



WELCOME BACK

FROM THE
ALBERTA SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL, BACK-TO-SPORT!

The 2023-24 school year has begun and the ASAA is here to support you in a safe return to high school athletics. This information package has important updates you'll need to review to ensure a smooth transition back to school sport.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To ensure that the environment in which school sport is coordinated is safe, respectful, ethical inclusive, well organized and most of all fun, involves a great many people to coordinate. I am grateful for the many who make school sport happen - the ASAA Executive Committee and Board, the ASAA staff, the many coaches and other volunteers who make things happen on the ground, the officials, parents and more. At the same time, I commend the students who choose to participate in school athletics. We know many of them will go on to be leaders in their communities in the years after they graduate high school.

In Alberta, all high school sport coaches are volunteers, and while most are teachers, there is a growing number of non-teachers who are also volunteering to coach or help out school sport teams in one way or another. I encourage School Administrators and Athletic Directors to recognize the important role these volunteer coaches and others play, and reward them accordingly, e.g. prep time, team swag, thank you dinner, honorarium, etc.



JOHN PATON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ASAA

As we move into the 2023/24 school year, we have some exciting things happening:

- A new Sport Registration system is being rolled out for the start of the school year (please be patient as we address any bugs)
- A second website focusing on Provincials and the promotional side of school sport in Alberta will be launched in late fall 2023;
- An agreement with a sponsorship acquisition company, Playfly, has been signed and will bring significant benefit to the ASAA;
- An agreement has been signed with Hudl that will enhance the quality of live streaming at ASAA provincials, along with ASAA's movement back to a paid platform for access to live streaming of ASAA Provincial Championships moving forward.
- A new volleyball (Molten) for the first time in almost 40 years.

In advance of the year, I want to thank Athletic Directors for the critical role you play in making school sport happen; you are unsung heroes. I also wish each Principal, Athletic Director, coach, athlete, volunteers and spectators a wonderful and memorable year of school sport.

FROM THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Welcome back to what will hopefully be a great year of school sports!!

Our first championship, golf, is on September 25 & 26 in Lloydminster, hosted by Holy Rosary.

Our Cross Country Running championship is scheduled for October 21 in Trochu, hosted by Strathmore High School.

There were some significant changes made to policy last year. At the APM in December, the ASAA established clear jurisdiction over football. What this means practically is that zones will be responsible for coordinating who their representatives will be for ASAA football playoffs.

At the AGM in June, the 3-year average policy was over-turned, and we will revert back to using September 30 enrolment numbers to classify schools. School invoices will be made using April 30 numbers, which should be inputted into SRS already (if they have not been, please do that ASAP).

Another big change was adding a policy which will guide all decisions regarding adding and removing activities and classifications moving forward. There are some potential implications to existing ASAA activities, but for 2023/24, all ASAA activities and Championships will be coordinated as they were last year.

As our society changes, the ASAA will need to ensure it stays relevant to high school students; the New Activities policy allows for any member school to request a demonstration activity. If there is an activity that many students in your school or zone participate in that you think would make a great ASAA activity, please considering filling in the Demonstration Application Form, which will be available on asaa.ca.

In advance, I want to thank all of those who will host an ASAA Championship this year, and to thank all of those who administrate athletics in schools.



BRAD VAN RAALTE
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE
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CLASSIFICATIONS

Your school's classification will be based on your September 30 enrolment. Golf will use the projection numbers, but if your September 30 enrolment is expected to move you up into 3A, or down into 2A, you must communicate with the ASAA office by September 15.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT USE GRADE 9 STUDENTS WHEN CALCULATING ENROLMENT NUMBER FOR APRIL 30 PROJECTIONS OR SEPTEMBER 30 ACTUALS



REGISTERING ATHLETES, COACHES & TEAMS

All student-athletes, coaches and teams should be registered in SRS, including JV. The higher the number of students registered, the more accurate our numbers are when reporting.

Further, the higher the number, the higher the likelihood of receiving grants, sponsorships, etc.

FOR ACTIVITIES LIKE CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD, ENSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE ATHLETES ARE IN SRS (IF IN DOUBT, REGISTER THE ATHLETE. IT MINIMIZES THE CHANCES OF GETTING LATE FEES AS WELL!)



BILLING

Your school membership fees have been billed as per your projections for the 2023/24 school year.

SANCTIONING

All schools close to the BC or Saskatchewan border can travel across the border without requiring sanctioning. If you are hosting a tournament and inviting BC and Saskatchewan teams, please check out the policy before initiating the sanctioning process.



BANQUETS

Banquets are no longer mandatory for Championship hosts. If hosts decide to hold a banquet, they cannot be made mandatory for the attendees, and hosts must cover all costs.

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ASAA VISION

Empowering positive youth development through school sport.

ASAA VALUES

A. Respect

Consideration for self and others through demonstrating sportsmanship and collaboration.

B. Integrity

Conduct activities in a manner that is ethical, adheres to the spirit of fair-play, while pursuing excellence and entails accountability for one's actions.

C. Participation

Foster a sense of inclusion, belonging, and community for all.

ASAA MISSION

To advocate involvement in school sport as an integral part of education and to provide governance of interscholastic athletics.

D. Diversity

Cultivate and balance a respect for wide variations in ability and backgrounds, and celebrate inherent differences.

E. Growth

Provide opportunities for continual personal, psychological, and character development while encouraging individuals to assume roles of guidance and influence.

ASAA STRATEGIC PLAN (GOALS)

A. Foster a shared understanding that the primary role of school sport is to enhance learning and personal development.

B. Enhance the educational experience through participation in quality school sport programming and to celebrate the resulting successes.

C. Develop and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with educational and sport partner organizations.

D. Offer exceptional provincial championship experiences consistently across all sports and hosts.

E. Integrate sportsmanship, character development, and personal growth as guiding principles for school sport programs.

F. Build equitable competitive opportunities that are fair and prioritize the education of students.

G. Reduce the barriers of participation and continually build an inclusive school sport environment for all.

H. Support the development of qualified, competent coaches working with Alberta student-athletes.

I. Collaborate and liaise with Zones in delivering quality school sport and to understand and meet the needs of the school sport community.

J. Be a leader of school sport in Canada



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