



Frontier Games

Constitution



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FRONTIER GAMES CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – VISION

Frontier School Division believes in promoting an active lifestyle as part of a complete education. Frontier Games is designed to assist students in developing physical, social, and emotional values, and becoming positive, contributing members of their communities.

ARTICLE II – BELIEFS

Students from the Division are provided the opportunity to interact with students from different schools and communities. The beliefs are:

- To focus on middle years students.
- To encourage maximum participation with as many students as possible participating.
- To provide students with leadership roles in areas such as refereeing, minor officiating, planning, and organizing committees.
- To show students that competition and fair play make sport fun and lead to a healthy and active lifestyle.
- To provide a mix between modern sports and traditional activities reflecting local culture.

ARTICLE III – FRONTIER GAMES COUNCIL

The organization to be governed by this Constitution shall be known as the “Frontier Games Council.” The Frontier Games Council will consist of the Health and Wellness Coordinator, Physical Education Co-ordinator, Area Superintendent responsible for the games, and the Chairperson from each region.

One meeting will be held once per year, or as needed.

ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE OF GAMES COUNCIL

The purpose of the Frontier Games Council is to:

- Review Regional and Divisional games,
- Address issues through motion(s) in October of that year at the Physical Education teachers’ meeting.

ARTICLE V – REGIONAL EVENT CHAIRPERSONS

Appointment to the Regional Event Chairperson position will be based on a school being a host site of a regional event for the current year. The physical education teacher of the host school, if the school has one, will be the chairperson for that event. Where there are multiple regional events there will be a regional event chairperson at each host site. Chairpersons will meet once per year, or as needed. Meetings will be in person, via video conference, or phone conference.

ARTICLE VI – SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- Frontier Games competition is open to all schools within the Division.
- All schools are expected to participate.
- Schools external to the division may be granted the right to participate in a regional event provided there is space available. However, if they win any competitions, they will receive medals, but not be eligible to go to the Divisionals.

ARTICLE VII – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Grades 5 – 8 are eligible to participate; Grade 4's can participate in individual events. They may also participate in team sports in the event that the school does not have enough players (Maximum of two grade 4 players on a team). Please consult with the Health and Wellness/Phys. Ed Coordinator in your Area.
- A students' grade level will be determined on the students first day of school for that Frontier Games Year.

Schools of 80 or less (K-8) will be considered small schools and will be able to:

- use co-ed teams.
- cooperate in team sports with any other small school within the same Area.
- compete in four (4) sports.

Each athlete is allowed to compete in only three (3) sports at the Regional or Divisional event, except for small schools.

Regional entry forms must be faxed/emailed to the regional chairperson. A school will not be allowed to participate until a regional entry form, signed by the principal, is submitted. This form must be in two weeks prior to the event.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the constitution may only be put forward in the fall of each school year. Notice of Motion must be presented in writing to the Frontier Games Coordinator no later than October the first.

ARTICLE IX – VOTING PROCEDURE

Frontier Games Constitution and Games rules in the Technical Package can only be changed by a voting process. Each school in Frontier School Division will have one vote.

The procedure is as follows:

- Motion(s) with mover, seconder, and rationale must be received by October 1st.
- Motions will be discussed at the October meeting of the Physical Education teachers.
- On the Monday following the meeting, the motion (including its rationale and background from the physical education teachers), will be sent to each school with a yes/no ballot.
- One ballot and information package will be sent by either fax or email to school principals and physical education teachers.
- Schools will be given five (5) school days to consider the motion(s) and return their ballot prior to 4:00 p.m. on the fifth day.
- One hardcopy of the school's vote must be faxed to the Frontier Games / Health & Wellness Coordinator.
- Only yes/no votes will be counted in determining the vote count. Abstentions are not counted.
- The motion will be carried if there are more 'yes' votes than 'no' votes.
- If the result is a tie vote, the motion will be considered defeated.
- Implementation of the rule change will take place in the fall of the next school year.
- Motions will be tracked on a yearly basis. The same motion may be presented two years in a row. However, if it appears in the third year, it will not be considered. The motion may be re-introduced the following year.

ARTICLE X – APPEAL VOTE RESULT

Should a school(s) wish to have a passed motion brought back to the table before it is implemented, the following procedure must be followed.

- Motion with mover, seconder, and rationale sent to the Frontier Games Coordinator by December 1st.
- The motion with its rationale will be sent to each school principal and physical education teacher with a yes/no ballot. Abstentions are not counted.
- One vote per school.

Two-thirds of all schools in Frontier School Division must support the motion in order to bring it back for reconsideration (For example in 2009-10 that would mean 28 schools out of 41 must vote yes.)

- Schools will be given 1 week to consider the motion and return their ballot to the Coordinator of Health & Wellness.
- If the motion to bring back the passed motion receives the 2/3 votes necessary, reconsideration and study will take place over the next two months.
- A re-vote on the motion will take place the final week of May.

Once a motion has been adopted, it will be implemented in the fall of the next school year and must remain unchanged for a period no less than two years. Upon the completion of the second year, the adopted change will be up for review. Any motion(s) to adjust the rule change will be considered at that time.

ARTICLE XI – APPEALS

- For issues leading up to, arising at, or following Regional and Divisional events, the Appeal Committee will be established prior to the start of the event and communicated to all participating coaches. The make-up of the Committee is:

Regional (3 - 5 members):

- . Host Chairperson
- . Physical Education Consultant or designate
- . One to four Coaches, all from different schools. If school(s) is involved in appeal and has a representative on the Appeal Committee, that person is substituted.

Divisional:

- . Frontier Games Coordinator
- . Phys. Ed. Consultant
- . Host Chairperson

Two Regional representatives. If a Regional Appeal Committee representative's school is involved, then a substitute will be found.

- Notification of an Appeal must be verbally communicated immediately to the sport convener. Within 30 minutes a written appeal must be submitted to the sport convener.

ARTICLE XII – HOST SITES

Each region will establish a host site rotation for regional events utilizing schools with appropriate facilities.

The Divisional event will follow an agreed-upon rotation with the communities large enough to host the event.

ARTICLE XIII – EXPENSES

The information regarding expenses for operating Frontier Games will follow the Frontier Games Information Package. Schools not attending the event and failing to give two weeks notice to the host site will be responsible for the hosting school fee and the Frontier Games subsidy.

ARTICLE XIV – ATTIRE

For all Frontier Games sponsored activities, students will be required to wear proper attire. This includes a uniform shirt and proper footwear, no jewelry, hats or bandanas.

Schools will be fined \$50 for a competitor or team that is not in proper attire.

FRONTIER GAMES CHAPERONE POLICY

The following list is meant to give coaches and supervisors an idea of what their role entails:

- At the Frontier Games, you will be responsible for the students from your school, but also should watch for the behaviour of all students.
- Your job is to:
 - Supervise students
 - Make sure all students are participating in the events they are registered in
 - Encourage students to get to their events on time
 - Encourage and model fair play and sportsmanship
- Your help might be required with the running of the events themselves, such as refereeing and scorekeeping.

To avoid problems, coaches should not referee games that their teams are participating in.

- Coaches/supervisors are expected to be at the Frontier Games events the entire time.
- Whether students are in the gym, a classroom, or at off-site entertainment, **STUDENTS MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES**. Parents are entrusting coaches/supervisors with their children's safety and this is a responsibility that cannot be taken lightly.

It is strongly recommended that at least one (1) teacher chaperone attend the Frontier Games with other chaperones being either teachers, parents, or educational assistants. The ratio for supervision should be one (1) responsible adult for every seven (7) students with both a male and female chaperone.

FRONTIER GAMES SPORTSMANSHIP

HIGH STANDARDS OF COURTESY, FAIR PLAY, AND SPORTSMANSHIP MUST FEATURE ALL FRONTIER GAMES COMPETITIONS. (Good sportsmanship, respect for rules, respect for others, and fair play are the motives through which Frontier Games is justified and defended.)

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR ATHLETES

The school requires the athlete to:

- Conduct themselves at all times with honour and dignity
- Treat visiting team(s), spectators, and officials as honoured guests
- Faithfully complete schoolwork as practical evidence of their loyalty to school and team
- Show that it is a privilege to represent your school
- Remember that there is no place in school athletics before, during, or after competition for the use of drugs or alcohol of any kind

The game requires the athlete to:

- Maintain a high degree of physical fitness
- Be fair at all times no matter what the cost
- Believe in the honesty and integrity of opponents and officials
- Play the game for the game's sake
- Accept peacefully and without question the decision of the officials

Sportsmanship demands that the athlete:

- Recognize and applaud honestly and wholeheartedly the efforts of their team or opponents regardless of skill, score, colour, creed, or race
- Give opponents full credit when they win and learn to correct their faults through failures
- Play hard and to the limit of their abilities regardless of discouragement. True athletes do not give up, nor do they quarrel, cheat, bet, or show off
- Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, never being boastful nor bitter

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES

The school expects the coaches to:

- Be an integral part of the school system with its educational contribution
- Remember that the athletic arena is a classroom with moral and educational obligations required at all times
- Insist upon high scholarship and enforcement of all rules of eligibility

The athletes expect the coach to:

- Maintain a genuine and up-to-date knowledge of that which he/she proposes to teach
- Maintain fair, unprejudiced relationships with all squad members
- Pay careful attention to the physical condition of players
- Inspire a love of the game and a desire to compete fairly

Sportsmanship demands that coaches:

- Take a strong stand against profanity, unfair play, and unsportsmanlike behaviour of their teams
- Maintain self-control at all times, accepting decisions of officials without outward appearance of vexation
- Teach athletes to win by use of legitimate means only
- Believe in the honesty and integrity of opponents and officials
- Teach that to win is always desirable, but to win at any cost defeats the purpose of the game

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR OFFICIALS

The contest expects the official to:

- Maintain a professional relationship toward the event, the players, the coaches, and spectators at the venue and away from the venue
- Be thorough in his/her preparation
- Be on time for duty and appear in appropriate uniform and professional manner
- Be rested and alert

The rules expect the official to:

- Adhere to right decisions despite disapproval of spectators, coaches, and players
- Control his/her temper at all times in dealing with players, coaches, and crowds
- Respect and aid companion officials in making decisions
- Make interpretations and announcements clear to both teams

Sportsmanship demands that officials:

- Maintain a pleasant, impartial attitude toward all players and coaches
- Carry out their duties so as not to distract from the players or the game
- Discourage any acts of poor sportsmanship