



2022-2023

SPORT
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REPORT

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1. Sport Committee Members for 2022-2023 season

Scott Barker, Ontario Tech University
Julie Dionne, Universite de Laval
Tim Maloney, Dalhousie University
Lisa Robertson, University of Regina
Lisette Johnson Stapley, Chief Sport Officer, U SPORTS (Chair)
Jenna Blackburn, Sport Coordinator, U SPORTS (non-voting)
Mark Alfano, Director of Sport, U SPORTS (non-voting)

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 2022-2023 season

1. Meetings were reduced to three times per year
2. New Sport Committee was renewed and updated with a new Composition and Terms of Reference supported by the Governance Committee and approved by the Board
3. Sport Committee reviewed the applications to the new U SPORTS Sport Model Program and made recommendations on the addition of the sport of Tennis in the 2023-2024 season and reclassification of Wrestling & Field Hockey to move to P2 by the 2024-2025 season
4. Made recommendation to approve the motion from the Men's Volleyball STSC to keep with current berth structure through to 2024-2025 season.
5. Reviewed recommendation by Hockey STSC to stay status quo on Berth structure and formats through to 2025-2026 season.
6. Reviewed dates Future National Championships (Update only-request from OUA and AUS offices)

4. Plans for 2023-2024 season

The Sport Committee and priorities for 2023-2024 will be the following:

1. Review the new business model of the National Championships (for implementation in the 2025-2026 season)
2. Advise on the most objective criteria for the last three or four berth structure spots for each sports' National Championship
3. Advise on the newly created sport decision making process and Sport Technical Sub Committee structure
4. Assist when required with Officials and Coaching development
5. Review of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives impacting Sport brought forward
6. Advise on any initiative brought forward by the CSO or CEO



5. Sport Technical Sub-Committees – CORE SPORTS – Market-Driven

U SPORTS Rep: Jenna Blackburn, Sport Coordinator
U SPORTS Rep: Mark Alfano, Director, Sport

A. Football STSC

Committee Chair:
Vacant

Committee members:

Leo MacPherson, St-FX University	AUS Sport Rep
D'Arcy Ryan, Concordia University	RSEQ Sport Rep
Wally Gabler, University of Guelph	OUA Sport Rep
Shannon Chinn, U Saskastchewan	Canada West Sport Rep
John Keefe, Director of Sport, AUS	AUS Football Convenor
Benoit Doloreux, Director, RSEQ	RSEQ Football Convenor
Matt Davies, COO, OUA	OUA Football Convenor
Rocky Olfert, Managing Director, CW	CW Football Convenor
Michael Faulds, Head Coach	CUFCA President

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- CUFCA meeting at Vanier Cup had full participation from all 27 football institutions.
- Upon recommendation by this Committee, U SPORTS made the decision not to proceed with the planned reduction in football roster size to 95 (2023) and 90 (2024). As a result, the football roster limit will remain at 110 and policy 40.10.7.11.1.11 will remain as currently written.

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Football:

- Select a new Chair of the Committee
- Review request for Vanier Cup date change
- Review Eligibility Policies, including spring start dates

B Men's Basketball STSC

Committee Chair:
Daniel Méthot, McGill University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: John Ryan, Cape Breton University
AUS Coach Rep: Ian Coultas, Memorial University
RSEQ Sport Rep: Lisen Moore, McGill University
RSEQ Coach Rep: Rastko Popovic, Concordia University
OUA Sport Rep: Roger Archambault, University of Ottawa
OUA Coach Rep: Taffe Charles, Carleton University
CW Sport Rep: Dave Crook, University of Winnipeg



CW Coach Rep: Kevin Hansen, University of British Columbia
President of the Coaching Association: Justin Seresse, Wilfrid Laurier University

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria and Seeding for Men's Basketball

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Men's Basketball:

- To review selection process for final 3 positions in berth structures.
- Review ELO, coaches Top Ten and ranking system for the At-Large Berth.
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member
- Look at opportunities to include 3 on 3 event into U SPORTS National Men's Basketball Championships

B. Women's Basketball STSC

Committee Chair:

Karla Karch, Mount Royal University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Jane Vessey, University of Prince Edward Island
AUS Coach Rep: Mark English, Memorial University
RSEQ Sport Rep: Linda Marquis, Université Laval
RSEQ Coach Rep: Tenicha Gittens, Concordia University
OUA Sport Rep: Christine Stapleton, Western University
OUA Coach Rep: Jessica Roque, University of Waterloo
CW Sport Rep: Loralyn Murdoch, University of Northern British Columbia
CW Coach Rep: Cheryl Jean-Paul, Trinity Western University
President of the Coaching Association: Carly Clarke, Toronto Metropolitan University
Canada Basketball Rep: Mike MacKay, Performance Manager, Women's High Performance

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Shoot for the Cure Initiative – membership raises over \$100,000 to fight breast cancer
- Reviewed Berth Criteria and Seeding for Women's Basketball

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Women's Basketball:

- To review selection process for final 3 positions in berth structures, as well as seeding and game formats
- Marketing of Women's Basketball
- Continued growth from Equity, Diversity & Inclusion perspective
- To look at stats platforms including FIBA Live Stats.
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member



C. Women's Hockey STSC

Committee Chair:

Danièle Sauvageau, Université de Montréal

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Mike Eagles, St. Thomas University

AUS Coach Rep: Ben Berthiaume, St.Fx University

RSEQ Sport Rep: Danika Smith, University of Ottawa

RSEQ Coach Rep: Isabelle Leclaire, Université de Montréal

OUA Sport Rep: Stephanie White, Western University

OUA Coach Rep: Lisa Haley, Toronto Metropolitan University

CW Sport Rep: Gene Muller, University of Manitoba

CW Coach Rep: Graham Thomas, University of British Columbia

President of the Coaching Association: Matt Holmberg, Queen's University

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria against the newly approved Principles

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Women's Hockey:

- Continuing to support initiatives of inclusion and diversity in the sport of Women's Hockey
- To review selection process for final 3 positions in berth structures and game formats
- Select new President of the Coaches Association
- Review the harmonization of video platform options
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

D. Men's Hockey STSC

Committee Chair:

Peter Hellstrom, Laurentian University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Brian Finnis, Acadia University

AUS Coach Rep: Gardiner MacDougall, University of New Brunswick

OUA Sport Rep: Tom Warden, Lakehead University

OUA Coach Rep: Clarke Singer, Western University

CW Sport Rep: Rob Godfrey, Mount Royal University

CW Coach Rep: Ian Herbers, University of Alberta

President of the Coaching Association: Todd Johnson, University of Regina

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria against the newly approved Principles and decided to remain status quo through to 2024-2025 season



Priorities for the Sport of Men's Hockey:

- To review the berth allocation and structure to align with U SPORTS Principles and Berth Criteria for berth spots 5-8.
- To review the championship format and determine best format moving forward for men's hockey
- Review playing regulations across all conferences.
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

E. Women's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair:

Karen Murphy, Memorial University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Karen Murphy, Memorial University
AUS Coach Rep: Richard Schick, University New Brunswick
RSEQ Sport Rep: Jean-Noel Corriveau, Université Laval
RSEQ Coach Rep: Olivier Trudel, Université de Montreal
OUA Sport Rep: Natasha Spaling, University of Guelph
OUA Coach Rep: Kristine Drakich, University of Toronto
CW Sport Rep: Russ Paddock, Brandon University
CW Coach Rep: Christine Biggs, University of Calgary
President of the Coaching Association: Doug Reimer, University of British Columbia
Volleyball Canada Rep: Julien Boucher, High Performance Director

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria against the newly approved Principles
- U SPORTS approved the Vball STSCs request to declare up to sixteen (16) players from their most recently submitted U SPORTS eligibility Form. Note: Teams may dress any fourteen (14) of these players.

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Women's Volleyball:

- To review selection process for final 3 berths in the national championship
- To review the playing regulations.
- Discuss the new ranking system implemented in Men's volleyball and its use in women's volleyball.
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

F. Men's Volleyball STSC

Committee Chair:

Jean-Pierre Chancy, Université de Montréal

Committee Members:

RSEQ Sport Rep: Jean-Noel Corriveau, Université Laval
RSEQ Coach Rep: Gino Brousseau, Université Laval
OUA Sport Rep: Darren Cates, Royal Military College
OUA Coach Rep: James Gravelle, University of Windsor



CW Sport Rep: Jeff Gamache, Trinity Western University
CW Coach Rep: Shawn Sky, Mount Royal University
President of the Coaching Association: John Barrett, University of Toronto
Volleyball Canada Rep: Julien Boucher, High Performance Director

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria against the newly approved Principles
- U SPORTS approved the Vball STSCs request to declare up to sixteen (16) players from their most recently submitted U SPORTS eligibility Form. Note: Teams may dress any fourteen (14) of these players.
- Supported a new berth structure that was used in the 2023 national championship and will remain through to 2024-2025 season.
- Found a solution for an alternative ranking system to determine National Championship seeding.

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Men's Volleyball:

- Review and recommend an increase to the international spots limit in men's volleyball.
- Review the new berth structure that was implemented in 2023
- Review the new ranking system that was created and implemented in 2022 – 2023 season
- Discuss how to build and promote men's volleyball in Canada
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

6. Sport Technical Sub-Committees – CORE SPORTS –Non-Market Driven

F. Women's Rugby STSC

Committee Chair:

Krista McKenna, St.Fx University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Krista McKenna, St.Fx University

AUS Coach Rep: Matthew Durant, Acadia University

RSEQ Sport Rep: Graeme McGravie, Concordia University

RSEQ Coach Rep: Francois Vachon-Marceau, Université Laval

OUA Sport Rep: Sarah Batley, Trent University

OUA Coach Rep: Dan Valley, Queen's University

CW Sport Rep: Vang Ioannides, University of Alberta

CW Coach Rep: Brittany Watters, University of Victoria

President of the Coaching Association: Collette McAuley, University of Guelph

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria against the newly approved Principles

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Women's Rugby 15s

- To review selection process for final 3 positions in berth structures, seeding and game formats



- Review video analysis and sharing platform
- Review request to change Championship dates and format for the National Championship
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

G. Men's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair:

Patrick Nearing, Dalhousie University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Scott Gray, Saint Mary's University

AUS Coach Rep: Lewis Page, University of Prince Edward Island

RSEQ Coach Rep: Pat Raimondo, Université de Montréal

RSEQ Sport Rep: Philippe Gagnon, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

OUA Coach Rep: Kwesi Loney, Carleton University

OUA Sport Rep: Guy Dube, Royal Military College

CW Sport Rep: Nick Clarke, University of Victoria

CW Coach Rep: Mike Shearon, Trinity Western University

President of the Coaching Association: Mike Mosher, University of British Columbia

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria against the newly approved Principles
- On-going review or eligibility requirements for student-athletes participating in the CPL
- CPL Draft occurred in January 2023 with sixteen U SPORTS Male Soccer Players being drafted

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Men's Soccer:

- Review selection process for final 3 positions in berth structures, seeding and game formats
- Debrief of pros and cons of new berth structure (2 teams per conference)
- Continued work with CPL and the growth of men's university participation in the league
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

H. Women's Soccer STSC

Committee Chair:

Guy Dubé, Royal Military College

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Scott Gray, Saint Mary's University

AUS Coach Rep: Jon Crossland, University of New Brunswick

RSEQ Coach Rep: Jose Valdes, McGill University

RSEQ Sport Rep: Philippe Gagnon, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

OUA Coach Rep: Martin Painter, Western University

OUA Sport Rep: Vacant

CW Sport Rep: Nick Clarke, University of Victoria

CW Coach Rep: Vanessa Martinez-Lagunas, University of Manitoba

President of the Coaching Association: Chad Beaulieu, Royal Military College



Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Reviewed Berth Criteria, format and seeding against the newly approved Principles

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Women's Soccer:

- Review selection process for final 3 positions in berth structures (Host plus four Conference Champions determined).
- Update and adapt the Laws of the Game for National Championship
- Review options for a national video share for conference and championship matches.
- Review of the Committee Terms of each member

H. Swimming STSC

Committee Chair:

Melissa Krist, Brock University

Committee Members:

AUS Sport Rep: Tim Maloney, Dalhousie University

AUS Coach Rep: Duffy Earle, Memorial University

RSEQ Sport Rep: Sebastian Bouthillier, Universite de Sherbrooke

RSEQ Coach Rep: Dave Heinbuch, University of Ottawa

OUA Sport Rep: Melissa Krist, Brock University

OUA Coach Rep: Paul Midgley, Western University

CW Sport Rep: Spencer Pommells, University of Lethbridge

CW Coach Rep: Vlastimil Cerny, University of Manitoba

President of Coaching Association: Derrick Schoof, UBC

Swimming Canada Reps: John Atkinson & Iain McDonald

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- The Coaches Excellence Fund (CEF) was used to pay for the Grand Slam Award for the last time. The CEF fund is for Coaching Development only.
- Confirmed 4-year course format

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Swimming:

- Review hosting rotation & confirm 2024 and 2025 hosts
- Review qualification time standards
- Review Olympic year amendment



6. Sport Technical Sub-Committees – PARTNERSHIP Sports

I. Wrestling STSC

Committee Chair:

Vang Ioannides, University of Alberta

Committee Members:

AUS/East Sport Rep: Don Ryan, University of New Brunswick

AUS/East Coach Rep: David Zilberman, Concordia University

OUA Sport Rep: Tom Warden, Lakehead University

OUA Coach Rep: Scott Procter, Western University

CW Sport Rep: Vang Ioannides, University of Alberta

CW Coach Rep: Mitch Ostberg, University of Calgary

President of Coaching Association: Trevor Manchester, Algoma University

Wrestling Canada Rep: Chris Woodcroft

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Meetings were reduced to twice/year only
- Confirmed and approved additional weight class for women

23-24 Priorities for the Sport of Wrestling:

- Working towards equal weight classes in men's and women's wrestling
- Under the new sport model Wrestling will move from a P1 (conference sanction) sport to P2 (invitational) sport beginning in 2024 – 2025
- 2023-2024 will be the last year that a STSC Committee will exist for Wrestling (as per the new sport model).

7. Coaches Associations – Cross Country, Track & Field, Field Hockey

A. Cross Country – CORE SPORT

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

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Successful U SPORTS Cross Country Championship hosted jointly by Dalhousie University and Saint Mary's University. McMaster University (Men's) captured their first U SPORTS national title since 1963 while Université Laval won their second consecutive national title (Women's).

B. Track and Field – CORE SPORT



President of Coaches Association: Wes Moerman, University of Alberta

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- Successful U SPORTS Track and Field Championship hosted by the University of Saskatchewan. University of Guelph swept the championship banners for the fifth straight time.

C. Field Hockey – Partnership Sport

President of Coaches Association: Sara Ali, University of Toronto

Past Seasons Accomplishments:

- U SPORTS approved the Coaches Association to increase roster in playing regulations to align with the FIH (international sports body for field hockey) who changed the roster rule from 16 athletes to 18.

Priorities for the Sport of Field Hockey:

- Under the new sport model Field Hockey will move from a P1 (conference sanction) sport to P2 (invitational) sport beginning in 2024 – 2025. 2023 U SPORTS Championship will be hosted by the OUA.
- 2023-2024 will be the last year that a U SPORTS Coaches Committee for Field Hockey will exist (as per the new sport model).

D. Curling – Partnership Sport

- Operated under the flexible model by Curling Canada
- Curling Canada hosted the 2023 University Curling Championships at Laurentian University. This was the first championship since 2020 in the sport of Curling.
- U SPORTS is developing a new Partnership Agreement to align with the Sport Model