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**Date:** May 25, 2021  
**To:** ASAA Member Schools  
**From:** John Paton, ASAA Executive Director  
**Re:** Sanctioning of Events / Tournament Listings 21-22 School Year

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The Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) sanctioning process is in place to protect student athletes and ensure that events are compliant with ASAA bylaws and policies. Sanctioning also ensures that corresponding provincial/territorial, state, and national school sport association bylaws and policies are adhered to. The ASAA is responsible for sanctioning the following types of school athletic contests in all twelve (12) ASAA sports:

1. Events that involve ASAA member school teams travelling out of province to school hosted competition;
2. Events hosted by ASAA member schools that include school teams from other provinces/states/countries;
3. Events hosted by an Alberta post-secondary institution for ASAA member schools; and
4. Events hosted by a non-school entity for ASAA member schools (for cheerleading only).

Sanctioning requests submitted during the COVID-19 pandemic will be subject to all provincial and national health and safety guidelines. Since provincial and national COVID-19 health and safety guidelines are frequently changing it is difficult to predict what activities may or may not be allowed at different points in time. Currently, any requests that involve out of province schools traveling to Alberta or Alberta schools traveling outside Alberta will be denied until federal/provincial/territorial approvals by the respective government bodies are announced.

In province: as sanctioning requests from Alberta post-secondary institutions and cheerleading organizations occur within the province and involve ASAA member schools only, their events will be **conditionally approved**, subject to the current restrictions of the Government of Alberta regarding sport participation when their event is scheduled for; the ASAA will confirm when events move from "conditionally approved" to "approved".

Future: As the Government of Alberta modifies the restrictions on gatherings for the purpose of sport in the future, while the ASAA may move some events from "conditionally approved" to "approved", it is still the decision of each school jurisdiction and each member school's principal to determine the level, if any, at which their schools will participate in school sport activities. Further, approval for any interprovince travel or travel to the U.S. for school sport purposes may be denied by the respective province or state.

Please continue to submit your requests through the ASAA.ca website. For any additional questions, please contact the ASAA office: 780-427-8182.

