



MEMO

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021
To: ASAA Member Schools
From: ASAA Executive Committee
Re: Effective Immediately: ASAA Seasons of Play Changes

Dear ASAA Member Schools:

The ASAA Executive Committee has approved a request from one of ASAA's zones to allow for flexibility on Seasons of Play for all twelve ASAAA sports. Effective immediately:

- The football season of play will start on March 15, 2021 and continue through to June 30, 2021.
- All other ASAA sports are approved for an "open" season of play immediately (March 9, 2021) and the season of play will continue through to June 5, 2021.
 - Sports that are normally permitted in the spring season to go through to June 30, 2021 (i.e. golf, volleyball, football, and cross country) can continue to do so.

NOTE: Some school jurisdictions have blackout periods (i.e., no sport just prior to and during exams). These restrictions must be adhered to as per school jurisdiction directions.

The rationale submitted in the zone's request included:

- Most student athletes in Alberta have not the chance to compete since March 12, 2020
- Opening up seasons of play to all ASAA sports will allow for student athletes and coaches to participate in the sport they love
- Current measures allow for practice/training in groups of 10 and would ready students for competition if the Government restrictions permit
- Zones could choose to, or choose not to, run a zone championship in the sport(s) of their choosing, this spring
- It is understood that ASAA has reassessment dates for all sports, and that if any ASAA Championship proceeds this spring, it would supersede any zone organized event.





ASAA Note 1: Government of Alberta restrictions apply. At this time no interschool competition is permitted, but the Government is updating COVID-19 related restrictions each three (3) weeks with the next update coming March 21, 2021.

ASAA Note 2: Participation in school athletic activities can only occur with the approval of a school's principal and school jurisdiction, via its School Superintendent.

The ASAA Executive Committee, in keeping with the best interests of students at all grade levels, and as required in ASAA Bylaw Article V¹, Duties of the Executive Committee #4, has obtained the approval of the majority of ASAA zones to approve the request from the zone to open up the Seasons of Play on a limited time basis.

All other policies of the ASAA remain in effect for this spring, including its three years of eligibility policy, U/19 policy and Transfer policy.

For additional information, please contact the ASAA office.

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¹ ASAA Bylaw Article Article V, #4:

The Executive Committee has the authority to rule on any issue or circumstance not covered in the official handbook of the ASAA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive Committee may, under circumstances which in their absolute jurisdiction warrant it, operate the business and activities of the ASAA in a manner which accommodates any interruption of normal operating activities (e.g. adjusting seasons of play, cancelling or postponing events)

- A. *Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, normal operating activities may be considered to be interrupted under any circumstance which render it impossible or inadvisable to follow the specific requirements of these bylaws or the policies of the ASAA.*
- B. *Before relying on this article, the Executive Committee must pass a resolution to engage their powers under this article, citing the details of the circumstances which make it necessary to do so, and obtain the approval of no less than five of the eight zone executives for the resolution.*

