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# annual report

## 2016-2017

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**bc school sports**

encouraging participation in  
physical activity to foster lifelong  
physical and emotional well-being



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## 50 years of student-centered high school athletics in bc

We believe athletics programs in british columbia high schools should be regarded as an enrichment to students' education.

# message from the president

## Mike Allina

The 2016-2017 year was full of accomplishments and successes. We celebrated all our BCSS championships in great style with a very high standard of athletic prowess. Congratulations and thanks to all our student-athletes, teachers, administrators, coaches and officials for a job well done. You are an inspiration to us all.

Organizationally, we hired Jordan Abney as our new Executive Director in July 2016. In a very short time, Jordan has done great work for our organization. He, along with your Board of Directors, have made a conscious effort to increase the transparency, engagement and communication with our member schools and other important stakeholders.

A large success our organization enjoyed this year was the passing of the new BCSS Bylaws at an Extraordinary Meeting in November 2016. After working on these for 2.5 years and a couple of failed attempts, it was incredible to see the work done that led to a *unanimous* passing of the bylaws.

With these new Bylaws, Advanced Voting was introduced to make it easier for Member Schools to participate in the governance and decision making of our organization. The results were immediate and at the 2017 AGM, we had 215 member schools represented in the room, the most in recent history.

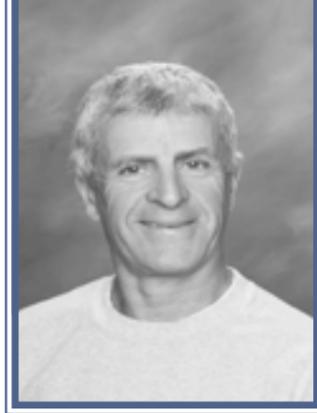
These foundational pieces allow us to now cast our eyes forward as we look to grow the organization and its ability to support our member schools with various resources and programs. The next 2 major items will be the realignment of zones for BCSS, a process which saw 2 surveys sent out this past year for feedback within the membership. The second will be the development of a Strategic Plan which we began with an RFP in spring of 2017. We will continue to engage the membership throughout both of these processes.

We believe school sports play a significant role in establishing positive school cultures and healthy learning environments. None of it would be possible without the commitment and dedication of our athletic directors, coaches and volunteers. Your involvement in school sports is extremely valuable to our student-athletes, schools and communities. I thank you for your continued service to the youth around the province.

BCSS is a self-governing membership-driven organization, and is truly defined by the collective strength of its members. A new era has started for BCSS and the relationship with all our partner associations and commissions has greatly improved. The work we did this year was outstanding with greater transparency, purpose and collaboration.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the BCSS Board of Directors, Association Presidents, Commissioners and Committee members for their time and efforts to ensure school sport provides quality experience for our kids. A special thank you to the office staff for their leadership, dedication, commitment and positive energy.

On behalf of the BC School Sports Board of Directors, I wish all of you continued success in the 2017-2018 school year.



## looking back

BC School Sports was originally organized in 1965 as the British Columbia Federation of School Athletic Associations (BCFSAA) by a group of interested teachers and administrators. The goal was to ensure fair play in sport while simultaneously developing healthy habits to last a lifetime. A constitution was adopted in 1966. Operational support was received from the provincial government, and the association opened a physical office in January of 1970 which led to formal incorporation in February 1971. In 1980, our current name was officially adopted: BC School Sports (BCSS).

## OUR members

Membership of BC School Sports is made up of public and independent schools across BC. The association is self-governed with member schools approving the operating and competitive policies by which school sport is conducted at our AGM. BC School Sports also liases with, and welcomes, input from school districts, the Ministry of Education, the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), the BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA), the BC Principals and Vice Principals Association (BCP/VPA) and BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

The membership is the governing body of BC School Sports and is comprised of representatives from every member school. It makes decisions regarding rules and regulations, operating policies, fees, association advocacy programs, position statements and membership programs services. The membership comes together for general meetings, and every member school is encouraged to participate.



bc school sports  
**a brief history**



# 2016-2017 bcss board of directors

**board committee**

mike allina  
mykola misiak  
brent sweeney  
rick thiessen  
rob colombo  
rick lopez  
stacy robertson  
joe rogers

president  
vice president  
director  
director  
director  
director  
director \*until October 2016  
director \*from December 2016

**office staff**

jordan abney  
merrilla thorp  
karen hum  
shannon key  
andy gilbert  
lawrence vea

executive director  
financial officer  
membership coordinator  
manager of sport  
eligibility officer  
eligibility officer

# 2016-2017 bcss sport commissions

**fall  
season of play**

aquatics  
cross country  
field hockey  
football  
soccer (boys)  
volleyball

bruce ito  
colin dignum  
alanna martin  
brien gemmell  
don moslin  
joe morerira (girls)  
al carmichael (boys)

**winter  
season of play**

basketball  
  
curling  
gymnastics  
skiing  
snowboarding  
wrestling

jennifer farano (girls)  
paul eberhardt (boys)  
janet dunkin  
adrian wong  
hubert wohlgemuth  
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doug corbett

**spring  
season of play**

badminton  
golf  
mountain biking  
rugby  
soccer (girls)  
tennis  
track and field

jeff hunt  
mark figueira  
jason barr  
walter van halst  
don moslin  
marci mclean  
andrew lenton

# financial report

year ended june 30, 2017

\*unaudited



## OPERATIONS

### Income

Member Fees & Fines	\$442,086
Grants	216,022
Member Service Fees	48,049
Merchandising & Sales	28,789
Sponsorship/Fundraising	24,357
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$759,350</b>

### Expense

Championships & Zones	\$335,517
Membership Services	224,891
Recognition	62,207
Coaching	36,800
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$659,415</b>

### Internal Transfers: Unrestricted to Restricted

Transfer to Restricted: Scholarships Reserve	\$39,138
Transfer to Restricted: Special Project Reserve	20,000
Transfer to Restricted: Summer Reserve	10,000
<b>Total Internal Transfers</b>	<b>\$69,138</b>

### Net Unrestricted Profit/(Loss)

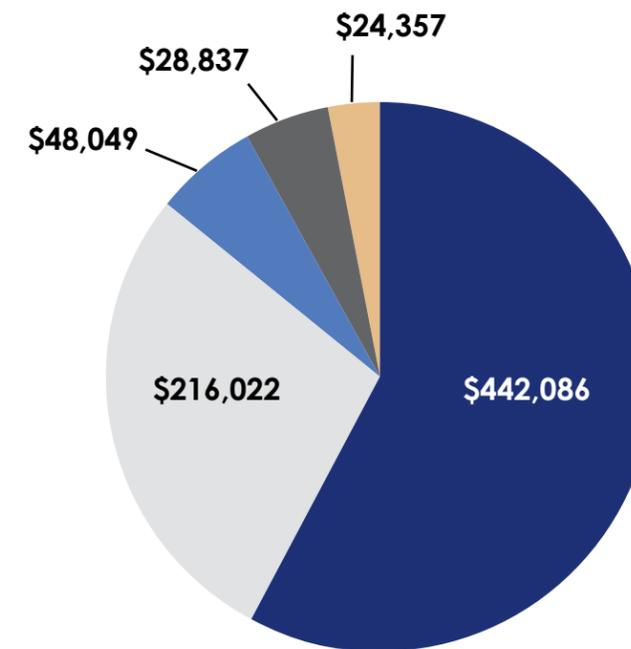
**\$30,797**

## CASH BALANCES

### Cash Balances at June 30, 2017

Unrestricted: Cash	\$60,409
Unrestricted: Accounts Receivable	18,113
Unrestricted: Prepaid Expense & Medals	9,420
Unrestricted: Accounts Payable	5,093
Restricted: Gaming	200,604
Restricted: Scholarships	75,002
Restricted: Summer Reserve	72,245
Restricted: Legal Reserve	33,793
Restricted: Special Projects	20,000
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$484,493</b>

\*does not include the bookkeeping services for 9 commissions at an estimated expense of \$20,000

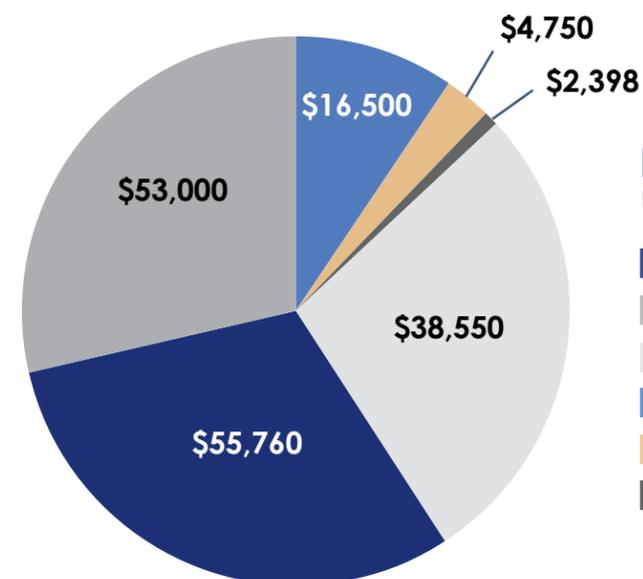
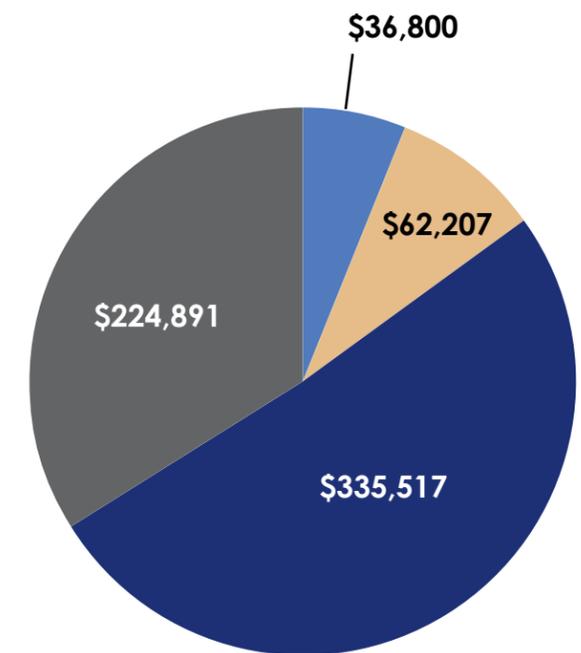


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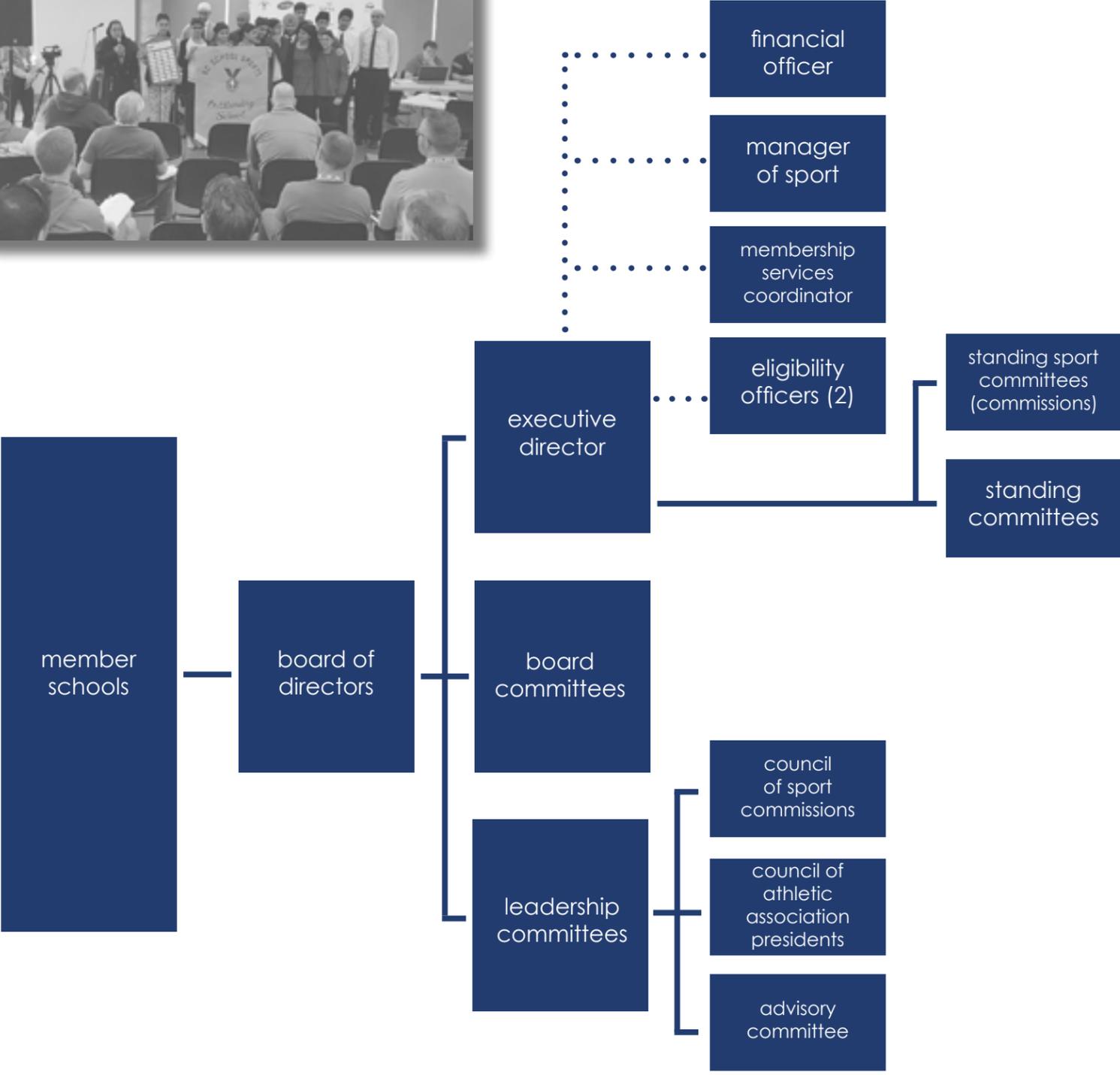
## BCSS FUNDS TO COMMISSIONS

BCSS funding support to commissions

BCSS gaming grants	\$55,760
BCSS grants	53,000
commission insurance	38,550
championship banners	16,500
webcasting grants	4,750
medical grants	2,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$170,958</b>

# organizational chart

how we are organized



a year in sports  
**annual highlights**

## bylaws passed

On November 23, 2016, BCSS held an extraordinary meeting and **unanimously** passed our new Bylaws!

The new bylaws brought in Advanced Voting to our annual general meeting. It was a huge success! We had 115 member schools advance vote, 74 proxy votes, and 26 in-person votes. This was the largest voter turn-out we've had in many years!

## high school sports in the news

Early this year, Howard Tsumura launched VarsityLetters.ca, a website dedicated solely to telling the stories of student-athletes and coaches in BC high schools and universities. While not directly affiliated with BCSS, Howard offers results, statistics, and human-interest stories from across the province. He is a great supporter of amateur sports.

To see more, visit:

[www.varsityletters.ca](http://www.varsityletters.ca)

## anti-bullying pledge



BCSS, in part with ViaSport, took the pledge to STANDUP AND ERASE BULLYING IN SPORT. We pledged to help ensure a safe, welcoming and positive sport culture and environment for all British Columbians of every background, gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity, age, ability, and aspiration.

## check your rosters

2016-2017 saw BCSS verify zone and provincial championship rosters to ensure all student-athletes are eligible and registered correctly. This is the first time these roster checks have been consistently administered. As a result, BCSS has seen great progress in proper registration of student-athletes!

## we're social

Did you know BC School Sports is on social media? This year, we added Instagram to our lineup, so make sure to follow our feed for championship photos, deadline reminders and more! You can find us on these media platforms:

 Facebook  
[facebook.com/bcschoolsports](https://facebook.com/bcschoolsports)

 Instagram  
[@bcschoolsports](https://instagram.com/bcschoolsports)

 Twitter  
[@bcschoolsports](https://twitter.com/bcschoolsports)

## all over the globe

2016-2017 was a big year for our webcasts! BCSS has been broadcasting Provincial Championship events online, and has made it available to be streamed worldwide. This means our audience has been expanded internationally!

Track and Field Provincials pulled in more than 20,400 viewers from as far away as Germany and Japan!

If you'd like to watch our championships from the comfort of your own home, look for the webcast links on our championships event pages at:



## personnel changes

Over the past year, we've had some changes in our roster of staff and volunteers!

**Jordan Abney** – Executive Director

**Sean Juteau** – Director at Large \*until May 2019

**Lawrence Vea** – Eligibility Officer

**Michelle Rapier** – Aquatics Commissioner

**Yvonne Chan** – Badminton Commissioner

## zone realignment

BC School Sports is continually trying to improve the student-athlete experience and meet the goals of the membership. In this past year, we began the process of zone realignment, something that has not been done since the inception of BCSS. With eight, nine, and ten zone options, two surveys were sent out with all the potential possibilities to collect opinions from administrators and athletic directors across the province. We hope to put this realignment into action in Fall 2019.

Stay tuned for more information!

# lending a helping hand in haiti

a story of bringing sports to girls who don't have the opportunity to play

by Rick Thiessen, Vice Principal, MEI

**"I remember how excited they were when we would score. [the girls] would be so filled with joy and they would jump up and down and hug their friends."**

- Katie Ward

In March 2017, a group of eleven grade 11 and 12 students and two staff members spent Spring Break in Haiti as an opportunity for students to serve others and observe firsthand what extreme poverty looks like, only a half an hour flight away from North America.



Katie Ward instructing a class

The group spent time in two locations – at Heart to Heart (H2H) School and Children's Home in Grande Goave, and in Desarmes, a small rural community some 50km north of Port-au-Prince. Mennonite Educational Institute has a long-standing relationship

with H2H, with our elementary students undertaking an annual fundraising drive to support the organization and sponsor individual students in their quest for an education. In addition, one of our MEI staff members accompanying the student team is married to a Haitian from Desarmes, further strengthening the local connection.

Aside from various projects undertaken and providing ESL lessons in schools within the two locations, one of the main activities was running soccer camps. Soccer is the most popular sport in Haiti, but is played primarily by boys only. In fact, most sports focus on male athletes in what is a very traditional nation. One of the MEI group members was Katie Ward, a grade 11 student who is a high-level soccer player on our senior girls' soccer team. She also plays for Coquitlam Metro-Ford FC, which just won provincials in their club division, and has been signed to play at Trinity Western University in the fall of 2018. Katie was tasked with organizing



Katie with kids in Haiti

and leading the soccer camps as one of her major responsibilities in Haiti, something she accomplished with remarkable grace.

Running a soccer camp for teens is no easy task, but what made it especially challenging in Desarmes was that the principal of the school only permitted females to participate. This did not please the male population at the school. Imagine over 100 boys surrounding the field, itching to get ahold of one of the soccer balls should it go astray, laughing at the girls' efforts to improve their skills, and overall, providing constant distractions to both Katie and the rest of the team.

When asked about the most memorable thing about her experience, Katie said, "One of my favourite memories was the soccer game on one of the last days there [in Desarmes]. I remember how excited they were when we would score. [The girls] would be so filled with joy and they would jump up and down and hug their friends. It was honestly the funniest thing, the fact that the boys could only watch was such a role reversal for the kids as well. They had to cheer and stay on the sidelines when normally, they would be the ones playing and the girls would be cheering them on."

For the entire MEI group, seeing the Haitian girls participate in something they so rarely got to experience, and the freedom and joy they showed, was priceless. We also learned that joy can be found in the smallest things, like a new soccer ball or a uniform.



Some girls in Haiti enjoying soccer in their new uniforms

Numerous local Abbotsford businesses and sport organizations provided equipment and uniforms, and they were received with tremendous excitement in Haiti.

MEI plans to continue these partnerships and hopes that there will be more students like Katie who recognize that she has been given gifts meant to be shared. She willingly shared her soccer skills, knowledge, and love of the game, but more than that, shared a love for people that comes from deep within her.



# standing “o” for the special o

2016-2017 saw BCSS team up with Special Olympics Columbia to give athletes with intellectual disabilities a chance to represent their high school at the BCSS Track and Field Provincial Championships. Eight Special O athletes ran the 100m and 200m races, as well as competed in Shot Put amongst their school teams in June.

*“we are opening the eyes of the world and improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, one athlete at a time. I train them, but they teach me everyday.”*

opening the eyes of the world and improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, one athlete at a time. I train them, but they teach me everyday,” Deborah Carter says, as she reflects on her experience as coach of the Special O team that competed at the Track Championships this past season.

BCSS Executive Director, Jordan Abney, says “BCSS was thrilled to have Special O athletes represent their high schools at our Track and Field Championships this year. Seeing those athletes competing for their school and amongst their peers with such passion brought something extraordinary to the championship. By adding Special O disciplines to our already existing Para events, BCSS continues to demonstrate its commitment to inclusion and sharing the benefits of inter-scholastic sport with student-athletes of all abilities. Planning has already begun for next year and we are excited to see this partnership grow moving forward.”

If you'd like to learn more about Special Olympics British Columbia, visit their website at: [www.specialolympics.bc.ca](http://www.specialolympics.bc.ca).



Special O is an organization that fosters the spirit of competition in athletes from a young age and into their adulthood. What started out in 1980 as a couple weekends of games evolved into a province-wide sports program run by skilled volunteers. Offering a wide variety of sports from bocce ball to rhythmic gymnastics all the way to alpine skiing, programs are happening throughout the year. The mission of Special Olympics BC is to see the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities enriched through sport. Their organizational values are inclusion, diversity, empowerment, respect, and excellence.

There are common, negative stereotypes formed towards people with intellectual disabilities, but the leaders behind Special Olympics BC are determined to break past the misconceptions. Special O athletes are no different than your average student-athlete; they train all-year round with the goal of giving all they possibly can at competitions. “We are

Facts about the Special Olympics British Columbia organization were extracted from their website at [www.specialolympics.bc.ca](http://www.specialolympics.bc.ca). Quotes are taken directly from sources.



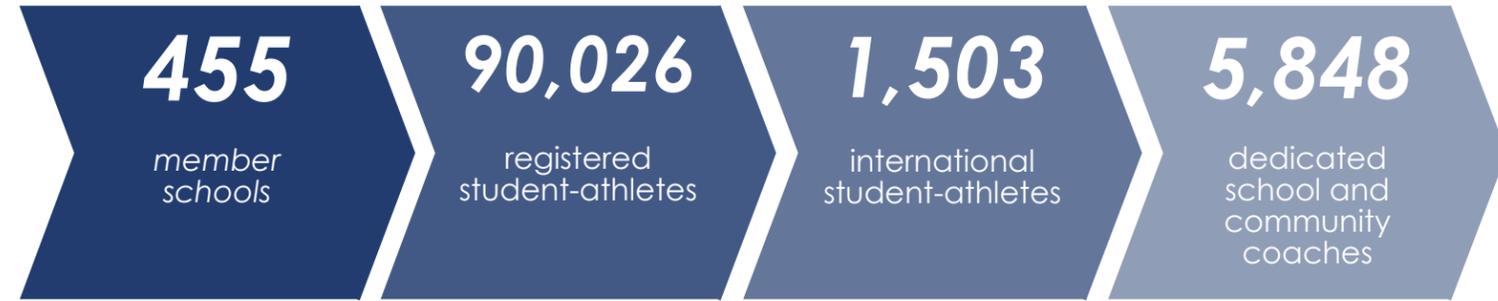
*“let me win. but if I cannot win,  
let me be brave in the attempt.”*

- Special Olympics Athletes' Oath



# bcss by the numbers

**statistical review:  
numbers you can understand**



The 2016-2017 school year was outstanding to say the least! Here is a brief recap of our highlights from this past year.

Overall Athletic Participation is a metric we track carefully. We are thrilled to see this number increase again this year with **over 90,000** student-athlete registrations in school sport.

We also explored the percentage of eligible students across the province against the number that compete. Close to **a quarter** of all students in BC are participating. This shows us that more and more students are developing a passion for athletics and committing to a more active lifestyle.

2016-2017 is the first year we've collected data on multi-sport athletes. We define multi-sport athletes as a student-athlete participating in more than one BCSS sanctioned sport. We've discovered that **over 22%** of student-athletes are multi-sport.



**19,996\***

student-athletes are competing in more than one high school sport.

**12,832\***

student-athletes attended provincial championships in this past school year.

**572\*\***

graduating athletes are moving on to compete at the post secondary level of BCSS sanctioned sports.

\*according to data collected in STARS

\*\*according to data released on the web

in 2016-2017, bcss had  
member schools in

# 137

communities across  
the province of british  
columbia



# congratulations

to all BCSS scholarship winners for the 2016-2017 year!

It brings us great pride to have the opportunity to support our student-athletes in their post-secondary endeavours. BCSS awarded **\$16,000** worth of scholarships in 2016-2017.

## bert and gerta quartermaine badminton scholarship

**Jodi Fei** Crofton House  
**Joyce Leung** Killarney  
**Josie Setiawan** Riverside

**David Kim** Fraser Heights  
**Dev Arora** Fraser Heights  
**Carlson Ng** Mt. Douglas

## BCSS zone scholarship

**Shelbie Clarke** David Thompson  
**Eloise Ladyman** South Kamloops  
**Erin Cole** Prince George  
**Hannah Durrant** Mt. Elizabeth  
**Trinity Kettlys** Lambrick Park  
**Christie Gray** Crofton House  
**Olivia Heinen** Langley Christian

**Wyatt Wyld** Sparwood  
**Ethan Beselt** Mt. Boucharie  
**Reid Davidson** Peter Sk. Ogden  
**Evan Veldman** Centennial  
**Will Adams** Reynolds  
**Cameron Morris** St. Thomas More  
**Zack Kuzyk** BC Christian

## dave gifford scholarship

**Danielle Groenendijk**  
Duncan Christian

**Bryan Yu**  
Stratford Hall

## bc dairy association scholarship

**Michael Mitruk**  
Sutherland

**Annabel Rowley**  
Highroad Academy

"Providing these scholarships to students not only gives us the opportunity to support their future academic success, but to also acknowledge their current commitment to the community and living healthy lifestyles. Eating a balanced diet, including the consumption of milk is important for physical, mental, and overall health - and is the key foundation for long term success."

- Sarah Mawji  
Marketing Coordinator, BC Dairy Association

provincial report  
**community engagement**

## aquatics

boys	st. georges school
girls	penticton secondary
combined	penticton secondary

## badminton

combined	fraser heights secondary
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## basketball

a boys	bc christian academy
aa boys	brentwood college
aaa boys	rick hansen secondary
aaaa boys	walnut grove secondary
a girls	credo christian school
aa girls	seycove secondary community
aaa girls	lord tweedsmuir secondary

## cross country

junior boys	oak bay secondary
junior girls	lord byng secondary
senior boys	oak bay secondary
senior girls	sentinel secondary

## curling

boys	kelowna secondary
girls	mount elizabeth secondary

## field hockey

aa girls	crofton house
aaa girls	cowichan secondary

## football

aa boys	seaquam secondary
aaa boys	terry fox secondary

## golf

a	immaculata high school
aa	george elliot secondary
aaa	walnut grove secondary

## gymnastics

combined	argyle secondary
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## mountain biking

combined	pemberton secondary
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## rugby

aa boys	st. michael's university school
aaa boys	carson graham secondary
aaaa boys	shawnigan lake school

## skiing

boys	collingwood school
girls	collingwood school
combined	collingwood school

## snowboarding

boys	smithers secondary
girls	fort st, james secondary
combined	sentinel secondary

## soccer

a boys	immaculata high school
aa boys	st. michael's university school
aaa boys	reynolds secondary
a girls	credo christian school
aa girls	st. thomas more collegiate
aaa girls	panorama ridge secondary

## tennis

aa coed	collingwood school
aaa coed	heritage woods secondary
aa combined	collingwood school
aaa combined	heritage woods secondary

## track and field

a boys	bc christian academy
aa boys	southeridge school
aaa boys	vancouver college
a girls	aberdeen hall senior
aa girls	crofton house
aaa girls	maple ridge secondary
a combined	bc christian academy
aa combined	vancouver college
aaa combined	oak bay secondary

## volleyball

a boys	kelowna christian school
aa boys	langley christian
aaa boys	semiahmoo secondary
a girls	white rock christian academy
aa girls	mennonite educational institute
aaa girls	little flower academy
aaaa girls	belmont secondary

## wrestling

boys	new westminster secondary
girls	st. thomas more collegiate
combined	st. thomas more collegiate

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*platinum*



*gold*



*bronze*



*supporter*





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