



## ASAA Memo to Zones – Spring Meetings 2020

### COVID-19

**2019/20:** Since early March, the ASAA staff and Executive have been actively reviewing data and daily reports on the spread of COVID-19 and its accompanying impact on life in Alberta and life in our world of school sport. The earliest decision to postpone an ASAA Championship event (Provincial Wrestling, March 12, 2020) was based on a full day of consultation with Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Superintendents, ASAA Championship hosts, ASAA legal Counsel, ASAA's insurer and the ASAA Executive Committee. Several deadline dates for possible postponement/cancellation were discussed over many weeks and in regular communication with and support of the above parties, and in the interest and safety of all involved in schools sport, on April 15, 2020, the ASAA Executive made the decision to cancel all ASAA Seasons of Play and Championships for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year.

**2020/21:** At this time it is too early to know what school sport will look like in the fall of 2020. If the Alberta Government continues with current plans not to allow gatherings of over 15 people before August 31, that has a clear impact on ASAA's three sports that normally begin practices on August 16, especially Football. ASAA will continue to follow the guidance of the Alberta Government and Dr. Hinshaw and will consult with Superintendents and others prior to making any decisions on what the August 16 start of season looks like for Golf, Cross-Country and Football. Further, discussions around a gradual resumption to school sport and what ASAA Seasons of Play look like for the 20/21 school year will remain fluid and largely dependent on decisions made by the Alberta Government, Alberta Education and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

**Staying in touch:** There have been several and ongoing reach outs to AD's and member schools during the past 6-7 weeks and it is great to see how many schools are engaging with their student athletes from afar. We have had some fun over social media with ASAA initiated contests and these will continue every couple of weeks until June. On May 4, we had a #BeALightAlberta campaign to encourage schools to light up gyms and outdoor fields as a tribute to graduating grade 12 students who have missed the second half of their school sport year. Thanks to those who took part and shared posts.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JSRhB-NS2EV-tuHYuu1FwSwHU89TZMgE/view?usp=sharing>

**On your behalf:** Executive Director John Paton has been involved in regular/weekly communication with a group of about 20 key stakeholders in the Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Sector (SPAR); this has included 4 meetings since December with Hon. Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, the Ministry that provides funding for ASAA and other SPAR organizations. Together



the SPAR stakeholder group crafted a letter to the Premier along with support documentation regarding the value of SPAR and its ability to help in reopening Alberta; that was sent April 29, 2020. There is a clear concern by all SPAR groups that none have been informed of where our annual funding support will be for 2020/21 and what the impact will be on the bottom line of the ASAA. As a part of School Sport Canada discussions, John has also been in weekly communication with his counterparts across the country to discuss current thinking around strategies to re-open school sport and various other initiatives at a national level. Most recently, conversations have started with Superintendents and the ATA regarding what “return to school sport” looks like; Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education will be invited into those discussions. We will also be in contact with Provincial Sport Organizations in which the ASAA has a championship to see how we can work together subsequent to COVID-19 restrictions.

### Notices of Motion

The deadline has passed to submit Notices of Motion for discussion at the 2020 AGM. The next deadline for submitting Notices is September 1. Note that only “emergent” issues are to be dealt with at the Fall planning meeting, and the deadline for all Notice submissions is April 1 annually.

### Bids/Vacant Championships/Provincial Rotations

We are still without a host for 2A Boys Volleyball for this fall 2020. If you are interested in potentially hosting, please get in touch with [michael@asaa.ca](mailto:michael@asaa.ca) ASAP.

Bids for Fall 2021 sports were due May 1st. We have not received a bid for 2A Boys or 2A Girls Volleyball championships, so if you are interested in hosting either of those in Fall 2021, please let us know ASAP.

Sports on rotation for 2020-2023:

	2020	2021	2022
<b>Golf</b>	North Central	North East	South Central
<b>Cross Country</b>	Central	North Central	South Central
<b>Football</b>	Edmonton	Calgary	Central
<b>Wrestling</b>	Calgary*	Calgary*	Rural (Lethbridge)*
<b>Badminton</b>	South*	South*	North East*
<b>Rugby</b>	Other (Lloydminster)*	Other (Lloydminster)*	Edmonton*
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	South*	South*	North (NC/NE/NW)*

\*Deferred one year due to COVID-19 cancellations



## Coach Education

**Reminder:** Changes are coming to ASAA Coach Education Courses and requirements! All required courses are being migrated from [www.schoolcoach.ca](http://www.schoolcoach.ca) to <http://thelocker.coach.ca>. This is where you and your coaches will need to go to access courses starting in September.

There are also some changes in terms of what courses will be required for Fall 2020:

OLD: schoolcoach.ca course	Replacement Course	Date required	completed by whom?
Fundamentals of Coaching	<i>Coaching School Sport: Redefining Winning *</i>	Before you can register your school in SRS - deadline October 10	At least <u>one</u> individual in the school (AD, Coach, etc)
ASAA Bylaws and Policy Course	No replacement course, but when significant updates are made, schools will be notified that recertification is required.	Team official must be registered in SRS by the respective team registration deadline date	At least one team official must complete before team can be registered. coach, assistant coach, manager
Concussions in Sport - what you need to know	<i>Making Headway</i> (Coaching Association of Canada site: available NOW)	By one month into the 2020/21 season of play you need to register names	Every team official: coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer

\* available late summer/early fall at [thelocker.coach.ca](http://thelocker.coach.ca)

**NOTE:** The locker does not issue course completion codes – so we are updating the SRS to track completions directly from the locker – this means that you will no longer need to collect those codes – but you will need to ONE TIME, enter in the NCCP# associated with your coach in the SRS. That functionality is not live yet, but you can get ahead by collecting all of your coaches NCCP#s now. If a coach does not yet have an NCCP#, they can get one at the locker link above; it is FREE.

## CIAAA

In the midst of a really positive year for the CIAAA, it was unfortunate that we had to cancel our 2020 National Conference. Despite the disappointment, we continue to carry on the work of serving our members including Athletic Directors across Alberta. Internally, work is underway to revamp our website to provide easier access to all the information you might need. An update to the CRAA and CCAA levels in



our certification program is also ongoing to bring the program fully in line with the work Canadian Athletic Directors do.

We have also launched a contest to help us expand our Resource Bank. The strength of our community is all of you doing work for your students, and we are even stronger when the best of that work is shared for others to adapt for use in their school and program. Email a resource to [info@ciaaa.ca](mailto:info@ciaaa.ca) or touch base if you aren't sure what we are looking for! Everyone who submits an entry by June 30, 2020 will be entered to win a free CIAAA 1/4-Zip Jacket or Polo of their choosing. We will give one prize for every 20 entries!

Check out our Resource Bank at [ciaaa.ca/adresources](http://ciaaa.ca/adresources) for inspiration and if you haven't activated your membership yet this year, use coupon code #asaa1920 to get your access free of charge.

Finally, with everyone's adapted work schedules and environment, we have added NINE Leadership Training Program webinars over the next 6 weeks, starting with 722C: Building Your School Culture through Sport on Tuesday, May 5. See [ciaaa.ca](http://ciaaa.ca) for the complete schedule, and details on our 20% off 2 courses, 30% off 3, and 40% of 4 or more!

## !IMPACT Student Leadership Workshop

Due to Alberta Government requirements around COVID-19, the 2020 workshop was cancelled. We look forward to having you back in Olds May 3 & 4 of 2021.

## ASAA AGM

The ASAA AGM will be held on the currently planned dates of June 18-19 and will be conducted virtually via zoom. Zones are requested to submit delegate names and email addresses so an invitation can be sent out to each attending individual. Voting privileges will be tied to an email address. Logistical details will be shared with confirmed delegates. Meeting times on June 18-19 are being discussed. The Hall of Fame and Routledge Award are being deferred to the Annual Planning Meeting which is being moved from Red Deer to Edmonton in December, 2020.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FxVFDmhQ49tVJ5FfEiURDU5uAJdc8kA2/view?usp=sharing>

## Elections

Positions to be elected at ASAA's Zoom AGM, June 18-19, 2020 and if you or someone you know are interested in one of the position below, resume templates can be obtained from [michael@asaa.ca](mailto:michael@asaa.ca)

Positions available:

- ASAA Executive Committee:
  - Director of Athletics (3-year term – applicant may be either male or female)
  - Vice-President/President/Past-President (4-yr term following 1/2/1 ascendency)



- Commissioner Positions
  - Curling (4-year term)
  - Football (4-year term)
  - Track & Field (4-year term)
  - Sportsmanship (4-year term)
  - Girls Volleyball (4-year term)
- Other Positions
  - Board member-at-large (4-year term)

### Scholarships

#### **\$500 Pay It Forward Scholarship/Xerox Scholarship**

Even though many sports were not held in 2019/20, we are still proceeding with the plan to award 10 \$500 scholarships to student athletes: 2 Calgary, 2 Edmonton, one for each rural zone.

Deadline = June 30, 2020

<https://www.asaa.ca/recognition/scholarships>

#### **\$1,000 ASAA Milk Scholarship**

Still being awarded: one male and one female candidate will be selected

Deadline = June 30, 2020

<https://www.asaa.ca/recognition/scholarships/alberta-milk-asaa-scholarship>

### Awards

**Zone Award of Merit** (will be awarded at luncheon at APM)

Deadline to Apply = October 1, 2020

**Lorne Wood Award** (will be awarded at luncheon at APM)

School administrator supporting athletics

Deadline to Apply = November 1, 2020

Information and Award Nomination Forms: <http://www.asaa.ca/recognition>

### Resources

The ASAA has updated and added more resources for coaches and administrators. This year we have added a Grade 9 into 10 guidelines for playing sports in high school pamphlet. The parent/student transfer guide has been updated. We have added an Athletic Directors guide to using the online transfer system.

[ASAA Athletic Director/Principal Transfer Guide](#)

[ASAA Parent/Guardian Info](#)

[Articles, Posting, Information Links to Canadian Resources](#)



[Grade 9 entering 10 Brochure](#)

### ASAA Staff Update

Please note that we are excited to welcome Deanna Metro back from her maternity leave on August 17, 2020. At the same time, we want to thank Joel Bundock for his excellent work over the past year and a half and will be sad to see him go; wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Please reach out to Joel at [joel@asaa.ca](mailto:joel@asaa.ca) to wish him well!