

## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date**: August 13, 2020

**To:** ASAA Member School Principals and Athletic Directors

From: John Paton, Executive Director

**ASAA Executive Committee** 

**Re:** Postponement of fall ASAA Seasons of Play

**Cc:** Alberta Zones, Sport Commissioners and Board members, CASS, AISCA, Alberta

Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Alberta Ministry of Education, Alberta Teachers Association, Provincial Sport Organizations, AHS

Having considered the terms of the Government of Alberta's (GoA) relaunch strategy and with input from stakeholders, the ASAA Executive Committee has made the decision to postpone all ASAA fall provincial championships (golf, cross country running, football, and volleyball) until the Alberta Government moves to Stage 3 and outlines the implications for inter-regional sports competition. Once the GoA announces the details of Stage 3 of its relaunch strategy, the ASAA Executive Committee will consider what the implications are for inter-school athletic competition and ASAA Provincial Championship events with a focus that places safety of all participants first and foremost.

As a reminder of the ASAA's August 11 announcement and until otherwise informed, ASAA member schools, only if permitted by their school jurisdiction, will be able to run in-school practices that comply with GoA Cohort restrictions. Any scrimmages or competition between schools is not permitted at this time. Detailed Guidelines for a Safe Return to School Athletics is available on the ASAA website or by clicking here.

Please know that the ASAA has clearly heard the desire from member schools for competition and championships to return. The ASAA staff and Executive Committee are poised and ready for when the GoA announces Stage 3 of their relaunch strategy, or if there are workable changes to Stage 2 of their relaunch strategy that may allow competitive opportunities. The ASAA staff and Executive Committee will continue to meet regularly and to be flexible on all options as changes are made by the GoA and AHS to COVID-19 restrictions.

Any COVID-19 related impact on ASAA winter sports/spring will be addressed closer to their respective Seasons of Play.





