



MEMO

Date: January 13, 2022

To: ASAA Member Schools

From: ASAA Executive Committee

Re: 2022 ASAA Provincial Championship Schedule and Seasons of Play

As of January 13, 2021, COVID-19 cases in Alberta, fueled by the Omicron variant of COVID-19 are significant and may impact ASAA Provincials scheduled from mid February through to early June. The information in this memo is intended to provide a “what if” based on current and projected COVID-19 case numbers.

Clearly, COVID-19 cases are not where it was hoped they would be in January 2022. It is not reasonable to be either presumptuous or complacent, so the Executive Committee, with the support of the ASAA Zones has set a timeline for confirming whether or not ASAA Provincials scheduled from February to June 2022 will go ahead and/or whether or not modifications to the event should occur. The information below addresses the remaining sport seasons for 2021/22, championship dates, and dates by which to modify or cancel ASAA Championships.

Key Messages

Seasons of Play: While we remain optimistic, it may not be possible to have an ASAA Championship in select sports during the 2021/22 school year. However, the ASAA Seasons of Play will continue to remain intact for all remaining sports. Even if a championship is not offered in a given sport, the ASAA still encourages schools and Zones to make all efforts to offer athletic programming in all sports under the policies of their respective school jurisdiction and the Government of Alberta (GoA) guidelines.

Provincial Championships of the ASAA: In an effort to offer as many opportunities for ASAA Provincials as possible, modifications to advancement to provincials, and modifications at the events themselves may roll out in coming months. The ASAA remains subject to directives/guidelines from the GoA/AHS and/or decisions. Decisions of the ASAA Executive Committee will be made with the support of a majority of ASAA Zones.

School Jurisdiction Authority: Regardless of anything that appears in this document, it remains the authority of each school superintendent in Alberta to decide the level of athletic participation permitted by students in their jurisdiction. School teams/athletes can only attend ASAA Championships if they have the support of their Principal and their school jurisdiction.

Definition of Championship Status: “Scheduled”, “Under Assessment”, “Cancelled”

If an event is **SCHEDULED**, that championship event can run under the existing GoA/AHS Guidelines possibly with some ASAA determined modifications. Plans to run that championship event will proceed but modifications to the advancement and the event itself may be required.

If an event is **UNDER ASSESSMENT**, that championship is currently not permitted under the existing GoA/AHS Guidelines. The event will be reviewed by the assessment date noted below and will either be scheduled, or cancelled on that date.

If an event is **CANCELLED**, that championship event will not run for the 2021-22 school year. In addition to restrictions of the GoA, ASAA Provincial Championship events may also be cancelled under the following conditions (as per ASAA policy):

- If there are less than 5 Zones represented at a Provincial Championship
- If a host is not secured 30 days prior to the scheduled championship date

Remaining ASAA Provincial Championship Schedule 2021/22

Note:

- A. Championship Hosts will need to confirm with the ASAA, 8 weeks out if they still plan to host and if not the ASAA will make every effort to find an alternate host.**
- B. At 4 weeks out, the ASAA Executive will assess the viability of running provincials, then the Executive will modify as/if required, or cancel the Championship; and then communicate the decision out to hosts and then member schools.**

Sport	Updated or Scheduled Championship Date	Championship Status	Host school to confirm* they will host (8 weeks out). * Unfortunately, due to the constantly evolving Covid situation we are in, there still might be a need to change the host after the 8 week confirmation date. If a host change is needed, the ASAA is 100% committed to finding a replacement host.	Assessment Date (4 weeks out - to proceed as planned, modify, or to cancel)
Rural Wrestling	Feb 18-19, 2022	Scheduled	Dec 14, 2021	Jan 21, 2022
Curling	Mar 3-5, 2022	Scheduled	Jan 6, 2022	Feb 3, 2022
Provincial Wrestling	Mar 4-5, 2022	Scheduled	Jan 7, 2022	Feb 4, 2022
Basketball	Mar 17-19, 2022	Scheduled	Jan 20, 2022	Feb 17, 2022
Cheerleading*	Apr 8-9, 2022	Scheduled	Feb 11, 2022	Mar 11, 2022
Badminton	May 6-7, 2022	Scheduled	Mar 11, 2022	Apr 8, 2022
Team Handball	May 12-14	Scheduled	Mar 17, 2022	Apr 14, 2022
Rugby 7's	May 27-28	Scheduled	Apr 1, 2022	April 29, 2022
Golf (Postponed from Sept, 2021)	May 30-31 (Draft date)	Scheduled	April 4, 2022	May 2, 2022
Track and Field	June 3-4	Scheduled	Apr 8, 2022	May 6, 2022
Rugby 15's	June 3-4	Scheduled	Apr 8, 2022	May 6, 2022

NOTE: For all scheduled championship events, please note that there may be modifications applied to each championship in order to be in compliance with the GoA/AHS guidelines. This

may include: reducing the number of teams or participants competing at the championship, using multiple locations to split up different classifications (ex. Girls at one location and boys at another), increasing the time between games/contests, bouts, etc. Specific modifications for each championship will be communicated at a later date.

* Cheerleading may be offered as a virtual event given that judging is possible via video. Such a decision would be made at a later date after the logistics of live streaming performances are adequately addressed.

Additional Information

Keeping students, coaches and spectators safe

The ASAA encourages athletic activities to occur at the school, district and Zones level that can be achieved under the GoA/AHS guidelines. Schools should always defer to the policies in their respective school jurisdiction.

Events occurring at a level below ASAA Provincials

It is possible that there may be playoffs at a level lower (i.e. school, district, region, zone, city) than the ASAA in those sports that are currently cancelled, or may end up being cancelled. Such events would be at the discretion of zones/districts/regions but must comply with GoA Guidelines/restrictions.

Contact Information

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