

TOWN HALL FOLLOWUP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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NOTICE:



We are aware of and support the changes that Alberta Health Services (AHS) announced October 8th and we are currently awaiting any formal changes to be posted to the GoA's Return to Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation guidelines. We would like to make all our members in the Edmonton area including the communities noted below aware of the following changes:

1. Keep your family and social gatherings small - no more than 15 people.
2. Wear a mask in all indoor work/school settings, except when alone in a workspace like an office or cubicle where you are safely distanced from others, or an appropriate barrier is in place.
3. Limit your cohorts to no more than 3: your core household, your school, and one other sport or social cohort. For the communities noted this '3 cohort' limit supersedes anything in the following document.
4. Young children who attend child care could be part of 4 cohorts, given that child care settings have not been a high risk for spread.
5. Health officials are closely monitoring the Edmonton Zone. Additional measures may be recommended if needed.

Please note that we take these measures very seriously and would like to remind our members outside of Edmonton that although these measures are only currently applicable to the Edmonton and surrounding communities noted below, things can and will change rapidly, so let's all stay safe and follow the suggestions and rules put forward.

Impacted Communities:

- Beaumont
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Sherwood Park
- Thorsby
- Devon
- Gibbons
- Spruce Grove
- Surrounding villages and businesses.
- Edmonton
- Leduc
- St. Albert
- Evansburg
- Morinville
- Stony Plain



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TOWN HALL FOLLOW-UP: FAQ

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association
October 8, 2020

SCHOOL/JURISDICTION POLICY

Q Are community coaches still permitted to coach i.e. any party from outside the school setting? Or must we limit our coaches to teachers within the school?

A At this time, the ASAA does not have any restrictions in place that limit community coaches from coaching in schools but ASAA is aware of some schools deciding not to permit non-teacher coaches to enter their school during COVID-19 restrictions. However, a decision on community coach involvement with a school athletics program could vary by school jurisdiction and should be reviewed by each school to ensure appropriate permissions are received from your Superintendent and Principal.

Q Do you know how many school jurisdictions are currently allowing practices or games to continue?

A Information about what a specific school jurisdiction permits for sport at this time will be available on their respective websites. It is a landscape that is regularly changing.

Q It seems to make more sense for school sports to run rather than club because the club athletes return to many different schools whereas the school athletes are all part of the same venue. What is the rationale?

A Information about what a specific school jurisdiction permits for sport at this time will be available on their respective websites. It is a landscape that is regularly changing.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q There have been several cases of COVID-19 in high schools already. If an athlete is in that class, and has to isolate for 14 days, who is monitoring that they honour that time away and do not come back to sport and put others at risk?

A It is the responsibility of all individuals to ensure that restrictions and guidelines are adhered to. We are all in this together and have to take responsibility collectively, but it is likely that every school jurisdiction has a clear policy to handle active cases and return to school protocols. ASAA will not be monitoring student compliance with local and provincial rules/guidelines.

Q What will be the repercussions or punishments for players/teams that violate cohorts and mandatory isolation periods?

A This can be divided into two questions;

1. A violation of mandatory isolation or quarantine periods has legal ramifications with the Government of Alberta. This puts our populace at risk and cannot be tolerated.
2. In terms of cohorts, this is a responsibility issue. There are not prescribed punishments, but rather it is a matter of public health and safety that each individual responsibly limits their number of cohorts to reduce contact transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Schools are well within their rights to impose sanctions if coaches or student athletes violate their specific cohort rules.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q Is Physical Education class considered a cohort?

A No, it is not considered any different to any class cohort in any subject. Phys. Ed. class is not considered a sport cohort.

Q If the province restricts the numbers to the cohorts will that trickle down to the schools?

A CoA/AHS policies govern all Albertans, including the schools. In the event that cohort sizes are restricted to a smaller number, or even adjusted up, school sport cohorts would need to adjust down, or may adjust up accordingly.

Q With cohort requirements of 50 max, how can football be allowed safely?

A With the current guidelines, 12-man football games between more than one school cannot proceed in a safe manner unless the maximum number of participants in the game is 50 (this is a cohort). Even then, if students participating in such a cohort want to play against a different group or cohort, they must wait 14 days, but they can still practice. School teams should explore the options of creating football “cohort squads” where a team is split into different cohorts. Schools could also look at competing in 6-man or 9-man opportunities. Please refer to [Football Alberta resources](#) for additional information and suggestions around how to manage football competition opportunities within current guidelines.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q How are Football Teams that are indicating that they are competing in a Jamboree format meeting the GoA Cohort guidelines?

A The only way such Jamborees could occur is if, for example, each of two schools has a squad of 25 that practices independently of any other students in their school for at least 14 days. Then they could have a jamboree or scrimmage with ONE other school squad of no more than 25, perhaps even a home and away contest. Neither of the cohorts of 25 could then compete against another cohort of 25 until they have been back in their own cohort of 25 (and not interacting with any other student athletes in this sport) for another 14 days.

Q We have a football team that usually carries 40-50 athletes. Does that mean that we are limited to practice/play amongst our own team (cohort) and cannot form a mini league with another team?

A Yes. However, if a school chooses to split a football team into two separate squad cohorts, this could be allowed within the current guidelines. The 14-day sitting period would apply. With the current guidelines, 12-man football games between more than one school cannot proceed in a safe manner. School teams should explore the options of creating football “cohort squads” where a team is split into different cohorts. Schools could also look at competing in 6-man or 9-man opportunities. Please refer to [Football Alberta resources](#) for additional information.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q [re: Football] If practicing with 45 players on our school team and another team practices with 40 players Monday through Thursday can we both take up to 25 players and a couple of coaches and go play each other on Friday?

A If a school chooses to split a football team into two separate squad cohorts, this could be allowed within the current guidelines. The 14-day period between completion of play would apply before the competition occurs, and then before squads could rejoin the rest of their team in a cohorted practice. With the current guidelines, 12-man football games between more than one school cannot proceed in a safe manner. School teams should explore the options of creating football “cohort squads” where a team is split into different cohorts. Schools could also look at competing in 6-man or 9-man opportunities. Please refer to [Football Alberta resources](#) for additional information.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q The 50 person cohort limit seems to be more designed for community sport teams where participants might be coming from multiple schools. It seems odd to limit school teams to 50, especially for larger football programs, when the students are in school together for 6 hours a day, sitting beside each other, eating lunch together, and in close contact with hundreds of other students throughout the day. I believe the Chief Medical Officer of Health or the Minister of Education stated that they consider a whole school to be a cohort. So why the 50 person limit for school teams? Our football team currently has 62 players.

A The SPAR guidance applies to all sports in the province of Alberta and 50 is the maximum number for a cohort. The exact reasoning behind why the number 50 was selected is a question for the medical experts working with the GoA/AHS. You cannot have 62 players together at the same time as you are over the cohort limit of 50.

Q Can you define "local" [in terms of mini leagues and travel] as some schools are more remote than others?

A In previous SPAR guidance, local was defined as within your neighborhood, town, quadrant of a city or municipality or quadrant of a city. However, now travel has been opened up; if 2 metre physical distancing between individuals is maintained or the mini-league model is employed, travel for sport, physical and recreational activities is allowed. Schools should consult their respective jurisdiction policies to determine if more restrictive guidelines are in place, and if so, those guidelines must be followed.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q Regarding travel, how do we reconcile the Statement in Guidance For School Re-Entry Scenario 1 "To Align with physically distancing, field trips and activity requiring group transportation should be postponed at this time." Are schools allowed to transport athletes? If they are sitting in classes side by side how is the bus any different?

A The focus is on the word "should" as it does not say "must". In the Guideline for School Re-Entry Document (August 20, 2020), travel is currently permitted under the Government of Alberta (GoA) / Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines. In the Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation document (Sept. 3, 2020), travel is permitted. ASAA is not promoting travel at this time, but it is not preventing it either*. Each school jurisdiction/school will have to reconcile the disparity between the two government documents noted above and implement their own policies regarding travel. Your school jurisdiction may have more restrictive policies in place that need to be reviewed; you should refer to any documents accordingly.

*As per SPAR guidelines "Where 2 metre physical distancing between individuals is maintained or the mini-league model is employed, travel for sport, physical and recreational activities is allowed."

Q I understand that you cannot play on two cohorts at one time; that I would have to leave one, wait 14 days and assume another?

A This is incorrect as of September 3, 2020. It is recommended that individuals limit their number of cohorts. At this time, the guidelines do allow for individuals to participate on more than one sport cohort at a time, however your school may have more restrictive policies in place.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q Why is the mini league/switch cohort date 14 days when the isolation period for people who test positive for COVID has been reduced to 10 days?

A The 14-day and 10-day policies were produced by the GoA/AHS so this question should be directed to them.

Q Are there any updates on whether Hockey Alberta will move to allowing athletes to be a part of more than one (hockey) cohort? As a teacher in a rural school, the vast majority of our athletes also play hockey and if only allowed to be a part of one cohort they will pick hockey. This will devastate our school sports teams.

A Hockey Alberta is currently using the same language in their return to sport guidelines around limiting cohorts so in a global sense, there is no limit on a hockey player being in a hockey cohort and a school sport cohort at the same time. If a school community is receiving mixed information from their local minor hockey association regarding this matter, they should contact that association to discuss their policies and guidelines in comparison to those of Hockey Alberta.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q How do rural schools not near other schools find competition with the 50 person cohorts especially if “close” schools have already cohorted?

A We suggest you connect with nearby schools to discuss the possibility of forming cohorts, or joining them in a cohort when 14 days have passed since cohort activity you are involved in has concluded. Further, you may wish to connect with your zone Executive or Sport Commissioner to discuss ways to collaborate with others to find competition that meets GoA Guidelines. Keep in mind local jurisdiction policies must be adhered to.

Q Would officials and minor officials (scorekeepers, linespeople, ball rotators) be considered part of the cohort for volleyball and have to be counted in the total number of people? Or, would they be not counted but asked to mask up and follow proper hygiene procedures?

A Officials and minor officials who maintain 2 metres of physical distance from the sport cohorts participating do not need to be counted in the 50 person limit. It is recommended that when possible, these officials use masks and always adhere to proper hand hygiene procedures.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q I am an admin in a small school. I already teach junior high PE and am in the classroom for all of senior high. Am I able to coach both Jr. Boys and Sr. Girls?

A The classes you are teaching do not come into the equation when discussing sport cohorts. If you are able to maintain a physical distance of at least 2m when coaching then you do not to be counted as one of the 50 participants in the cohort and may participate in multiple from a distance of 2m. It is recommended that coaches wear a mask at all times and adhere to GoA guidelines on Sport Cohorts.

Q I am in a small school and we have less than 50 student athletes in sports including both genders. What does this mean for us?

A The answer to the question about coaching both boys and girls depends on the number of students in your school who participate in athletics. Most 1A schools will likely have under 50 students across both genders who participate in school sports and often many of those students participate in multiple sports. If the total # is under 50 for both genders for all sports, you can coach as many teams as you wish - at no time will you go over the 50 cohort. Likewise, students in your school can join as many sports teams as they like - they are never leaving the same cohort of 50 student athletes. It is when you compete against other schools that different guidelines as noted in this FAQ document must be adhered to.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q So schools should have a 14 day break from the end of one season before starting another sport, right? E.g. As the end of the HS volleyball season is November 28, should the basketball tryouts begin December 12?

A If individuals are moving from volleyball to basketball, there should be a 14 day break between their participation in a basketball cohort IF both the volleyball and basketball activities are not physically distanced. If you have a large group of athletes coming out to basketball tryouts, you may want to physically distance for the first while until your tryout numbers are reduced (i.e. make your first cuts based on shooting, dribbling and other skills that could be done physically distanced) or have those athletes that have been in the volleyball cohort physically distanced from others in basketball tryouts until the 14 days has passed. You can get creative with how you conduct tryouts to make it work.

Q If a school jurisdiction decided against mini-leagues and we are just doing school training and practices - is it fine for the kids to be a part of their club volleyball cohort and the school cohort?

A Under normal circumstances ASAA policy does not allow a student to participate on a school team and a non-school team simultaneously in the same sport. However in recognition of the exceptional circumstances at play, the ASAA Executive, with support of the ASAA zones, has temporarily suspended enforcement of this policy. See the [September 29 memo](#) regarding this topic for further clarification

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q Can coaches coach a club volleyball team and a school volleyball team at the same time?

A Within the GOA guidelines they may, as cohorts are to be limited but can be more than one. It is advisable that coaches involved with more than one team exercise appropriate physical distancing measures to reduce the risk of any possible contact transmission between athlete cohorts. It is important to note that there may be more restrictive policies in place at the school or school jurisdiction level which do not permit school coaches to coach outside of the school setting in order to limit potential contact transmission. Always be informed of your school jurisdiction and school policy.

Q Wrestling: Can we still practice and have cohorts? I know wrestling has a lot of contact, so would you recommend stay away from that contact?

A All wrestling activity should be compliant with the recommendations from the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association (AAWA). Wrestling activities may proceed as long as those activities are in compliance with CoA/AHS guidelines and have cohort groups of up to 50 people interacting with each other. Schools may choose to cohort smaller groups of students who are in the same weight class. Competition between cohorts of 50 cannot occur however, if several wrestlers from two or more schools practice together and there are less than 50 of them, they can compete against one another.

COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q I heard tournaments are not permitted, but mini leagues are, so how is a 3 team mini league different from a 3 team tournament? If I do a 3 team tourney, then take 2 weeks off and do another tourney after is this not acceptable?

A If you choose to operate your mini league in a tournament format, that is acceptable, so long as it adheres to cohort guidelines including limits of 50 persons or less. The terms are relatively interchangeable, understanding that both must follow cohort guidelines and wait 14 days before joining a separate (new) mini-league, tournament, or cohort.

Q Do coaches adhere to the same cohort limitations - for example: can a school volleyball coach play in a mens' hockey league?

A The current GOA guidelines suggest that individuals limit their number of cohorts, understanding that less contact leaves less possibility for virus transmission. The ASAA policy is aligned with the Government's guidelines, however it is important to understand that your school jurisdiction or school may have more restrictive policies.

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COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

Q If I have a kid who runs cross country in Calgary one weekend they can still run in Medicine Hat the next?

A If athletes are able to maintain a distance of greater than 2 metres they are in compliance with GoA/AHS guidelines. If the event host allows athletes to run their own “timed race” in a cohort of only their peers in the same school, this is an acceptable option to consider.

Q I’m just a little confused with the messaging surrounding cohorts/mini-leagues. We are only recommended to be in a single cohort, but it is recognized that isn’t always possible so we should try and limit the number of cohorts we are in. So essentially, we can be in multiple cohorts, it’s just not recommended. But a mini-league (which is interchangeable with a cohort?) can ONLY be 50 max? I don’t see why these are considered the same but also different? If we can belong to multiple cohorts across different sports, why the need for a cap on the mini-league at all?

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COHORTS/ MINI-LEAGUES

A 50-person mini-leagues can be formed for sports, physical activity and recreation that involve physical interaction of participants at a distance of less than 2 metres. A mini-league can consist of multiple teams, but to a maximum of 50 individuals. Game play should be limited to teams in the same mini-league. Teams that belong to other mini-leagues should not play each other. Individuals should limit the number of cohorts/mini-leagues they belong to.

If an individual or team member wishes to change cohorts/mini-leagues, they should not participate in a new cohort activity for 14 days (this reflects the incubation period of the virus).

If a mini-league comes to completion during Stage 2, a new mini-league composed of new cohort teams may be formed, provided that there is a 14-day period between completion of play in the old mini-league and the beginning of the new mini-league. Mini-leagues allow sport teams to return to a safe level of play, and will help to mitigate risk of widespread transmission by limiting the number of athletes that come within close contact. Each mini-league can be composed of multiple teams within the same cohort, to a maximum of 50 people.

Within each mini league, game play can resume between teams. Game play between teams must be limited to teams within the same cohort/mini-league. Teams in different mini-leagues should not play each other



TWO TEAM POLICY

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Do you have any insight on coordination between provincial sport organizations and school athletics? Seems like a great opportunity for clubs and schools to line up better together.

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During the pandemic, ASAA has been involved in ongoing communication with leaders of provincial sport organizations and some very productive conversations have been held. There will always be a perceived degree of conflict between club/community and school athletics because both are competing for the same audience. Ultimately it comes down to athlete/family choice, but the ASAA will stand firm on its support of education first, athletics second, and that a student is going to benefit more from multi-sport participation than sport specialization at a young age.



TWO TEAM POLICY

- Q** So we have been having an open gym at our school, not my decision, and watching the kids play basketball, there is no physical distancing. They are playing hard, in your face, basketball, with no regard for physical distancing because they are doing something they love to do. Are we not putting everyone at the school at risk?
- A** Great question. From what you are saying, if the group of students participating in the open gym is less than 50, and the group participants do not change (other than a person occasionally not showing up), they are participating within GoA guidelines. It must be the decision of a school jurisdiction, the school and the family to determine whether or not participation in such an activity is a risk they are prepared to take.
- Q** ASAA policy says for playing the same sport at the same time says that “Where a community/club basketball program exists, students are permitted to play for the community/club basketball team while trying out for an ASAA member school team but can no longer play for the community/club team as of the school team’s first game, etc.” So since schools are not playing games can students not participate in the same sport for both club and school?
- A** Flexibility to this policy was approved September 29 and mostly impacts volleyball. Further flexibility will be considered for basketball, and a decision in this regard will be made prior to the start of the ASAA Season of Play in basketball which is November 1, 2020.



COACH EDUCATION

Q Can the ASAA relax the upcoming educational requirements for the 2020-2021 year? Our teachers and coaches are under a lot of stress in the current environment. I would suggest that all these courses become mandatory in 2021.

A The coach education requirements are not being enforced on the dates set in policy. All coaches are encouraged to complete Making Headway at <http://thelocker.coach.ca> as it is a new requirement of ASAA and completing it now will ease the burden on coaches when school sports are back to normal. The ASAA soon will release the course “School Sport: Redefining Winning” and has extended the deadline from Oct. 10 (one teacher coach per school) to a December 31, 2020 completion date at this time. The ASAA Bylaws and Policies course will only be required when sport registration deadlines are back in place.

Q So to clarify, if we are permitted by our zone/district to run teams with practices, coaches will not need these [coach education] courses prior to starting, the deadline is Dec 31st, 2020?

A The coach education requirements are not being enforced at this time. We encourage all coaches to complete Making Headway but this is not a requirement at this time.

COACH EDUCATION

Q I am just wondering how the new coaching courses will be tracked? Will there be a place in SRS place NCCP number as there is no completion code now?

A In the future, the SRS will require a coach NCCP number to register that individual.

Q If school registration date, sport and coach registration dates and coach education dates are being changed, when will we know?

A Information has already been sent to member schools, posted on the ASAA website and shared on social media.



REGISTRATIONS

Q Will there not be registrations for fall sports?

A Teams should be registered as they would be in any other year if they are participating in a school sport. ASAA encourages schools to continue registering your teams and students because if the season is reinstated, it saves you the work in the future. Registrations also help the ASAA in its annual reporting to the Government of Alberta regarding athlete and coach participant numbers.

Q Are schools still required to register players if there is no zone competition?

A Student registration is not being enforced at this time. However, schools are encouraged to continue registering their students and teams because if the season is reinstated, it saves you the work in the future

Q Will there be a penalty if teams are not registered by a certain deadline if the school jurisdiction just allowed them to play?

A At this time, team registration deadlines are not being enforced. The ASAA will show a high degree of flexibility with registration deadlines given the COVID-19 related circumstances





REGISTRATIONS

- Q** Do kids in hub learning environments or who are exclusively designated as at-home learners count towards our school totals? Would they be considered in school numbers if they come back? For example, they will not be in the building in Q1 but could be in Q2-4. This could have a difference at the 1A and 2A levels.
- A** Students enrolled in online, virtual, outreach, distance, or other programs of a similar nature do have access to current or future athletic opportunities this school year at the educational institution they are registered with. Therefore any student registered through your school, regardless if they are an online learner or an in-school learner, must be added to your school population for ASAA registration purposes.
- Q** If school registration date, sport and coach registration dates and coach education dates are being changed, when will we know?
- A** The ASAA will communicate with member schools directly via e-mail and through Zone representatives to ensure any new imposed deadlines are known. Information on new deadlines will also be posted on the [ASAA website](#) and social media platforms.



STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Q If student athletes are not able to play in a sport this year or their school does not offer mini league/cohort sport and they are in Grade 12 is their eligibility expired or can they be granted an extra year of eligibility if they choose to return to high school the next year?

A Student athletes will not be granted an extra year of eligibility in 2021/22 because they missed out on a sport due to COVID-19; their three consecutive years of eligibility begins when they start Grade 10 and this has not changed. This was a position affirmed by the ASAA Board of Governors at its AGM in June 2020. The ASAA has an Appeals Committee that regularly hears appeals of ASAA student eligibility policy and any member school is welcome to utilize that Appeals process.

Q What about completing High School transfers?

A Registration of student athletes is not being enforced at this time, so schools may not be bothering to process student athlete transfers at this time. However, ASAA encourages all schools to continue entering transfer student athletes into SRS as they arrive at a school to alleviate a mass of transfers being received by the ASAA at the same time as this will delay processing time.

SHIFTING SEASONS OF PLAY

Q At what point does the postponement of Fall Provincial Championships become a potential cancellation as we get closer and closer to infringing on the beginning of the next sport season? Or could start dates for Winter sports potentially be pushed back as well?

A The ASAA recently formed a sub-committee known as the ASAA Sport Season Committee. This group will review all factors and prepare possible contingencies for the winter and spring 2021 season. Sport Commissioners will be consulted to provide perspective from their sport and it is possible that ultimately, some provincial championships may end up being cancelled for 2020/21.

Q If fall sports and championships do not proceed and are relocated to spring, is any consideration being made to lessen the impact on spring sports, who already lost their entire seasons last year?

A The ASAA has formed a sub committee known as the ASAA Sport Season Committee. This group will review all factors and prepare possible contingencies for the winter and spring 2021 season. Sport Commissioners and provincial sport organizations will be consulted to provide a broad range of perspectives.

Q If the volleyball season could be shifted to after Christmas, would the regular season play also be shifted to after Christmas?

A The ASAA has not modified the current volleyball season of play at this time and we are already 6 weeks into the season. The ASAA Sport Season Committee will have to examine this question.

SHIFTING SEASONS OF PLAY

Q So the ASAA will support and encourage zones to have final competitions, even though some schools within the zone will be denied to play due to superintendents and principals? This is pitting schools against each other isn't it?

A No, the ASAA is neither supporting nor encouraging zones to have final competitions; that will be the choice of each zone.

Q How late in the school year would you be willing to still have provincial championships?

A The ASAA has to observe the blackout dates imposed by various school jurisdictions in relation to Diploma exams. Under no circumstance would any ASAA Provincial Championship be conducted after Diploma exams in June have started.

Q Is there a chance that Volleyball & Basketball will occur at the same time forcing athletes to choose which sport they want to play?

A It is possible that these two sports could experience an overlap in Seasons of Play, and this will be a discussion item for the ASAA Sport Season Committee, but all factors will be taken into account including the potential impact on multi-sport athletes. Further, recommendations of the committee have to be approved by the ASAA Executive and then by the Executive members of the 8 ASAA zones before they would be implemented. The Committee is targeting late October for recommendations to come forward to the ASAA Executive Committee.

SHIFTING SEASONS OF PLAY

Q Have you considered that pushing back championship dates (zone/ prov) will disproportionately impact small (1A/2A) schools which have a large cross section of multisport athletes?

A This is a concern that the ASAA Executive Committee has discussed and it will be brought to the attention of the ASAA Sport Season Committee as they develop sport schedule contingencies.

Q Any thoughts on ASAA making a decision about when volleyball and football provincials will be? We have teams practicing now in the Fall and playing in a somewhat small cohort anticipating a season. If it is going to be in the Spring it would be nice to know so coaches aren't coaching for 5 months as opposed to 2.5 months.

A The ASAA Sport Season Committee will be deliberating on this topic in the coming weeks. More information will be made available at a later date.

Q Is it up to each zone to decide if they will play zone championships?

A Zones have the authority to determine whether or not a Zone championship is run however, they must still ensure any events are in compliance with all GoA/AHS guidelines and respective school jurisdiction restrictions.

CONTACT

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All updates to the COVID-19 Return to Sport guidance, including any information about provincial championships, will be sent out to principals and athletic directors listed in our registration system as well as posted on our website and social media. We encourage all schools to check that their contact information is up to date to ensure that they receive information in timely manner.



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