



## Message from the Executive Director

2008/09 has been a great year in many respects and I want to thank every athletic director, coach and administrator for the outstanding support they have provided to school athletics this year. We have had many fantastic and exciting championship events thanks to the dedication and commitment of those schools and teachers who took on hosting responsibilities. We are so grateful for the time you volunteer - thousands of students have an opportunity to grow and learn through athletics because of you.

Probably the most exciting initiative of the ASAA in many years is the creation of Canada's first Athletic Director association here in Alberta, and the education and certification program that accompanies this initiative. We have received very positive feedback on our first courses and what this program means to athletic directors and coaches across this province.

As we move into 2009/10 under the leadership of new ASAA President Dave Jones and with guidance of the ASAA Executive Committee and Board, we will continue to do our best to be at the leading edge in providing well organized school athletic championship and related school programs. Some new things we plan to see in 2009/10 include: continuing to enhance the perception of school athletics and athletic administration in Alberta, creation of a Canadian "legal issues" course for athletic directors and coaches, the introduction of a new sport on a two year trial basis (Team Handball), development of a web assisted appeals process, an athletic director conference and more. I hope to see input from many individuals and groups on ASAA activities and initiatives and I trust we will continue as an association to envision where school sport in Alberta is headed in the future.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Track & Field and Rugby provincial championships, and if not there, possibly at some time during 2009/10. I hope that you all have a great summer.

*John Paton*

## Reminders for Athletic Directors: 09/10

Is someone new taking over the athletic director role in your school for

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2009/10? If so, please take a few minutes to prepare some tips for the new person so they are not in the dark about ASAA policies and deadlines come September.

>> [Click here for a few reminders for Athletic Directors](#)

## Athletic Director Forum and Delivery of First Leadership Training Courses

The Athletic Director and Coach Forum at the HPEC/PHE Canada Conference in Banff was a great success. With approximately 120 registrants, the Forum was opened with an inspiring and thought provoking presentation from renowned speaker Bruce Brown; some valuable round table discussions followed. On the afternoon of Thursday April 30, the Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA) delivered the first leadership training course to over 100 athletic directors: 502C Principles, Strategies and Methods. Feedback on 502C so positive that we had about 10 walk-ups to the second course, 501C Philosophy, Organizational Structure and Professional Development, on Friday May 1 where we delivered to over 80 participants. The athletic stream of sessions which we oversaw at the conference was well attended and well received.

## AIAAA Initiatives



The ASAA Executive search committee has hired a replacement for Jordan Abney. Jordan's replacement will be announced shortly. The absence of a person in this position has put administration of the education and certification program on hold for about a month, so we ask for your understanding during the transition.

## Important Policy Changes for 2009/10

- Appeals to the Executive Appeal Committee will be accompanied by a \$200 appeal fee, of which \$50 will be non-refundable and \$150 will be refunded if the appeal is upheld
- Distributed learning schools may participate in individual sports in a different zone than the distributed learning school belongs if specific criteria is met.
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## Important Dates and Deadlines

June 15:  
Golf declaration by zones

June 23:  
Executive Committee Meeting

July 1:  
Alberta Milk Never Stop Scholarship Application Deadline



Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA): The ASAA Board passed a new fee of \$50 per member school to assist the administration of the AIAAA. This fee will be added to all school registration fees for 2009/10.

- Badminton has been put on a host rotation, starting 2009/10 with the Edmonton Zone.
- Cross-country: number of athletes/age category/zone was increased from 15 to 18, and alternates were eliminated. Only athletes registered by the deadline will be eligible to run and no athletes can be added after 4 pm Wednesday on the week of the provincial championships.
- Sport Specific School Programs/Courses/Academies:  
The wording of the sport specific school policies was modified to include "courses/academies". The intent of the policy change is that courses/programs that occur during the school day should not be primarily focused on one specific sport. If you have a program that you feel might fall into this category and would like clarification from the ASAA office on that program's eligibility, please send complete program/course/academy details and class schedule to the ASAA office for review [john@asaa.ca](mailto:john@asaa.ca) A response will be provided to you once the ASAA Executive has reviewed the information you send us.

>> [Click here for all 2009 Notices of Motion with results](#)

## ASAA Welcomes Team Handball

The 2009-10 year will see the new addition of Team Handball as the newest sanctioned activity to be recognized at the provincial level. With the addition of Team Handball, the ASAA now supports and provides athletic opportunities in 12 different provincial activities, with the hope of seeing our athlete numbers increase by providing a greater selection of activities to choose from.

The ASAA and Alberta Team Handball Federation are very excited to be working together to bring this sport to the spotlight and encourage schools to inquire about the sport. To learn more about the sport please visit the Alberta team handball website at [http://www.mymailout.com/MyMailout/Redirect.aspx?](http://www.mymailout.com/MyMailout/Redirect.aspx?u=183129&r=141626&qz=084bb16f3660f6ae85b8d58037563bb5)

[u=183129&r=141626&qz=084bb16f3660f6ae85b8d58037563bb5](http://www.mymailout.com/MyMailout/Redirect.aspx?u=183129&r=141626&qz=084bb16f3660f6ae85b8d58037563bb5). Please be sure to order your Team Handball Rule Book through the ASAA when doing your rulebook order.

Alberta Team Handball Federation has played a very active role in trying to get this sport up and running and they are very eager to get this activity featured in all high schools across the province. To do this, they are willing to come out to any school and put on a clinic. If any school is interested in having a Team Handball clinic please contact



Mike Nahmiash at [handballalberta@gmail.com](mailto:handballalberta@gmail.com)

We would also like to congratulate Steven Lush, our new Team Handball Commissioner. Steve was one of the driving forces behind getting Team Handball recognized as an ASAA sanctioned activity.

Details and information about the Team Handball activity are currently being finalized and will be included in the 2009/10 ASAA Policy Handbook.

## Robert H. Routledge Award



Gane Olsen is the 2009 recipient of the Roubert H. Routledge Award and was honoured on May 8th at the Routledge and Hall of Fame Banquet. Gane, (pictured here with his wife Shelley) has been the heart and soul of the volleyball program at Harry Ainlay and made significant other contributions to school athletic endeavours, within Edmonton and Alberta.

>> [Click here for more information on Gane and his accomplishments.](#)

## Hall of Fame



Susan Moncks of Standard School, and Gordon Graves of Bentley school, were inducted into the ASAA High School Sports Hall of Fame in the category of Coaches.

>> [Click here to read more about Susan and Gord](#)

## Most Sportsmanlike Coach Award



ASAA honoured Jeff Rathwell of Forestburg School, and Kevin Kubinec of Trochu Valley School at the Routledge and Hall of Fame Banquet as recipients of the 2009 Most Sportsmanlike Coach Awards.

>> [Click here to read more about Kevin and Jeff](#)

## Media Recognition Award

The ASAA was pleased to honour Rhys Kelso of Hinton with the 2009 Media Recognition Award at the Routledge and Hall of Fame Banquet in May.

>> [Click here to read more about Rhys](#)

## Minutes Online

Up to date ASAA Minutes from Executive meetings and Board meetings are available on the ASAA website.

You can find them at the following links:

Executive minutes: <http://www.mymailout.com/MyMailout/Redirect.aspx?u=183130&r=141626&qz=c51227e367c474fceb741138d47ec2b>

APM minutes: <http://www.mymailout.com/MyMailout/Redirect.aspx?u=183131&r=141626&qz=671a324351accbeeb7e9b0c09336bdca>

## New Board Members

The ASAA is pleased to welcome George Hoyt from Harry Ainlay in Edmonton to the Executive Committee as the Boys Athletic Director. George will serve a two-year term in this position. As well, the Executive Committee welcomes Kelle Hansen from Mayerthorpe High School back onto the Executive as the Executive Member at Large. Kelle's commitment will take her through to May 2013.

The ASAA is also pleased to welcome the following new commissioners to the Board of Directors, each for a four year term:

Badminton - Darcy Younghans, Wm. E. Hay

Girls Volleyball - Susan Moncks, Standard School

Wrestling - George Grant, Olds Jr./Sr. High School

The ASAA would like to thank Pat Forsyth for extending her term as Girls Rugby Commissioner.

Finally, upon finishing his term as Badminton Commissioner, the ASAA welcomes Darryl Christensen back to the board as Member at Large.

## Spalding Basketball Promotion - Free Coaches Kit

Special promotional price is only available until the end of this school

year. Canada's #1 basketball for Canada's lowest price  
Stay organized and keep track of your Spalding basketballs with our  
NEW ball bag.

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