



MEMO

Date: Wednesday, March 17th, 2021
To: ASAA Member Schools
From: John Paton, ASAA Executive Director
Re: Cancellation of ASAA Cheerleading and Team Handball Championships

Dear ASAA Member Schools:

On November 20th, the ASAA Executive Committee, with the support of a majority of the ASAA Zones, approved a modified schedule for 2020/21 ASAA provincial championship dates. Built into that schedule were assessment dates by which the Zones empower the ASAA Executive Committee to determine, based on current circumstances, whether or not running a provincial championship in each sport is viable.

The assessment date for provincial cheerleading and team handball has passed, and the ASAA Executive Committee, under their authority as empowered by the ASAA Zones, has made the difficult decision to **cancel provincial cheerleading and team handball championships for the 2020-21 school year**. The Government of Alberta (GoA) and AHS directives currently do not permit any interschool sport activities at this time and there is simply no option where cheerleading or team handball provincials could be held in the foreseeable future.

The health and safety of students, coaches and others involved in school athletics remains the first priority of the ASAA and this decision supports that notion. School athletic programs are encouraged to continue to fully embrace the COVID-19 related directives of the GoA.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I thank and acknowledge the hard work of our Cheerleading Commissioner, Holly Elliott, and our Team Handball Commissioner, Kate Greabeiel. I also thank and acknowledge the volunteer host committees from Harry Ainlay, Lillian Osborne and Our Lady of Mount Pleasant. They have been extraordinarily flexible during this uncertain time.

Please contact the ASAA office if you have any questions: 780-427-8182

