



Alberta High School Sports Hall of Fame deadline extended to February 15, 2009

The ASAA invites nominations for induction into the Alberta High School Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony that will be held on May 8, 2009. If you would like to nominate an individual or team for an award, the categories include: coach, athlete, athletic administrator and special achievement (the latter may include teams or officials). Download the nomination form below.

>> [Click here for the ASAA Hall of Fame Official Nomination Form](#)

Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA)

The creation of the new athletic directors association is progressing well under the leadership of ASAA Assistant Director Jordan Abney. Please contact Jordan for more detail on this new initiative and accompanying education and certification program: jordan@asaa.ca

Provincial Championships

ASAA Assistant Director Michelle Reeder is your "go to" person for hosting related issues for ASAA provincials. Please contact Michelle with any inquiries you have about provincials: michelle@asaa.ca

Publications

Amy Malcolm is our Assistant Director, Communications and Publications and as such is responsible for all of the ASAA's publications. Please contact Amy with any inquiries about ASAA publications: amy@asaa.ca

Provincial Championships to date

Golf: Dean Sawatzky and a great group of volunteers from Calgary Academy hosted an excellent golf provincial on two beautiful days in the foothills of Calgary at Bragg Creek. There were some outstanding scores on tough but picturesque courses. A highlight was the attendance

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of pro golfer Steven Ames at the championship banquet as he not only addressed athletes and coaches, but stayed behind until every autograph was given and every picture was taken.

Cross-Country Running: Jeff Lodge and Wade Jarvis from Canmore did an outstanding job of hosting the ASAA Cross-Country running provincials at one of the most beautiful locations in Canada - the Olympic Biathlon course. A huge group of volunteers made for a very successful day and over 600 athletes and coaches alike were in awe of both the superb organization and the amazing setting.

Football: This year marked the inaugural Alberta Bowl. For the first time in the 23 year history of high school provincials, this event featured all four Provincial Championship High School Football games at the same location on the same weekend. Foote Field, in Edmonton, was this year's location and saw almost 1900 fans come out to cheer on their teams.

ASAA Football Commissioner, Bill McConkey, was one of the visionaries behind the Alberta Bowl concept and thanks to his hard work and dedication the event was a huge success.

"The whole concept of the Alberta Bowl was great for the players, parents, fans and in general the entire football community. You have taken an event like the Provincial Championship and captured the whole spirit through a major weekend of football hosted at a first class facility. The exposure that you have given to high school football and all of the athletes was magnified by having all four games hosted in one venue. The media coverage during the ASAA Provincials created a great deal of excitement all across Alberta and was truly front and center. Once again thank you for this huge undertaking, it definitely paid off!"

- Mark Feledichuk, Head Coach Ardrossan Bisons (Tier IV Provincial Champions)

Volleyball: The 2008/09 High School volleyball season came to a successful close with all eight provincial championships being hosted around the province on the final weekend of November. We would like to thank all the hosts and their committees for their hard work, and hours upon hours of volunteering to make these championships happen.

A highlight this year was the new 4A format, which included power-pools and a true bracket playoff. The new format was raved about and certainly added to the boys and girls championships'.

Congratulations to all of the Provincial Champions and Sportsmanship winners.

New Host Websites

You will notice a new look to the ASAA host websites this year. ASAA Assistant Directors Jordan Abney and Michelle Reeder have been working with a web developer to facilitate the ease with which ASAA provincial hosts can create and update provincial websites. Web

Important Dates and Deadlines

January 22: Curling and Cheerleading team registration deadline

February 1: Wrestling registration deadline

February 8: Deadline to add students to cheerleading and wrestling teams

February 15: Hall of Fame Nomination deadline
Deadline to add students to wrestling and basketball teams



development continues as we prepare for spring championships.

[Click here to access the host websites](#)

Reminder of Important Policy Change

All policy changes are in grey shaded boxes in the handbook. One new policy that is raising quite a few questions is the policy regarding the eligibility of distributed learning and home education students. These students must be registered at the ASAA member distributed learning school, and may participate on joint school teams by including the number of students registered at that school who live in the catchment area of the ASAA member school providing a joint team.

>> [Click here for the full policy](#)

ASAA Awards



On December 5th, the ASAA was honoured to recognize some exceptional individuals from around Alberta for their contributions to high school athletic programs.

This year's Lorne Wood Award was presented to Nelson Stonehocker of Frank Maddock High School, for his outstanding support to high school athletic programs.

The ASAA also had the opportunity to honour the Zone Award of Merit recipients. Congratulations to Myron Masterson (Calgary Zone), Gary Thomson (North Central Zone), Ken Gabruck (South Zone), Parrish Tung (North East Zone), Irene Freisz (North West), Hugh Nester (Central Zone), and Shawna Pearman (Central Zone) who were honoured for their outstanding contributions to their zone.

Alberta Milk Never Stop Scholarship



The 2008 Alberta Milk Never Stop Scholarship recipients are two outstanding individuals. Colton Hildebrandt from Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs, and Vanessa VanDijken from Barrhead Composite High School were selected after much consideration from the adjudicating committee. Their outstanding academic, athletic, and volunteer achievements made these two individuals stand out.

School Directory Omission

Spruce View was accidentally left out of the school directory - our apologies. The information that should have been in the directory is:

Spruce View High
Box 130
Spruce View T0M 1V0

Phone: 403-728-3459
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Athletic Director: Ken Kure
kkure@chinooksedge.ab.ca
Principal: Mark Crawford

School population: 84
Classification: 1A

Coach Accelerated Training (NCCP)

Accelerated NCCP courses are being offered free of charge at selected Teacher Conventions again in 2009. Participants must have a BPE of Ed/Phys Ed background in order to take this course.

>> [Click here for locations, contacts, and dates](#)

>> [Click here to view more details](#)

NFHS Student Leadership Conference - Apply Now

The ASAA is pleased to be able to send up to four student athletes and two teachers to the 2008 NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 16-19, 2009.

An outstanding leadership opportunity, the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference is a four-day leadership conference for 300 student and adult leaders who participate in interscholastic athletics and fine arts activity programs through their state high school athletic/activities associations. Starting in 2007, the NFHS set aside a number of subsidized delegate positions for Canadian student and adult participants.

The National Student Leadership Conference provides a forum for student and adult leaders to discuss contemporary issues facing education-based athletics and activities. Through interactive large- and small-group discussions, these leaders will learn to promote respect, positive values, sportsmanship, teamwork, healthy lifestyles, community service and perspective.

College facilitators will deliver the curriculum and lead the delegates in their breakout group discussions. In addition, all delegates will participate in a citywide community service project that will benefit the Indianapolis metropolitan community.

Download the complete application package for full details on cost, delegate requirements and responsibilities, and the application process. The deadline for application packages to reach the ASAA office is **March 20, 2009**.

>> [Click here for application form](#)

Notices of Motion

ASAA Policy allows for modifications to policy to be proposed by ASAA Executive, Board, Commissioners, Zones and member schools. The deadline for receipt of Notices of Motion at the ASAA office is April 1, 2009. Please contact the office if you are interested in submitting a Notice of Motion and need assistance with formatting.