

**NATIONAL SPORTS TELECONFERENCE
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ATTENDEES:

Dominion Sports Committee:

Chairman	Angus Stanfield
Member	Stephen Gallant
Member	Melvin Crowe
Member	Norman Shelton
Member	Kandys Merola
Secretary	Lia Taha Cheng

Provincial Sports Representatives:

MB/NWO	Bob Penner
ON – <i>Sports</i>	Nancy Briscoe
ON – <i>T & F</i>	John Crook
QB	Norman Shelton

ABSENT:

Dominion Sports Committee:

Vice Chairman	Tom Eagles
Member	LeRoy Washburn
Member	Mel Willis
Asst Secretary	Angela Keeling

Provincial Sports Representatives:

BC/YT	Dale Johnston
AB/NT	Rosalind LaRose
SK – <i>Sports</i>	Roberta Taylor
SK – <i>T & F</i>	Carol Pedersen
NB – <i>Sports</i>	Gary McDade
NB – <i>T & F</i>	Clayton Saunders
NS/NU	Robert Hoeg
PE	Theresa Gallant
NL – <i>Sports</i>	Ron Earl
NL – <i>T & F</i>	Paul Hillier

1. OPENING RITUAL AND CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The meeting commenced at 1300 hours via teleconference on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The chairman conducted the opening ritual and welcomed all participants.

2. PARTICIPANT ROLL CALL

The chairman conducted a participant roll call.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The chairman entertained requests to add new agenda items. The following items were added for discussion:

- a. 2018 Dominion Member Sports Championships Airline Costs
- b. Future of Dominion Eight Ball Championships
- c. Medal Presenters at the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships
- d. DEC Meeting and 2018 Dominion Cribbage Championships Conflicting Dates

- e. 2021 & 2022 Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships Dates

4. 2018 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2018 championships are scheduled as follows:

Cribbage: 27-30 April 2018

Hosted by: Branch #91

761 Station Ave

Victoria, BC V9B 2S1

Sports Committee Representative: Norman Shelton

Darts: 4-7 May 2018

Hosted by: Branch #120

225 Ch Des Anglais

Mascouche, QC J7L 3P1

Sports Committee Representative: TBA

Eight Ball: 25-28 May 2018

Hosted by: Branch #60

1317 4th St

Estevan, SK S4A 0X1

Sports Committee Representative: Angus Stanfield

Information packages were dispatched to the provincial executive directors and provincial command sports representatives on 20 February 2018.

As per the information memo, travel costs for members attending are limited to a maximum of \$700 (or less) per member with a possible exception for remote areas. All competitors that require air transportation will go through the Dominion Command Member Sports travel agency – Corporate Traveller. Provincial Commands must verify the provincial winners before any travel arrangements are made. Team lists should be sent to the Sports Committee Secretary as soon as possible.

As a new initiative for 2018, registration forms will now be submitted online.

As per DEC direction, it is mandatory that all Legion sponsored competitors attend the awards banquet held at the completion of every Legion Members Sport competition. In addition, all competitors attending a national tournament must adhere to a mandatory dress code to include as a minimum collared shirts, slacks and closed shoes.

5. 2020 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2020 championships are scheduled to be held on the following dates as approved by the Dominion Command Sports Committee:

- Cribbage: Friday 24 April - Monday 27 Apr 2020 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).
- Darts: Friday 1 May - Monday 4 May 2020 (Friday and Monday being arrival and

departure days respectively).

- Eight Ball: Friday 29 May – Monday 1 June 2020 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).

A call for hosting applications was distributed on 30 January 2018 via the All Branch email. Branches are requested to submit their applications online through the Member Services website (under Branch and Command Resources / Member Sports) by 30 July 2018.

6. **2018 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

a. **Event Dates/Location/Update**

Brandon, MB will host the 2018 Legion Nationals from 8-14 August 2018. Competition dates are 10-12 August. The spring site visit is scheduled for 3-6 May 2018.

b. **Schedule**

The overall schedule has been confirmed and the competition schedule is currently being developed.

2018 LEGION NATIONALS SCHEDULE



Thursday August 9	Friday August 10	Saturday August 11	Sunday August 12	Monday August 13
Athlete Clinic	Competition	Competition	Competition	Local/Cultural Tour
Athlete Practice	Opening Ceremony	Chaperones and Officials Appreciation Receptions	Athlete Social	Closing Banquet
Coaches Technical Meeting	Dominion Command Reception		Coaches Appreciation Reception	
				

c. **Travel**

Flight group bookings have been made for all provincial teams through WestJet.

d. **Athletics Canada**

An Athletics Canada partnership meeting took place on March 1, 2018 with Bill MacMackin, Board of Directors Chair, Rob Guy, Chief Executive Officer, and Mathieu Gentès, Chief Operating Officer. Athletics Canada would like to enhance the relationship with the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command for the 2018 Legion Nationals.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Eight Ball

The following suggestions were received from members and discussed by the Sports Committee at past meetings:

- i. Automatic berth for host branch – the host branch should be given a one team entry automatically which would not require provincial qualifications. This would have multiple benefits:
 1. Would add one team which would make for more play.
 2. Would encourage branches to host.
 3. Would help garner community support knowing a local team was playing in the National Championship.
 4. Would bring local spectators into the branch to watch the matches.

This recommendation will be presented for DEC consideration.

- ii. Select players for divisions by random draw to prevent teams from trying to manipulate the roster.

This recommendation will be presented for DEC consideration.

- iii. Allow the Dominion Representative to set the number of games per match. As the number of teams decrease, the number of matches decrease exponentially. Two games per match would allow each player to have the opportunity to break.

Following additional review and discussion, it was suggested that the number of games should be determined by Dominion Command prior to the Championships based on the availability of tables, as well as, the number of provincial teams registered.

MOTION: It was moved that the sports committee present the following recommendation to DEC: that the number of games should be determined by Dominion Command prior to the Championships based on the availability of tables, as well as, the number of provincial teams registered.

CARRIED

- iv. Consider adopting the Billiard Congress of America Pool Leagues (BCAPL) rules instead of the World Pool-Billiards Association (WPA) rules.

As the Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA) is the governing body of Cue Sports for Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command has deferred to them for their input which is as follows:

There is always a bit of confusion surrounding the difference between the WPA's rules and those used in BCA Pool Leagues (BCAPL). In fact, even the BCA uses the WPA rule set for non-league events.

I would certainly recommend the WPA rules to align with the national and international standard, but you will almost inevitably run into a situation where players used to playing under BCAPL rules might require an explanation. Specifically on the issue of cue ball fouls or fouls on any ball, the full WPA readout is as follows:

6.6 Touched Ball

It is a foul to touch, move or change the path of any object ball except by the normal ball-to-ball contacts during shots. It is a foul to touch, move or change the path of the cue ball except when it is in hand or by the normal tip-to-ball forward stroke contact of a shot. The shooter is responsible for the equipment he controls at the table, such as chalk, bridges, clothing, his hair, parts of his body, and the cue ball when it is in hand, that may be involved in such fouls.

This is basically saying that you can't touch the cue ball, and you can't move any object balls. The way this usually plays out is if a player comes in contact an object ball whilst cueing, the players or referee will determine whether or not the object ball has moved and if so, it is ruled a foul. Any contact with the cue ball other than with the tip of the cue is a foul.

In the WPA rules, a scratch on the break in 8-Ball results in the opposing player taking the cue ball behind the headstring, not anywhere on the table as in BCAPL rules.

ACTION: Dominion Sports Committee Secretary to send out the Eight Ball rules as a friendly reminder prior to the Championships.

b. Member Sport Championships Selection Process and NSO Relationships

Provincial Championship dates have been set as follows:

2018 LEGION MEMBER SPORTS			
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES			
Provincial Command	Cribbage April 27-30, 2018	Darts May 4-7, 2018	Eight Ball May 25-28, 2018
British Columbia/Yukon	March 24-25, 2018	April 7-8, 2018	No team
Alberta/Northwest Territories	February 2-3, 2018	February 9-10, 2018	March 16-17, 2018
Saskatchewan	March 16-18, 2018	March 9-11, 2018	March 23-25, 2018
Manitoba/Northwest Ontario	March 9-11, 2018	April 6-8, 2018	No team
Ontario	March 10, 2018	March 17, 2018	March 24, 2018
Quebec	October 21, 2017	February 17, 2018	No team
New Brunswick	March 3, 2018	Open doubles: January 27, 2018 Open singles: January 28, 2018 4 person open: February 27, 2018	March 17-18, 2018
Nova Scotia/Nunavut	March 3, 2018	March 10, 2018	March 17, 2018
Prince Edward Island	March 3, 2018	March 10, 2018	February 17, 2018
Newfoundland/Labrador	March 17, 2018	March 17, 2018	April 22, 2018

As previously discussed, there has been support of affiliating Dominion Sports with a governing body (i.e. Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association, American Cribbage

Congress, and National Darts Federation of Canada). This is perceived to be of some value in that the exposure of the Legion would be broadened by introducing Legion programs to those who know little about the Legion. In addition, the affiliation could allow Legion teams to be qualified to compete at the highest level.

For example, the Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA) is proposing an affiliation between our two organizations. They would like to put a link to the Legion website with logo and a description of the Legion organization on their website and the Legion would reciprocate by doing the same for CBSA. It is assumed that this exchange of information would serve both organizations well, allowing their members the ability to find Legion locations and information while Legion members could find information on pool and snooker all across Canada. They would also like to offer the Legion an option of having spots allocated to Legion members to attend the CBSA 8 Ball Amateur Championships or the CBSA 8 Ball Open Championships.

c. Track & Field Championships Selection Process and PSO Relationships

In order to enhance event promotion and awareness, a better understanding of current selection processes and PSO relationships is required. The Dominion Sports Committee Secretary requested that all Provincial Command Sports Representatives submit their selection criteria to Dominion Command.

d. Track & Field Championships Provincial Chairs Meeting

As many Provincial Commands send their Track and Field chairs to the Legion Nationals, it has been suggested to schedule a formal meeting. There is little consistency with coaches and chaperones year to year so the provincial chair could be the stabilizing factor. The meeting would provide chairs with the opportunity to share knowledge, discuss best practices and onboard new provincial chairs as required. A conference call line would be open for those who are unable to attend in person.

ACTION: Dominion Sports Committee to select a time during the 2018 Legion Nationals for a Provincial Sports Chairs Meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

As introduced at item 3:

a. 2018 Dominion Member Sports Championships Airline Costs

Request was made that the Dominion Sports Committee Secretary assists with airline bookings to ensure the lowest cost is found.

b. Future of Dominion Eight Ball Championships

With 7 of 10 Provincial Commands competing in eight ball, the future of the sport to be determined by the membership at Convention. Legion Member Sports generates revenue at the branch level and promotes comradeship and sportsmanship.

c. **Medal Presenters at the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships**

It is important to reinforce the image of the Royal Canadian Legion during medal presentations. All Legion members presenting medals must be in Legion Dress.

d. **DEC Meeting and Dominion Cribbage Championships Conflicting Dates**

It was reminded to ensure that the Dominion Member Sports Championship dates are taken into consideration when scheduling DEC Meetings as the Championships are set years in advance and there are some members who serve on both DEC and Sports Committee.

e. **2021 & 2022 Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships Dates**

The Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships will be held in the following timeframes:

- 2021: 4-10 August 2021 (competition dates: 6-8 August)
- 2022: 3-9 August 2022 (competition dates: 5-7 August)

Some municipalities have expressed interest in hosting and it was explained that centralization is not required as bids will be selected based on their merits.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 1400 hours.

The contents of Committee minutes are subject to the approval of the Dominion Executive Council or Dominion Convention as appropriate.



**Angus Stanfield
Chairman**



**Lia Taha Cheng
Secretary**

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