



MEMO

Date: Feb 14, 2022
To: ASAA Member Schools
cc: ASAA Basketball Commissioners, Zones & Championship hosts
From: John Paton, Executive Director
Re: ASAA Basketball COVID related decisions/# teams

Dear ASAA Member Schools:

The ASAA is committed to providing student-athletes with opportunities to compete at the provincial/inter-zone level, while at the same time, working to limit the spread of Covid-19 through recommended best practice. This best practice includes limiting the number of teams at the provincial championship tournaments to allow maximum cleaning and ventilation, and in addition to masking, following school jurisdiction policy on spectators and encouraging social distancing where possible. With the support of ASAA Zones, the ASAA Executive Committee has made the following decision:

All ASAA Provincial Basketball Championship Tournaments taking place from March 17-19, 2022, will be reduced in team numbers as follows:

- 1A, 2A, 3A: reduced from 12 to 10 teams (2 eliminated teams taken from Wildcards)
- 4A: reduced from 16 to 12 teams (3 eliminated teams taken from Wildcards, and one from NE Zone which has no 4A teams)

In making their decision:

1. The Executive feels that with the mitigation noted below, if there is any shift back to more restrictions ASAA can still achieve a provincial championship.
2. Because of the multitude of COVID related restriction changes over the past 2 years the Executive lacks the trust that the current shift to reduce COVID restrictions is definite given current COVID cases and transmission rates.
3. The Executive respects the need for hosts to plan; workload on a host is significant, and the Executive's decision to have a consistent approach that has allowed previous 2021/22 championships to successfully occur, with mitigation in place, it will allow basketball hosts to plan accordingly and for Alberta Basketball Officials Association to have some certainty in coordinating officials for these championships.
4. The Executive has decided that the time between games is increased from 2 to 2.5 hours to permit time for sanitizing of team benches, scorer's table, other touchable surfaces between games and to allow for adequate air exchange to take place.

A detailed set of sport specific Modifications along with cautions and preventative measures has been developed for each championship host to follow, and it will be posted on each Championship website. Please note that spectator limitations will be determined by the current restrictions in place in each school jurisdiction and may vary from one location to another.

