



## POLICY #8: SCHEDULING

### 1. COMPETITIVE FORMATS

Sport specific competitive formats are the foundation for the development of league schedules. They are core to the business of the Association.

Responsibilities:

- a. The decision and subsequent process to develop or change a competitive format is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- b. The Members shall have final approval on all Canada West competitive and playoff formats.
- c. Approval of the final competitive format will require a 2/3 majority of the Membership participating in the specific sport.

### 2. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION SCHEDULES

Canada West approved competitions for leagues and/or playoffs are to be principle based. The principle with the highest priority is academic integrity followed by a combination of principles based on financial responsibility, competitive opportunities and marketing opportunities. The principles are defined as follows:

- 2.1 Academic Integrity:
  - a. Minimize time away from classes.
  - b. Respect for institutional exam periods.
- 2.2 Competitive Opportunities:
  - a. Reflect a commitment to athletic excellence.
  - b. Provide for a variety of opponents.
  - c. Declare a Canada West champion.
  - d. Prepare student-athletes for National Championships.
- 2.3 Financial Responsibility:
  - a. Acknowledges the reality of competing in Canada West.
  - b. Consider travel costs.
  - c. Provide for revenue generation.
  - d. Provide a playoff structure that is cost efficient.
- 2.4 Marketing Opportunities:
  - a. Provide a variety of opponents.
  - b. Provide for geographical and historical rivals.
  - c. Avoid hosting multiple events.
  - d. Consider the commencement of classes when determining start dates.

### 3. COMPETITIVE FORMAT REVIEW

From time to time, the Board of Directors may direct the Sport Format Committee to review one or all league formats. The following guidelines shall be considered as part of the review.

- a. Change in the number of teams in the Association.
- b. Change to the qualification process for U SPORTS National Championships.
- c. Request by the majority of Membership participating in the sport.

#### 4. LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF FORMATS

The decision and subsequent process to develop or change a competitive format is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

##### 4.1 Key factors to be considered in the development of league formats:

- a. To be fiscally responsible overall as well as with appropriate consideration to not unreasonably disadvantage any of the participating teams.
- b. Number of teams in the league
- c. Divisions may be considered
- d. Number of league games/weeks of play/date of national championships
- e. League start date

##### 4.2 Key factors to be considered in the development of playoffs formats:

- a. To be fiscally responsible overall as well as with appropriate consideration to not unreasonably disadvantage any of the participating teams.
- b. Canada West playoffs are the property of Canada West. Members earn the right to host a Canada West championship through league or playoff play as identified in the sport specific scheduling regulations.
- c. The objective of Canada West Playoffs is to declare a Canada West Champion and to ensure Canada West sends the best representatives to U SPORT National Championships.
- d. Playoffs shall be 'sport specific' with considerations for: scheduling logistics, pooling, number of weeks, etc.
- e. Number of Teams to Qualify for Playoffs in League Sports:
  - i. Where possible, the number selected is to be at least two more than the number of teams eligible to advance to nationals not including the U SPORTS host team.
  - ii. Approximately 50% of the teams in each league is a guideline.
  - iii. There may be sport specific reasons to modify the number.
- f. Wherever possible, there shall be no weekends with all teams having a bye during the Canada West playoffs.

In Canada West Championships where there are gold and bronze medal contests such as a Final Four or Final Six, the bronze medal contest is to be played before the gold medal contest. In Canada West Championships where there are gold and bronze medal contests as part of single elimination playoffs, the bronze contest does not need to precede the gold medal contest.

### 4.3 Playoff Dates

- a. Canada West play-offs are to begin on the weekend immediately following the conclusion of league play.
- b. Canada West playoffs shall take a maximum of **three** weekends to be completed.
- c. For single contest playoffs, competition will be held on Friday or Saturday (unless host facility conflicts exist), for two contest series, playoff weekends will have competition held on consecutive days between Friday and Sunday and for three contest series, between Thursday and Sunday. If U SPORTS National Championships are the week immediately following a two or three contest series, hosts are encouraged, if possible, to avoid competition on Sunday in order that teams travelling to Nationals might have an extra day of rest.
- d. In exceptional circumstances, hosts may appeal to the Canada West Board of Directors for change of dates.

## 5. SCHEDULING PROCESS

### 5.1 Responsibilities

The Canada West office will be responsible to develop the annual league schedules based on the approved competitive formats and the timelines outlined below.

- a. No competitions shall be scheduled after December 4<sup>th</sup> and prior to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- b. Away competitions shall not occur more than two weekends in a row (a bye or a break in the schedule such as exams are considered a home weekend).
- c. Schedules should attempt to alternate each team's home and away competitions.
- d. Schedules shall use Fridays through Sundays unless approved by the Board of Directors or where there is contrary mention in the appendices to this policy.
- e. Sports playing doubleheaders (playing the same opponent on two consecutive days) shall be initially scheduled on back-to-back days unless approved by the Board of Directors.
- f. When a sport has the same number of male and female teams, the schedules shall be equitable.
- g. Schedules should avoid starting prior to the commencement of classes. If unavoidable, ensure that no university hosts more than one event/series prior to the commencement of classes and ensure rotation so that the same teams do not start off the schedule at home each year.
- h. Schedules of sports which use common facilities, should attempt to avoid multi-event hosting on the same weekends.
- i. The schedules for Universities that host the same sport in the same city should attempt to avoid having both teams home on the same weekend.
- j. During the weekend of the Canada West Wrestling Championship, volleyball and basketball regular season home games will not be scheduled at the option of the university hosting the championship.

### 5.2 Start times

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The following regulations are intended to assist the CW Scheduler in preparation of annual CW league schedules as well as give direction to CW members in determining allowable start times for home and playoff competitions. These regulations are to be used in conjunction with this policy and sport specific Playing Regulations, both of which might take precedence over these regulations. Start time regulations may be modified by mutual consent of opponents. As well, CW must also provide approval ensuring that consideration has been given to all teams that might be affected by particular start times.

- a. Single competitions - one/week (Football, Rugby)

Host discretion between Friday and Sunday

- b. Doubleheader competitions on same weekend (Basketball, Field Hockey, Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball)

Host discretion between Friday and Sunday with guaranteed consecutive days and a minimum of 18 hours between Day 1 and Day 2 start times.

- c. Swing trip competitions on same weekend played on consecutive days (Soccer, Basketball).

Host discretion between Friday and Sunday with a minimum of 22 hours between Day 1 and Day 2 start times.

- d. Swing trip competitions on same weekend with guaranteed days' off between competitions (Rugby, Soccer, Basketball)

Host discretion between Thursday and Sunday.

NOTE: Instances where a team will travel 500 KM or greater or involving normal travel of 5 hours or greater between the first and second opponent in a swing trip will require the scheduler to ensure at least 1 day off between games, unless the travelling party waives their right to this accommodation.

### 5.3. Start times for league games

- a. Game times for hockey, basketball, volleyball, field hockey, rugby and soccer shall be at the discretion of the individual members and based on 5.2 above. By April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, Members shall provide written confirmation to the Canada West Scheduler their standard start-times for all league competitions.
- b. The Canada West Scheduler shall produce for the AGM the detailed schedules for the following year.
- c. All members must forward any further changes in dates or start times to the Canada West Scheduler by the Friday prior to the May long weekend. It is expected that any start times submitted by the host member that are outside traditional starting times for any sport have already been shared, discussed and agreed upon with the host's opponent for the date in question. It is assumed

such suggested changes are due to things such as facility issues, marketing initiatives, etc.

- d. Any subsequent request for a change in start time or date must be settled by mutual agreement between opponents and communicated to all members and the Canada West Associate Director of Communications and Marketing by the Canada West Scheduler no later than one week ahead of the scheduled game.
- e. Failure to notify the appropriate individuals of a schedule change may result in a fine. See the Finance Policy for additional details on fines.
- f. Institutions who wish to recognize their senior student-athletes pre, during or post-games must ensure the recognition ceremonies are conducted during a regular season competition. Senior recognition nights shall not be held in conjunction with Canada West playoffs.

### Football:

- a. Game times for Football shall be at the discretion of the individual members, unless otherwise stipulated in the appendices to this policy.
- b. Members shall confirm in writing to the Canada West Scheduler by April 1st of each year their start times for all league competitions.
- c. The Canada West Scheduler shall annually produce a detailed football schedule to be released to the media on the second Tuesday of April.

### 5.4 Tournament Sports: Cross Country, Swimming, Track & Field, Wrestling, Curling, Golf

- a. A four-year schedule of Championship Sites (Swimming, Track & Field, Wrestling) shall be approved by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership at each Annual General Meeting.
- b. The schedules shall include an equitable rotation between the participating member institutions who can host.
- c. The dates for the ensuing year's championships shall be established at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. Where applicable, the dates for the ensuing year's tournaments shall be established at the Annual Coaches Meeting.
- e. A modification to the championship hosting rotation for tournament sports requires a 2/3 majority vote from the Members participating in the sport in question.
- f. Championship hosts for Golf, Cross Country, and Curling will be determined by the CW Office by way of bid process to select hosts and locations.

### 5.5 Timelines for Developing Annual Schedules – see Appendix A

## 6. MODIFICATION TO SCHEDULES:

- a. Requests for modifications to the schedules and/or playoffs shall be submitted with rationale to the Canada West Office for consideration. This includes

modifications that would cause league play to commence prior to the scheduled opening weekend.

- b. The Office will consider the following when reviewing requests for modifications to a league or playoff schedule.
  - i. Changes that will affect long-term balance.
  - ii. Changes that will provide a scheduling advantage.
  - iii. Special circumstances.
- c. Modifications to any league schedule must be made by mutual consent from affected Universities competing in the week under consideration.

Examples of modifications may include:

- i. Agreement to compete after December 3 and prior to January 3
  - ii. Agreement to compete on mid-weekdays
  - iii. Agreement to have a day off between competitions
  - iv. Change of game times
  - v. Change of weekends
  - vi. Change of home and away distribution
- d. Failure to notify the Canada West Office of a change to the annual schedule, including changes to start time, may result in a fine. See the Finance Policy for additional details on fines. Any subsequent changes in start time or date must be communicated to all members and the Canada West Associate Director of Communications and Marketing by the Canada West Scheduler no later than one week ahead of the scheduled game.
- e. Institutional Requests

There are two different types of Institutional Requests that member institutions might make with respect to league schedules. These requests must be made prior to the development of the annual schedules. Efforts will be made to accommodate Institutional Requests only if the integrity of the long-term schedule can be maintained. (Please refer to the principles above.)

- i. Priority 1 Requests are ones in which a member institution's ability to host a sport on a given date in a given venue is impeded by a significant event taking place at the same time. (Examples would include University Convocation in a playing venue, large-scale city events such as the Vancouver Olympics, etc.)

Every effort will be made to accommodate a properly documented Priority 1 request, but institutions may need to be prepared to use an alternate facility.

- ii. Priority 2 Requests are those in which a member institution wishes to request a specific date and time for scheduling of a home event or request an away event. Usually, a Priority 2 Request would be to accommodate a significant marketing opportunity or campus wide

celebration, which offers increased visibility, such as Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, etc.

If a Member Institution requests more than one Priority 2 Request, they must prioritize these requests.

It should be noted that while efforts will be made to accommodate these kinds of requests, Priority 2 Requests would only be accommodated in those instances where all of the other scheduling principles above can be adhered to. Integrity of the scheduling principles, including the assurance that teams are not at home or away for more than 2 weekends in a row, and that schools are receiving a variety of opponents over the course of the scheduling rotation are important factors, which will be considered. In any given year, if numerous requests are submitted, only some institutional Priority 2 Requests may be accommodated at the Schedulers discretion with an attempt to accommodate the other institutions in subsequent years.

The Canada West Office will initiate the requests by circulating the applicable forms to the membership prior to the development of the schedule.

### **7. PARTICIPATION IN NON-CONFERENCE GAMES DURING POST-SEASON**

No member of Canada West shall participate in any contest on the same weekend in the same sport as the U SPORTS National Championship unless the Canada West Board of Directors has granted approval.

### **8. RESOLUTION OF HOSTING CONFLICTS BETWEEN U SPORTS AND CANADA WEST EVENTS**

- a. Members designated as hosts of U SPORTS Championships shall have the responsibility of providing a contingency plan for the hosting of any Canada West Championship or Event that may be scheduled on the same weekend. This plan shall be presented at the Canada West Regular Meeting prior to the academic year in which the Member will be hosting the U SPORTS event or at the earliest possible date.
- b. The plan shall address the following principles in the order listed:
  - i. Minimize time away from class.
  - ii. Minimize cost to participants.
  - iii. Maximize revenue for the host.
- c. If the plan is approved by the General Assembly, the host will initiate the plan as required.
- d. If the plan is not accepted, the host institution must submit another option to the Board of Directors of the Association within 30 days of the General Assembly's decision. If the appeal is not supported, the right to host the

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Association's Championship will be awarded to the next highest finisher in that particular sport.



## APPENDIX A

### SCHEDULING TIMELINES FOR 2023/24 SCHEDULES

May 2022	Approval of 2023/24 Scheduler's date chart by Scheduling Format Committee
June 13	Circulate forms for institutional requests re 2023/24 schedules
August 12	Deadline for submission of institutional requests re 2023/24 schedules
August 31	Scheduling Format Committee approval of institution requests
September	Development of Fall Sport Schedules (in worksheet format)
October	Scheduling Format Committee/Board approval/ratification of Fall Sport worksheets
Oct – Nov	Development of Winter Sport Schedules (in worksheet format)
November	Scheduling Format Committee/Board approval/ratification of Winter Sport worksheets
December	Schedule worksheets available to members for budgeting purposes
February 2023	Members have schedules in worksheet fashion
April 7	Submission deadline by members for their standard start times Submission deadline for any date or start time changes in Football
May AGM	Members have 2023/24 schedules in schedule format with start times
May 19	Submission deadline for any last date and start time changes
June 5	2023/24 schedules ready for release (changes by CW & mutual agreement only)

### SCHEDULING TIMELINES FOR 2024/25 SCHEDULES

May 2023	Approval of 2024/25 Scheduler's date chart by Scheduling Format Committee
June 12	Circulate forms for institutional requests re 2024/25 schedules
August 11	Deadline for submission of institutional requests re 2024/25 schedules * Late submission allowed by an institution bidding on a National
Championship	that has not been awarded by this date.
August 31	Scheduling Format Committee approval of institution requests
September	Development of Fall Sport Schedules (in worksheet format)
October	Scheduling Format Committee/Board approval/ratification of Fall Sport worksheets
Oct – Nov	Development of Winter Sport Schedules (in worksheet format)
November	Scheduling Format Committee/Board approval/ratification of Winter Sport worksheets
December	Schedule worksheets available to members for budgeting purposes
February 2024	Members have schedules in worksheet fashion
April 5	Submission deadline by members for their standard start times Submission deadline for any date or start time changes in Football
May AGM	Members have 2024/25 schedules in schedule format with start times
May 17	Submission deadline for any last date and start time changes
June 3	2024/25 schedules ready for release (changes by CW & mutual agreement only)

## APPENDIX B MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### a) League Play

- 17 teams / 1 division / 20 games (10 home-10 away) / using 11 weekends leading to CW Championships and berths to U SPORTS National Championships.
- Play 10 pre-determined opponents twice each using double-headers.
- Teams may agree to play their double-headers as a home-and-home series as long as their overall schedule stays balanced (ie: # of home games does not differ from # of away games by more than 2).
- Four agreed upon opponents, for regional and historical reasons, are played each year.
- Six of the remaining 12 opponents are played every second year, taking four years to complete a rotation of being in everyone's facility.
- The four-year home and away rotation of opponent's format has been approved beginning with the 2016-17 season.
- The institution with the lowest combined men's and women's basketball record at the conclusion of league play will have the last bye in league play two years following.

### b) League Games

League games shall be played Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday with game times determined by the host university. Facility conflicts or marketing initiatives may cause games to be scheduled on different days. Such changes need mutual consent by both opponents. It is expected that men and women's games are scheduled as double-headers whenever possible. On the final weekend of league play all games must be concluded on Saturday unless there is a facility conflict with volleyball.

### c) Playoffs

The top 12 teams advance to playoffs based on their league standings using win/loss record, as well as, the tie breaking procedure outlined above, if needed. The 12 teams are then seeded 1 to 12 based on their RPI ranking using the following formula:

*RPI = 35% team winning percentage (WP) x 1.1 away win + 0.9 home win, 40% opponents' average winning percentage (OWP), and 25% opponents' opponent's average winning percentage (OOWP).*

If any of the 12 teams are tied in the RPI seeding process, then ties are again broken using the tie breaking procedures as listed in the section below and in the basketball playing regulations.

#### Week 1 – Play-in Round / Quarter-Finals (single elimination games)

*Day 1:*

12 vs 5 (@4), 11 vs 6 (@3), 10 vs 7 (@2), 9 vs 8 (@1)

Day 2:

Winner (12 vs 5) @ 4, Winner (11 vs 6) @3, Winner (10 vs 7) @2, Winner (9 vs 8) @ 1

Week 2 – Semi-Finals (single elimination games)

*Teams are reseeded after the Quarter-Finals*

4 @ 1, 3 @ 2

Week 3 – Final (Single elimination game at highest remaining seed):

CW Gold Medal – Semi-Final winners

CW Bronze Medal\* - Semi-Final losers

\*(if needed to determine U SPORTS representatives)

### **TIEBREAKERS**

Final league standings, at the conclusion of league play, shall be based on each teams winning percentage. Only Canada West league games are to be considered for tie breaking procedures. The tie breaking criteria are in the following prioritized order.

Two Teams Tied:

1. Win/Loss record in head-to-head competition.
2. Win/Loss record versus common opponents.
3. Each teams RPI ranking.
4. Points difference in head-to-head competition between the tied teams.
5. Points difference using all games versus common opponents.
6. Points difference using all games played.
7. Coin flip conducted by the Canada West Managing Director.

Three or More Teams Tied:

Use the same procedure as two-teams tied. Once one team has been separated from the tied group, go back to step one with the remaining tied team(s).

## APPENDIX C WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

### a) League Play

A three-team league with teams playing a double home and away for 8 games.

### b) League Games (also refer to item 5.3c) of this policy)

Games are to be played on Saturday and Sunday. The host university determines game times, but whenever possible games will be scheduled at noon or 1pm.

### c) Playoffs

- Final league standings determine the Canada West champion.
- When Canada West hosts U SPORTS Championship the CW champion and host will advance to U SPORTS championship.
- If the host is the CW Champion then the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team advances to the U SPORTS championship.

## APPENDIX D FOOTBALL FORMAT

### a) League Play

- The CW league has one division with six teams each playing an unbalanced schedule of 8 games.
- Every team is to play 3 opponents home and away and 2 opponents once home or away.
- Requires 9 weekends for league play with each team receiving a bye weekend.
- A complete rotation takes 5 years.
- This does not guarantee hosting geographic rival on an annual basis.
- A minimum of three days is required between games for recovery.
- In the final week of league play the host university must complete the game by Saturday midnight.

### b) Playoffs

- Top four teams advance to the playoffs
- Two weekends – immediately prior to U SPORTS Bowl games
- First weekend 4@1 and 3@2
- Final playoff game, the two semi-final winners, at the home of the highest ranked team. This game, if possible, should be scheduled on the Saturday of the playoff week.

## APPENDIX E MEN'S ICE HOCKEY FORMAT

### a) League Play

- 2022-23 is Year 1 of an 8-year format
- Nine team league with each team playing 28 games (14H/14A) in one division.
- Each team plays 6 opponents 4 times and 2 opponents 2 times as per a pre-determined rotation. With the exception of Manitoba, all universities play home-and-home weekends with geographical rivals.

### b) League Games (also refer to item 5.3c) of this policy)

Whenever possible, CW league game days shall be Friday and Saturday; or Saturday and Sunday. If other days or combinations are declared, both parties must mutually agree to them.

### c) Playoffs

- Top six teams advancing to playoffs.
  - Playoffs: All Series Best-of-Three
    - Round 1: Quarter Finals - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd receive a bye, 6@3, 5@4
    - Round 2: Semi-Finals - Winner with lowest point total at #1, winner with the highest point total at #2
    - Round 3: Canada West Final - winners of Round 2 meet in final at highest remaining seed
- NOTE: Both finalists would go to the U SPORTS Nationals in a wild-card season.
- Playoff game days shall be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If other game days are requested, they must be mutually agreed to by both parties.
  - Playoff game times are to be determined by the host team.

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#### c) Playoffs

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  - Round 1: Quarter Finals - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> receive a bye, 6@3, 5@4
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  - Round 3: Canada West Final - winners of Round 2 meet in final at highest remaining seed

NOTE: Both finalists would go to the U SPORTS Nationals in a wild-card season.

- Playoff game days shall be Friday, Saturday and Sunday with times determined by the host team.

## APPENDIX G WOMEN'S RUGBY FORMAT

2022 is Year 1 of a 3-year rotation with each Alberta team hosting the CW Championship on a rotating basis as per the Future Sites and Dates Chart.

### a) League Play

- One division with five teams each playing either five or six games.  
Alberta teams play home and away versus in province opponents (four games) and one game away versus each BC team (two games).  
BC teams play a home and home in province (two games) and one home game versus each Alberta team (three games).
- The five Universities are Alberta, Calgary, Lethbridge, UBC & Victoria.
- The earliest weekend to schedule league games should be the weekend after the Labour Day.
- The interprovincial travel shall take place on Weeks 3, 4, and 5 of the schedule, and should avoid the Thanksgiving Weekend.
- Wherever possible, with the exception of the teams who travel over the mountains to play, teams should only play one game per week.
- When an Alberta university travels to BC, games should be scheduled on Thursday and Sunday.

### b) League Games

- Host teams are to set game times/days with teams having sufficient rest between games.
- Thursday games should be played no earlier than 4:00 pm while Sunday games should be completed by 3:00 pm.

### c) Playoffs

- The CW Championship should be scheduled two weeks prior to the U SPORTS Championship.
- Playoffs are hosted on a three-year rotation between the three Alberta Universities.
- The top three (3) teams & the host will meet in a tournament format for the CW Championship.



- The championship tournament will be played Thursday (Semi Finals) and Sunday (Bronze and Final).

## APPENDIX H WOMEN'S SOCCER FORMAT

### a) League Play

16 teams / 2 divisions / 4 regions / 14 games / 7 weeks + 2 weekends for playoffs

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

UVIC / UBC / TWU / UFV/ UNBC / TRU/ UBCO/ CGY

#### PRAIRIE DIVISION

ALB / GMU / LET/ MRU / MAN / SSK / REG / WPG

Play in-division opponents 2 times (1H-1A) for a total of 6 games. Play in-region opponents 1 time (either at Home or Away) for a total of 4 games.

Interlock with other Region Divisions for additional games – 2 games from one division (either at home or away) and 2 games from the other division (either at home or away). In the following year, a team would play the other 4 teams.

During swing trip interlock play, all teams involved in the swing trip must be scheduled to play either Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday with appropriate time between games that are on consecutive days (e.g. Saturday night/Sunday morning is not appropriate for a travelling team). Due to travel situations, UNBC women's home games can be played Friday/Sunday.

Instances where a team will travel 500 KM or greater or involving normal travel of 5 hours or greater between the first and second opponent in a swing trip will require the scheduler to ensure at least 1 day off between games, unless the travelling party waives their right to this accommodation.

Rotation of which Alberta teams play in the Pacific Division:

2015 - 2016 - Alberta

2017 - 2018 - GMU

2019 - ~~2020~~ - Calgary

~~2021 – 2022 – MRU~~

2022 – Calgary

2023 – 2024 - MRU

### b) Playoffs

- Top 5 from each division qualify
- No. 4 hosts No. 5 in each division in a single elimination play-in game
- Top 2 from each division host quarter-finals (week 1)

### Week 1: Play-In (single game elimination - Saturday)

A: Pacific 5 @ Pacific 4

B: Prairie 5 @ Prairie 4

### Week 2: Quarter-Final (single game elimination - Saturday)

C: Winner of A @ Prairie 1

D: Winner of B @ Pacific 1

E: Pacific 3 @ Prairie 2

F: Prairie 3 @ Pacific 2

Week 3: Final 4 (Hosted by the highest remaining Prairie seed)

(If no Prairie seed remains then highest Pacific seed)

CW Semi-Finals (Day 1)

G: Winner of C vs Winner of F

H: Winner of D vs Winner of E

CW Final (Day 2)

I: Bronze Medal Game

J: Gold Medal Game

### **TIEBREAKERS**

The following tie breaking criteria are used in prioritized order to determine League and Divisional standings:

1. Previous match results between the tied teams.
2. Goal difference in head to head competition between the tied teams.
3. Goal difference between the tied teams using all league and divisional games against common opponents the same number of times.
4. Total goals scored by the tied teams using all league and divisional games against common opponents the same number of times.
5. Coin toss by the Convenor.

## APPENDIX I

### MEN'S SOCCER FORMAT

#### a) League Play

13 teams / 2 divisions (Pacific-7 / Prairie-6) / Partial interlock / 15 or 16 games/team / 9 weekends / Pacific Division – 1 Bye/team, Prairie Division – 2 Byes/team

PACIFIC DIVISION: (Vic/UBC/TWU/UFV/UNBC/UBCO/TRU)

PRAIRIE DIVISION: (SK/Leth/Cal/MRU/AB/GM)

Weekends are a combination of swing trips and/or doubleheaders based on geography.

During swing trip interlock play, all teams involved in the swing trip must be scheduled to play either Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday with appropriate time between games that are on consecutive days (e.g. Saturday night/Sunday morning is not appropriate for a travelling team). Instances where a team will travel 500 KM or greater or involving normal travel of 5 hours or greater between the first and second opponent in a swing trip will require the scheduler to ensure at least 1 day off between games, unless the travelling party waives their right to this accommodation.

#### b) Playoffs

- Top 4 teams/division in crossover format.

##### WEEK 1: Quarter-Finals (single game elimination)

Game 1 - Prairie #4 @ Pacific #1

Game 2 - Pacific #3 @ Prairie #2

Game 3 - Prairie #3 @ Pacific #2

Game 4 - Pacific #4 @ Prairie #1

##### WEEK 2: Final 4 (single game elimination)

Hosted by highest remaining seed in the Pacific Division

If no Pacific Division team wins in Week 1 then the host is the highest remaining seed from the Prairie Division.

##### DAY 1: Semi-Finals

Game 5: Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2

Game 6: Winner of Game 3 vs Winner of Game 4

\*Note: If all teams after the quarter-finals are from the same Division, the semi-finals should be seeded as follows:

Game 5: #3 ranked team vs #2 ranked team

Game 6: #4 ranked team vs #5 ranked team

DAY 2:

Game 7: Bronze Medal

Game 8: Gold Medal

\*Note 1: Final 4 host will determine game times. The order of games 5 & 6 can be switched, but the bronze medal game must be played prior to the gold medal game.

\* Note 2: In the case where the Men's Soccer Final 4 is to be hosted during the same week and by the same CW member as the Women's Soccer Final 4 then the member that is to host both championships must meet the following hosting conditions or the CW Men's Soccer Championship will be hosted by the second highest ranked men's team at the conclusion of league play.

\* The host venue for the Women's Soccer Final 4 and the Men's Soccer Final 4 must either have access to two fields or have lights for evening competition on at least one field.

\* The Men's Final 4 must be played over 2 consecutive days (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday).

\* Both Gold Medal games should be scheduled to start by 2:00 pm Sunday afternoon.

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1. Previous match results between the tied teams.
2. Goal difference in head to head competition between the tied teams.
3. Goal difference between the tied teams using all league and divisional games against common opponents the same number of times.
4. Total goals scored by the tied teams using all league and divisional games against common opponents the same number of times.
5. Coin toss by the Convenor.

## APPENDIX J MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### a) League Play

- 13 women's and 12 men's teams / one division / 24 matches for women and 22 for men / 14 weekends of league play + 3 weekends for playoffs
- Play everyone 2H or 2A (allow flexibility to play some teams 1H and 1A as long as mutually agreeable and their schedule stays balanced (I.e. # of home games does not differ from # of away games by more than 2).
- The institution with the lowest combined men's and women's volleyball record at the conclusion of the previous season shall receive the bye in the last week of league play for the following year

### b) Playoffs

- Top 8 teams qualify

#### Week 1 – Quarter-Finals (Best-of-three series):

Series A: 5 @ 4

Series B: 6 @ 3

Series C: 7 @ 2

Series D: 8 @ 1

#### Week 2 – Semi-Finals, hosted at highest remaining seed (Best-of-three series):

Winner of Series A vs. Winner of Series D

Winner of Series B vs. Winner of Series C

#### Week 3 – Final (Single elimination game at highest remaining seed):

CW Gold Medal – Semi-Final winners

CW Bronze Medal\* - Semi-Final losers

\*(if needed to determine U SPORTS representatives)

### **TIEBREAKERS**

Final league standings, at the conclusion of league play, shall be based on teams receiving two (2) points for a win and zero (0) points for a loss. Only Canada West league matches are to be considered for tie breaking procedures. If there are two or more teams tied in matches won/lost at the end of league play, the tie breaking criteria are applied in the following prioritized order:

1. Sets won overall/sets lost overall
2. Points for overall/points against overall
3. Matches, sets, points amongst the tied teams in only the matches between the tied teams.

