



Alberta Schools' Athletic Association

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Important Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

September 12: Golf opt-up and registration deadline

September 30: School enrolment taken to determine ASAA classification

October 1: Volleyball registration and Football registration/declaration/opt-up deadline

October 1: Nominations for Zone Award of Merit

October 5: Cross Country registration deadline

October 10: School registration deadline

October 15: Volleyball opt-up deadline

Welcome Message from John Paton, Executive Director

With each school year comes great excitement – new faces, new friends, new teachers, first time in high school for many – a real life transition for students. We have a wonderful opportunity to enhance the quality of students' lives through school sport. Let's consider how...

The most obvious is the health benefits that accrue from school sport involvement, and a hope that developing a healthy lifestyle will be something that stays with students throughout their lives. The next most obvious benefit to school sport involvement revolves around positive traits and character development. Traits like team spirit, dedication, hard work, commitment, positive competitiveness, etc, are all solid traits we believe result from school sport. So often we hear that sports build character, but what does this encompass? Possibly it means that our students have been taught to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat, or that given two choices of decision in any situation, they choose the high road over the low road. Let's make sure we all do what we can to be great models for our student athletes

and give them the best experience possible. This means Principals, Athletic Directors and coaches being proactive in their approach to school athletics.

One way to ensure that coaches are following the "school sport" message, is to have them participate in the ASAA's new online coach education initiative

www.ASAAWeCoach.ca – this new program will be ground breaking in many ways and allow coaches everywhere to obtain the training they need to be a better school sport coach. I strongly encourage schools and boards to adopt this new initiative – your school athletic program can only benefit from your active involvement in it. We will shortly be announcing some subsidies for rural coaches to be involved in this initiative.

For Athletic Directors, please consider getting involved in the AIAAA if you have not already done so. This is another "first in Canada" initiative that will significantly improve athletic administration in schools in our province.

At the end of the day in any ASAA sport, there comes a provincial championship.



Strive to reach that goal, be it in a team or individual sport and celebrate every effort that is made by students and coaches to progress to the next level with an understanding that most do not make it to provincials. Thanks to those Zone and Provincial Championship hosts and Zone Executive members for the many things they do for school sport, as well as the ASAA Executive, Commissioners and Board members who are prepared to step up and volunteer their time when many others cannot find the time. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Have a great 2011/12!

John Paton

ASAA Compliance Officer

ASAA would like to announce that the Compliance Officer position has been filled by Maurice Richard – recently retired Assistant Principal from J.A. Williams School in Lac la Biche. Maurice brings with him extensive knowledge of the ASAA and it's policies and a passion for School Sport.

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New ASAA Transfer Policy/Form

At the Annual General Meeting in May of 2011, the Board members of the ASAA voted into ASAA policy the approval of a new ASAA Transfer Form and Policy. The new form will be required by all students requesting a transfer, in order for them to be eligible to compete in ASAA sanctioned sports.

The form can be found on the ASAA website in two

locations – on the main page and under Forms and Publications.

The ASAA Compliance Officer will be reviewing, investigating as necessary, and approving/denying transfer requests based on the direction provided by the ASAA Executive Committee.

Transfer form requests will only be reviewed once the

form and all required supporting documents have been received at the ASAA Office.



ASAA On-line Coach Education Program Launch!

The ASAA has been busy with the online coach education initiative this summer. We are gearing up to launch the courses in time for the 2011-2012 school year and are nearly ready to go with our initial batch of courses. Upon launching, you'll be able to take the following courses:

- Fundamentals of Coaching, which includes a specially designed module on ASAA policies and bylaws;
- Teaching & Modeling Behaviour; and
- Engaging Effectively with Parents.

Following on the heels of the launch of the first batch of courses will be more courses including:

- Athletic Injury Management;
- Concussions in Sport: What You Need to Know (a FREE COURSE!); and
- BE THE NORM: Choose to be Tobacco Free, which is a free course designed for students and student-athletes.

Notably, in addition to preparing the courses for launch this past summer,



extensive work has been done to rebrand the online coach initiative as ASAAWeCoach.ca, with the tagline of Every Body Learns. The tagline includes a dual meaning of Every Body and Everybody, suggesting an emphasis on the individual as well as the collective. This updated brand will serve to represent all aspects of the online coach education initiative put on by the ASAA.

Stay tuned to www.asaawecoach.ca for all the latest information on current and upcoming courses!



Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA)

The AIAAA hosted its first conference in June 2011 (Calgary) where over 100 Athletic Administrators from 6 provinces gathered for a weekend of professional development and networking. A special thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who made the weekend a tremendous success. Conference feedback was outstanding and we look forward to hosting our 2nd conference in the Rocky mountains in 2013.

The AIAAA will be hosting a number of professional development events

throughout the province during the 2011-12 school year. Working in collaboration with local zones, the AIAAA plans to host full-day sessions during the exam breaks featuring an LTC course, a few round-tables and a social event. These events will take place in Lethbridge, Calgary and Red Deer over the January exam break and Edmonton, Grande Prairie and St. Paul over the June exam break. In addition to these dates, please check the AIAAA website (www.aiaaa.ca) for additional course dates and locations.

There will also be an opportunity to write the Certified Canadian Athletic Administrator (CCAA) exams for those who qualify. We have already had 20 complete and pass the CCAA Exam and we congratulate them on their commitment to their own professional development.

In September 2011, AIAAA representatives are meeting with the Canadian School Sport Federation to discuss the possibility of taking the Athletic Director Initiative national.



Provincials— <http://provincials.asaa.ca>

You can view the 2011/12 hosts on the ASAA website under Provincial Championships. Most locations for provincials have been selected for the upcoming 2011/12 school year; however we are still in need of schools to host the following championship events:

Curling, 4A Girls Volleyball and 4A Boys Volleyball

Please submit your bid via email or fax to the ASAA office if you are interested in hosting one of these events. You can find the form on the ASAA website under

Provincial Championships/ Bids.

There is also an open spot for Fall of 2012 in the following event:

2A Boys Volleyball

If you have any questions regarding provincials or you would like more information on hosting a provincial championship, please contact Deputy Director Michelle Ross at 780-643-1888 or at michelle@asaa.ca.

There is also more information on the ASAA website under Provincial Championships/ Host Handbook.

Subway Sandwich Boards

ASAA and Subway are happy to once again be working together to support all of our member schools.

Subway will be providing each of our member schools with a sandwich board that can be used to provide information on Upcoming School Events.

Receipt of these boards is expected within the first month of school.



Commissioner Vacancies

May 2012 will mark the end of term for some of our ASAA Sport Commissioners, if you are interested in the role of Commissioner, the following sports/areas will be vacant:

Football, Golf, Curling, and Track & Field

Please contact the current commissioner to let them know of your interest in the position.

Contact information for current commissioners can be found on the ASAA website and in your 2011/12 Policy Handbook.

2011 Hall of Fame and Routledge Award Recipients

ASAA would like to congratulate the 2011 Alberta High School Sports Hall of Fame inductees:

- Athletic Administrator – Marg Derbyshire
- Coach – Tom Inkster and Barb Young
- Athlete – Terry Danyluk and Christine Nordhagen

The Robert H. Routledge Award of Merit is presented annually in recognition of outstanding service to the students of Alberta schools in

the promotion and operation of an athletic program.

ASAA is proud to announce that Ian MacGillivray of École Mallaig was the recipient of the 2011 Robert H. Routledge Award.

The nomination deadline for these awards is February 1, 2011. Please be sure to recognize the people in your school and community for all their hard work and dedication.



Reminder to AD's

- Are you a new Athletic Director at your school? Do you have the passwords you need to register your school online, and other online related initiatives? If you cannot locate the log-in information, and for security purposes, please call the office at 780-427-8182 so we can give you this information over the phone.
- Please be sure to update the school and contact information in ExNet because this is the contact information that ASAA uses to send out all communication.
- All deadlines are shaded on the ASAA wall calendar so please pay close attention to these, so as not to miss any of the deadlines throughout the year.
- School registration (includes total # of eligible students) must be submitted online by October 10
- ASAA registration fees are to be paid directly to your zone secretary, not to the ASAA office.





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