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TO: All Branches
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Bob Brommeland, Sports Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Call to Host 2026 BC/Yukon Sports Playdowns – Deadline September 19, 2025

Memo 43.25

Comrades,

We have reached that time of year again, when we are asking for Branches to host the 2026 Provincial Sports Playdowns. If your Branch is interested in hosting a playdown, please complete the attached Offer to Host form, ensuring to get general membership approval.

The deadline for offering to host an event at the Provincial level is **Friday, September 19, 2025**.

Please forward your completed application to Linda at linda.candelaria@legionbcyukon.ca

Unfortunately, if we do not receive an offer to host for a particular sport, the Sports Committee may have no choice but to cancel that sport— without a host Branch, there would be no venue for competition.

The following dates for the 2026 Provincial Sports Playdowns have been approved by the BC/Yukon Command Sports Committee. **These dates are non-negotiable, as they are dependent on following the timeline of Dominion Command National Dates.**

Below is a list of the dates for the 2026 Provincial Sports Playdowns:

Cribbage

March 20-22, 2026 (DC: April 24-27, 2026 – Windsor, NS)

Darts (Mixed)

March 27-29, 2026 (DC: May 1-4, 2026 – Cochrane, AB)

Darts (Ladies)

April 24–26, 2026 (Provincial level only)

Eight Ball

April 24-26, 2026 (DC: May 22-25, 2026 – Winnipeg, MB)

Euchre

June 19-20, 2026 (Provincial level only)

Golf

July 2026 – TBA (Provincial level only)

Hosting Command Playdowns

If your Branch is considering submitting an offer to host a Provincial level sports playdown, we have put together a list that the Command Sports Committee takes into account when choosing a host, they are as follows:

1. Ability to accommodate the number of attendees— The Branch's facilities need to be adequate for the specific sport they are offering to host.
2. Organization— the Branch must be organized and communicate effectively with the attendees and Command.
3. Uniqueness— To keep interest in sports, it is important to see if there are any special activities that will take place during the playdowns so the attendees do not feel that it is just more of the same.
4. Financial stability— We review the status of the branch to ensure it is a viable operation.
5. Prior host locations are taken into account so that hosting opportunities are spread throughout Command as evenly as possible.
6. Feedback— If a Branch has hosted an event before, the success of that event is certainly taken into account. The reports from the Official Command Rep are reviewed so their input is also a factor in the decision-making.
7. Accessibility— We review the location of the Branch to see how easy it is to get to. If a Branch is in a less populated area but they are offering transportation from the nearest airport, city, etc. These are factors that will also need to be noted and taken into account by the committee. **Your Branch must also be wheelchair accessible.**

We give you this information so that when your Branch decides to offer to host an event, you know what type of detailed information we are looking for. The Branch's proposal is all we have to base our information on and it is critical to include details such as these.

The Provincial Playdowns shall be under the supervision and control of a playdowns (Chair) committee, appointed by the host Branch as well as the Command Rep attending the event. They shall be guided by the rules and regulations provided to the host Branch by Command.

A host Branch is NOT allowed to charge fees for registration to the playdowns. Host Branches make their money on their kitchen/canteen, 50/50/lottery, dinner/dance and/or other food sales (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Reimbursement to Host Branches for Banquets – Cribbage, Darts, Eight Ball, & Euchre Only

Host Branches for Provincial level playdowns for Euchre, Crib, Darts (Mixed & Ladies), and Eight Ball are eligible to receive some funding for food and non-alcoholic refreshments if they hold a reception/banquet. The host Branch must submit all receipts to BC/Yukon Command within 30 days of the playdown event.

Provincial Golf – Please note that a Branch wishing to host golf would be doing so at the Branch's cost. There would be no funding from BC/Yukon Command.

Respectfully,

Bob Brommeland