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**To** ASAA Board Members & Staff

**From** Dan Grassick, Executive Staff Officer, Professional Development

**Re** Teachers' Convention Updates

## **A. Teachers' Convention Attendance – ASAA Coaching Conflicts**

The Teachers' Convention pages of the Alberta Teachers' Association website have been updated. The following information germane to ASAA finals scheduled during convention season is now listed on the ATA's Convention Attendance page. Please distribute this information to colleagues and update the link to the application form on the forms page of the ASAA website.

### **Release from Convention Attendance Alberta Schools Athletic Association Finals**

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) have a formal agreement regarding the release of teacher-coaches from their convention attendance obligations. If a school team makes it to the ASAA finals in their sport and the competition is scheduled during teacher's convention season, the ATA will provide an opportunity for any teacher-coaches of these teams to be absent from a portion of their assigned convention. For its part, the ASAA will attempt to schedule final competitions so as to impact as few teachers as possible.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Members may request release from part of their assigned convention to coach at ASAA finals a member provided they meet all of the following conditions:

- The member must be the coach or assistant coach of a school team that has advanced to the ASAA finals for their sport.
- Requests will only be considered if the member's team will be competing at ASAA finals that are scheduled on the day or night of the member's assigned convention dates. Typically these competitions are limited to rural wrestling finals, provincial wrestling finals, provincial curling finals, and provincial cheerleading finals.
- Requests will not be considered for members who are parents of athletes on qualifying teams, for members who want to support their school team at the finals, or for members who want to coach at a zone/regional finals or other tournaments. These members must meet their convention attendance obligations.
- Permission for a member to be absent from their assigned convention to coach can only be granted by the Alberta Teachers' Association; school and district administrators do not have the authority to grant release from convention attendance for coaching.

### Conditions

If a member's request is approved:

- They will be released from a portion of their convention for an amount of time deemed satisfactory for them to safely travel to the ASAA finals and to coach their team.
- They are expected to be at the remainder of their assigned convention in accordance with their professional and legal obligations to attend.
- Release is granted for the current year only. Requests for release to coach at ASAA finals must be made each year.
- No convention registration fees will be refunded to members for the portion of convention they do not attend.
- If the Association's Convention Factotum, the executive staff officer responsible for teachers' conventions, determines that a member has missed too much of their assigned convention to coach in a given year or over a period of years, the member may be required to attend an alternate convention that does not conflict with their coaching responsibilities.

### Application, Approval & Appeal

Members must complete and submit an online application no later than two weeks prior to their assigned convention. Applications will be reviewed and either approved or denied by the Convention Factotum. The Convention Factotum's decision can be appealed to the Association's Coordinator of Professional Development, whose decision is final.

The online application form can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ConventionAttendance2018>.

## **B. Calendar of Future Teachers' Conventions**

The schedule for upcoming teachers' conventions is attached. Members should note that the 2019 Central Alberta Teachers' Convention held in Red Deer has been rescheduled due to the Canada Winter Games. Should there be any complications to the normal scheduling of ASAA finals as a result of the games, the ATA will, of course, work with the ASAA to help teachers balance their coaching responsibilities and their convention attendance obligations.

## **C. Contact Info**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at [dan.grassick@ata.ab.ca](mailto:dan.grassick@ata.ab.ca) or by phone 780-447-9487.

# TEACHERS' CONVENTION SCHEDULE

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>North Central</b>	Feb 8–9	Feb 7–8	Feb 6–7	Feb 4–5	Feb 10–11
<b>Calgary City</b>	Feb 15–16	Feb 14–15	Feb 13–14	Feb 11–12	Feb 17–18
<b>NorthEast</b>	Feb 15–16	Feb 14–15	Feb 13–14	Feb 11–12	Feb 17–18
<b>*Central Alberta</b>	Feb 22–23	<b>Mar 14–15</b>	Feb 20–21	Feb 18–19	Feb 24–25
<b>Palliser District</b>	Feb 22–23	Feb 21–22	Feb 20–21	Feb 18–19	Feb 24–25
<b>South Western Alberta</b>	Feb 22–23	Feb 21–22	Feb 20–21	Feb 18–19	Feb 24–25
<b>Southeastern Alberta</b>	Feb 22–23	Feb 21–22	Feb 20–21	Feb 18–19	Feb 24–25
<b>Greater Edmonton</b>	Mar 1–2	Feb 28–Mar 1	Feb 27–28	Feb 25–26	Mar 3–4
<b>Central East Alberta</b>	Mar 8–9	Mar 7–8	Mar 5–6	Mar 4–5	Mar 10–11
<b>Mighty Peace</b>	Mar 8–9	Mar 7–8	Mar 5–6	Mar 4–5	Mar 10–11

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<b>North Central</b>	Feb 9–10	Feb 8–9	Feb 6–7	Feb 5–6	Feb 4–5
<b>Calgary City</b>	Feb 16–17	Feb 15–16	Feb 13–14	Feb 12–13	Feb 11–12
<b>NorthEast</b>	Feb 16–17	Feb 15–16	Feb 13–14	Feb 12–13	Feb 11–12
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