

**BCESAA CONSTITUTION A Constitution for the Organization of Inter-School Athletic Program in Brant County Elementary Schools September 2018**

**ARTICLE I**

**Section 1**

The name of the organization shall be the “Brant Elementary Schools Athletic Association” (B.C.E.S.A.A.).

**Section 2**

The B.C.E.S.A.A. shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Association”.

**ARTICLE II**

**Object and Aims**

**Section 1**

The Association shall be to promote and direct the inter-school athletic programs for the elementary students in Brant County Public Schools.

**Section 2**

To develop and foster the concept of fair play and good sportsmanship through sports activities.

**Section 3**

To develop a spirit of tolerance, co-operation, understanding and leadership within the school community.

**ARTICLE III**

**Powers and Responsibilities**

The Association, through its Executive Officers, shall have the authority to:

**Section 1**

Direct, manage, supervise and assist conveners with their respective programs.

**Section 2**

Make binding decisions in any matters of dispute that might be referred to them by convener. (Refer to dispute resolution strategy).

**Section 3**

Discipline any team, convener, player or coach involved in the activities of the Association. (Examples: abuse of officials, other coaches, players; unsportsmanlike behaviour; flagrant violation of rules).

**ARTICLE IV**

**Membership**

**Section 1**

Each school (including twin schools) participating in one or more of the inter-school athletic programs shall have a maximum of one representative vote at General Membership Meetings.

Schools of the Six Nations Reserve are entitled to one vote per school. (Sanctioning fees paid by Indian Affairs).

**ARTICLE V**

By-Law Governing the Administration of the Association

**Officers**

**Section 1**

The Officers of the Association shall be:

- i Past-President
- ii President
- iii Vice-President
- iv Secretary
- v Directors (5) - one per family plus Six Nations Rep.
- vi Principal Rep
- vii Head of Media

**Section 2**

Each term of office will commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and the term shall run until the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

**Section 3**

Each Officer shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Section 4**

The executive will set a budget that will be presented at the September Meeting.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Elections**

**Section 1**

Nominations for Executive Offices shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting and further nominations will be accepted from the floor at the General Meeting.

**Section 2**

All nominees must indicate consent or submit a written statement to this effect to the Secretary prior to the election.

**Section 3**

Officers shall be elected in the following order:

i President

ii Vice-President

iii Secretary

iv Head of Media

v Directors (5) – one per family of schools plus Six Nations Rep. (This position has not been included recently. We voted on including it again at our January Reps Meeting)

Note: Family of Schools Directors and Directors-at-Large will be appointed by the Executive.

Note: Family of Schools Directors will put their name forward at the Annual General Meeting and will be appointed by the Executive. In the result of more than one volunteer there will be a vote.

**Section 5**

Ballots for each Office shall be received, counted and reported before proceeding with the election of the next Office.

**Section 6**

An unsuccessful candidate may accept a nomination for any of the remaining Offices.

**Section 7**

All elections shall be by secret ballot. Voting, in the case of multiple nominees, shall continue until one of the candidates receives a clear majority of the votes cast. Second or third ballots must be available if this situation arises.

**Section 8**

In the event of a vacancy occurring in any Office, for any cause, the Executive may appoint a Director to fill the vacancy until the end of the term.

**Section 9**

Executive term of office will be two years. Elections will occur every two years.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Duties of Officers**

**Section 1**

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside over all meetings.

The President shall call all Executive Meetings and General Membership Meeting. The President shall be the official representative of the Association.

The President has executive power between meetings, allots supply day, supervises finances, handles disciplinary issues and constitutional issues.

The president sets a budget to be presented at the September meeting.

The president adheres to invoices of equipment, officials, ribbons, medals and pennants.

**Section 2**

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and coordinates conveners.

The Vice-President shall receive all annual reports from the conveners and compile an annual report for the Annual Meeting of the general membership.

**Section 3**

The Secretary shall keep on record the minutes of all Executive Meetings and General Membership Meetings and post on The Association OneNote Page.

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence.

The Secretary shall post all documents of public nature (Constitution, Letter of Conduct, Family of Schools, Convener List, Sport Calendar on The Association OneNote Page.

**Section 5**

The Past-President shall serve as the historian of the Association and shall provide consultation as required.

**Section 6**

The Director(s) shall perform such duties as may be assigned to that position by the President of the Executive. The Directors shall be the first means of communication between schools and The Association.

**Section 7**

The Head of Media shall keep the "B.C.E.S.A.A. Blog" page up to date, as well as post on any social media websites (i.e. Twitter)

The Head of Media will correspond with conveners to post results and pictures.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Meetings**

**Section 1**

There shall be at least one meeting of the general membership called prior to the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Voting**

**Section 1**

Each B.C.E.S.A.A. school (one per twin school) representative present shall have one vote.

**Section 2**

School representatives will vote online via a survey.

**Section 3**

All votes will be decided by a simple majority of the total number of votes cast.

**Section 4**

Any vote of a sensitive or personal nature may, at the discretion of the President, be by secret ballot.

**ARTICLE X**

## **Amendments to the Constitution**

### **Section 1**

Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary in the form of a written notice, at least 10 days prior to the General Meeting.

### **Section 2**

Amendments must be posted on the OneNote page 10 days prior to the Annual meeting for review by all representatives before voting.

### **Section 3**

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes cast is required to carry a motion for amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Conveners**

#### **Section 1**

- a) All Conveners shall be appointed and/or approved by the Executive.
- b) All new Conveners must be oriented by the previous year's Convener or a member of the Executive.

#### **Section 2**

The Executive shall inform the general membership of available convenorships and may make selections from this list or from candidates presented at the Annual Membership Meeting. All convenorships must be filled by the end of the Convener Meeting in September. Unfilled convenorship at that point will result in the cancellation of the activity for that year.

#### **Section 3**

The Convener shall be responsible for the planning and organization of his/her respective program and maintaining communication with Conveners and other coaches.

#### **Section 4**

All matters of dispute shall be arbitrated by the Convener with the Executive having the final authority in the arbitration of matters unresolved at the Convener's level.

#### **Section 5**

Conveners may serve for consecutive terms.

#### **Section 6**

Conveners may hold an organizational meeting with participating school reps before setting up an inter-school competition.

### **Section 7**

Conveners shall consult the Executive prior to their event concerning any expenses.

### **Section 8**

Conveners shall provide a complete the Convener Feedback Template found on the OneNote Page for the Executive, no later than 30 days after the termination of the event.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **B.C.E.S.A.A. Policies**

#### **1.0 Tournament Format**

THAT all Junior inter-school sports be co-educational with the exception of cross-country, badminton, and track and field.

THAT Intermediate inter-school sports continue with boy/girl leagues, unless otherwise approved by B.C.E.S.A.A. (Soccer)

THAT Conveners are encouraged to consider after-school tournaments wherever possible.

THAT there is one Brant County Championship (to be champion of the competitive division).

#### **1.1 Divisions/Leagues**

a) Competitive Play - follow outlines provided

b) Recreational Opportunities - Recreational in a non-championship format established for schools interested in playing exhibition games against suitable opponents. Conveners will compile a list of such schools. Games to be arranged by coaches.

No fees. No awards. Non-school time.

#### **2.0 Junior Sports**

THAT schools be allowed to enter more than one team for Junior Co-ed sports, to a maximum of two teams per school with the exception of badminton, cross country and track and field.

#### **2.1 Junior Sports**

THAT the following ratio be observed for the for Junior Co-ed sports with a view to a 50:50 (boys: girls) ratio on the playing surface.

Soccer 6:5

Volleyball 3:3 (6 on the court)

Basketball 3:2

Slo-Pitch 5:5

### **3.0 Intermediate Sports**

THAT schools can only enter one team. At the discretion of the three elementary athletic associations, a CAGE tournament may be organized.

### **4.0 Participation**

THAT students or teams not be allowed to participate in a B.C.E.S.A.A. event unless there is a staff member present from that students' school acting as the initial contact (coach).

AND THAT students may play on more than one team (in the same sport), only if the reason to do so is to fill out a roster so that this team may compete in a B.C.E.S.A.A. competition. The roster size will be determined by the convener in charge. Schools who do this will not be eligible for the championship title. Teams will be eligible as long as students do not play on more than one team.

Junior players may be called up to an intermediate team if the school cannot field an intermediate team at the discretion of the coach. They may NOT play on both the intermediate and junior team.

THAT a student shall play on the gendered team that they identify with.

B.C.E.S.A.A. encourages all schools to provide opportunities for all students to qualify for teams/events sanctioned by B.C.E.S.A.A.

THAT where a school cannot field an Intermediate inter-school team of either boys or girls, that school may enter a co-educational team in the boys' league.

THAT students may only play on one school team per sport.

### **5.0 Sanctioned Sports**

B.C.E.S.A.A. support will only be given to sanctioned tournaments. This is applicable to Brant County Tournaments.

#### **5.1 Sanctioned Sports**

A minimum of six or more schools are necessary for tournament play.

#### **5.2 Sanctioned Play**

a) Junior - cross-country, slo-pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, wrestling (by weight divisions), ball hockey, golf, track and field.

b) Intermediate - cross-country, slo-pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, wrestling (by weight division), ball hockey, golf, track and field.

### **6.0 Eligibility**



Primary students are not eligible for B.C.E.S.A.A. competition. Students must not turn 16 within the school year to compete in any B.C.E.S.A.A. events.

For 2006-2007 school year:

Junior (grades 4-6) - allowed one retention

Intermediate (grades 7-8) - allowed one retention

\*\*Exceptions: track and field and cross-country

Divisional levels are determined by the number of years a student has been in school commencing with grade 1:

Junior 4th or 5th year

Intermediate 6th or 7th year

Senior 8th or more year

\*\*Age appropriateness for Ontario Schools - grade 1 on.

\*\*No student may compete in more than one Division.

## **7.0 Badminton**

The Intermediate tournament will be called "The Gay Webber Tournament"

Wherever possible, that badminton be set up as track and field with four regionals and then a county final.

## **8.0 Cross-Country**

All races be held on one day. Cross-Country be held in mid-October.

## **9.0 Officials**

Carded officials may be used for B.C.E.S.A.A. Championships where feasible.

## **10.0 Dates**

THAT target dates be set up by the Executive for each of the B.C.E.S.A.A. sponsored sports.

THAT no athletic activities take place in the last seven days of school.

## **10.1 Dates**

THAT whenever possible a Championship Night will be held for basketball and volleyball. Championship Night will include the top two teams of each Competitive Division.

## **11.0 Fees**

No fees will be established or collected unless approved by B.C.E.S.A.A. Executive.

## **12.0 Volunteer Coaches**

A non-teacher may coach a school team. The teacher/administrator has full responsibility for all team members and volunteers.

### **13.0 Supervision**

All schools must adhere to the Board's most recent "Out of Classroom Education" Policy regarding supervision of athletes.

### **13.1 Supervision**

An administrator may designate a teacher from another school on approval of that teacher's administrator to be responsible for individual athlete(s) for sanctioned athletes.

### **14.0 Attendance**

Student non-participants may not attend a B.C.E.S.A.A. event during a regulation school day without the approval of their school principal, their parent/guardian, and the Convener.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Trophies, Medallions and Crests**

Pennants will be given to schools who are B.C.E.S.A.A. competitive team champions.

Awards will be given to:

- a) teams - first and second-place finishers
- b) individuals - first, second and third place finishers

Grand Erie District School Board Championships will be determined by the three divisional athletic associations at a CAGE event.