

**GOLDEN  
HORSESHOE  
ATHLETIC  
CONFERENCE**

**CONSTITUTION**

**REVISED: JUNE, 2010**

## **GOLDEN HORSESHOE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE:**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be known as the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference, hereafter called GHAC or the Conference.

### **ARTICLE II: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **SECTION I – AIMS**

The aim of this Conference shall be to make the fullest possible contribution to the health; happiness and physical welfare of the High School student by sponsoring well organized and properly supervised athletic activities.

#### **SECTION II – OBJECTIVES**

- (i) To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas between Member Associations of the Conference with respect to athletic competition, tournaments or clinics.
- (ii) To organize and conduct competition for the selection of Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference representatives to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations regional eliminations and/or Championships.
- (iii) To organize and conduct from time to time, other athletic competitions, tournaments or clinics, as sanctioned by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Executive Council.
- (iv) To organize and conduct Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Championships awarded to the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference.
- (v) To provide representatives to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Legislative Council, Board of Directors and Standing Committees.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION I**

Membership of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall be composed of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Athletic Association (H.W.C.A.A.) representing the secondary schools under the jurisdiction of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board; and the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association (H.S.S.A.A.) representing the secondary schools under the jurisdiction of the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board.

Independent Secondary Schools and French Language Secondary Schools are eligible for competition and Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations selection opportunities, provide they are members in good standing of one of the Conference Member Associations.

## SECTION II

The Member Associations of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference agree to abide by all Articles of the Constitution as well as all accepted rules and regulations governing athletic competition within the Conference.

## **ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

### SECTION I - REPRESENTATION

The affairs of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall be managed by an Executive Council composed of ten (10) representatives. Five (5) members of the Executive Council shall represent the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Athletic Association and the other five (5) members of the Executive Council shall represent the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association.

### SECTION II – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Executive Council Members shall serve to fill the following positions as Executive Officers, as determined by the Council:

- i) President
- ii) Vice-President
- iii) Secretary-Treasurer
- iv) Committee for Girls Activities Representative
- v) Committee for Boys Activities Representative
- vi) Principal's Representative
- vii) Member at Large

### SECTION III – TERM OF OFFICE

The office of President of the GHAC Council shall be assumed on a yearly basis, by a Council Representative from one of the two Member Associations on a rotating basis, as outlined in Appendix III of the GHAC Constitution.

A Council Representative from the Member Association not represented by the current GHAC President shall assume the office of Vice-President of the GHAC Council on a yearly basis.

The term of office of Secretary-Treasurer of the GHAC Council shall be for an unspecified period of time, subject to agreement by the representatives of the Council.

The term of office of the Committee for Girls Activities Representative shall be for an unspecified period of time, subject to agreement by the representatives of the Council.

The term of office of the Committee for Boys Activities Representative shall be for an unspecified period of time, subject to agreement by the representatives of the Council.

The term of office of Principal's Association Representative shall be for an unspecified period of time, subject to agreement by the representatives of the Council.

## SECTION IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** The President of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall preside at all meetings of the Council. The President shall represent the Conference at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Annual General Meeting. The GHAC President shall have the authority to inquire into any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Conference and may ask any representative to attend any meeting. The President shall sign all By-Laws and Membership Certificates and have other powers and duties from time to time as prescribed by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Council.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference may assume any of the duties of the President when that officer is unable to act or prefers not to act due to conflict of interest. The Vice-President shall also perform other duties from time to time as prescribed by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Council.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER:** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall provide notice to all Executive Council Members of scheduled meetings and the business due to be considered at such meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Council and provide each Council Member with a copy of the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the Conference and provide a statement of the financial position of the Conference at each meeting of the Council. The statement shall include copies of current Bank Statements, a list of all receipts and expenditures and copies of Convenor's Competition Financial Reports. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide each year at the September Council Meeting, a proposed budget for the upcoming year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also perform other duties from time to time as prescribed by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Council. A stipend of \$2000.00 will be given to the Secretary-Treasurer to cover the costs of website and expenses for time and website management.

**GIRLS ACTIVITIES REPRESENTATIVE:** The Girls Activities Representative of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall serve as a member of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Standing Committee on Girls Activities or other identified OFSAA Committees and as such, represent the Conference at all scheduled meetings. After each OFSAA Meeting, the Girls Activities Representative shall report the results to all GHAC Council Members. Prior to such scheduled meetings, the Girls Activities Representative shall seek input from the GHAC Council regarding issues or matters to be discussed at such OFSAA Meetings. The Girls Activities

Representative may also perform other duties from time to time as prescribed by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Council.

**BOYS ACTIVITIES REPRESENTATIVE:** The Boys Activities Representative of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall serve as a member of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Standing Committee on Boys Activities or other identified OFSAA Committees and as such, represent the Conference at all scheduled meetings. After each OFSAA Meeting, the Boys Activities Representative shall report the results to all GHAC Council Members. Prior to such scheduled meetings, the Boys Activities Representative shall seek input from the GHAC Council regarding issues or matters to be discussed at such OFSAA Meetings. The Boys Activities Representative may also perform other duties from time to time as prescribed by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Council.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPRESENTATIVE:** The Principal's Representative shall represent the Conference at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Annual General Meeting. The Principal's Representative shall also perform other duties from time to time as prescribed by the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Council.

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** A person who has some authority and voting privileges with the organization, but no responsibility.

#### SECTION V – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

For the purposes of equal representation and the equitable sharing of responsibilities within the Conference, the offices of Girls Activities Representative, Boys Activities Representative and Principal's Representative shall be held by a GHAC Council Member from each of the Member Associations as determined by the Council.

## **ARTICLE V: CONFERENCE CONVENORSHIPS**

### **SECTION I – ATHLETIC CONVENORS**

Each Member Association shall provide a Convener responsible for the organizing and administering of one of the following three (3) athletic classifications of activities:

- i) Girls Activities
- ii) Boys Activities
- iii) Co-Ed Activities (Shared Responsibilities)

The Athletic Convener shall be responsible for organizing all aspects of a GHAC or OFSAA Qualifying event.

The convenorship of activities shall rotate each year so that every two years, the Athletic Conveners will have acted as Convener for each of the Girls and Boys classifications of activities. Co-Ed activity responsibilities will be shared each year by mutual agreement of the Athletic Conveners.

The specific area of responsibility of the Athletic Conveners shall be conveyed each year to OFSAA, prior to the start of a new school year.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

### **SECTION I – GENERAL MEETINGS**

The GHAC Executive Council shall convene a minimum of four (4) times per school year, with September, December, March and June as suggested dates and/or to coincide prior to scheduled OFSAA Board Meetings – and on other occasions as deemed necessary by the President or Vice-President.

## SECTION II – ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the GHAC Council shall be held each year at a time, place and date as determined by the Council, for the purpose of:

- i) Hearing and receiving the reports and statements as required and provided for by Council Members.
- ii) Electing or appointing such Executive Officers or other Council Members as are to be elected or appointed at such a meeting.
- iii) Presenting financial statements and the report of the auditors, as appointed by the GHAC Council
- iv) Transacting any other business of the Council as properly brought before the meeting without notice.

## SECTION III – QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the GHAC Council shall be a minimum of four (4) Council Members, consisting of at least two (2) members from each of the two (2) Member Associations.

## SECTION IV – VOTING

Transacting Conference affairs and business shall be determined by consensus of the Member Associations. However, where consensus is unattainable, each Council Member shall be accorded a vote. The President of the Conference as Chair, shall be accorded an additional voting power in such circumstances as required to break a tied vote.

## **ARTICLE VII: FINANCES**

### SECTION I

Responsibility for the disbursement of funds shall be that of the Conference Secretary-Treasurer.

### SECTION II – BANKING FACILITY

The GHAC Council shall establish and maintain a bank account and designate a signatory from each Member Association. The account shall be used to fund:

- i) Operating expenses of the GHAC Council
- ii) GHAC and/or OFSAA qualifying competitions
- iii) Other expenditures as prescribed by the GHAC Council

### SECTION III – ADMISSION CHARGES

For GHAC competitions or events, an admission charge may be set by the respective Athletic Conveners with a maximum charge of \$2.00 per student and \$5.00 per adult, unless otherwise prescribed by the GHAC Council. **This admission charge will be limited to football, basketball, and hockey. Tickets will be distributed to participating schools by the convenor. Tickets and money must be returned within 10 days of the event. If tickets are not returned, schools will be charged.**

#### SECTION IV – ENTRY FEES

- i) For team sports, an entry fee shall be charged each team as listed in Appendix I, to defray the operating costs of competition events. Should a profit remain after all expenses have been paid, 25% of the profit shall be returned to each participating school by the Competition Convenor. Competition event losses shall be paid for by the GHAC Treasury. The entry fee levied shall cover facility rental costs, officiating, medical and security personnel (where applicable).
- ii) For individual sports, an entry fee shall be levied for each competing athlete, payable by a school cheque on the day of the competition. Any excess funds remaining after all expenses are paid, shall be distributed to the GHAC Treasury. Any shortfalls shall be paid for by the GHAC Treasury.
- iii) OFSAA or Regional Entry Fees for team sports shall be paid for by each GHAC Member School competing at the applicable OFSAA Championship.
- iv) OFSAA or Regional Entry Fees for individual sports will be paid on behalf of Member School athletes by the GHAC Competition Convenor or GHAC Treasurer, upon submission of a list of OFSAA entrants to include full name, school name and total cost summary per school. The GHAC Treasurer shall invoice either or both Member Associations through the Convenors, for their own respective Association's share of the total fees originally paid. The Convenors shall in turn, invoice each of their own member schools as required.

#### SECTION V – EXCESS FUNDS DISBURSEMENT

All remaining funds after expenses, from GHAC competitions and/or OFSAA qualifying competitions, shall be divided as follows:

- i) 50% payable to GHAC
- ii) 50% split equally between the competing schools and/or the representative's Association.

#### SECTION VI – MEMBERSHIP FEES

Each Member Association of the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference shall provide an annual membership fee or an amount as prescribed by the GHAC Council as being representative of an annual membership fee. Effective September 1998, the HSSAA's annual fee shall be \$400.00 and the HWCAA's annual fee shall be \$200.00, payable by the end of October each school year.

## SECTION VII – COMPETITION FINANCIAL REPORTS

A financial report shall be **submitted within 10 days of the event**, and tabled at the first regularly scheduled Council meeting following the conclusion of applicable GHAC competitions, to include date and time, participating schools, facility location, event costs and profits and/or losses. The responsibility for compliance will rest with the convening Member Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII: PLAYING REGULATIONS**

All GHAC competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the GHAC Playing Regulations for that sport. If and/or where issues arise not covered by GHAC Playing Regulations, GHAC shall defer to the OFSAA Playing Regulations of that sport for clarification and/or decision. Any changes to GHAC Playing Regulations are subject to the approval of the GHAC Executive Council.

## **ARTICLE IX: OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### SECTION I – APPLICATION TO HOST

An individual or group representing the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference may apply to OFSAA to host a Championship. The individual or group must be from one or more of the Conference Member Associations and must apply for the Championship through either the Representative for Boys or Girls Activities. A copy of the proposal to host an OFSAA Championship must be presented to the Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The GHAC Council reserves the right to reject any proposal to host an OFSAA Championship for insufficient or lack of information, compliance with OFSAA Rules and Regulations or other applicable rationale as determined by the Council.

### SECTION II – FINANCES

All expenses, revenues, profits and/or losses incurred from convening an OFSAA Championship shall be the responsibility of the Championship Convener and/or his or her organizing committee and the Member Associations represented by that committee.

Should a profit remain at the conclusion of a GHAC hosted OFSAA Championship, funds shall be disbursed as follows:

- i) 50% of Net Profit is payable to OFSAA
- ii) 10% of Net Profit is payable to GHAC
- iii) 40% of Net Profit may be retained by the Organizing Committee

Each organizing committee shall be accorded an opportunity to direct available championship profits for a specific project or use within the Conference. A proposal for the disbursement of organizing committee profits shall be presented to the GHAC Council within twelve (12) months of the

conclusion of the Championship in question. If no proposal is forthcoming within the twelve-month period, organizing committee profits are due and payable to GHAC.

## **ARTICLE X: COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION I – TRANSFER COMMITTEE**

Each Member Association shall provide a representative who shall act as a member of the Conference Transfer Committee and as such, process and rule on the athletic eligibility of all students who have transferred into Association Member Schools or who have transferred between Association Member Schools within the Conference.

## SECTION II – BOARD OF REFERENCE

Each Member Association shall provide two (2) representatives who shall act as members of the Conference Board of Reference and as such, shall investigate and rule on all matters of protest brought to its' attention involving GHAC Competition. (See Article XIII for further information)

## SECTION III – OTHER COMMITTEES

The GHAC Council may from time to time, establish a committee or committees for specific purposes. In every case, each Member Association of the Conference shall be represented on such committees.

## **ARTICLE XI: ELIGIBILITY**

### SECTION I – GENERAL REGULATIONS

For all GHAC competition or OFSAA qualifying competition, participating students must comply with OFSAA eligibility By-Laws and the Federation Transfer Policy.

## **ARTICLE XII: COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE**

### SECTION I – COMPETITION

All GHAC and/or OFSAA qualifying competition shall be structured in accordance with the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Constitution, hereafter described in Appendix II of these By-Laws.

Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference competition shall be held at an appropriate site as determined by the Conveners. Should both conference competition entries be from the same Member Association, the site for the competition shall be located within the boundaries of that Association. GHAC competition events shall be scheduled at the beginning of each season, at a time that minimizes the loss of instructional time. No change of date or time will occur without the consent of both Principals of the competing schools and the competition Convenor. **A team that forfeits a GHAC playoff game will forfeit the right to advance to OFSAA.**

### SECTION II – REPRESENTATION

In the event that only one of the Member Associations sponsors a team(s) in an activity, that Association's designated team shall represent the Conference at OFSAA Championships until such time as the other Member Association sponsors team(s) in league play.

## **ARTICLE XIII: BOARD OF REFERENCE**

### **SECTION I**

The GHAC Board of Reference shall consider and deal with all matters of policy and principle brought before it, affecting the Conference, it's Member Associations and it's competition programs.

### **SECTION II**

The GHAC Board of Reference shall consist of two (2) members of each of the GHAC Member Associations, unless otherwise prescribed by the Council. If any member of the GHAC Board of Reference is directly involved with an issue in question or cannot attend a Board of Reference Meeting, said member will attempt to appoint an impartial proxy from a neutral school, within his/her Member Association.

### **SECTION III**

The Chairperson for a GHAC Board of Reference Meeting will be the President of the GHAC Council. In the event that the President cannot act, the Vice-President of the GHAC Council will assume the Chair. If the Vice-President cannot act, the President of the GHAC Council shall appoint the Chair. No proxy shall be responsible for chairing a Board of Reference Meeting.

### **SECTION IV**

A bond of \$100.00 and a written description of the matter in question are to be forwarded to the Conference Secretary-Treasurer by the school requesting the Board of Reference, within two full school days following the incident in question. The GHAC Board of Reference will meet within five school days after any matter has been brought to its attention.

### **SECTION V**

Procedures to be followed by the Board of Reference are:

1. The GHAC Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately inform the Principals of the Schools involved that sanctions may be imposed by GHAC.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, shall designate the date, location and starting time of a Board of Reference.
3. The Board may initially meet in camera to review all pertinent written material (written protest, game report, applicable sections of the Constitution).
4. The Board will hear submissions and evidence by the parties involved.
5. All matters discussed in a Board of Reference will remain in camera and only the final decision and rationale will be made public.

## SECTION VI

Each Board of Reference Member shall have one vote at any regularly called meeting. Voting by each Board of Reference Member shall be by secret ballot. The Chairperson of the Board of Reference shall only vote in the case of a tied vote.

## SECTION VII

The decision of the Board of Reference shall be reported directly to the individuals involved by the Chairperson of the Board, with written confirmation provided.

## **ARTICLE XIV: ROTATION AGREEMENTS**

### SECTION I – CONFERENCE AWARDS

The order of rotation of recipient of annual award(s) provided to Conference individuals such as the “Pete Beach Award” shall be in accordance with the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Constitution, hereafter described in Appendix III of these By-Laws.

### SECTION II – PRESIDENCY OF THE GHAC COUNCIL

The order of rotation of the office of President of the GHAC Council shall be in accordance with the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Constitution, hereafter described in Appendix III of these By-Laws.

### SECTION III – ROTATION OF CONVENORS

The order of rotation of the convenorship of activities within the Conference shall be in accordance with the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Constitution, hereafter described in Appendix III of these By-Laws.

### SECTION IV – ROTATION OF CYCLE YEARS

The order of rotation of the cycle years as outlined within Appendix II (Competitive Structure), shall be in accordance with the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Constitution, hereafter described in Appendix III of these By-Laws.

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## **APPENDIX I – ENTRY FEES**

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## **APPENDIX II – COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE**

Effective the 2004/2005 School Year, the competitive structure for Conference (GHAC) Championships and/or recognized OFSAA Qualifying Competition shall be as follows:

### **DESIGNATED "AAAA" COMPETITION:**

(Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Volleyball)

- For those team sport activities designated as strictly and only "AAAA" in demographic configuration, the HSSAA Team Champion shall play off against the HWCAA Team Champion. The site location for the competition will be approved by Convenors and will alter each year in accordance with gender hosting responsibilities of each of the two (2) member Associations.
- Whenever the Conference (GHAC) is granted a second entry, due to GHAC jointly hosting or past performance, each member Association Team Champion and Team Finalist shall play off in separate Semi-Finals within the Conference as follows:

HWCAA Finalist @ HSSAA Champion – Game #1

HSSAA Finalist @ HWCAA Champion – Game #2

Winner of Games #1 & #2 – Game #3 (GHAC CHAMPIONSHIP)

@ Host Convenor with both teams advancing to the OFSAA Championship

If the second entry is due to one Member Association hosting, that Member Association's Champion shall receive the (Host) entry and the other entry (Conference) shall be determined in competition with the Finalist team from the Hosting Association playing the other Association's Team Champions for the second entry. This game will be considered the GHAC Championship unless the Host Entry challenges the winner of the qualifying game for the GHAC Championship by stating its intention to do so immediately after winning its Association Championship.



If the second entry is due to one Association hosting they shall get the automatic (Host) entry and the other entry shall be determined by a game between the host Association's Finalist and the other Association Champion. This game will be considered the GHAC Championship unless the host entry challenges the winner of the qualifying game for the GHAC Championship by stating its intention to do so immediately after winning its association championship.

DESIGNATED "AAA" COMPETITION: (Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Girls Field Hockey).

- The HSSAA shall provide representative school teams, unless otherwise notified, to applicable OFSAA Qualifying Competition and/or OFSAA Championships.
- If a designated HWCAA School team(s) expresses a desire to compete within this demographic category such a team must play off with a designated HSSAA team, to determine the Conference Representative. Competition site location shall be as host convenor responsibilities, unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this demographic category at the board level in which case the board with significantly more teams shall host. In the event that both the HSSAA and HWCAA feature more than one team in this demographic category, it will be the responsibility of each Member Association to provide one (1) team to the Conference competition.
- Whenever the Conference GHAC is granted a second entry due to GHAC hosting or past performance.

HWCAA #2 @ HSSAA #1 (if one organization is not represented,  
HSSAA #2 @ HWCAA #1 the other will get a bye)

Winner of Games #1 & #2 – Game #3 @ Host Convenor (unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this demographic category at the Association level in which case the Association with significantly more teams shall host) with both teams advancing to OFSAA.

If the second entry is due to one Association hosting they shall get the automatic (Host) entry and the other entry shall be determined by the host's second place team playing the other Association's first place team for the second (Conference) entry.

DESIGNATED "A/AA" COMPETITION: (Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Boys Rugby, Girls Hockey).

- The HSSAA shall provide representative school teams, unless otherwise notified, to applicable OFSAA Qualifying Competition and/or OFSAA Championships.
- If a designated HWCAA School team(s) expresses a desire to compete within this demographic category such a team must play off with a designated HSSAA team, to determine the Conference Representative. Competition site location shall be as host convenor responsibilities, unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this demographic category at the Association level in which case the Association with significantly more teams shall host. In the event that both the HSSAA and HWCAA feature more than one team in this demographic category, it will be the responsibility of each Member Association to provide one (1) team to the Conference competition.
- Whenever the Conference GHAC is granted a second entry due to GHAC hosting or past performance.

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Winner of Games #1 & #2 – Game #3 @ Host Convenor with both teams advancing to OFSAA.

If the second entry is due to one Association hosting they shall get the automatic (Host) entry and the other entry shall be determined by the host's second place team playing the other Association's first place team for the second (Conference) entry.

DESIGNATED "AA" COMPETITION: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Field Hockey).

- The HSSAA shall provide representative school teams, unless otherwise notified, to applicable OFSAA Qualifying Competition and/or OFSAA Championships.

- If a designated HWCAA School team(s) expresses a desire to compete within this demographic category such a team must play off with a designated HSSAA team, to determine the Conference Representative. Competition site location shall be as host convenor responsibilities, unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this demographic category at the Association level in which case the Association with significantly more teams shall host. In the event that both the HSSAA and HWCAA feature more than one team in this demographic category, it will be the responsibility of each Member Association to provide one (1) team to the Conference competition.
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HWCAA #2 @ HSSAA #1 (if one organization is not represented,  
HSSAA #2 @ HWCAA #1 the other will get a bye)

Winner of Games #1 & #2 – Game #3 @ Host Convener, (unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this demographic category at the Association level in which case the Association with significantly more teams shall host), with both teams advancing to OFSAA.

If the second entry is due to one Association hosting they shall get the automatic (Host) entry and the other entry shall be determined by the host's second place team playing the other Association's first place team for the second (Conference) entry.

#### DESIGNATED "A" COMPETITION:

(Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Girls Field Hockey).

- The HSSAA shall provide representative school teams, unless otherwise notified, to applicable OFSAA Qualifying Competition and/or OFSAA Championships.
- If a designated HWCAA School team(s) expresses a desire to compete within this demographic category such a team must play off with a designated HSSAA team, to determine the Conference Representative. Competition site location shall be as host convenor responsibilities, unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this

demographic category at the Association level in which case the Association with significantly more teams shall host. In the event that both the HSSAA and HWCAA feature more than one team in this demographic category, it will be the responsibility of each Member Association to provide one (1) team to the Conference competition.

- Whenever the Conference (GHAC) is granted a second entry due to GHAC hosting or past performance.

HWCAA #2 @ HSSAA #1 (if one organization is not represented,  
HSSAA #2 @ HWCAA #1 the other will get a bye)

Winner of Games #1 & #2 – Game #3 @ Host Convenor, (unless there is a significant difference in the number of teams competing in this demographic category at the Association level in which case the Association with significantly more teams shall host), with both teams advancing to OFSAA.

If the second entry is due to one Association hosting they shall get the automatic (Host) entry and the other entry shall be determined by the host's second place team playing the other Association's first place team for the second (Conference) entry.

#### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS:

- Remains unchanged – combined meets/events etc.

#### TERMS & DEFINITIONS:

By consensus, it was agreed that the term "significant difference in the number of teams competing" was to be further specified as being greater than a 3:1 ratio. For example, if the HWCAA fields (1) team in a given demographic category and the HSSAA field (3) teams or less, it **is not** considered significant. Under similar circumstances, if the HSSAA fields (4) or more teams in that category, it shall be considered significant and the HSSAA shall act as host for the competition(s).

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## APPENDIX III – ROTATION AGREEMENT

GHAC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY ROTATION:

<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
HSSAA	HWCAA	HSSAA	HSSAA	HWCAA

OFSAA PETE BEACH AWARD ROTATION:

<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
HSSAA	HWCAA	HSSAA	HSSAA	HWCAA

GHAC CONVENORSHIP ROTATION:

<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
BOYS HWCAA	BOYS HSSAA	BOYS HWCAA	BOYS HSSAA	BOYS HWCAA
GIRLS HSSAA	GIRLS HWCAA	GIRLS HSSAA	GIRLS HWCAA	GIRLS HSSAA
CO-ED COMBINED	CO-ED COMBINED	CO-ED COMBINED	CO-ED COMBINED	CO-ED COMBINED

GHAC COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE ROTATION:

<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
YEAR - 2	YEAR - 3	YEAR - 1	YEAR - 2	YEAR - 3

NOTE:

Appendix III is to be updated annually each September and circulated to all GHAC Council Members and Member Associations.

## APPENDIX VIII

### Fall Sports

*Junior Football*  
*Senior Football*  
*Midget Girls' Basketball*  
*Junior Girls' Basketball*  
*Senior Girls' Basketball*  
*Golf*

*Junior Boys' Volleyball*  
*Senior Boys' Volleyball*  
*Girls' Field Hockey*  
*Cross Country*  
*Tennis*

### Winter Sports

*Boys' Hockey*  
*Girls' Hockey*  
*Midget Girls' Volleyball*  
*Junior Girls' Volleyball*  
*Senior Girls' Volleyball*  
*Wrestling*

*Midget Boys' Basketball*  
*Junior Boys' Basketball*  
*Senior Boys' Basketball*  
*Indoor Girls' Soccer*  
*Indoor Boys' Soccer*  
*Swimming*

### Spring Sports

*Junior Boys' Soccer*  
*Senior Boys' Soccer*  
*Junior Girls' Soccer*  
*Senior Girls' Soccer*  
*Track and Field*  
*Rugby*

*Boys' Baseball*  
*Girls' Slo-pitch*  
*Junior Badminton*  
*Senior Badminton*  
*Tennis*

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## **APPENDIX XIV – ENTRY FEES**

### **G.H.A.C. Entry Fees:**

Due to escalating costs, G.H.A.C. has implemented the following entry fees to be paid by participating teams in G.H.A.C. events. Each participating school team will be charged a \$100 entry fee. These fees will be applied to the revenue side of all G.H.A.C. Financial Reports.

In addition, each participating school will be billed for half of the costs of arranging a game. Game costs include but are not limited to: facility rentals, security, EMS, referees, ticket takers, parking attendant, score-keepers and any miscellaneous items. Schools participating in GHAC games (Semi finals and finals) will be allowed to use monies derived from ticket sales to cover costs of the GHAC game and keep whatever is left over from sales of tickets at their schools prior to the event.

Basketball (Boys/Girls)	\$100 / team + ½ of [referees]
Volleyball (Boys/Girls)	\$100 / team + ½ of [ referees]
Field Hockey	\$100 / team + ½ of [field + umpires ]
Football	\$100 / team + ½ of [police + security + referees + therapist + field]
Hockey (Boys)	\$100 / team + ½ of [police + arena + referees + therapist]
Hockey (Girls)	\$100 / team + ½ of [security + arena + referees + therapist]
Soccer (Boys/Girls)	\$100 / team + ½ of [referees + field]
Baseball	\$100 / team + ½ of [umpires \$160 + field \$60]

NOTE: A team will only be charged the GHAC entry fee once, not for the semi final and then the final.