

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association

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EXECUTIVE VOICE

CONTRIBUTED BY TOM CHRISTENSEN

It has been my privilege to serve as President of the ASAA Executive for the past two years and I am grateful for the learning opportunities that have been provided. I just wanted to include a glimpse of some of the reflections I have gained in that time and share a few of my hopes in moving forward.

In my opinion, the ASAA is the most unifying inter-school body. There are leadership conferences that bring students together and there are a few other functions that schools might cooperate with each other, but no other body brings the thousands of students together to learn about each other's schools and reach out beyond their own circle of friends. This is done under the presence of school ethics and values which distinguish school sports from other organizations. Every athlete competing will go back to their schools to be students after the event is finished and I think that is a powerful statement. As well, the ASAA events that occur, provide opportunities for student bodies to cheer for their school and feel that sense of unity. Really, there is nothing else as powerful in our schools at this point in achievement of school spirit as participation in school sport.

The ethical practices of ASAA coaches are exceptional. I have witnessed many acts of good sportsmanship in the past two years which in my opinion distinguishes school athletics. Are there case of coaches who are unethical - yes, but they are few and far between. Overwhelmingly, what I see at inter-school sporting events is the formation of deep



friendships and collegiality gained from a common love of sport and a desire to influence the entire person, not just the athlete. When I first came on to the Executive, I worried that my role would be to catch cheating adults. I am grateful to report that that has not been my experience.

As classrooms have become inclusive, it is only a natural progression that school sport become inclusive as well. With Unified Sports and Para competitions, the ASAA has made giant steps to become more reflective of what schools are like in 2017. I am so impressed with the work that the ASAA staff and with the schools that have embraced inclusion in sport. It has been inspiring to see its rapid growth and even more to see the potential it has for growth in the future.

Sport leadership among athletes combined with the importance of school coach education has seen large growth in the past few years as well. With the !MPACT program and the growth of coach education both online and through the CIAAA, coaches and athletes have great tools at their disposal not previously available. I hope as we move forward that these programs will continue to grow.

Moving forward there will be challenges. Recently, a study indicated that youth exercise levels are the same as the average 60 year old. Getting the students to participate and helping them become active for life long fitness is critical. (Continued on Page 2)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/ PRINCIPAL CHANGES

If your school will have a new Athletic Director or Principal for the 2017/2018 school year, please be sure to let the ASAA know by filling out the form at the below address:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Dii1ROa7Wb2Ukyf03>

Executive Voice (continued)

The great question is how do we draw these student athletes away from the distractions that are a part of our everyday life in 2017?

The ASAA is a leader in the country. As I have been able to meet with other school sport organizations from across the country, it is obvious that they often look to Alberta for future direction. There are some that are bigger because of their populations, but still get much of their inspiration for future movement from John Paton and the staff at the ASAA.

In closing, I am grateful to have my name associated with the ASAA. It is a largely volunteer body that punches about its weight class. I look forward to my next year on the Executive as the Past President and want to thank the ASAA Board for the confidence they have given me in serving thus far.

CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS

Have you ever thought about hosting an ASAA Provincial Championship? ASAA is looking for hosts for various championships throughout the next school year. Hosting opportunities include:

Cheerleading - April 6-7, 2018

Team Handball - Tier II - April 27-28, 2018

Rugby - Tier III - June 8-9, 2018

Bid applications are available on the [ASAA website](#). Submit a bid and it will be heard by the Board at the APM or AGM or by the Executive Committee.

This is a great chance to showcase your school and community and show the province what your school has to offer!

SANCTIONING

Just a reminder that starting in the 2017/18 school year, any events that require sanctioning less than 30 days prior to the start of the tournament, there will be a \$200 late sanctioning fee.

Also, please note that at the 2017 AGM, the ASAA Board voted in favour of introducing a Travel Permission Form for those teams leaving the province for competitions.

We are working on the creation of the form in the office, and it will be published online and sent out to all of our schools!

THANK YOU PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTS!!

On behalf of the ASAA, thank you to all of our incredible championship hosts for the 2016/17 school year. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into organizing and running a provincial championship and it is your hard work, dedication, and effort that makes these events so successful. Every event is unique in its own way and your countless hours of volunteer work is what makes each one of them memorable for all those who attend.

Golf - South Zone (Medicine Hat)

Cross Country - St. Timothy's Jr/Sr High, Cochrane

Alberta Bowl - Calgary Senior High Schools Athletic Association

Volleyball - Senator Gershaw, Vegreville Composite, Oilfields High, Camrose Composite, and Lindsay Thuber Comprehensive

Rural Wrestling - Parkland Composite, Edson

Provincial Wrestling - Bishop Grandin, Calgary

Curling - Catholic Central High, Lethbridge

Basketball - Bawlf School, Rundle Academy, Prairie Christian Academy, Holy Redeemer, Monsignor McCoy, and SAIAC

Cheerleading - Edwin Parr, Athabasca

Team Handball - Lillian Osborne and Bentley School

Badminton - Lindsay Thurber, Notre Dame and Hunting Hills, Red Deer

Track & Field - Metro Athletics

Rugby - McNally Composite, Strathmore High, Oilfields High and Highwood High

Once again, thank you to all of our hosts for a great year of Championships!



NATIONAL COACHES WEEK SEPTEMBER 23-30, 2017

National Coaches Week is a week to celebrate the tremendous positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Canada. This week is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by simply saying **#ThanksCoach**. National Coaches Week features plenty of events across Canada from coach training, to coach recognition, there are lots of ways you can celebrate coaching! We encourage all schools to celebrate their tremendous coaches by getting involved. Click [here](#) for more information.

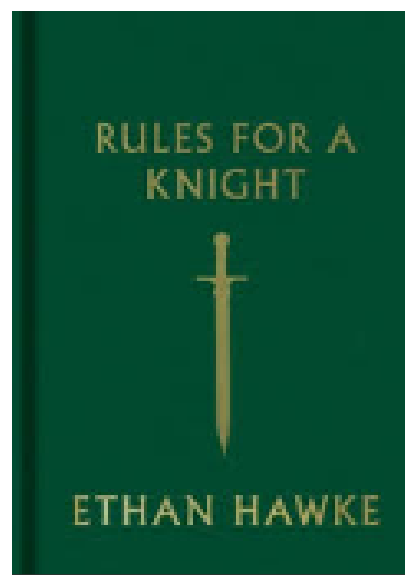
SUMMER READING LIST

AS RECOMMENDED BY RICK GILSON (PRESIDENT 2017-2019)

Rules for a Knight is a novel written by Ethan Hawke (yes, the actor). It takes place in the 15th century and is written in the form of a letter from the novel's protagonist, Sir Thomas Lemuel Hake, to his four children. The novel recounts episodes of Sir Hawke's life as a knight and offers advice to the reader on a variety of topics such as love and chivalry.

Additional books to read this summer are:

- ▶ Thriving In A 24-7 World - Peter Jensen
- ▶ The Difference - Subir Chowdhury
- ▶ You Win in the Locker Room First - Jon Gordon
- ▶ Happy Money: The Science of Happier Spending - Elizabeth Dunn & Michael Norton
- ▶ Talking to Crazy - Mark Goulston
- ▶ Above The Line - Urban Meyer
- ▶ SPARK - John J. Ratey



SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you a grade 12 student who is getting ready to graduate and attend post secondary? ASAA offers two scholarships: [Pay It Forward](#) and the [Alberta Milk Scholarship](#).

Applications are due **June 30th, 2017**. Click [here](#) to find the applications on the ASAA website.

ONLINE COACH EDUCATION

Are you interested in advancing your coach education over the summer? Visit www.schoolcoach.ca for a variety of quality and affordable online coach education courses to suit all of your coaching needs!



ASAA PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION NUMBERS FOR 2016/17

It was another amazing year of high school sports!

- 33 Provincial Championships
- 373 High Schools
- 50,000 Student Athlete Participants
- 8,000 Provincial Championship Competitors
- 9,000 Volunteer Coaches & Managers
- 315+ Unified Sports Athletes & Partners
- 40+ Para Competitors

Thank you to the coaches, administrators, teachers, support staff, students and parents who support high school students across the province as they participate in ASAA sport. To those students who are graduating this year, congratulations and remember to apply the lessons you learned in sportsmanship, courage, and determination in all aspects of your life. To those students who will be starting or returning to high school next year, we'll see you in September!

UNIFIED BASKETBALL A SLAM DUNK IN ALBERTA

"This was one of the best days of my teaching and coaching career. It was beyond gratifying for students who don't typically get the opportunity to represent our school in an athletic capacity to be able to wear our school uniform. I would strongly encourage any any school who has athletes who are able to play Unified Sports to become involved. It is rewarding for the athletes, coaches, referees and organizing committee to be part of this event." Josh McJannet, Archbishop O'Leary High School

Seven schools and 78 participants made year one of Unified Basketball a success in 2016, and those number more than double in year two when 315 students and 12 schools proudly represented their school's teams in the Edmonton and Calgary Unified Basketball Tournaments.

Of those 315 students, 144 participated in the Calgary tournament alone, which is more than triple the 45 that participated barely a year ago. Bert Church, Lester B. Pearson, and Bishop McNally all returned for a second year of Unified Basketball, facing new rivals, Lord Beaverbrook, Notre Dame, W.H. Croxford, and St. Martin de Porres. Father Scollen Jr High also go in on the action by playing their own scrimmages and checking out the high school competition. We would like to send a special congratulations to Hussain, an athlete who won **CTV Calgary's Athlete of the Week Award** after being nominated by his school for his sportsmanship and team spirit. Congratulations and nice work Hussain!

The Edmonton Unified Basketball Festival also doubled in size, going from 33 participants in year one to 68 in year two. Bev Facey and L.Y. Cairns both returned to the court, L.Y. Cairns partnered up with Strathcona this year and Archbishop O'Leary and Chief Napeweaw each sent teams as well. Congratulations to the Unified Basketball team from Archbishop O'Leary High School for bringing home a sportsmanship award from a festival overflowing with amazing attitudes.

In the 2017/18 school year, the Unified Basketball season will overlap with the ASAA basketball season to encourage teams to start practicing before ASAA Provincial Championships and play in more Unified Basketball games and tournaments.

Want to get involved? Contact shanna@asaa.ca for more information!



2017 SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES

We will be hosting four Leadership Training Program courses online during the month of August 2017. Course are delivered from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm EST each night in live time via GoToWebinar. Courses that will be offered are:

- 506c (August 14 & 15)
- 705c (August 16 & 17)
- 714c (August 21 & 22)
- 608c (August 23 & 24)

Click [here](#) to access a detailed brochure. You can register for these courses at [this link](#).

2018 NATIONAL AD & SCHOOL COACHING CONFERENCE (REGINA, SK)

In partnership with the SHSAA and SIAAA, we are excited to announce the hosting of our 3rd National Athletic Directors and School Coaching conference from April 19-21, 2018 at the Hotel Saskatchewan in downtown Regina, SK.

The conference will feature 10 Leadership Training Program courses, 10 Athletic Director workshops, 10 coaching workshops, a keynote address, conference luncheon, vendor trade show and several social functions.

[Click here](#) to access a Save-the-Date containing all of the basic information. A full conference brochure will be released in early September.

Registration will be open on October 1, 2017. You can reserve your hotel at the Hotel Saskatchewan [here](#).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please be aware the CIAAA and AIAAA offices will be closed for summer holidays from July 1 to August 21. After four years with the AIAAA followed by four years with the CIAAA, Tyler Callaghan will be leaving the association on June 30.

Former Edmonton Metro High Schools Athletics Facilitator, Drew Hanson, has been hired as Tyler's replacement, set to start on August 21, 2017.

Over the summer, please send all communications to info@ciaaa.ca



**CANADIAN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC
ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION**

2017/2018 ASAA CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATIONS

Sport	Date	Location
Golf	September 25-26, 2017	The Links (Spruce Grove) & Stony Plain Golf Course
Cross Country	October 21, 2017	Rundle Park, Edmonton
Football	November 24-25, 2017	Lacombe
Volleyball - 1A Girls	November 23-25, 2017	Ecole Des Beaux Lacs, Bonnyville
Volleyball - 1A Boys	November 23-25, 2017	Eckville Sr High
Volleyball - 2A Girls	November 23-25, 2017	Fairview High
Volleyball - 2A Boys	November 23-25, 2017	St. Mary's, Taber
Volleyball - 3A Girls	November 23-25, 2017	H.J. Cody, Sylvan Lake
Volleyball - 3A Boys	November 23-25, 2017	Strathmore High
Volleyball - 4A	November 23-25, 2017	Medicine Hat High
Rural Wrestling	February 23-24, 2018	Sexsmith Secondary
Curling	March 2-3, 2018	St. Albert (hosted by Paul Kane High and St. Albert Catholic)
Provincial Wrestling	March 9-10, 2018	Medicine Hat High
Basketball - 1A	March 15-17, 2018	Central Alberta Christian, Lacombe
Basketball - 2A Girls	March 15-17, 2018	Kainai High, Cardston
Basketball - 2A Boys	March 15-17, 2018	Willow Creek Composite, Claresholm
Basketball - 3A	March 15-17, 2018	Cochrane High
Basketball - 4A	March 15-17, 2018	Medicine Hat High
Cheerleading	April 6-7, 2018	TBD
Handball - Tier I	April 27-28, 2018	St. Peter the Apostle, Spruce Grove
Handball - Tier II	April 27-28, 2018	TBD
Badminton	May 4-5, 2018	Grimshaw High
Track & Field	June 1-2, 2018	Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive, Red Deer
Rugby - Tier I	June 8-9, 2018	Calgary Rugby Union (hosted by CSHSAA)
Rugby - Tier II	June 8-9, 2018	Calgary Rugby Union (hosted by CSHSAA)
Rugby - Tier III	June 8-9, 2018	TBD

!IMPACT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

In preparation for the sports season, high school sports leaders and advisors are invited to a workshop that will address the topics of leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and positive values. The dates and location for this workshop are being sorted out this summer. More information, including registration, will be sent out once dates, location and facilitators are finalized and posted on the ASAA website!



FAREWELL TO OFFICE STAFF

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN PATON

In 2009, Tyler came to work with the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association as a fresh faced kid straight out of university to help us grow a new initiative for school athletic directors in Alberta. It was called the Alberta Interscholastic Administrators Association, and it would be the first professional development program in Canada for teachers in schools who coordinate school sport.

There is no way I can do justice to Tyler's excellent work in taking this project from idea to reality, for his superb organizational skills and for his genuine commitment to enriching the lives of those around him, especially those involved in school athletic administration. His coordination of meetings (SSC, AIAAA, CIAAA), conferences, course deliveries and workshops is second to none, and no stone was left unturned in ensuring a first class experience for all involved.

Tyler has taken a fledgling provincial organization and morphed it into a national organization called the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA). Through Tyler's excellent insight and networking, he has created Master's degree opportunities for a growing number of Canadian School Athletic Directors (50 at last count) to pursue a Master's degree in utilizing courses they have taken through CIAAA. This

has created outstanding leadership growth to those Athletic Directors, many of whom have gone on to School Administration positions since they became involved with Tyler and the AIAAA, SIAAA or CIAAA.

Together, Tyler and I have faced many challenges, but we've also had lots of good times and many laughs. We have had the chance to travel the North American continent together learning about and sharing school athletics administration opportunities. I have great personal regard for Tyler's ability as a professional and have come to regard him as a close and valued friend. It is hard to say goodbye, but I know the next step in his professional career beckons, and I wish Tyler the best success in Scotland as he pursues his MBA and the career that waits ahead of him. He will be a great success in whatever he takes on.

Picture: Tyler receives a plaque from School Sport Canada in Canmore at the AIAAA Leadership Institute, June 2017



CALENDAR

JUNE 30, 2017

Scholarship Applications due

- Milk
- Pay it Forward

JUNE 30, 2017

Lorne Wood Award
Nominations due

JULY 1, 2017

Canada Day

JULY 24, 2017

ASAA Office closed for the
summer.

AUGUST 14, 2017

ASAA Office open

PARA AND UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

This year, there were over 30 competitors across three Para Athletics events, the 100m run/wheelchair, 200m run/wheelchair, and shot put. The vast majority of these athletes competed in the T20 classification (intellectual disability), and four competed in wheelchair events. This is the first time since Para Athletics was introduced at Provincial Championships three years ago that more than two wheelchair athletes competed. For more information about who is eligible to participate in Para Athletics events, visit the Paralympic Canada website.

The Unified Relay also doubled in size with four teams; returning teams from Medicine Hat High and Cochrane High, and new teams from St. Joseph's High in Whitecourt and a combined team from Glendon School and Father Mercredi. Congratulations to St. Joseph's for taking home gold in the 4x100m Unified Relay! For more information on Unified Track, contact shanna@asaa.ca.

HELLO & GOODBYE

NEW EXECUTIVE, COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

ASAA would like to welcome all those new to positions within the Association.

Executive

Past President - Tom Christensen

President - Rick Gilson

Member at Large - Tim Main

Director of Athletics - Toby Boulet

Commissioners

Badminton - Kevin MacAlpine, M.E. Lazerte, Edmonton

Girls Rugby - Jerry Flaws, Strathmore

Commissioners (cont.)

Girls Volleyball - Erin Martin, Beaverlodge

Wrestling - Keith Daye, Forest Lawn, Calgary

Handball - Kate Greabeiel, Lillian Osborne, Edmonton

Staff

CIAAA - Drew Hanson (Drew will be working out of the ASAA Office in Edmonton)

FAREWELL

As I prepare for the next step in my career, I was to sincerely thank everyone at the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association for eight great years with the association. Joining the ASAA straight from university, I have learned so much from current/former staff, Board and Executive members, for which I am truly grateful. The ASAA is such a progressive and visionary association within the Canadian school sport landscape and I consider myself truly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such great people. As I leave the association, I take comfort in the fact the AIAAA/CIAAA are in great hands with outstanding leaders directing both associations. I have made life-long friendships in this position and look forward to checking in over the years. To all the Athletic Directors who never cease to amaze me, thank you for everything you do for student athletes! Wishing everyone a restful and rejuvenating summer break with family and friends. Thank you for everything!

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