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ACADIA UNIVERSITY

Acadia Amateur Athletic Association fonds

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**Acadia Amateur Athletic Association fonds. – [textual records]. – 1898-1936. –
17cm of textual records**

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1 Minutes. – 1898 – 1924. - 4 v. of textual records. – 18 leaves of textual records

Series consists of four record books containing minutes with some correspondence interleaved. Folder 1/5 contains minutes of the meetings of other athletic groups, 1922 to 1924.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File List

1/1 Athletic Association Record Book. – 1898 – 1905. – 1 v. of textual records

Item contains minutes for meetings of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association held between 1898 and 1905. Includes some correspondence found between pages 78 and 79.

Note: Title transcribed from item

1/2 Acadia Amateur Athletic Association Minute Book. – 1905 – 1909. – 1 v. of textual records

Item contains minutes for meetings of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association held between 1905 and 1909. Includes a typed copy of the constitution found inside the front cover.

Note: Title transcribed from item

1/3 Athletic Association Record Book. – 1909 – 1914. – 1 v. of textual records

Item contains minutes for meetings of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association held between 1909 and 1914, as well as a written copy of the constitution in an orange notebook glued inside the front cover. Also includes some correspondence that is interleaved.

Note: Title transcribed from item

Note: Some pages loose

1/4 Acadia Amateur Athletic Association Minute Book. – 1918 – 1920. – 1 v. of textual records

Item contains minutes for meetings of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association held between 1918 and 1920. Includes some correspondence that is interleaved.

Note: Title transcribed from item

1/5 Other meeting minutes. – 1922 – 1924. – 18 leaves of textual records

File contains minutes from meetings of other athletic groups held between 1922 and 1924. Includes minutes for meetings of the M.P.B.A.A.U of C. (Maritime Provinces Branch, Amateur Athletic Union of Canada) and the Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2 Constitution and By-Laws. – May 1911. – 1 v. of textual records

File contains a printed volume of the constitution and by-laws of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association.

Note: Item was published by Advertiser Job Print, Kentville, NS.

Note: Title transcribed from item

3 Correspondence. – 1914 – 1925. – 5 cm of textual records

Series consists of mostly incoming and some outgoing correspondence. Most deals with the arrangement of dates and times for games.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File List

3/1 Correspondence. – 1914 – 1915. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains mostly incoming correspondence consisting of telegraphs, postcards and letters. Topics include the settling of financial accounts, and clarification of rules and procedures. Includes a letter of complaint from the President of the Acadia University Students' Association regarding eligibility rules.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2 Correspondence regarding a protested football game. – 1919 – 1920. – 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence from various individuals and associations regarding a contested football game between Acadia University and the University of New Brunswick that took place on 11 November 1919.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/3 Correspondence. – 1922. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains incoming correspondence discussing a variety of subjects but predominantly the scheduling of competitions, meetings and conferences.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/4 Correspondence. – 1923. – 8 leaves of textual records

File contains incoming correspondence. Subject matter includes attendance at conferences, supplies orders, payment of dues, recommendations for team structure.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/5 Correspondence. – 1919 – 1925. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains incoming correspondence. Subject matter includes financial matters and attendance at various functions. Most, however, deals with scheduling of competitions.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/6 Correspondence. – 1924 – 1925. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains incoming correspondence. Subject matter includes attendance at conferences, supplies orders, schedules of competitions, and clarification of rules.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4 Financial records. – 1913 – [1931]. – 6 cm of textual records

Series consists of financial records of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association. Includes bills, tallies, invoices, correspondence, and receipts.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File List

4/1 Financial records. – 1913 – 1914. – 2 cm of textual records

File contains miscellaneous financial records, including records of dues and incoming and outgoing payments for supplies and services.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/2 Financial records. – 1915. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains miscellaneous financial records, including financial statements, cheque stubs, and voucher forms.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/3 Invoices and receipts. – 1914 – 1916. – 2 cm of textual records

File contains invoices and receipts for goods and services rendered.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/4 Financial records. – 1921 – 1924. – 8 leaves of textual records

File contains expense statements and itemized accounts.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/5 Financial records. – [1924 – 1931]. – 1 v. of textual records

Item contains records of accounts and statement balances of the Association.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

5 Miscellaneous. – 1911 – 1936. – 2 cm of textual records

File contains ephemera, notes, certificates, registration cards, and game schedules, as well as documentation of various gaming rules and the by-laws of other associations.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Administrative History

In 1889, Acadia University dissolved its three existing athletic clubs (football, baseball, and cricket) and formed the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association (A.A.A.A.). Its initial mandate stated that it was “to promote an interest in the physical development of the students by means of healthy, vigorous and entertaining games, and to keep in condition a campus well appointed for this purpose” (*Acadia Athenaeum*, Nov. 1894). J. R. Herbin, the main force behind its formation, was appointed its first president.

The A.A.A.A. became “the only Society existing, with the approval of the college authorities for the maintenance of field sports” (*Acadia Athenaeum*, Dec. 1897). It was also “the one society of Acadia which is recognized by, and has representation in the ‘Maritime Province Football Union’” (*Acadia Athenaeum*, Feb. 1891). The Association became one of the more important organizations on campus. It was exclusively responsible for the maintenance of campus sports arenas and athletic resources. The grounds and most of the equipment needed for any sport on campus were supplied and sustained by the Association.

Among the games controlled by the A.A.A.A. were football, baseball, tennis, hockey and lacrosse, although this varied over time. The members were also responsible for a widely attended annual field day, and occasional receptions held in College Hall.

During the first half of the 20th century Acadia University was a member of the Maritime Provinces Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada (MPBAAUC). The Amateur Athletic Union of Canada (1909 - 1970) was responsible for maintaining the integrity of amateur sports in Canada and for solving any disputes that arose. It represented most of Canada’s sports organizations; however the Maritime Provinces Branch was not as active as other branches in Canada because the AAUC was controlled primarily by Ontario and Quebec.

It has not been determined with certainty when the A.A.A.A. was dissolved, but it was most likely about the 1969/70 school year as it last appears in the Acadia University yearbook in 1968.

Custodial History

It has not been determined when or by what means the fonds was brought to the archives. It was accessioned on 26 November 2001.

Scope and Content

The fonds is divided into the following five series:

1. Minutes
2. Constitution and by-laws
3. Correspondence
4. Financial records
5. Miscellaneous records

Notes

Supplied title based on contents of fonds.

See also Acadia Girls Amateur Athletic Association fonds 1900.502-AGA

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Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. Maritime Provinces Branch

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
