

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association



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WELCOME BACK

A new school year - new students, new coaches, new parents, new challenges and more. It is always an exciting yet incredibly busy time of the year, and our student athletes should be grateful for the opportunities available for them to participate in school sport.

On an annual basis, we have an Athletic turnover rate of between 20 and 25% and this year is no different. This means some of you are reading as ASAA newsletter for the first time and for others, this newsletter is a reminder of the many things that you need to attend to as an Athletic Director. For the new Athletic Directors, please pay careful attention to the reminders in this newsletter regarding ASAA registration deadlines and policy related matters and do not hesitate to contact the office at any time for assistance - we are here for you. For returning Athletic Directors (ADs), I encourage you to reach out to new Athletic Directors in your zone, once you know who they are, to offer your support as they navigate through their first year. Your support and advice can be incredibly helpful; don't underestimate the value of your knowledge and experience.

As an AD, students, coaches and others look to you for good organization and planning. If you have not taken any of the workshops or courses offered by CIAAA, I strongly encourage you to do so as you will gain information to assist you in being more efficient and effective. You can find opportunities at www.ciaaa.ca

As your school athletic year starts, I hope you take the opportunity to examine your school sport philosophy and to remind your coaches what the implementation of this philosophy means in your building. If you don't have a school athletic philosophy, I recommend you take the time to sit down with your administration and coaches and create one that can be shared with your entire staff. If you are looking for some direction here, Drew Hanson, our new Program Director for CIAAA can assist you.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/ PRINCIPAL CHANGES

If your school has had a change in Athletic Director or Principal, please contact info@asaa.ca so that an account can be made for you as soon as possible.

Finally, I urge you to keep in mind and to share with your coaches that school sport is a journey, not a destination. While we do run competitive interschool sports programs and have championships at the end of each season, our prime focus should be on the promotion of educational athletics; the premise of sport within the school system that teaches our student athletes about dedication, commitment, team spirit, sportsmanship and much more. It is the daily lessons that come from good coaching that help our student athletes become the leaders of tomorrow, so we should respect and support how a good athletic program can assist in achieving this goal. Please try and be the program that we hold up as a positive example for others.

Have a wonderful 2017/18 school and athletic year!

John Paton
Executive Director, ASAA

CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS

Have you ever thought about hosting an ASAA Provincial Championship? ASAA is looking for hosts for various championships throughout the next school year. Hosting opportunities include:

- **Cheerleading - April 13-14, 2018**
- **Team Handball - Tier II - April 27-28, 2018**
- **Rugby - Tier III - June 8-9, 2018**

Bid applications are available on the [ASAA Website](#). Submit a bid and it will be heard by the Board at the APM or AGM or by the Executive Committee.

This is a great chance to showcase your school and community and show the province what your school has to offer!

SANCTIONING

Just a reminder that starting in the 2017/18 school year, any events for which sanctioning requests are submitted less than 30 days prior to the start of the tournament, there will be a \$200 late sanctioning fee.

Also, please note that at the 2017 AGM the ASAA Board voted in favour of introducing a Travel Permission Form for those teams leaving the province for competitions. Failure to complete and submit this form to ASAA at least 30 days prior to travel will result in a \$200 late "Travel Permission" fee.

The Permission to Travel Form is located [here](#).

The Sanctioning Policy is located on pages 52-54 of the [2017/18 ASAA Policy Handbook](#)

ASAA FALL MAILOUT

The ASAA Fall Mailout is being prepared in the ASAA Office and will be sent out to our member schools in coming days.

Please note that schools in the CISAA, North Central and Central zones will have their mailout delivered to their zone meetings. CSHSAA schools will receive their mailout mid September, and Metro schools will receive their's after the long weekend.

Please make sure that you go through all of the items in your mailout package to prepare yourself for the upcoming year!

UNIFIED SPORTS



Special Olympics
Unified Sports

Welcome to year three of Unified Sports! We are excited to be offering Bocce, bean bag toss, basketball, and track again

this year. We will be hosting two Bocce tournaments in October:

Calgary

Date: Tuesday, October 17th

Location: Calgary Soccer Centre

Edmonton

Date: Monday, October 23rd

Location: Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

More information on both tournaments will be sent out shortly.

Are you interested in hosting a Unified tournament or festival? Contact shanna@asaa.ca or visit the [Unified Sports Section of the ASAA website](#) for more information.

COACH/AD TURNOVER

Has the Athletic Director position in your school changed since last year? If so, you may need to contact the ASAA to gain access to the SRS. We have updated all schools according to the questionnaire responses we got in June, but if you did not fill out that questionnaire, or if you did not know at the time, please contact the ASAA Office in order to get credentials for your school updated.

If a coach at your school previously coached at another school during 2016-17, you will need to contact us to have them transferred in the SRS. Simply send an email to Michael, Deanna or Elyshia with the coaches name, previous school and new school and we can perform the transfer in the back end of the system. They will then show up in your list of coaches - you needn't add them again.



NATIONAL COACHES WEEK SEPTEMBER 23-30, 2017

National Coaches Week is a week to celebrate the tremendous positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Canada. This week is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by simply saying **#ThanksCoach**. National Coaches Week features plenty of events across Canada from coach training, to coach recognition, there are lots of ways you can celebrate coaching! We encourage all schools to celebrate their tremendous coaches by getting involved. Click [here](#) for more information.

Your school could win an Alberta Milk sport swag bag!

Tag @ASAA in your #ThanksCoach tweets to enter!

ONLINE COACH EDUCATION

[WWW.SCHOOLCOACH.CA](http://www.schoolcoach.ca)

Canada's FIRST and ONLY coach education program designed specifically for the interscholastic teacher coach. 100% Online and accessible anytime, anywhere! Visit www.schoolcoach.ca for access to courses or for more information.



SCHOOL SPORT CANADA
SPORT SCOLAIRE CANADA



ASAA COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Please note that ASAA Policy dictates the following coaching requirements:

- 1 teacher coach or agent of the Board on staff needs to complete the Fundamentals of Coaching course per school
- One team official (coach or teacher sponsor) must complete the ASAA Bylaws and Policies Module on every team
- Every team official (coach or teacher sponsor) in all ASAA sports must complete the Concussion course by one month into their respective Season of Play. Schools not completing this requirement will be assessed a penalty of \$50 per coach not in compliance and may lose eligibility for participation in ASAA sanctioned activities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship deadline for the Pay It Forward and Alberta Milk Scholarships was June 30th, 2017. Committees are reviewing the applications and winners will be contacted once a decision has been made.

Good luck to all the applicants!

CIAAA/AIAAA

2018 NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE (REGINA, SK)



In partnership with the SHSAA and SIAAA, we are excited to announce the hosting of our 3rd National Athletic Directors conference from April 19-21, 2018, at the Hotel Saskatchewan in downtown Regina, SK.

The conference will feature a number of offerings for both Leadership Training Program Courses and exciting workshops, a keynote address, conference luncheon, vendor trade show and several social functions.

[Click here](#) to access a Save-the-Date containing all of the basic information. A full conference brochure will be released in early September.

Registration will be open on October 1, 2017. You can reserve your hotel at the Hotel Saskatchewan [here](#).

CIAAA OFFICE

The CIAAA/AIAAA Office is located at 11759 Groat Road in the Percy Page Building in Edmonton. Drew Hanson is the new Program Director and can be reached at drew@ciaaa.ca or by calling the ASAA Office.

KEY INFO FOR NEW AD'S

Are you new to the AD role in your school? We're often asked what some of the key "need to know" points are from an ASAA perspective for new AD's. There is a lot to know, but we are here to help.

DEADLINES: Most importantly, you need to be pay attention to registration deadlines. There are **THREE** different types - **school registration, team registration, and deadlines for adding athletes.**

The school registration deadline is October 10th. To register with us, you'll need to know your school enrollment numbers (as of Sept 30), you'll need someone on staff to have completed the ASAA online Fundamentals of Coaching course at www.schoolcoach.ca. Once you have all that, log into the SRS and fill out the registration form.

We also have deadlines to create teams, and deadlines to add all of the athletes to those teams. Deadlines vary by sport so pay attention to the [ASAA website](#) and your policy handbook for reminders.

TRANSFERS

Please note that September is a very busy time for transfers - so get your information in early to avoid delays. Students who are in the process of being transferred are not eligible for any ASAA sports until the transfer has been approved. All transfers must be initiated through the SRS and can take 3+ days (AFTER all info is provided) at peak times to be approved. Below are some of the common transfer status's you'll see on the SRS and what they mean:

- **Incomplete:** You have not uploaded all of the documents OR the student has not filled out their portion OR you have not marked it as complete. In order to progress the transfer, it is your responsibility to indicate to us that you have no further information to add and mark it as "complete"
- **Awaiting Sending School Decision:** You have completed your portion and the sending school principal must still review and sign off on the transfer by logging into their SRS.
- **Awaiting Compliance Officer Decision:** The Compliance Officer is in the process of reviewing the information and may contact you and/or the sending school for more information before making a final decision.

2017/2018 ASAA CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATIONS

| Sport | Date | Location |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Golf | September 25-26, 2017 | The Links (Spruce Grove) & Stony Plain Golf Course |
| Cross Country | October 21, 2017 | Rundle Park, Edmonton |
| Football | November 24-25, 2017 | Lacombe |
| Volleyball - 1A Girls | November 23-25, 2017 | Ecole Des Beaux Lacs, Bonnyville |
| Volleyball - 1A Boys | November 23-25, 2017 | Eckville Sr High |
| Volleyball - 2A Girls | November 23-25, 2017 | Fairview High |
| Volleyball - 2A Boys | November 23-25, 2017 | St. Mary's, Taber |
| Volleyball - 3A Girls | November 23-25, 2017 | H.J. Cody, Sylvan Lake |
| Volleyball - 3A Boys | November 23-25, 2017 | Strathmore High |
| Volleyball - 4A | November 23-25, 2017 | Medicine Hat High |
| Rural Wrestling | February 23-24, 2018 | Sexsmith Secondary |
| Curling | March 2-3, 2018 | St. Albert (hosted by Paul Kane High and St. Albert Catholic) |
| Provincial Wrestling | March 9-10, 2018 | Medicine Hat High |
| Basketball - 1A | March 15-17, 2018 | Central Alberta Christian, Lacombe |
| Basketball - 2A Girls | March 15-17, 2018 | Kainai High, Cardston |
| Basketball - 2A Boys | March 15-17, 2018 | Willow Creek Composite, Claresholm |
| Basketball - 3A | March 15-17, 2018 | Cochrane High |
| Basketball - 4A | March 15-17, 2018 | Medicine Hat High |
| Cheerleading | April 13-14, 2018 | TBD |
| Handball - Tier I | April 27-28, 2018 | St. Peter the Apostle, Spruce Grove |
| Handball - Tier II | April 27-28, 2018 | TBD |
| Badminton | May 4-5, 2018 | Grimshaw High |
| Track & Field | June 1-2, 2018 | Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive, Red Deer |
| Rugby - Tier I | June 8-9, 2018 | Calgary Rugby Union (hosted by CSHSAA) |
| Rugby - Tier II | June 8-9, 2018 | Calgary Rugby Union (hosted by CSHSAA) |
| Rugby - Tier III | June 8-9, 2018 | TBD |

!IMPACT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

In preparation for the sports season, high school sports leaders and advisors are invited to a workshop that will address the topics of leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and positive values.

The workshops will be held on May 15, 2018 in Olds, AB.

There will be accommodations available for those schools who wish to travel the night before. More information on registration will be available in January 2018!



!IMPACT
Leadership

PARA CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Provincial Championships on October 21st in Edmonton will include a 2km Para race. Students competing in this race will need to be registered through their zones.

For more information contact Shanna or visit the Cross Country section of the ASAA website.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Golf Registration & Opt Up
Deadline

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2017

Golf Provincial Championship
(Stony Plain & Spruce Grove)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

School enrollment taken to
determine ASAA classification

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Volleyball Registration Deadline

Football Registration & Opt Up
Deadline

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Cross Country Registration
Deadline

OCTOBER 10, 2017

School Registration Deadline

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Deadline to add Volleyball &
Football athletes to rosters

OCTOBER 21, 2017

Cross Country Provincial
Championship (Edmonton)

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