

**FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION
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 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:

- Age 10 - 15 (10 year olds on a team will be counted as 11 year olds).
- The date for stating a student's age is April 1st in the year of Division competition. (E.g. If a student turns 16 on March 25th, he/she is ineligible. On the other hand if the student turns 16 on April 1st, he/she is eligible to play.)
- High Schools that are members of Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and have 15 year old students participating in volleyball, basketball or badminton will not be able to use these students in these sports in Frontier Games. This means a 15 year old in a high school must make a choice to either compete in Frontier Games in either of these sports or in MHSAA, not both. If a student chooses

to compete on a high school volleyball, basketball, or badminton team, they would still be eligible to play any other sport in Frontier Games.

- For example:
 - 1) A student who plays on the High School volleyball team (MHSAA) cannot play volleyball in Frontier Games but is still eligible to play all other Frontier Games sports.
 - 2) Another student decides to play badminton in Frontier Games, he or she would then not be eligible to compete in MHSAA competition for the school.

- *High Schools breaking the 15 year old rule will have the individual or team medal(s) and banner(s) returned and will be fined \$100.00 per incident.*
- Schools of 80 or less (K-10) 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.