

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association



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Important Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

September 12: Golf opt-up and registration deadline

September 30: School enrolment taken to determine ASAA classification

October 1: Volleyball registration and Football registration/declaration/opt-up deadline

October 1: Nominations for Zone Award of Merit

October 5: Cross Country registration deadline

October 10: School registration deadline

October 15: Volleyball opt-up deadline

Welcome Message from John Paton, Executive Director

I want to welcome you all to the 2010/2011 school athletic calendar. This year, like any other, we will see student athletes and coaches experience all the emotions that participating in school sports, winning and losing can bring. I hope that each of the experiences you have create wonderful memories and teachable moments that help prepare students for life beyond high school.

I want to thank the school administrators and athletic directors who provide the necessary support for school athletics to thrive, and I encourage you to continue with this support. The benefits of participating in high school athletics go far beyond the classroom. Of course, we will continue to coordinate over 30 provincial championship events in 12 sports thanks to the dedicated time and effort of hundreds of volunteers province-wide and I encourage you to be a

part of any event that makes its way to your community.

This year will see continued growth of the Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA); a new organization created under the auspices of the ASAA to provide professional development and certification opportunities for school athletic directors. A well educated school athletic director should ultimately provide a more efficient and effective school athletic program; ultimately benefiting the students and athletes involved, and the AIAAA is doing a great job in this area. A new initiative in the spring of 2011 will be the introduction of an online coach education program, funded primarily by Rural Alberta's Development Fund. We are excited for what this program will bring to coaches involved in school sport and encourage you to involve your coaches in it



when launched.

With the support of the ASAA Executive Committee and staff, I will continue to advocate on behalf of high school sport. Further, the ASAA will keep you informed of any developments as we continue discussions with government agencies and the ASRPW Foundation regarding the recent funding cut of 18% received by sport associations in Alberta.

Have a great year.

Reminder of Important Policy Changes

All policy changes are shaded in the new 2010/11 ASAA Policy Handbook. You can also find all Notices of Motion with results on the ASAA website under ASAA Meetings – Annual General Meeting.



Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA)

The AIAAA would like to welcome back all new and returning Athletic Directors. The role of Athletic Director is crucial to the success of high school sport and the AIAAA is here to do all we can to support AD's throughout the province.

After an exciting year of interscholastic sport in 2009/10, we are excited to welcome you to the new school year. 2009/10 was a momentous year for the AIAAA as we celebrated our

first year anniversary in April 2010. Looking back on the history of the AIAAA it is truly astonishing to see how far we've come in such a short period of time.

Some highlights from last year include; the appointment and election of our first Board of Directors where Steve Lush (Bentley School) was elected President, the delivery of 425 Leadership Training courses (including the launch of 3 new courses), and the

awarding of over 45 new Canadian Registered Athletic Administrators (CRAA) in our certification program.

The 2010-11 school year will mark more exciting times as plans are in full motion to host the 1st Annual Athletic Director's Conference on June 16-18, 2011 in Calgary.

Please visit www.aiaaa.ca for conference details and all other information pertaining to the AIAAA.



40th Annual Routledge and 5th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

May 2010 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Routledge Award of Merit and the 5th Anniversary of the Sports Hall of Fame. Every category for the Sports Hall of Fame had an inductee and the evening was a huge success. The 2010 inductees were:

Athletic Administrator – John Semkuley

Athlete – Angela Whyte and Pierre Lueders

Coach – Bryan Anderson and Glen Magnuson

Official – Bruce Schwieder

Special Achievement – 1959/60 Stettler Girls Basketball Team

Routledge Award of Merit – Terry Hanna of Kate Andrews School, Coaldale

The nomination deadline for these awards is February 1, 2011. Please be sure to recognize the people in your school and community for all their hard work and effort.



Promos/Fundraisers

SunDog Sunglasses

ASAA will be offering the SunDog Sunglasses fundraiser again for all ASAA member schools. Schools interested in this promotion can refer to the Sun Dog Sunglasses pamphlet included in the school mail-out and if you

have any questions please contact Michelle Ross at the office.

Last year schools ordered close to 100 dozen sunglasses and made approximately \$500-\$1500 each in profits by selling the sunglasses.

Yourschoolgear.ca

ASAA is also working with yourschoolgear.ca to offer a 10% kickback to your school on all sales. Please refer to the pamphlet included in the school mail-out.

Provincials— <http://provincials.asaa.ca>

You can view the 2010/11 hosts on the ASAA website under Provincial Championships. Most locations for provincials have been selected for the upcoming 2010/11 school year; however we are still in need of schools to host the following championship events:

Curling, Team Handball and Rugby

Please submit your bid via email or fax to the ASAA

office if you are interested in hosting one of these events. You can find the form on the ASAA website under Provincial Championships/Bids.

There are also open spots for bids in Fall of 2011 in the following events:

2A Boys Volleyball, 3A Boys and Girls Volleyball and 4A Boys and Girls Volleyball.

If you have any questions regarding provincials or you

would like more information on hosting a provincial championship, please contact Deputy Director Michelle Ross at 780-643-1888 or at michelle@asaa.ca.

There is also more information on the ASAA website under Provincial Championships/Host Handbook.

Good luck in your upcoming year of high school athletics.

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Commissioner Vacancies

May 2011 will mark the end of term for some of our ASAA Sport Commissioners, if you are interested in the role of Commissioner in the following sports/areas:

Boys Rugby, Boys Volleyball, & Sportsmanship

Please contact the current commissioner to let them know of your interest in the position.

Contact information for current commissioners can be found on the ASAA website and in your 2010/11 Policy Handbook.

Sanction Policy

We'd like to remind all ASAA member schools that formal written application for sanction of interschool events is always required when:

- ASAA member schools host interprovincial/international events involving three or more schools.
- ASAA member schools travel out of province for events with three or more schools, this should be initiated by the host

school through their provincial/state governing body.

- Non-ASAA member institutions or organizations wish to host school events.

Please be sure to visit the ASAA website for all tournament updates.



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Reminder to AD's

- Are you a new Athletic Director at your school? Do you have the passwords you need to register your school online, and other online related initiatives? If you cannot locate the log-in information, and for security purposes, please call the office at 780-427-8182 so we can give you this information over the phone.
- Please be sure to update the school and contact information in ExNet because this is the contact information that ASAA uses to send out all communication.
- All deadlines are shaded on the ASAA wall calendar so please pay close attention to these, so as not to miss any of the deadlines throughout the year.
- School registration (includes total # of eligible students) must be submitted online by October 10
- ASAA registration fees are to be paid directly to your zone secretary, not to the ASAA office.



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