

Vancouver Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association

2026 - Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2026

VISSAA AGM 9:30 AM

Being held at Brentwood College School

2026 VISSAA AGM MINUTES

1. Roll Call

NVISSAA		LVISSAA	
Thor Jehn (DCS)	Luke Holmes (Aspengrove)	Todd Turkington (Brookes Westshore)	Ryan Warner (Brookes Westshore)
Tom Veenstra (DCS)	Colin Cunningham (Mark Isfeld)	Jeanine Stannard (SMS)	Phil Ohl (Spectrum)
Brent Pinnell (LCS)	Wendy Charles (Quw'utsun)	Johann Cherry (Spectrum)	Jenny Large (Stellys)
Alanna Skene (Quamichan)	Adrian Achurch (Frances Kelsey)	Istvan Setar (Reynolds)	Rich Fast (Oak Bay)
Blake Gage (Brentwood)	Bre Quist (NCS)	Gary Baker (Lambrick)	Darren Reisig (Claremont)
Tom Langdon (GISS)	Darryl Britz (Ballenas)	Matt Phillips (Vic High)	Jaida Segato (St. Andrew's)
Dave Nelson (Dover Bay)	Scott Robertson (Wellington)	Kris Walushka (Belmont)	Jackie Snell (AC)
Brett Synnot (John Barsby)	Daryl Rodgers (Ladysmith)	Kayla Natarelli (EMCS)	Lindsay Brooke (President/SMUS)
Dillon McRae (Highland)	Travis Gorski (Vanier)	Amy Hawkings (EMCS)	Tina Lum (Athletic Assistant)
Leah Samson (Carihi)		Travis Visscher (SJP)	John Stewart (PCS)
		Chris Ball (Mt. Doug)	Ray Barkwill (Royal Bay)
		Chris Dahl (Esquimalt)	

Regrets:	<i>Leah Kay Southgate</i>	<i>Brian Hobson, Royal Bay</i>	
<i>Erik Oinonen, SIDES</i>	<i>Mike Roberts, ADSS</i>	<i>Ali Doerkson, GNS</i>	<i>Dave Hrysio, Timberline</i>

2. Adoption of the Agenda

First: Breanne Quist

Second: Travis Visscher

3. Adoption of the Minutes from the 2026 VISSAA Spring Meeting

First: Amy Hawkings

Second: Darren Reisig

4. Business Arising from the 2026 VISSAA Spring Meeting Minutes - none

5. Adoption of Executive Meeting Minutes - N/A

6. Business Arising from Executive Meeting Minutes

7. Treasurer's Statement and Budget - Adrian Achurch (Frances Kelsey)

- To approve a 2026/27 VISSAA Membership Fee of \$ 125.00 for all schools.

First: John Stewart

Second: Darren Reisig

- To approve an honorarium of \$4000.00 for the funding of the Island Assistant in 2026/27.

First: Kris Walushka

Second: Breanne Quist

- To approve an honorarium of \$1500.00 for the VISSAA President in 2026/27.

First: Kris Walushka

Second: John Stewart

Started balance this year of just over 8k and sitting at \$8400. There is \$4000 reserved for track and field. Rugby Invoice: this year we had enough in the account to pay it. We are still waiting on some schools to pay their rugby referee invoice (there are 9 schools that still haven't paid).

8. Vice-Presidents' Reports

South - Darren Reisig (Claremont) congrats on making it to June and thanks for your time. LVISSA will continue with today's conversations tomorrow.

Central - Travis Visscher (St. John's Preparatory) - nothing to report. Thanks to Tom for his years of service and as well as Blake. Blake's new AD, Neil, was introduced and Tom introduced Thor as his replacement.

North - Nicole McRae (Wellington) - Nicole is stepping down as an AD but will continue being the north island president. No one at Wellington has filled in the role. Her time as the North Island President is limited so if anyone is interested please reach out.

9. President's Report - Lindsay Brooke (SMUS) - Thanks to everyone for another great year. Also to congratulate the schools on their success with BC School Sport Championships.

10. Island Assistant's Report - Tina Lum - Best year to date on collecting championship reports. Please submit your report if you have not yet done so.

First: Matt Phillips Second: Gary Baker

11. 2026 VISSAA AGM Proposed Resolutions - see Resolution Package

Total Present: 45

Total Voters: 37 present 41 votes total (4 advanced)

Non Voters: 8

Motion 1:

In Favour: 41

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion 2: Motion tabled (EMCS)

In Favour:

Opposed:

Abstain:

Discussion - point 2 of including a host berth, question if we should do this for 1 sport at the Sr level?

Rationale that it falls in line with the spirit of the sport.

- Does this set a precedent for other sports?

- The remainder of the motion is supported?

- point 3 what happens if the rule does not change provincially?

- point 5, last year's tournaments for both 2A and 3A were not 8 team tournaments

- Ultimate is a spring sport - Lindsay is suggesting that EMCS and Dover go back to the drawing board and re-do the changes and re-submit the motion in the fall.

Motion 3: John removes motion

In favour:

Opposed:

Abstained:

Discussion: John (PCS) is requesting that Junior girls basketball islands concludes before senior island championships begin. They don't want to create conflict for students, parents, and coaches. He wants to maintain consistency with all sports.

The issue for senior islands is that many juniors come to the Saturday of senior islands wanting to play for the senior team without being on the BCSS roster.

Darren - understands the intent but how do we do this in the calendar? John doesn't want to shorten the season but wants to move it to earlier in the week and suggested a Monday/Tuesday Island Championship.

Nicole - on behalf of Mike Roberts - Junior girls basketball is the only sport this affects. Nicole wants the girls to have the same opportunity as the boys. At the same time she also doesn't want to shorten the season.

Chris - what is the purpose of the junior islands? If every other sport is doing it, why aren't we already doing this? His concern is that if it's in writing our hands might be tied in the future. Can we do this without putting in a motion?

Lindsay - Boys BC's happen at different times. Girls happen at the same time. What if a junior team wins islands? John suggests that teams must declare intent of going to BC's.

Nicole - the BC's for Junior and Senior is for a handful of schools. Most schools will only be sending one team. She believes this is better for more schools. Suggests trying it for a year.

Darren - worries about the amount of school is missed (for some juniors it could be the entire week plus BC's if they qualify).

Lindsay - if there are no objections - let's try this for a year and see how it goes. No voting necessary. We would need a declaration well in advance to know what junior teams intend to go to BC Championships before the Island Championships.

12. 2026/27 Island Championship Calendar - Dates and host schools to be approved

13. Confirmation of the 2025/26 VISSAA Executive:

President (Lindsay Brooke), VP-North (Nicole McCrae), VP-Central (Travis Visscher),
VP-South (Darren Reisig), Treasurer (Adrian Achurch), Secretary (Neil Robinson)

14. Confirmation of the Sport Advisory Committee representatives:

Four Vacancies to fill:

Field Hockey - Lindsay has put a motion forward to have Bunny Hughes as the new SAC rep.
Seconded by Darren Reisig. Motion passed (37 in favor, 0 opposed).

Golf - Aaron Frampton, Oak Bay - First: Rich Fast, Second: Darren Reisig. Motion Passed: (37 in favour 0 opposed)

Basketball - Ed Somers, Lambrick - First: Chris Ball, Second: Gary Baker. Motion Passed (37 in favour 0 opposed)

Tennis - Conrad Alscher, Brentwood - First: Lindsay Brooke, Second Nicole McCrae. Motion Passed (37 in favor 0 opposed)

, 15. New Business:

- **Track & Field** - no tie break procedure currently in place for T&F. Jackie is proposing that the team with the most first place wins, wins. If that is equal then we would go to the team with 2nd place wins. This motion will be proposed in the fall. Rich suggests we just award to both - no need to split.
- **Track & Field:** Jackie toying with the idea of giving the meet secretary an honorarium as it's such a big job. In the South we typically hire Keith Butler with the help of Jackie. In the north we had Todd B. We would like to give an honorarium in hopes to get the same person doing it every year to keep consistency. Nicole - asking if we can use the extra money from the meets to pay the director. It should be covered by the fees. If the meet is in the South we would pay for Todd's hotel and travel as well. Jackie predicts it will be about 50 hours of work. Discussion about how much to pay him. The group suggests \$500 plus travel fee. Brett suggests increasing the fee of each athlete by \$1 to help. Someone is going to ask Todd what he would like.
- **Track & Field:** Brett - after running islands Brett is suggesting changing the schedule to help the meet move quicker as well as adding standards to events like 100m, long jump, triple jump (which historically take the most time). BC's have standards for their events and suggest the island should do the same. This would really help with the timing and efficiency of the meets. Jackie - we do this in the South (we only send one heat per event to the Island Championships - ideally the mid and north do the same). Lindsay suggested that the North only send 8 athletes per event. Nicole - why are we allowing kids to qualify for an event and then be able to do other events Islands? Suggestion to have a track meeting in the fall.
- **Declining Island Berths: 10.3G** - teams must inform VISSAA if they do not intend to participate at Islands. This year we charged three \$500 fines. Lindsay feels it should go back to the Championship it was for to reduce the fees for next year. Gary suggests we just put it in the VISSAA account to pay for other expenses. Travis suggests putting it in the general fund. Motion to come in the fall.
- **Academy Update:** Nicole has noticed that there are more independent schools that are starting academies and that it's affecting public schools. Jeanine (SMS) - doesn't have a full update as she is currently stepping in for Dawn Ranns who is off. Their soccer academy has been running for 1 year and they just announced a dance and basketball academy starting next year. They are not targeting new students for it. The basketball academy is grade 7-9 focussed on 'grassroots' and is three mornings of 90 minutes of instruction per week. No students have enrolled. Jeanine confirmed that the basketball students wouldn't be eligible to play BCSS. Jackie - GNS has started a Golf Prep Program. They are keeping it separate from athletics and the golfers in the prep program will not participate in anything BCSS. It's in conjunction with their IB program. Darren asking SMS - is your admin aware of BCSS rules? Jeanine spoke about being a member of good standing with BCSS.

- Aspengrove - Luke - going 2 separate streams. Luke is on the BCSS pathway and knows that kids that are part of the academy won't be eligible to play school sports. Aspengrove will have a basketball, golf, dance, hockey and volleyball academy. They are making other hires to head the academy programs. Nicole - lots of students going to Aspengrove for example, the basketball academy, are eligible to play other sports. Luke acknowledges that some do.
- Rich - spoke about the public school academy rules and ensuring an equitable playing field. At the time, private schools weren't really on the radar. We have now come to a point where their AD's and Admin aren't on the same page.
- John - PCS - spoke about catchment areas in public vs private schools and how even if they aren't playing their academy sport at the BCSS level, it's still an advantage to that school.
- Jackie - spoke on behalf of BCSS and informed people of the change in the competitive fairness committee. Defining it has been really tricky.
- Dave (Dover) - as a new AD - Dave spoke about how he thinks the future of high school sports is going.
- Istvan (Reynolds) - started their academy over 20 years ago. He spoke about the rules, how he polices it the best he can, how he thinks it would be unfair if kids in his academy (and catchment) wouldn't be allowed to do other sports.
- Nicole pointed out that independent schools have no catchment.
- **Set 2026-27 Meeting dates for VISSAA**
 - Fall Meeting, virtual: Oct. 23, 2026 - 1:00 pm
 - Spring Meeting, virtual: April 29, 2027 - 1:00 pm
 - June AGM, in person: June 21, 2027 - 9:30 am

16. Adjournment

First: Breanne Quist, NCS Second: John Stewart, PCS