



2019-2020

SPORT COMMITTEE

& STSC'S

REPORT

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Sport Committee Report

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Dr. Karen Murphy (Chair), Lisette Johnson-Stapley, Scott Ring

1. Current Sport Committee members

Karen Murphy, Memorial U (Chair)
Krista McKenna, StFx
Guy Dubé, 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, Chief Sport Officer U SPORTS
Staff, Scott Ring, Manager, Sport Technical & National Championships
Staff, Jenna Blackburn, Sport Coordinator

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

3. Highlights from the 2019-2020 season

1. Began the review of a New Governance model for Sport decision-making
2. Began the review of the National Championship Principles after the collection of member feedback at 2019 U SPORTS Annual Conference and AGM
3. Approval of Sport Model Program and Application (based on feedback from 2019 U SPORTS Conference & AGM breakout session, MAC and member feedback in fall)
4. Approval of Women's Hockey Pilot Project extension on during data collection and AFA Committee Review
5. Approval of keeping with same Volleyball for the upcoming year only given COVID environment and reduction on members to purchase new balls
6. Review of next 5-year calendar for National Championship dates
7. Review format for swimming (with approval to come in May/June for 2021-2022 and beyond) – short course or long course – continued with both in same Championship or alter formats in Olympic year.
8. Review of Cross Country distances @8km equal distance for both men and women
9. Tasked STSCs with developing their ELO algorithms for Top Ten usage so that all sports are utilizing the system by 2020-2021 season
10. Reviewed and Approved Coaches Excellence Fund Withdrawals
11. All Members on the Sport Technical Sub-Committees (STSC) have been populated
12. A Wrestling STSC has been put in place
13. Approval of National Championship Principles and Scenarios for decision-making during COVID 19 Pandemic



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4. Plans for 2020-2021 season

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

1. Review of the Governance Structure for Sport Decision-Making, Composition of Sport Committee, Role of Sport Technical Sub-Committees (STSCs), Role of Coaches Associations, President of Coaches Association roles,
2. Improve STSC/SC alignment and leadership
3. Continued review of all sport championship formats/ berth structures
4. Review and provide feedback on the U SPORTS Sport Model Applications
5. Additional tasks pending COVID-19 Pandemic

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: Clarke Singer, Western

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:

- Planning of coaches symposium in conjunction with the Roger Nielson Clinic
 - Postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19
- Development of coaches symposium agenda for 2021
- Format and berth structure discussions
- Hockey strategy session action items:
 - Review of Hockey Pro Rule
 - Review of Championship Format
 - Review of Hockey Recruiting Rules



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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: Danika Smith Ottawa

RSEQ Coach Rep: Isabelle Leclaire, Montreal

OUA Sport Rep: Peter Hellstrom, Laurentian

OUA Coach Rep: Lisa Haley, Ryerson

CW Sport Rep: Gene Muller, Manitoba

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:

- Women's Hockey Pilot Project
 - Working on survey to be sent to Women's Hockey Institutions for data gathering
 - Motion to extend the program to align with recruiting cycles for women's hockey institutions
- Discussion on Women's Hockey Pro Participation in Men's leagues.
- Development of ELO algorithm for the 2020-2021 season (top ten)

C. Men's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: Patrick Nearing, Dalhousie University

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Scott Gray, Saint Mary's

AUS Coach Rep: Lewis Page, UPEI

RSEQ Coach Rep: Pat Raimondo, Montreal

RSEQ Sport Rep: Evelyne Fleury, UQTR

OUA Coach Rep: Keith Mason, Guelph (to be replaced by Kwesi Loney, Carleton)

OUA Sport Rep: Guy Dube, RMC

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

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



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- 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
 - Plans were to have a coaches meeting in conjunction with the UMBRO Showcase, however the event has been postponed to 2021- development of agenda underway
- Berth structure for championship
 - Motion to change berth structure when OUA hosts

D. Women's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair: Guy Dubé, RMC

AUS Sport Rep: Scott Gray, Saint Mary's

AUS Coach Rep: Jon Crossland, UNB

RSEQ Coach Rep: Jose Valdes, McGill

RSEQ Sport Rep: Evelyne Fleury, UQTR

OUA Coach Rep: Martin Painter, Western

OUA Sport Rep: Sean Scott, Queen's

CW Sport Rep: Gord Hopper, UBC

CW Coach Rep: Troye Flannery, Calgary

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
- Minor edits to playing regulations
- International Player limits- removed from agenda in last meeting- not seen as priority for committee
- Championship berth structure proposal now a topic of discussion for the 2021-2022 season- ongoing
- Video exchange at nationals

E. Men's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair : Jean-Pierre Chancy, Université de Montréal

Committee members:

RSEQ Sport Rep: Jean-Noel Corriveau, Laval

RSEQ Coach Rep: Dan McMorrán, UNB

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

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Current priorities for the committee:

- Berth Structure discussion from Canada West- put on hold until the completion of new championship principles from Sport Committee
- Development of ELO algorithm for the 2020-2021 season (top ten)
- MIKASA Volleyball discussion
 - Will use the MVA200 for the 2020-2021 season

F. Women's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair: Karen Murphy, Memorial

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Karen Murphy, Memorial

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)

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 use the MVA200 for the 2020-2021 season
- Development of ELO algorithm for the 2020-2021 season (top ten)
 - Determining the defaults within the system to ensure it is well representative of the volleyball membership
- Concussion substitution rule presented by CW
 - U SPORTS Medical Committee reviewed and believes more work needs to be done

G. Women's Rugby STSC

Committee Chair: Krista McKenna, StFx

Committee members:

AUS Sport Rep: Kevin Dickie, Acadia

AUS Coach Rep: Matthew Durant, Acadia

RSEQ Sport Rep: Graeme McGravie, Concordia

RSEQ Coach Rep: Mitch Francois, Montreal

OUA Sport Rep: Meaghan Howat, Guelph

OUA Coach Rep: Dan Valley, Queen's

CW Sport Rep: Vang Ioannides, Alberta

CW Coach Rep: Brittany Watters, Victoria



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President of the Coaching Association: Collette McAuley, Guelph

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

Current priorities for the committee:

- National video exchange discussion
 - Proposal from external company to have a national platform (potential to use Coaches Excellence Funds)

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

RSEQ Coach Rep: Dave Deaveiro, McGill

OUA Sport Rep: Brian Finiss, Ryerson

OUA Coach Rep: John Campbell, Toronto

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
- ELO algorithm development for top ten

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: Cheryl Jean-Paul, Trinity Western

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



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Current priorities for the committee:

- 100th anniversary for U SPORTS Women's Basketball
 - Closing off financials
- Coaches symposium for 2020 Championship
- Development of ELO algorithm for 2020-2021 season (top ten)
- Seeding criteria review

J. Football STSC

Committee Chair: Richard MacLean, U SPORTS Football Director

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>Basil Hughton, Dir CW</i>	<i>Canada West Convenor</i>
<i>Gilles Lépine, AD, UBC</i>	<i>Canada West Sport Rep</i>
<i>Phil Currie, CEO, AUS</i>	<i>AUS Football Convenor /John Keefe, 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>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</i>
<i>Barbara Giroud</i>	<i>U SPORTS, Sport Coordinator and Notetaker</i>

Year's Accomplishments & Current priorities for the committee:

- Review of CFL Proposal for Vanier Cup
- Collaboration in finding a Host for 2020 Vanier Cup (Hence OUA and U of Guelph stepped up)
- Approval of Football Report Recommendations
 - Formal Removal of Playoff Structure Discussion
 - Approval of Roster Size Change in a phase in approach in fall 2021 (95) and fall 2022 (90)
- Recommendation and Approval to not submit Bid for the hosting of the FISU Football WUC – 2024 – no indication of interest and fee to submit a bid
- Began discussions on role of CUFCA now that there is Football STSC to align with U SPORTS Sport Decision Making structure
- Clean up of Football Regulations with Officials
- Discussions with U SPORTS Medical Committee Chair on Player Safety
- Approval of Football Motions from CUFCA Meetings
 - Rules & Regulations
 - Harmonization of Rules & Regulations
 - Harmonization of Referee Fees
 - Building on partnership with CFL & International Football and East-West Bowl



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6. Coaches Associations

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

A. Swimming

President of Coaches Association: Mike Blondal, Calgary (replaced by Derrick Schoof, UBC)

Current priorities for the association:

- Long course/ short course discussion
- U SPORTS and Sport Committee reviewing member feedback and determining the proper rotation in 2021-2022 season and beyond

B. Cross Country

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

Current priorities for the association:

- Approved motion to Sport Committee to have both men's and women's distances at 8km- awaiting sport committee decision (May 2020)

C. Track and Field

President of Coaches Association: Jason Reindl, University of Saskatchewan

Current priorities for the association:

- 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 4

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.
- STSC has been populated and will begin their meetings for the 2020-2021 season to determine alignment with Wrestling Canada.