



## MEMO

**Date:** Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**To:** ASAA Member Schools

**cc:** ASAA Executive, Staff and Zones

**From:** John Paton, Executive Director

**Re:** 2021 ASAA Volleyball Provincials

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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 attempting to limit the number of teams at the provincial championship tournaments to allow maximum cleaning and ventilation, and in addition to masking, limiting the number of spectators and encouraging social distancing where possible. These changes in past practice are in the best interests of the health and safety of student athletes and coaches, volunteers, and spectators.

All ASAA Provincial Volleyball Tournaments on November 25-27, 2021, will be reduced from 12 team tournaments to 10 team tournaments. Factors considered include but are not limited to:

- A reduction in the number of people attending provincials in any capacity needs to occur
- The time between games, which in a normal (non-pandemic) year are scheduled in 1 hour 15-minute intervals, must be increased to 2-hour intervals. This allows for any matches that go overtime to be completed within 90 minutes, and then for an additional 30 minutes to be available to clear out gyms, sanitize benches, scorers' tables, bleachers, etc. before the next set of teams and their spectators can enter the gym.
- A detailed set of sport specific Modifications along with Cautions and Preventative measures has been developed for each championship host to follow. These will be posted on the ASAA website as well.

Please note that at this time, some championship hosts are not permitted under current school jurisdiction policy to permit spectators into their gyms. It is the choice of each school jurisdiction to enforce such policies and the ASAA will support school jurisdiction decisions.

