

# Alberta Schools' Athletic Association

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## Welcome

Once again September has arrived, much earlier than we'd expected! A warm welcome to new schools and to new teachers. We are looking forward to another fantastic year of high school sport. A reminder that all ASAA sports require registrations online for 2003/04. Please note the deadlines for registrations below, and make sure you take a look at the ExNet Update on page 3.

## Vacant Championships Badminton/ 4A Boys Volleyball

Two Championships are still without hosts for 2003/04. If you would like to host Badminton, or 4A Boys Volleyball, please download the bid package ([www.asaa.ca/pdfs/BidProv.pdf](http://www.asaa.ca/pdfs/BidProv.pdf)) and submit it to the ASAA.

Championships without hosts one month prior to the event will be cancelled.

## Upcoming Deadlines

- September 12: Golf Registration  
September 15: Golf Eligibility Appeal  
X-Country Eligibility Appeal  
Football Eligibility Appeal  
Volleyball Eligibility Appeal  
October 5: X-Country Registration  
School Registration  
October 15: Volleyball Registration and  
Declaration  
Football Registration and  
Tier Declaration  
Wrestling Eligibility Appeal  
Cheerleading Eligibility Appeal  
Curling Eligibility Appeal

## 2003/2004

### ASAA Executive Committee

President	Jim McLellan
Past President	Dan Sloan
Vice President	Ishbel Mucklow
Director of Athletics	Ian MacGillivray
Director of Athletics	Gerarda Germain

The Executive Committee works closely with the ASAA office regarding the day to day running of the association. Executive members attend a number of meetings throughout the school year, attend provincial championships, and deal with many concerns and issues brought to their attention by member schools via the ASAA office, including appeals, disciplinary matters, new initiatives and future directions. If you have any questions, or would like more information on these positions, please contact the ASAA office.

### In Memoriam: Bob Stewart

The ASAA office received very sad news in late June, 2003 that Bob Stewart, former ASAA President (1983-84) and Routledge Award Winner (1972) passed away suddenly.

Bob was a significant contributor to the ASAA and youth sport in Alberta. He hosted the ASAA's first Track and Field Championship in Stettler in 1958 and was on the organizing committee when Central Zone hosted Track and Field in Stettler 40 years later. At the latter event, Bob's contributions were recognized with a special presentation of an ASAA Gold Medal.

Bob would regularly drop by to see the ASAA staff, and was still serving as a Board Member of the ASRPW at the time of his passing. Our sympathy goes to Bob's wife Carol, daughter Shelley Lower (Athletic Director of Hunting Hills High School, Red Deer), and other family members.

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## ASAA NEWS

### **ASAA Assistant Director Steven Patrick moves on...**

After spending 5<sup>1/2</sup> of the past 7 years with the ASAA, Assistant Director Steven Patrick has left the association to take up a position with the Ministry of Alberta Community Development as a Sport Consultant. Steven has been looking after the ASAA website since 1996, spearheaded the recent move to online registration, worked with commissioners and member schools to develop proposed policy, and, over the last couple of years, has reformatted the ASAA Yearbook and Policy Handbook to ensure consistency and ease of use.

I am sad to see Steven go as he has been an invaluable asset to the association and friend to many, including myself. I have no doubt that many of you will join me wishing Steven the best of success in his future career.

*John Paton*

### **New Assistant Director**

At the time of printing this newsletter, a replacement for Steven had not yet been determined, and it is possible that the incoming AD will not be in place until later in September. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, we appreciate your understanding that we may be short staffed for a while and also that there will be a transitional period while we bring our new Assistant Director up to speed on office procedures and ASAA policy.

### **Travel Subsidy Increase and Changes**

The ASAA has refined its travel subsidy program to ensure that high school teams attending provincials receive all dollars budgeted by the ASAA for travel. Only one cheque will be sent to each school per year, but a running tally of how much the ASAA will be paying out will be available to the schools (see ExNet Update on page 3). This will allow the ASAA to reallocate dollars not spent for some sports to teams in other sports where the money budgeted did not cover the full subsidy. In addition, subsequent to the 2003/04 budget approval, the ASAA received a funding increase for this coming year from the *Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation* and, as a result, the travel subsidy budget has been increased from \$55,000 to \$65,000 per year.

### **ASAA Publications**

Policy Handbooks, Wall Calendars, Accommodations Guides, and Notice Sheets have all been included with this mailout. In addition, McDonald's SuperSize Cards will also be arriving at your school in the next little while, and 2002/03 Yearbooks will follow in the near future.

### **Policy Handbook Corrections**

Page 14 in the 2003/04 Policy Handbook lists the 2004 Cheerleading Host as Ross Seppard - this should obviously read Ross Sheppard. Our apologies for the error to Ross Sheppard High School of Edmonton.

### **Provincial Championships without a Host**

As of the printing deadline, we still did not have hosts for 4A Boys Volleyball or Badminton. As per ASAA policy, Championships without a host 1 month prior to the event will be cancelled. If you are interested in hosting, please contact the ASAA.

### **Tournament Board**

The tournament posting on the ASAA website was extremely popular last year, and will be continued. If you are looking for tournaments, or would like to advertise your own, go to [www.asaa.ca/pages/tournaments](http://www.asaa.ca/pages/tournaments) and then email your information to [info@asaa.ca](mailto:info@asaa.ca).

### **Trophies Named for Past Routledge Winners**

7 more ASAA Trophies have been named for past Routledge Award Winners. The 2003 Routledge Winner, Rick Mooney, will have the Football Tier IV Championship Trophy named after him, while the Tier IV Finalist Trophy will be named for Rick Haines (Routledge Recipient 1995). Other trophies named included Curling Girls Silver (Ann Rowberry - 1998), Curling Boys Silver (Hugh Forrester - 2000), and Curling Mixed Silver (Glen Magnuson - 2002). Finally, the ASAA Executive decided to create 4th place perpetual plaques for Volleyball - previously only small keeper plaques were awarded. Two of the eight new plaques were named: the 3A Girls plaque will bear the name of Joyce Loucks (2001) and the 4A Girls plaque will honour Wendae Grover (1999).

## **ASAA Online Registration for 2003/04**

A reminder that ASAA Registration of Schools and Athletic Teams will continue this year with the ExNet system, accessible with your login and password through [www.asaa.ca](http://www.asaa.ca) (select Online Registration from the menu on the right hand side). A note that online registration is required for Track and Field this year, meaning all ASAA sports now need to be registered online.

### **Passwords**

If you are a new Athletic Director, check with your admin staff for the school password. There is an automatic password retrieval system set up on the login screen for ExNet, so you may be able to obtain your password that way. If not, contact the ASAA office - we will provide the password to the school principle or AD listed in ExNet.

### **Changes to School Information or contact name**

Once logged in to ExNet, you are able to edit any of the contact information for your school. Click on the "Edit School Information" Link and make the appropriate changes. IT IS IMPORTANT that this information be as up to date as possible, as we no longer require or receive hard copies of your school information. Please ensure a valid email address is used - we will be sending out email reminders of deadlines and other important, time sensitive information.

### **Tips for entering team information**

When registering teams, ensure you read all of the information on the screen. Tips for entering dates and Alberta Student Numbers are located onscreen, and reading the information first will save a lot of grief.

### **Improvements for 2003/04**

Changes have been made with regards to how a Secondary School is to be selected (Joint School Usage), making this interface more user friendly. Also, we have addressed problems with football registrations for those schools who have students participating on different football teams (when the school does not have their own team).

Some new menu items have also been added to the main menu, including being able to view all students currently registered with your school.

Watch for more menu items to be added throughout the year as more features are developed.

### **Upcoming Features for 2003/04**

In addition to continually improving the basic registration process for ExNet, we are going to be adding some new features to the system. BCG Canada Inc. is currently working on a module that will allow Basketball Coaches to submit their scores and team information through ExNet, allowing our ranking committee members access to all the scores throughout the province.

As well, the Champions Database of all of our past winners is being updated and will be accessible through the website.

Another component currently in development (we are hoping for completion by October) is our Travel Subsidy Screen. As noted on page 2 of this newsletter, the process for determining travel subsidies to schools attending provincials has changed. As a result, schools will only receive one cheque per school year, a cumulative calculation of all travel subsidies for all provincials. Totals for each sport will be calculated after each provincial event and posted on a page in ExNet, enabling schools to view the minimum amount of dollars they will receive at the end of the year. After Track Provincials are complete and travel has been calculated, any excess money in the budget (\$65,000 has been budgeted this year), will be reallocated to schools that participated in provincials throughout the year, where previously this money was not allocated.

Other initiatives will be announced as they are completed, but we are excited about the sorts of things we will be able to offer our member schools.

**Best wishes from the ASAA Executive and Staff for a great year of high school athletics!**

## Upcoming Sanctioned Tournaments

### Sanctioned - Alberta Host (listed by date)

Host School/College/Univ.	City/Town	Sport	Provinces/ States Invited	Date(s)
Canmore Collegiate	Canmore	Football	ON	September 1, 2003
University of Calgary	Calgary	Boys Volleyball	BC, SK, MB, ON	September 12-13, 2003
NAIT	Edmonton	Boys Volleyball	AB	September 12-13, 2003
J.R. Robson	Vermilion	Girls Volleyball	SK	September 18-20, 2003
NAIT	Edmonton	Girls Volleyball	AB	September 19-20, 2003
Jasper Place	Edmonton	Boys and Girls Volleyball	SK	September 19-20, 2003
Lethbridge Community College	Lethbridge	Boys and Girls Volleyball	BC	September 19-20, 2003
Wetaskiwin Composite	Wetaskiwin	Cross Country	BC, SK	September 27, 2003
Queen Elizabeth	Calgary	Boys and Girls Volleyball	BC	October 3-4, 2003
Harry Ainlay	Edmonton	Boys and Girls Volleyball	BC, SK, MB / Norway	October 9-11, 2003
Lord Beaverbrook	Calgary	Boys and Girls Volleyball	MB	October 24-25, 2003
Salisbury Composite	Sherwood Park	Boys and Girls Volleyball	BC	October 30-November 1, 2003

### Sanctioned - Out of Province Host (listed by date)

Host School/College/Univ.	City/Town	Sport	AB Schools Invited	Date(s)
David Thompson Secondary	Invermere, BC	Boys and Girls Volleyball	Lester B Pearson (Calgary), Bowness (Calgary), Queen Elizabeth (Calgary)	September 19-20, 2003



Enclosures:  
 2003/2004 Policy Handbook (2)  
 2003/2004 Accommodation Guide (2)  
 2003/2004 Wall Calendar (4)  
 Notice Sheet (2)  
 Football Draw

