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## CCAA NATIONALS

### Douglas College to host badminton in Richmond, B.C.



One look at the 15 state of the art dedicated badminton courts in the newly built **Richmond Pro Badminton Centre** changed the way Douglas College thought about hosting college badminton tournaments forever.

Head Coach, Al Mawani, summed it up by saying, "Why are we importing badminton sport courts from Alberta for our championships when we have such a great facility here in Richmond, BC." Mawani who is the Technical Director of Badminton BC as well as the 2007 Badminton Canada Games Coach knows what it takes to put on a top-notch tournament. His suggestion to move the Provincial and National Badminton Championships from the college gymnasium

in Coquitlam to Richmond was supported enthusiastically by Centre owner, Richard Ong, as well as Hosting BC, which is financially supporting the hosting of the CCAA (Canadian Colleges' Athletic Association) National Badminton Championships.

On the athlete side, Mawani's Douglas College Royals are undefeated in BCCAA (British Columbia Colleges' Athletic Association) league play, his 2007 Canada Games Team is playing host to Team China in a series of matches around the Lower Mainland February 5-8 and his success with badminton at all levels over the past 20 years is overwhelming.

For both **the BC Colleges' Provincial Championships (Feb 17-18)** and **the CCAA National Badminton Championships (March 8-10)**, held at the Richmond Pro Badminton Centre, Douglas College student-athletes are expected to contend for the **GOLD**. Look for strong performances from Team Captain, Lyndsay Thomson, sophomores Alvin Lau and Charmagne Yeung, as well as freshmen Richard Liang, Andy Cheong, Chris Lee and Melodie Liang.

Capilano's Kiran Bogavelli and Langara's Toby Ng and Monica Mui should ensure that the BC team has one of the best squads in years to face perennial powerhouses Alberta and Ontario.

For further information on the CCAA National Badminton Championships, contact Lou Rene Legge, Athletic Director at 604-527-5043.

*Submitted by Lou Rene Legge, Athletic Director and Tournament Chair – Douglas College*

### Capilano College prime to host Women's Volleyball Nationals

The organization for the 2007 Women's Volleyball Nationals seems to be on target and on time!

Capilano College is excited to host this year's event in their own backyard. Led by Joseph Iacobellis the Host Organizing Committee is working diligently to deliver an exciting, well-run and memorable Championship Event.

Preparations are well underway to host the 2007 CCAA Women's National Volleyball Championship. Highlights and updates include:

- As per the decision made at this year's CCAA Winter Board Meeting, the sport court will not be used. Consequently, players will be playing on an excellent hardwood floor, an outstanding surface for the competition.
- New lighting has been installed in the gymnasium, which has proven to be very popular amongst all the athletes using the facility.
- Excellent facilities for team accommodation and our CCAA All Canadian Awards Banquet. We are

confident that everyone will be pleased with the Holiday Inn Suites Hotel and The Seymour Golf and Country Club.

- Opportunities to take in North Vancouver's popular tourist attractions, including visiting the skiing and freestyle facilities on local Grouse Mountain and Cypress Bowl which will be used as competition sites for the 2010 Olympics, as well as walking along the seawall at Ambleside beach and window shopping in Deep Cove or the Lonsdale Quay.
- Visiting Team Sponsor Program, whereby each participating team will be sponsored and hosted by one elementary school in our community. Wearing the supporting colours, each elementary school will be invited to the championship to cheer their sponsor team on to victory. Each visiting team will in turn be hosted by their elementary school, where the children will be able to ask questions to the athletes about their experience as collegiate students and athletes. Capilano has created this program in hopes to make their visiting teams feel more welcome and at home during the Nationals.
- Shaw Cable has agreed to film portions of the CCAA All Canadian Awards Banquet and will be telecasting the Gold Medal match.

*Submitted by Joseph Iacobellis, Athletic Director and Tournament Chair – Capilano College*

## **Men's Volleyball Nationals to be highly contested**

With second semester league play underway, every conference is following the results of each other. "This year has been one of the most difficult years for doing the national rankings," says Leigh Goldie, CCAA National Women's Volleyball Convenor. League play has had lots of upsets from week to week, making Leigh's job even tougher.



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CCAA MEN'S  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
NATIONALS  
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Currently the ACAA and QSSF Conferences have had very consistent performances from their top teams.

In the BCCAA, the Malaspina Mariners have been able to stay consistent in their league results, but their exhibition results are a different story. The rest of the conference is either seeing upsets or splits every weekend. The last weekend of league play will be very interesting, as teams will have to perform that weekend to make it into the playoffs.

In the ACAC, the top 4 teams seem to be beating up on each other every weekend. This is the strength of their conference as there aren't any easy weekends - you need to perform every weekend. Seems that this year, the ACAC title is up for grabs by any of the top teams. The ACAC champions will be the favourites going into Nationals. The second team from the ACAC will most likely get one of the wildcard spots and they too will be a strong force at the Nationals.

Overall, this year's Nationals should prove to be very exciting. Malaspina University College and Nanaimo are looking forward to hosting the 2007 National Championships!

*Submitted by Bruce Hunter, Athletic Director and Tournament Chair – Malaspina University College*

## **Who will be hosting in 2007-08?**

The following CCAA member-institutions were accepted as Hosts for the upcoming 2007-08 National and/or Open Championships. Please note that some championship dates have been changed and approved accordingly.

- Selkirk College – Golf (Oct. 9-12, 2007)
- Grande Prairie Regional College – Cross Country Running (Nov. 9-10, 2007)
- Mount Royal College – Women's Volleyball (March 6-8, 2008)
- Humber College – Men's Volleyball (March 7-9, 2008)
- Champlain Regional College St. Lambert – Men's Basketball (March 13-15, 2008)
- Nova Scotia Agricultural College – Women's Basketball (March 14-16, 2008)

## **Call for bids**

The CCAA Board of Directors is inviting bids to host the following CCAA Championships:

- M & W Cross Country Running 2008
- M & W Golf 2008
- M & W Badminton 2008 (Open Grid)

The 2007 version of the CCAA Bid Package and Criteria for Evaluation can be located on the website at the following link:

- <http://www.ccaa.ca/pdf/hostingbidform-e.pdf>
- <http://www.ccaa.ca/pdf/CriteriaforEvaluation-e.doc>

#### **Bid Process**

- All bids shall adhere to the Hosting Bid Package and Criteria for Evaluation
- Must be forwarded electronically to the CCAA Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bid Selection Committee will review the bid via conference call on May 18th. Bidding institutions representative(s) will be included on the call to answer selection committee questions and to highlight information.
- Bid Selection committee will then make a recommendation to the CCAA Board of Directors at the respective Annual General Meeting in regards to the approval of the bid.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Murray-MacDonell ([sandra@ccaa.ca](mailto:sandra@ccaa.ca) / 613.937.1508)

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **What is going on in CCAA Badminton?**



The 2006-2007 Badminton Season is again hotly contested!

Both British Columbia and Alberta have very strong teams and Ontario has a number of proven returning players. We were concerned that the Atlantic would be in trouble with the loss of the Université de Moncton. While this is undoubtedly a setback, it appears that the Atlantic competition continues to be fierce. So while we may be seeing some new faces, that does not mean that the competition will be less intense.

BCCAA has now 7 institutions competing and we are still hoping for an 8<sup>th</sup> next year. As National Badminton Convenor, I have been contacted by the Saskatchewan Badminton Association about possible future competition.

The arrangements for the Badminton Nationals to be hosted March 8-10 are well under way and the players and coaches are in for a treat. This year, our competition will be held in the Richmond Pro Badminton Centre, a facility built solely for badminton. Taking place at the hot-bed of badminton in BC of Richmond, we expect to attract a lot of local interest.

The BCCAA will be hosting their Provincial Championships there from Feb. 17-18<sup>th</sup> as a test run for Nationals. We anticipate that the battle will be furious as usual, with the outcome being in doubt till the end and some outstanding games having been played. We are pleased to have Doug Fox, CCAA President, with us this year and we are sure that he will be a great help to us as Fred Batley was last year. It is great for the players to meet the CCAA Executive who work so hard behind the scenes all year to make each sport a challenging and enjoyable experience.

In addition to our annual National Championships, CCAA badminton athletes will also have the opportunity to play at the inaugural CIS/CCAA tournament to be held at the University of Waterloo on May 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. A joint effort between the CCAA, CIS and Badminton Canada, this tournament is a great opportunity for our collegiate athletes to compete against some of the country's top university badminton players, all while providing further athletic development opportunities. The winners will then be invited to join the Canadian Team and compete at the 2007 World Universiade in Bangkok, Thailand from August 8-18<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Complete information on this event will be sent to all participating badminton institutions as soon as the details are finalized.

The new rules instituted by World Badminton (formerly the IBF) appear to have been instituted by all conferences without any major difficulties. During the 2007 Winter Board Meeting, the CCAA decided to adopt the Badminton Canada caveat for developing players (U23) for colleges, leaving coaching in the status quo, ie. coaching will only be permitted between first and second and second and third games in a match. The rules were just too loose in that they did not specify the number of coaches nor the position of the coaches. It was also felt that the developing players need to be able to make their own adjustments during a game without relying on the coach. This may seem funny to coaches in major team sports and it may well change in badminton in the future, but at the moment we are happy with it in CCAA.

Best Wishes to all Sports from Badminton! Alf McGuire, CCAA National Badminton Convenor

## What to expect at this year's Women's Basketball Nationals

As teams head into their final weeks of league play across the country, the battle for National supremacy heats up.

In British Columbia, the next 3 weekends have all the top 5 teams playing against each other and the #1 spot is up for grabs. UBC-Okanagan has enjoyed the top spot all year but Capilano will have something to say about that when they meet for the first time, Feb. 9/10.

Alberta will enjoy home court advantage as MacEwan College will host this year's National final in March. MacEwan will challenge to represent the ACAC as their gold medallists as they sit atop the standings in the North having lost only two games to date, back in November. Mount Royal College will have something to say about that as they lead the South division having lost but once, also in November.

In Ontario, it has been all Seneca all year. Algonquin is nipping at their heels, but the Sting look like they can book their flight to Edmonton.

In Quebec, road to Edmonton is anything but clear. At least five teams in this extremely competitive conference are legitimate contenders for conference honours. It will be a dog fight between perennial powerhouses Edouard Montpetit, Montmorency, Ste. Foy and upstarts Vanier and Sherbrooke.

The ACAA looks like Mt. St. Vincent's undefeated record would make them the odds on favourite, but King's, Mt. Allison and St. Thomas will fight them to the finish.

Quebec schools have dominated the rankings race so far this year, but that won't get them any extra hoops when the battle begins for the crown of the best in the land. Fasten your seat belts as we're in for an exciting ride to the conference and Canadian Championships.

*Submitted by Linda Macpherson, CCAA National Women's Basketball IConvenor*

## Big Kahuna/adidas CCAA Badminton Athletes of the Month



The CCAA announced today the **Big Kahuna/adidas CCAA Badminton Athletes of the Month** for January. The CCAA Athlete of the Month program recognizes student-athletes for their outstanding event performance and athletic accomplishments during that month. Awards are presented to one male and one female

student-athlete in each conference participating in the CCAA Badminton; the four conferences are Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association (ACAA), Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA), Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) and British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association (BCCAA).

### *From British Columbia (BCCAA):*

- Monica Mui (Langara College)
- Hsiao-Chung (Tony) Lee (Kwantlen University College)

### *From Alberta (ACAC):*

- Karen Ng (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology)
- Brian Sherk (Grande Prairie Regional College)

### *From Ontario (OCAA):*

- Margaret Myjak (Mohawk College)
- David Trinh (Seneca College)

### *From Atlantic (ACAA):*

- Jing Bing Lam (University of New Brunswick – Saint John)
- Braden Freeman (Mount Allison University)

Congratulations to all!

For a full profile and/or picture of this month's **Big Kahuna/adidas CCAA Badminton Athletes of the Month**, visit: <http://www.ccaa.ca/badminton/07020501.htm>

## Durham Lords Broadcast News

The Durham College Lords' play-by-play sports broadcaster recently changed their radio station name to **The Riot Radio**. To catch a live broadcast of the Lords' basketball and volleyball games at home, tune in to [www.theriotradio.com](http://www.theriotradio.com).

## 2007 Canadian University/College Golf Championship

Hosted by the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the **2007 Canadian University/College Golf Championship** will be taking place at Kingswood Park in Fredericton, New Brunswick, from May 28 to June 1, 2007.



To be eligible, all competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

1. Be an amateur as intended by the International Olympic Committee and the appropriate International Sports Federation. Amateur status will be confirmed by the RCGA.
2. Be a student who is registered for and pursuing a full-time course of study at a post-secondary institution.
  - Full-time status must be confirmed by a document signed by the registrar of the institution, or
  - Be a former student who has graduated from a post-secondary institution as a student in good standing, in the month of December preceding the event. Graduation must be authorized by a document from the registrar of the institution.
3. Individual female competitors must have a maximum Handicap Factor of 11.0 or less and individual male competitors must have a maximum Handicap Factor of 2.4 or less.

The CCAA recently sent out the *Entry and Application Forms*, which must be completed and submitted no later than **April 18, 2007**; if you did not receive these forms, please send your request to [sandra@ccaa.ca](mailto:sandra@ccaa.ca). The application fee and procedure is as follows:

1. All applications must be filed on the official application (enclosed) or printed from the website. **Faxed or photocopied applications will not be processed.**
2. The Entry fee will be **\$500** for a team and \$150 for an individual (includes all applicable taxes). Money orders should be in Canadian funds, and payable to the Royal Canadian Golf Association. Credit card users, please print all numbers clearly. **Cheques will not be accepted.**
3. All applications must be returned to the Royal Canadian Golf Association, Amateur Championships Division, 1333 Dorval Drive, Suite 1, Oakville, ON L6M 4X7; and must arrive prior to 5:00 p.m. (EDT) Wednesday, April 18, 2007. However, individual team members do not need to be named until May 23, 2007. **Late, incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be accepted, and are not the responsibility of the RCGA.**
4. Application fees will be refunded if the RCGA is notified (1-800-263-0009, ext. 250) of the team's intention to withdraw prior to the application deadline.
5. Entrants will be notified promptly that their application has been received via e-mail. Received applications will also be posted on the championship website. **NOTE: Submitting an application does not in itself guarantee a place in the championship.** Notice of acceptance into the championship field will be sent to players following the application deadline by e-mail and regular mail.

If you have any questions specific to the event, contact Alison Turcotte, Administrator – Amateur Competitions, RCGA (1.800.263.0009 x250 / [aturcotte@rcga.org](mailto:aturcotte@rcga.org) )

## Conference Update – British Columbia Colleges' Athletic Association

### ***BCCAA Prepares to Host the Top Collegiate Teams in the Country***

It will certainly be a busy spring for the British Columbia College Athletic Association (BCCAA) as it prepares to host three CCAA National Championships in March and the CCAA Annual General Meeting in June 2007.

The BCCAA is no stranger to hosting National Championships. This past fall, they successfully hosted the CCAA Big Kahuna/adidas National Soccer Championships at Langara College. Next on the calendar are the 2007 Men's and Women's National Volleyball Championships hosted by Malaspina University College in Nanaimo and Capilano College in North Vancouver respectively. The CCAA National Badminton Championships will be hosted by Douglas College at the Richmond Pro Badminton Centre. All of these events will be held March 8-10, 2007.

Each of these BCCAA institutions has many years of experience hosting CCAA National Championships. In 2000, Douglas College hosted the CCAA Badminton Championships and has co-hosted the CCAA National Soccer Championships with UCFV in 2003. Malaspina University College has had the honour of hosting the National Badminton Championships three times (1986, 1996 and 2004) and the soccer championships in 1988 and 1993. All three institutions have hosted numerous successful BCCAA Provincial Championships and have a strong history of producing highly competitive programs at the provincial and national level.

The hosting of National Championships doesn't stop in March. Recently, at the 2007 CCAA Winter Board Meeting, Selkirk College was awarded the CCAA 2007 PING Open National Golf Championships which

will be held October 9-12, 2007 at the Castelgar Golf Club. "The College, Castelgar Golf Club and the community are very excited to be hosting these Championships," stated Athletic Director Kim Vergin. "We are looking forward to making a contribution in raising the overall profile of golf in the CCAA and in Canada by showcasing the top collegiate players in the CCAA at these Championships."

In June, the athletic focus will be moving off the court and into the boardroom, with the BCCAA hosting the CCAA Annual General meeting June 10-13, 2007 in Victoria, BC.

The BCCAA and the respective host institutions are looking forward to welcoming CCAA members from across the country to beautiful British Columbia for these exciting National Championships and the upcoming National Association meetings.

*Submitted by Graham Matthews, BCCAA Representative*

## CCAA Key Dates and Deadlines – FEBRUARY



<b>Feb</b>	<b>5</b>	Preliminary Seeding calls for Volleyball.
	<b>12</b>	Preliminary Seeding calls for Basketball.
	<b>15</b>	Deadline for all Badminton, Volleyball, and Basketball eligibility forms to National Office
	<b>17-18</b>	PCAA Badminton Championships
	<b>19</b>	Deadline for Volleyball wild card applications via email to the National Office
	<b>20</b>	Final rankings for Badminton
	<b>21</b>	Deadline for Badminton Player and Coach of the Year award information
	<b>23</b>	Deadline for alterations or additions to Badminton, Volleyball, and Basketball eligibility forms
	<b>23</b>	Deadline for PCAA written confirmation to National Office that all participating Badminton athletes are eligible under PCAA Eligibility criteria
	<b>22</b>	Deadline for Volleyball All-Canadian, Player and Coach of the Year award information
	<b>24</b>	Deadline for Athlete of the Month for Basketball
	<b>23-25</b>	PCAA Volleyball Championships
	<b>26</b>	Deadline for Basketball wild card applications via email to the National Office
	<b>26</b>	Wildcard and seeding conference call for Men's and Women's Volleyball
	<b>27</b>	Final Rankings for Volleyball
<b>Mar</b>	<b>1</b>	Deadline for eligibility appeals (complete with all supporting documentation)
	<b>1</b>	Deadline for PCAA Badminton Technical fees and Championship Participation fees to be sent to National Office
	<b>1</b>	Deadline for Provincial Volleyball Hosts to courier Provincial championship tapes to first round opponents
	<b>1</b>	Deadline for Basketball All-Canadian, Player and Coach of the Year award information
	<b>1</b>	Deadline for PCAA written confirmation to National Office that all participating Volleyball athletes are eligible under PCAA Eligibility criteria
	<b>2-4</b>	PCAA Basketball Championships

## RANKINGS / SCOREBOARD

For the latest updates and weekly **Results, Standings, Schedule**, please visit the CCAA website (<http://www.ccaa.ca/english.htm>) and click **Scoreboard** under the appropriate sport.

For the latest updates and weekly **Rankings**, please visit the CCAA website (<http://www.ccaa.ca/english.htm>) and click on the **direct link** under the appropriate sport.

The CCAA would like to thank all those institutions that have been prompt in entering their results.

Unfortunately, there remains some institutions who have yet to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as it pertains to the CCAA Scoreboard. While I have been entering the missing results, I would greatly appreciate that, in the new year, the **Home Team** can input the scores accordingly following each game.

Furthermore, when inputting your results for League Play, please remember to verify and/or change the following for results to count towards Overall Standings:

- "Game Type" must be set to "Conference"
- "Game Status" must be set to "Finished"

## MARKETING

### Information from the SIRC Sport Library about Lower Leg Injuries



"Coach, my lower legs are killing me!" Could it be shin splints? With basketball season in full swing, one of the most common injuries is shin splints. Continuous running, repetitive, pounding exercises, especially on the hard indoor track or floor can cause shin splints. Often the athlete endures and works through the pain, but he/she must be careful because a severe shin splint can become a far more serious injury.

Coaches and physicians should consider various treatments as well as preventative measures to strengthen the lower leg. From cross training to footwear modifications, here are some related articles from the SIRC Sport Library.

***These exercises will help to strengthen your lower legs, and prevent or repair shin splint problems.***

Please visit [www.sirc.ca/ccaa](http://www.sirc.ca/ccaa) during the month of February to read the following articles.

**Lower leg pain in basketball players.** - Discusses the symptoms and potential causes of Medial Tibial Stress Syndrome (MTSS), also known as shin splints, a condition frequently seen in basketball players. Highlights treatment and management options including training and footwear modifications.

**Crosstraining for the walking wounded.** - Provides cross training suggestions while waiting for achilles tendonitis, hamstring strain, runner's knee and shin splints injuries to heal.

**The Scoop on Running Injuries.** - Information is provided on three common running injuries: iliotibial band syndrome, medial tibial stress syndrome and muscle strains of the hamstrings and adductors. a postrehab program for each injury is included.

**Factors contributing to the development of medial tibial stress syndrome in high school runners.** - A study to identify the incidence of medial tibial stress syndrome (MTSS) in a group of high school cross-country runners and to determine if a relationship exists between lower extremity structural measures and the incidence of MTSS. Medial tibial stress syndrome is an overuse injury that occurs in long-distance runners.

**Effects of prescribed foot orthoses on medial tibial stress syndrome in collegiate cross-country runners.** - The purpose of this investigation was to determine the effect of prescribed foot orthoses (PFO) on medial tibial stress syndrome (MTSS) in male and female collegiate cross-country runners. Data were collected from an 18-item survey... Runners who had an occurrence of MTSS were more prone to injury when they ran on a grass or asphalt surface. Demographics indicated that as the frequency and duration of training increased, so did the occurrences of MTSS. In conclusion, PFOs can be useful in the treatment of MTSS.

**Outcome of surgical treatment of medial tibial stress syndrome.** -Medial tibial stress syndrome is a common sports injury characterized by exercise-induced pain along the posteromedial border of the tibia. Study results indicate that surgery can significantly reduce the pain associated with medial tibial stress syndrome.

***Is there a topic you would like learn more about? Please contact SIRC at [media@sirc.ca](mailto:media@sirc.ca) to suggest a topic for upcoming CCAA Newsletters.***

## OTHER NEWS

### Last chance to submit CCAA Eligibility Forms

The deadline to submit all Badminton, Volleyball, and Basketball Eligibility Forms the CCAA National Office is **Thursday, February 15, 2007**. Please read the following guidance notes before completing the Eligibility Form:

- *Years of Post Secondary Participation* - includes current year
- *Academic Program* – current year only
- *Completed Drug Education Program* – actual date
- *Confirmation of Provincial Eligibility* - to be completed by PCAA
- *Coach's NCCP number* – must include if applicable
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**Please note:** Only CCAA Eligibility Forms that include the **CCAA Privacy Disclaimer** will be accepted.

## Highlights from the CCAA's 2007 Winter Board Meeting

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association welcomed its Board of Directors and Provincial Representatives to Ottawa (Ont.) for the 2007 Winter Board Meeting. Despite the cold temperatures, the meeting allowed for information and idea sharing among the participating delegates, as well as extensive and valuable discussion among the delegates and CCAA partners such as Sport Canada. The Winter Board Meeting achieved its goal, and as such, was a success.



### Highlights include:

- Motion carried to have CCAA send out a list of available Executive and Convenor positions to all members of their association at least 45 days prior to the Provincial AGMs.
- In response to a complaint related to the 2006 Women's National Basketball Championships, the CCAA will be further examining its Official Languages Policy in regards to its National and/or Open Championships. As such, to comply with the Official Languages Treasury Board Standards, the CCAA passed a motion to cover the incremental costs associated with the production of the 2007 CCAA Women's National Basketball Championship Program with respect to French translation.
- Discussions surrounding Academic Eligibility, Five (5)-Year Rule and Amateur/Professional Status; motions to be presented at 2007 AGM.
- New Wildcard Selection Process brought forward and supported unanimously following extensive discussion and revisions.
- Badminton
- New Black Knight Shuttle – BK 6800 Hi Performance Championship Feather Shuttlecock – approved as the Official Shuttlecock of the CCAA;
- Badminton Rule Changes met with favour – CCAA will hence follow new changes to Badminton Canada rules specific to Scoring System, Change of Ends, Doubles Continuous Play, Misconduct and Penalties as contained in Section 7.
- Badminton Coaching Rule Caveat approved;
- Soccer - New Player Substitution Rule discussed and approved accordingly. Consequently, each team will be permitted to make a combined total of 5 substitutions. These substitutions may take place on any stoppage in play at the discretion of the Referee. Teams will however be permitted to make Unlimited Substitutions at half time, at the end of regulation prior to Extra Time and at Half Time of Extra Time; remaining motions met with favour.
- Volleyball – Motion carried to suspend the requirement to utilize sport courts for the 2007 CCAA Men's and Women's National Volleyball Championships, as per Article 13-Section 6.9.
- Golf – All motions met with favour. CCAA will be developing a new Selection Process for new Fair Play Award; to be presented at 2007 Annual General Meeting in June.
- Recommendations regarding Minimum Hosting Requirements were discussed and will be revised accordingly for 2007 CCAA AGM.
- Drug Testing Update provided – CCAA will be meeting with CCES in upcoming week to discuss various concerns and/or issues regarding tests, process and positive test procedures.
- 2006-07 Budget was approved as presented. New budget plan based on new Sport Canada funding was discussed, minor changes to the 2007-08 and 2008-09 funding allocation will be presented accordingly for 2007 CCAA AGM.
- Following lack of applications, modifications to Award for Innovation in Athletics were discussed and approved accordingly; changes include extending application deadline to 7 days from the final day of the CCAA AGM, nominated initiatives must be developed and implemented within the 24-month period prior to application deadline and selection will take place in last week of August for presentation during September to coincide with the new season launch.
- Delegates participated in a Branding – Vision & Value Workshop lead by Jim Albanese and Peter Albano from Albanese Branding Consulting. The four-hour session consisted of extensive discussion and exchange of ideas, ie. definition and description of both a *brand* and *branding*, brand considerations such as brand identity audit, as well as a brief review of the CCAA mission, vision and values. The session also looked at our current product and inventory, as well as assets and/or benefits that corporate partners potentially look for. Finally, the session ended with tips and guidelines on how to sell the brand. Following the workshop, the CCAA discussed future steps and initiatives in this regard.
- Sport Canada's Wallen Chang-Hong and Paulin Lafontaine participated in the meeting and updated the Board to Sport Canada's initiatives.
- 2007 CCAA Annual General Meeting will be held June 10-13 in Victoria BC.

*The 2007 CCAA Winter Board Meeting minutes will be available on the CCAA website.*

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