

Recommendations

1. Standardize the maximum number of players among the Small Schools and Large Schools: 12 for Basketball and Volleyball, and 18 for Soccer.
Reason: It allows greater participation and opportunities for students; it also helps to prevent injuries due to the intensity and shortness of the tournaments.

2. Hold Athletic Directors' meetings each year, following this schedule proposal:
September 2007 – Balboa Academy (Panama)
September 2008 – C.D.S. (Costa Rica)
September 2009 – L.I.A. & A.N.S. (Nicaragua)
September 2010 – E.I.S. (Honduras)
Reason: Annual feedback and follow-ups are key elements to guarantee successful events, minimize inconveniences and frustration among parents and students. Aspects and changes of regulations need to be revised each year.

3. The Athletic Directors' Coordinator should have the opportunity to present and justify all recommendations formulated during the Athletic Directors meeting, at the High School Principals meeting.
Reason: To improve communication and continuity of information.

4. Increase the participation fee for Large Schools from \$300.00 to \$400.00 dollars.
Reason: The number of Large Schools is less than the number of Small Schools and the total amount collected is not enough to pay for all the event's expenses.
Transportation costs have increased over 25% in average during the last year.

5. Take into consideration the proposed calendar for athletic events presented by the Athletic Directors for the next four years.
Reason: It provides an equal rotation of all schools. Allows sharing the responsibility and experiences of organizing these events, offers a wider cultural-social and athletic exchange for the participating students. Additionally, it gives more time to plan and organize the events.

6. Have the host school perform the draw for the tournament's group formation at least two weeks before the event and with the attendance of at least two AASCA Athletic Directors.
Reason: To facilitate transportation logistics, optimize internal organization with the aim to maximize student's attendance at games. To enable the best games calendar distribution in such a way that assures all athletes appropriate rest, which might require leasing additional athletic facilities.

7. Continue to support Invitational Tournaments.
Reason: Currently this is already done. These invitational tournaments give senior students the opportunity to participate in an international event during their last school year. They are also the only events where Small and Large Schools participate together, providing everyone (AD's, coaches, students, school community) with the feeling of belonging to a bigger entity.

8. Support athletic exchanges of individual sports for student-athletes: track and field, table tennis, tennis, squash, golf and swimming.
Reason: It addresses the needs of a different school population and gives them the opportunity of an international exchange in sports so far not included in AASCA.