball discussion
- Eligibility policy discussion
 - 40.10.6.1.4.4 The period in which an athlete participates with the national team program shall not count towards a sit out year as per transfer rules.
 - Review if this rule still applies and/or is relevant In today's volleyball climate.

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: Melissa Krist, Toronto

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)



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Volleyball Canada Rep: Julien Boucher, High Performance Director

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

Current priorities for the committee (Women's Volleyball):

- MIKASA Volleyball discussion
 - Will be similar process to the soccer ball discussion
- Move to ELO for National Championship Seeding
 - Determining the defaults within the system to ensure it is well representative of the volleyball membership
- Elimination of substitution paddles for National Championships
- Volleyball video exchange system preferences (Volleymetrics)
- Clean up of practice regulations in the playing regulations

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: Roger Archambault, Ottawa

RSEQ Coach Rep: Graeme McGravie, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: Angela Orton, Guelph

OUA Coach Rep: Dan Valley, Queen's

CW Sport Rep: Vang Ioannides, Alberta

CW Coach Rep: Brittany Watters, Victoria

President of the Coaching Association: Collette McAuley, Guelph

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

Current priorities for the committee:

- Championship Format change
 - The championship added an extra day at the beginning of the championship, with games beginning on the Wednesday rather than the Thursday. Allowed for an extra day between games, and was centred around player safety
- Championship Venue Change request from the University of Ottawa

H. Men's Basketball STSC

Committee Chair: Daniel Méthot, UQAM

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: John Ryan, Cape Breton

AUS Coach Rep: Darrell Glenn, UPEI

RSEQ Sport Rep: Lisen Moore, McGill



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RSEQ Coach Rep: Dave Deaveiro, McGill

OUA Sport Rep: Mike Havey, Windsor

OUA Coach Rep: James Derouin, Ottawa

CW Sport Rep: Kenneth Schildroth, MacEwan

CW Coach Rep: Craig Beaucamp, Victoria

President of the Coaching Association: Kevin Duffie, Acadia

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

Current priorities for the committee:

- Development of coaches professional development similar to Women's Basketball
- CEBL feedback
- International player rules
- Eligibility and pro participation rules
- Wildcard wording
- Change in championship format to 3 days vs 4 days

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: Linda Marquis, Laval

RSEQ Coach Rep: Tenicha Gittens, Concordia

OUA Sport Rep: Christine Stapleton, Western

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:

- 100th anniversary for U SPORTS Women's Basketball
 - Development around game schedule and promotion
- Coaches symposium
 - Feedback on the 2019 symposium run by Scott Edwards



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J. Football STSC

Committee Chair: Basil Hughton, Canada West Convenor, CHAIR

Committee members:

<i>Leo MacPherson, AD, St-FX</i>	<i>AUS Sport Rep</i>
<i>Julie Dionne, AD, Laval</i>	<i>RSEQ Sport Rep</i>
<i>Wally Gabler, AAD, Guelph</i>	<i>OUA Sport Rep</i>
<i>Gilles Lépine, AD, UBC</i>	<i>Canada West Sport Rep</i>
<i>Phil Currie, CEO, AUS</i>	<i>AUS Football Convenor</i>
<i>Benoit Doloreux, RSEQ</i>	<i>RSEQ Football Convenor</i>
<i>Gord Grace, CEO, OUA</i>	<i>OUA Football Convenor</i>
<i>Richard MacLean</i>	<i>U SPORTS Football Director</i>
<i>Chris Morris, Head Coach UofA</i>	<i>CUFCA President</i>
<i>Shannon Donovan</i>	<i>Football Canada</i>
<i>Graham Brown</i>	<i>U SPORTS, CEO</i>
<i>Lisette Johnson-Stapley</i>	<i>U SPORTS, CSO, Chair Football STSC</i>
<i>Barbara Giroud</i>	<i>U SPORTS, Sport Coordinator and Notetaker</i>

Year's Accomplishments & Current priorities for the committee:

- Debut of a Football STSC (first meeting October 2018)
- Support of first ever Director/Commissioner (of a sport role at U SPORTS – Football Director Richard Maclean (Volunteer with a small honorarium only)
- Support of a Football Strategic Session along with a Football Visioning Group (smaller)
- Discussions began with U SPORTS Medical Committee Chair on Player Safety
- Approval of Football Motions from CUFCA Meetings
 - Rules & Regulations
 - In particular, video transmission from spotter's booth to sidelines has been adopted by CW in addition to OUA & AUS (RSEQ tbc)
 - Harmonization of Rules & Regulations
 - Harmonization of Referee Fees
 - Building on partnership with CFL & International Football and East-West Bowl

6. Coaches Associations

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

Review for all Individual Sports to move to a STSC for the 2019-2020 season. Committees will be populated during the summer of 2019.



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A. Swimming

President of Coaches Association: Steve Price, UBC

Current priorities for the association:

- Full review of technical regulations and layout of playing regulations to make more “swimming centric”

B. Cross Country

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

Current priorities for the association:

- Awaiting feedback from Sport Committee for distance issue

C. Track and Field

President of Coaches Association: Jason Reindl, University of Saskatchewan

Current priorities for the association:

- Addition of medals for the silver and bronze medal teams
- Minor playing regulation updates

D. Field Hockey

President of Coaches Association: Cassius Mendonca, Toronto

Current priorities for the association:

- New championship model going into year 3.

E. Wrestling

President of Coaches Association: N/A

Current priorities for the association:

- Continued relationship building with Wrestling Canada Lutte
- Discussion surrounding AUS and RSEQ inclusion at National Championship.