

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association competition allowances for student athletes from the evacuated communities of Fort McMurray and Anzac (in addition to other communities with high school students that may have been evacuated) – At MAY 10, 2016

Given the devastating events of the past week, the ASAA Executive Committee met via conference call this afternoon to determine the best way to accommodate student athletes from Fort McMurray and Anzac into the remaining two sports of the ASAA's annual calendar. At this time, we know students displaced from Fort McMurray and Anzac are arriving on the doorsteps of schools all over the province. We also understand that some students may choose not to register in a school for the remaining month or so of the 2015/16 school year. We have no idea of how many students from Fort McMurray and Anzac that may wish to participate in ASAA Rugby and Track competition but it is important that we be as accommodating as possible. Please see below for details.

Rugby:

As the only remaining team sport in ASAA activities this school year, the ASAA is going to allow Fort McMurray students who have been displaced to participate on the rugby team of the school they are now registered in and attending. ASAA will not require these students to complete a transfer form at this time with the assumption being that the families plan to return to their community at some point in the future. In situations where a student who has been displaced but is not registering in a school elsewhere in the province wishes to play on a school rugby team, their family or representative of the school rugby team they wish to play for are asked to contact the ASAA office. Location of temporary residence will need to be provided and designated school for that address will be contacted. Issues like supervision and insurance issues will need to be addressed before eligibility to play can be confirmed.

Track and Field:

As the only individual sport remaining, the ASAA is going to work with our 8 zones to facilitate competition for Fort McMurray and Anzac students who have been displaced and a chance to qualify for ASAA provincials to the best of our ability.

Here are the details for this sport:

1. NE Zone can send all their first and second place athletes to ASAA provincials as they would normally do
2. ASAA will ask all zones to accommodate Fort McMurray and Anzac students in their events, but not to the exclusion or elimination of any local zone athletes. In some cases this may require zones or districts/divisional meets to add extra heats, although probably not many extra heats. The only events where added heats would be required are the sprints and hurdles. In field events and middle distance races it is easy to add a couple of extra students in, without modifying the competition schedule. **If there is any entry fee for competitors, we ask that the fee be waived.**

Note 1: we are aware that some zones have qualifying competitions before the zone championship. Our request is that any displaced students be able to participate in any of

these competitions and that the results for these students be sent to the NE Zone Secretary Heather Bartling heather.bartling@nlsd.ab.ca

3. Any student from an evacuated area who competes in Track and Field at a district, divisional or zone competition will compete under the name of the school they were from, not the school they are now at.

Note: HYTEK codes for the schools in evacuation areas are as follows and should be used to allow easy identification of such students:

Anzac:

Code Name

BIWO NE:Bill Woodward

Fort McMurray:

Code Name

FRPM NE:Father P. Mercredi

FTMC NE:Fort McMurray Composite

HTFM NE:Holy Trinity Catholic

WEST NE:Westwood Community

4. ASAA staff will assist by working with zones outside of NE Zone to identify which students are from evacuated communities, and this will involve reviewing results from district/divisional/zone championships. Such results will need to be made available to the ASAA office and NE Zone secretary.

5. Once identified from the various zone results, the performances of displaced Fort Mac and Anzac athletes will be compared to the NE zone championship results

5. If one or more Fort Mac/Anzac students competing in another zone records a better performance than the second placed athlete in the NE Zone championship, they will be offered the opportunity to compete at ASAA provincials.

Note: Remember, this does not exclude any 1st or 2nd placed athlete from NE from going to provincials.

6. If any event at ASAA provincials ends up having more than two athletes from the NE Zone, only two athletes from the zone will score points for their school towards the team championship. In the very unlikely situation that NE wins all three medals in an event because of extra students, those medals will stand, but only the score of the top two placing athletes will be recorded for school team points purposes.

Note 1: for any event where more heats have to be added, either at district/division/zone or provincial competition, it is requested that athletes be split so that there is not a single

athlete running in a race. E.g. if there was one heat of 8 and there is an additional athlete added, please break the race into 2 heats of 5 and 4 respectively.

Note 2: If the only competition a Fort Mac/Anzac student attends is hand-timed, the internationally recognized adjustment for photo-timed races will be added to their time (i.e. 0.24 seconds)

7. SUPERVISION: In terms of supervision of Fort Mac/Anzac athletes at track and field events prior to ASAA provincials, we ask that the students be permitted the chance to compete and that one of the school division in the competition be prepared to absorb those students under their liability insurance policies. Parents/guardians can be their supervisors. At ASAA provincials, as always, one coach will be designated as the “Zone” coach for the NE zone and the additional students would be under the supervision of that coach (for competition only, not overnight accommodation or travel)

8. Non-school competition: It is possible that Fort Mac/Anzac students may not be able to participate in a school competition. ASAA is prepared to accept results from Athletics Alberta sanctioned meets that occur after May 9, 2015 and before the NE Zone championship.

All known meets, ASAA zone, district and club meets are noted below. There are a few school divisional meets we do not have the information for. The contact information for each meet is listed, so any students fitting the criteria noted above (or teachers/parents/others on their behalf) are invited to contact the people noted below.

Date	Location	Host	Competition	Contact
May 10	Foote Field, Edmonton	Edm. Metro	Divisionals	Michelle Ross (780) 989-3005
May 11	Foote Field, Edmonton	Edm. Metro	Divisionals	Michelle Ross (780) 989-3005
May 14-15	Foothills Park, Calgary	Athletics Alberta	Calgary Spring Challenge	Doug Lamont (403) 220-2479
May 17	Foote Field, Edmonton	Edm. Metro	Zones	Michelle Ross (780) 989-3005
May 17	Peace River	NW Zone	Districts	Larry Wagner (780) 835-2245
May 17	Foothills Park, Calgary	CISAAA Zone	Zones	Dean Sawatzky (403) 686-6444
May 18	Medicine Hat	South Zone	Cities	Marg Derbyshire

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May 18	St. Paul	NE Zone	Districts	Hank Smid (780) 645-4491
May 18	Foothills Park, Calgary	Calgary Zone	Blue Divisionals	Ralene Goldade (403) 500-2832
May 18	Ponoka	Central Zone	Districts	Shawna Pearman (403) 783-4206
May 19	Lethbridge	South Zone	Cities	Marg Derbyshire (403) 527-5360
May 19	Foothills Park, Calgary	Calgary Zone	Red Divisionals	Ralene Goldade (403) 500-2832
May 19	Foote Field, Edmonton	NC Zone	Zones	Kent Lessard (780) 939-6891
May 21	Foote Field, Edmonton	University of Alberta	Golden Bear Challenge	Wes Moerman (wes.moerman@ualberta.ca)
May 24	Foothills Athletic Park, Calg	SC Zone	Zones	Leslie Larson (403) 901-0603
May 25	Camrose	Central Zone	Zones	Shawna Pearman (403) 783-4206
May 25	St. Paul	NE Zone	Zones	Chris Manderson (780) 632-3934
May 25	Medicine Hat	South Zone	Zones	Marg Derbyshire (403) 527-5360
May 27-28	Peace River	NW Zone	Zones	Larry Wagner (780) 835-2245
May 28	Foothills Park, Calgary	Calgary Zone	Zones	Ralene Goldade (403) 500-2832
May 28-29	Medicine Hat	Athletics Alberta	Sunny South Trials	Marg Derbyshire (403) 527-5360
May 28-29	Fowler Park, St. Albert	Athletics Alberta	St. Albert Challenge	(stalbertmustangs@gmail.com)

For further information, please contact the ASAA office: 780-427-8182