

BC SCHOOL SPORTS ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

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THE ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENTS

Rick Thiessen	2020 - 2022
Mike Allina	2016 - 2020
Deb Whitten	2012 - 2016
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Brian Lynch	2003 - 2005
Jeanine Stannard	1999 - 2003
Jo Ann Ward	1996 - 1999
Bob Lindsay	1995 - 1996
Dave Bingham	1993 - 1995
Jill Philipchuk	1992 - 1993
Ken Bartel	1991 - 1992
Dave Derpak	1990 - 1991
Collin York	1988 - 1990
Bob Ferguson	1987 - 1988
Marty Cross	1986 - 1987
Robert Jackson	1985 - 1986
Keith Lamphear	1984 - 1985
Bob Price	1982 - 1984
Barry Wright	1981 - 1982
Terry Cotton	1980 - 1981
Rick Mark	1979 - 1980
Bob Stebbings	1978 - 1979
Ray Towers	1976 - 1978
David Lynn	1975 - 1976
Jack Armour	1974 - 1975
Court Brousson	1973 - 1974
Neal Henderson	1972 - 1973
Dan Doyle	1971 - 1972
Ed Carlin	1970 - 1971
Jim Stewart	1969 - 1970

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Jordan Abney	2016 - Present
Christine Bradstock	2012 - 2016
Sue Keenan	2003 - 2012
Marilyn Payne	1991 - 2003
Gay Gayle	1987 - 1991
Don Steen	1970 - 1986

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. A constitution was adopted in 1966 and officially registered with the government in February 1971. Financial support was received from the provincial government in 1970 which assisted the association in opening an office in January. Operational funding from government remained in place from 1970 until 2009. The name was changed to BC School Sports in 1980-81. BCSS saw significant changes in the mid-80's, and again in the early 90's adapting to the changing dynamics of education, and school sport. It wasn't until 1994 when the eligibility rules became standardized across all sports under BCSS policy.

In more recent history, in late 2017 BCSS undertook a significant strategic planning process to assess organizational strengths and weaknesses, and to develop a long-term vision for the organization. The Board of Directors appointed a committee to explore the current BCSS structure to assess its limitations as well as its strength. After a lengthy review the committee recommended a new governance structure, one which would allow enhanced geographical diversity, gender diversity and administrative presence. The intended outcome was to have a more stable legislative process, with an engaged and educated legislative body responsible to ensure proper consideration is given to policy changes. The new governance structure was adopted at the 2021 AGM.

Today, BC School Sports has on average about 445 member schools each year throughout the province, with more than 70,00 student athletes participating in 62 provincial championships in 19 recognized sports.



DIRECTORS AND STAFF

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2021-2022 school year brought many changes to the BCSS organization with the implementation of the new governance structure. Along with changes for zones and local associations, the board also found itself involved in aspects of governance that it had not previously been a part of.

Previously, the BCSS board of directors provided mostly an oversight function. Under the new model, board members have become more active in decision-making. The COVID-19 situation and the November flooding also meant that several unprecedented situations required immediate attention came to the BCSS Board. Moving forward, we believe that as everyone settles in, the board will return to its oversight role.

Another aspect of the new governance model was regional representation on the board. BCSS is extremely grateful for each of the hard-working individuals on this year's board, who have not only been a part of the regularly scheduled meetings but have been called upon several times throughout the year to give additional input. BCSS staff have also experienced an exciting but extremely challenging year. With the implementation of governance, and the addition of new staff members, the learning curve has been beyond steep. Special thanks must be given to Jordan Abney and Karen Hum for their exemplary work along with those in their first year with the organization. What a great crew who make the job of ADs and others much more manageable than it would be otherwise.

Looking ahead, the organization is excited to anticipate a year without the many crises endured in 2021-2022. The board believes the 2022-2023 school year will provide even greater opportunities for student athletes to excel. The Competitive Fairness Committee (CFC) has been working hard to find ways to bring greater equity to the championship process. The province has a tremendous diversity in school size and configuration, and the CFC intends to bring forward ideas for giving more schools opportunities to compete for a provincial championship. BCSS is also pursuing the opportunity that livestreaming offers. Due to the pandemic, many schools are increasingly able to provide ways for fans to watch their kids and teams play. BCSS is exploring opportunities to create a centralized site where games from throughout the province could be watched. BCSS Awards have also been discussed by the board recently. Understanding that we have countless coaches, ADs and schools that are doing amazing things, it is the hope of the board to find ways to bring greater awareness and recognition to deserving members.

Rick Thiessen, President, BCSS Board of Directors

2021-2022 STAFF



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2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Rick Lopez



Director - Rural/ Semi-Rural



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MERRITT SECONDARY

2021-2022 BCSS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

Merritt Secondary School might be small, but it's sports culture rivals that of schools twice the size. Of their approximately 600-strong student body, they boast nearly 300 student-athletes with 130 playing multiple sports. The school offers 13 BCSS-sanctioned sports: Volleyball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Cross Country, Curling, Basketball, Track & Field, Golf, Mountain Biking, Ultimate, Aquatics, Rugby, and Esports, and even offers a high school Rodeo program.

The Merritt Secondary Athletics Department focuses on getting students involved with athletics. In grade 8, a no-cut policy is in effect to make sure every student has an opportunity to play if they want to. They host pep rallies, staff vs. student games, and intramurals to get students out and participating. When they host tournaments, the school always plans at least one game during school hours for students to come out and support their peers.

The school hopes to become a central hub for tournaments thanks to their location between the Okanagan and the Lower Mainland. When they do have the opportunity to host tournaments, everything the community has to offer is on display. The school plans activities for visiting teams and opens every tournament with a performance by an Indigenous drummer to show thanks for the land they're playing on.

Merritt Secondary's Athletic program is unique in its investment into their student-athletes. They've established a Senior Mentoring Program, where senior students can pass on their wisdom and support younger players. The school offers a for-credit Sports Management class, throwing students into the process of planning and executing tournaments and serving as officials during games. In a sprawling community like Merritt and the surrounding areas, having reliable transportation is a barrier to student participation. To combat this problem, they've implemented a late-bus program, which picks up students from the school at 5pm. Not only do the after-school athletics programs ensure a ride home, but they make sure students remain engaged with their academics. Athletes must participate in a supervised homework session before their practice.

Merritt Secondary School also emphasized the importance of recognizing their student-athletes. They have a Student-Athlete of the Week program, where athletes are recognized for embodying values important to their nominating coach. Winners are celebrated on the morning announcements and on posters throughout the school. At the end of the year, the entire Athletics program enjoys a first-class lunch at the Athletic Banquet. Panther Awards are given out based on character rather than skill, as Athletic Director Gian Cavaliere wants to focus on their personal development through sports rather than who scored the most points.

Merritt was one of many communities affected by the floods in November of 2021. "We had a lot of schools in the Okanagan ... who reached out to us when the floods hit Merritt and said 'You can play on our fields, you can use our gyms, we really want you to stay competitive ... We'll make room for you guys.' A lot of our teams were able to take advantage of those opportunities," said Cavaliere with a tear rolling down his cheek. Thanks to those schools offering up their facilities, Merritt's Junior Boys Volleyball team was able to qualify for the Provincial Championship.

Merritt Secondary School is made up of teachers, coaches, and students who are dedicated not only to excelling in competitions, but in developing responsible and well-rounded members of society. Their focus on student involvement, participation, and character building have earned them the 2021-2022 BC School Sports Outstanding School Award.

GW GRAHAM SECONDARY 2021-2022 BCSS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

When GW Graham first open their doors back in 2006, they were a small school with hopes of growing their athletics program. Though they started at the "A" level, they have since grown to "AAA" and "AAAA" in all their 13 offered sports – Volleyball, Field Hockey, Football, Aquatics, Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, Curling, Rugby, Golf, Ultimate, and Track and Field. In the past 10 years, the school has seen an average of 500 student-athlete participation in BC School Sport sanctioned programs, an impressive 40% to 50% of their student body.

One of the biggest challenges for student-athletes is maintaining a balance between student and athlete. To ensure that students are on top of their work and to keep parents, coaches, and teachers in the loop on both academic and athletic schedules, GW Graham athletics has implemented an academic check-in system. Every two weeks, student-athletes across all sports and grades check-in with their teachers for a green, yellow, or red rating. This system helps students build communication skills and responsibility and upholds their education as a main priority.

The GW Graham Athletics program also puts a heavy focus on giving back to their community. Every member of their Senior Varsity teams volunteers their time to the Chilliwack Hospice Society, Rotary canned food drive and book drive, Chilliwack Services Christmas hamper program, and the Halloween food drive. This altruistic spirit held strong when historic flooding hit the area in November of 2021. Athletic Director Jake Mouritzen described athletes meeting every morning at the sand pit to try to save neighbouring farms. Their initiative alone is inspiring, but some of these students were losing their own homes to the flooding at the same time. The dedication these students had to their community shows that the support they have for one another translates to a far bigger picture than a sports championship.

The 2021-2022 athletics season was already somewhat tentative, as the Covid-19 Pandemic ebbed and flowed in British Columbia. When the flooding hit, it brought more uncertainty with it. Graham's AAA Boys Varsity Football team was scheduled to compete in the championship quarter-final against Mount Douglas at their home field on November 18. It became evident that Chilliwack wasn't a viable location, and the game was moved to Langley. When highways shut down, travel options were limited. "Everything we do is for the students, to try and provide them with opportunities," said Mouritzen. The school discussed aeroplanes and helicopters as potential transportation to get their boys to their game. Eventually, Highway 7 opened to single-lane traffic, and the team took their previously planned charter bus. What was usually about an hour's drive stretched into seven-and-a-half hours. Nothing could slow their team down on their road to the Subway Bowl. The Grizzlies went on to beat Mount Douglas and ended their playoff season with the title of Coastal AAA Senior Champions after defeating Terry Fox Secondary. Their prosperity proved successful.

"It's been a long year, we had a lot of people step up," describes Mouritzen. "It ... would have never happened without the community we have in Chilliwack, our admin team, our teachers, our coaches, our parents." He continued, "the motivation for me, in my career, is giving opportunities that I don't think I had as a kid necessarily. I always had great people but I'm not sure I had the same opportunities. So 4:30 every morning, that alarm goes off, and it doesn't matter if you're tired or not."

This dedication and investment from the Athletics Department, school administration, teachers, and the community is evident in their respectable and impressive student-athletes. Their program, accolades, and tenacity through a difficult season have earned them the well-deserved 2021-2022 BC School Sports Outstanding School Award.

AWARD WINNERS

BCSS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER - BYRON JACK

Byron has been involved in school sports since he was a student in elementary school as a track and field athlete; he continued his athletic interests in high school, adding volleyball and rugby in junior high, and football and soccer in senior high. It seemed only natural to him to become involved as a school coach when assigned his first teaching practicum, coaching volleyball at London Jr High (now Steveston-London Secondary) in Richmond.

Byron has coached football, basketball, and a lot of cross country and track and field. He confesses his favourites as sports are basketball and track and field, but enjoys the experience coaching cross country and track the most, because there's an opportunity to build relationships with his student-athletes as individuals, vs part of a team.

After 23 years, coaching multiple teams each year along the way, Byron continues to coach simply for the love of what sport teaches student-athletes. Congratulations Byron!





BCSS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER - KEN LOWE

Ken began his journey playing Basketball, Badminton, and Volleyball at Mount Douglas. To this day, some of his fondest memories remain the trips across BC to compete in BCSS provincial championships as a student-athlete

During his 32 coaching career, Ken has coached Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and Golf. But Volleyball has always held a very special place in his heart. Ken has enjoyed every aspect of the game, it has brought him countless friends and memories, including watching his kids play the game he loves.

The biggest accomplishment for Ken has been seeing the kids he coached come back and coach themselves. "That's when you know you've passed on the passion and game, and now you know that the kids are in good hands", said Ken as he looked back at his long coaching career. Why Ken keeps coming back to coach is not only because of his passion and love for Volleyball. but because he is able to connect with his students on a different level. This has been the most rewarding part of his job. Congratulations Ken!

BCSS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER - MARY BARTUCCI

Mary was an active participant in school sport starting in elementary school and continued playing school sports throughout high school. In high school she played basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Soccer was her favourite! She played soccer from grade 8-12. While her school teams never won any big awards, Mary said that she wouldn't trade the friendships and fond memories made while playing on these teams for any award.

Mary has predominantly coached soccer but has also coached both volleyball, basketball and been the sponsor teacher for rugby. Her commitment to school sport goes well beyond coaching, she has served on the Kamloops soccer commission for 20 years, the BCSS Soccer Commission Executive dating back to 2010 and is an active member of SD73 Athletic Council.

When asked to speak to her favourite coaching memories, Mary stated she was lucky enough to have had many amazing coaching memories but reflected on the gold medal her boys' soccer team won in 2010 which was the first gold medal ever won by the school. Congratulations Mary!



BCSS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER - SHARON SHAIGEC

Sharon began her journey coaching Volleyball in 1981 at the BCIT Summer Volleyball Camp. As a member of the BC Provincial Volleyball Pac Rim Team, she spent countless late afternoons practicing volleyball and her days were spent coaching at the BCIT camp. Volleyball has always been Sharon's passion, she played throughout high school and created lifelong friendships along the way.

In 1990 Sharon began coaching at Fulton in her hometown of Vernon. One of the best coaching memories for Sharon was winning the AA Volleyball Provincial Championships in Prince George. The comradery between coaches, students, and teachers, the pep rallies, and school spirit made this an incredible experience for Sharon and her team. Seeing her team have these types of experiences and build their confidence and leadership skills has been so fulfilling and one of her greatest coaching accomplishments throughout her 33 years of coaching. Congratulations Sharon!



BCSS MERIT AWARD WINNER - DOUG MERAW

Doug Meraw became involved with school sports as a student himself, participating in track and field, badminton, basketball, and his favourite sport, volleyball. He began coaching while attending the University of Alberta, as an assistant coach for his sister-in-law's senior girls' volleyball team.

Returning to BC in 1991 to begin his teaching career, Doug immediately started coaching. Doug has shared his love of volleyball to both boys and girls, grades 8-12. He's spent over 20 years coaching boys' teams (including his two sons) at KLO and George Elliott, before switching to coach girls' volleyball when his daughter entered high school and joined the team. Doug believes he gets as much out of coaching as his students do; coaching is his favourite part of being an educator. He also proudly reflected on how many of his student-athletes have gone on to be coaches and spoke to how rewarding it is to see his work "paid forward".

Doug is retiring at the end of this season after 30 years as an educator, coaching in each of those years. Congratulations Doug on an amazing career of service and leadership!

BCSS MERIT AWARD WINNER - SHARON CARTER

Sharon was so eager to teach, she never even finished her volleyball career at SFU. After one year at Port Kells Elementary, where she taught every student physical education and coached nearly every sport team, then she went to Newton Jr Secondary where she coached volleyball and track and field. After seven years coaching at Newton, she moved to Earl Marriott, where she took over the Sr. Boys volleyball team, which qualified for provincials all 11 years she was there. Sharon also coached the Track and Field team at Earl Marriott. In the Fall of 1996, Sharon moved to Elgin Park Secondary, where her team won the 'AAA' Boys provincial title with a thrilling 15-13 5th set win in 1999-2000. Sharon recalls this team and their success as one of the highlights of her career, but still vividly remembers the dejected and tearful faces from the losing team and how much school sport means to all those that participate in the event.

Sharon coached every year from 1977-2011 when she retired. She served as the Fraser Valley Volleyball Commissioner for 7 years during her stint at Elgin Park. Sharon received the Mo MacKendrick Service Award from the Surrey Athletics Association in 2010 in recognition of her service to school sport in Surrey. Not one to rest, Sharon stepped into her retirement and served as the Tournament Director for the AA/AAA Boys Volleyball Championships held at the Langley Events Centre for 5 years, from 2014-2018. She put in hours of work, engaged the community, and put on events that provided meaningful experiences for student-athletes across the province. Congratulations Sharon!



BCSS MERIT AWARD WINNER - TODD CLARKE

During Todd's 30-year teaching career in the Delta School District, he coached Volleyball, Basketball, and Badminton. As the Athletic Director for the last 17 years, he has stepped into coaching other sports such as Track and Field, Aquatics, and Field Hockey to ensure that students still had the opportunity to participate in the sports they were passionate about.

Giving back has always been a driving force behind everything Todd does. When looking back at his career Todd says, "The first 20 stories that come to mind are about the teams I've sponsored and coached, there is no better way to get to know the students. It has never been a burden or a chore, but it is a passion."

Besides consistently giving his time to student teams and activities, Todd has had a large presence as a leader in the school sport world. He has been the Event Director and Host for four BCSS Volleyball Provincial Championships, numerous junior invitational events, served as the Fraser Valley Volleyball Commissioner, and served 25 years on the Delta Athletic Association executive including 6 as President. He also sits on the South Fraser Zone Executive. He even recently volunteered to sponsor the Seaquam E-sports team, despite not knowing anything about the games, but to support an entirely different cohort of students and provide them a similar experience. Thank you, Todd for your incredible service to the studentathletes in Delta, and across the province. Congratulations on your BCSS Merit Award!





BCSS MERIT AWARD WINNER - ALANNA MARTIN

For Alanna, it all began in Grade 11 when her PE teacher who was also the Field Hockey coach welcomed anyone in class to try out. Thus began Alanna's love for Field Hockey. She later went on to play for the University of Victoria where she was voted Captain and won the National Championship. She was inducted into the University of Victoria Hall of Fame in 1994.

Alanna retired after a 33-year teaching career. During that time, she coached volleyball, basketball, tennis, and field hockey. If she wasn't patrolling the sideline or blowing the whistle as an official you could always find her running the BBQ, calculating the tiebreaker, and generally helping in any way possible. In 1994, Alanna was awarded the Brian Craig Memorial Trophy by the Central Vancouver Island Athletic Association as the coach who through coaching techniques & philosophy best epitomizes the qualities of sportsmanship & fair play.

In 2000, Alanna started the Friendship Cup, a high school field hockey tournament that has now been running for the last 21 years. From its small beginnings it has grown to include three divisions and 15 teams from all over BC and Canada. Alanna joined the BCSS Field Hockey Commission Executive in 2006 and stepped into the Commissioner role in 2012 which she held until her retirement in 2019. She served as BCSS Championship Director for many BCSS Championships. Congratulations Alanna!

BCSS HONOUR AWARD WINNER - KERRY TAYLOR

Kerry Taylor has spent a lifetime involved in school sport. Beginning as a student, he participated in basketball, volleyball and track and field. One of his best memories to this day is playing in the Boys Basketball championship at the Pacific Coliseum in the late 1970's.

Upon completing his studies at UBC, Kerry joined the staff at Seaquam in the fall of 1982. He coached, volleyball, basketball, and track & field in his first year, and in future years added tennis and rugby to his list of sports coached. During this time, he also became the Vice President of the Delta Athletic Association and learned he had both a passion and skillset for organizing school sport. Kerry was the very first Athletic Director in the history of Fleetwood Park Secondary, as he was there on day one of the school. He served as Fleetwood's AD for 16 years where his passion and knowledge for multiple sports ensured development of all teams. During this time, he also served on the executive of the Surrey Athletic Association as well as was the Fraser Valley Boys Basketball Commissioner.

Kerry finished his teaching career in 2016, after spending the last five years actively mentoring Athletic Directors across the Fraser Valley. Despite being officially retired, Kerry continues to work as a TOC and remains heavily involved in school sport. He currently serves as the Secretary-Treasurer for both the Eastern Valley zone and the South Fraser Zones, assisting them in coordinating their zone events. He can occasionally be found in the gym at Fleetwood Park where his son now coaches the Sr. Boys Basketball team. Congratulations Kerry and thank you for a lifetime of service to school sport.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

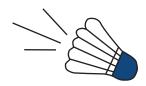
With the support of donors and partners, BCSS provides over \$28,000 in scholarships to graduating student athletes.

BCSS DAVE GIFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500		
Christina Peet Williams	Chilliwack Secondary	
Owen Luchies	St. Andrew's Regional High School	

BCSS ZONE SCHOLARSHIP - \$750		
Eastern Valley Zone	Taelor Coxford	Langley Christian School
Eastern Valley Zone	Atkinson Kuo	Walnut Grove Secondary
Fraser North Zone	Gurkaran Aujla	Burnaby South Secondary
Fraser North Zone	Kaitlyn Heslop	Burnaby Central Secondary
Kootenay Zone	Alisia Dvorak	Fernie Secondary
Kootenay Zone	Elias Hibberson	Nakusp Secondary
North Central Zone	Brooklyn Brown	North Peace Secondary
North Central Zone	Chris Zimmerman	Duchess Park Secondary
North West Zone	Not Awarded	
South Fraser Zone	Elliot Loveless	South Delta Secondary
South Fraser Zone	Taylor Katsube	South Delta Secondary
Thompson Okanagan Zone	Amy Berekoff	Summerland Secondary
Thompson Okanagan Zone	Roan Reid	Vernon Secondary
Vancouver Island	Lauren Roworth	Lambrick Park Secondary
Vancouver Island	Kye Kotapski-Tinga	Ecole Mark R Isfeld Secondary
Vancouver Sea To Sky	Jordan Mansfield	Kitsilano Secondary
Vancouver Sea to Sky	Cole Anderson	Argyle Secondary



BC DAIRY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000		
Maya Dawe	Langley Fundamental Secondary	
Kate Brooks	Claremont Secondary	
Lucas Woelders	Langley Christian School	
William McGauchie	NorKam Secondary	



BERT & GRETA QUARTERMAINE BADMINTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000		
Eason Chou	Steveston-London Secondary	
Parker Haga	Eric Hamber Secondary	
Jacqueline Fei	Crofton House School	
Dayton Se	Vancouver College	
Vicky Wei	Semiahmoo Secondary	
Thea Wells	South Kamloops Secondary	



SUBWAY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000		
Javier Carlos	Penticton Secondary	
Brandon Hsu	Burnaby Mountain Secondary	
Shaniya Kumar	Delview Secondary	
Viya Chiang	Fraser Heights Secondary	

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

THROUGH THE DARK

The Kelowna Secondary Owls were looking forward to finally winning a gold medal in the AAA Boys Volleyball Championship on their home court after a long string of silvers. British Columbia's historic flooding in November of 2021 had other ideas. As majority of the teams participating at this year's Championship were from the Lower Mainland, BCSS and Kelowna Secondary agreed that moving the tournament would be the best option. Richmond schools R.A. McMath and Steveston-London stepped up to host, and the tournament went on with athletes eager to prove themselves as best in the province.

Fast forward to Friday evening, where Elgin Park and last-minute host R.A. McMath are playing in the semi-final. Elgin Park had won the first two sets, and McMath's home crowd (though limited due to Covid-19) cheered them on to tie the game. A high-stakes 5th set was forced. Elgin Park was up 5-3.

Then the power went out.

BCSS and school officials discussed their options. The gymnasium at R.A. McMath would likely be in the dark for hours. Luckily, Steveston-London still had power. A decision was made to move the game to the other host school. After packing up, driving 10 minutes, getting the school unlocked, courts set back up and bleachers pulled out, both teams were warming up and ready to get back at it. From the time the power went out, to the ball being back in play, only 55 minutes had passed.

Though the entire ordeal had shown immense prosperity and sportsmanship in both teams, McMath Coach Daniel Wong put the cherry on top. Rules outline that if a game is moved to another court, they ought to start the current set over, wiping Elgin Park's 5-3 lead. Coach Wong felt differently. He vocalized that the set should resume from where they'd left off. "They had earned that lead; it was the right thing to do to play on from that point."

And play on they did. Elgin Park continued their lead, with McMath tying it from behind late in the game. Finally, Elgin won 15-13, claiming their spot in the final. Original host Kelowna Secondary took home their long-awaited gold, while Elgin Park took silver. McMath went on to win bronze, prevailing over Claremont.

BCSS Executive Director Jordan Abney, also serving as Tournament Director thanks to the emergency relocation, summed it up: "The entire situation was just crazy. I've never seen anything like it, but I was just so impressed how everyone handled it. Admin from both schools, the players and coaches, the fans. It was amazing to see the school sport community come together like that. It made me really proud." Abney continued, "As for Coach Daniel Wong, stating the match continue from that score, what can you say? A display of sportsmanship and leadership you rarely see, especially with so much at stake. Just an impressive leader for those young men he coaches."

This year, we saw athletes returning to sports with an even more intense competitive spirit following the Covid-19 pandemic that stopped the world in its tracks. With that spirit also came greater displays of sportsmanship. Though the scoresheet only tracks a winner and a loser, when both teams put their best foot forward, we remember that sport is about so much more. Sports are about celebrating the excellence of our athletes, developing kinship with our competitors, and building community. Kelowna Secondary, R.A. McMath, and Elgin Park performed as glowing examples of the values of sports in that turbulent December Championship.

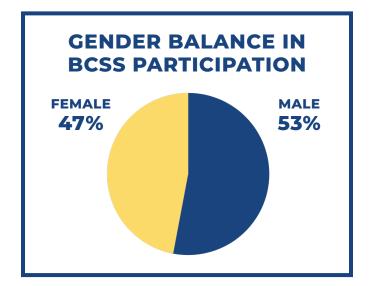
BCSS BY THE NUMBERS

















2,778
INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS





PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP STREAMING VIEWS



2,651
TWITTER
FOLLOWERS





611FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL		
Board of Directors			
Rick Thiessen	Mennonite Educational Institute		
Brent Sweeney	South Delta Secondary		
Lindsay Brooke	St. Michaels University School		
Arnar Bernhardsson	Kelowna Secondary		
Annemarie Watts	Valleyview Secondary		
Rick Lopez	David Thompson Secondary		
Jim Lamond	School District 62		
Rachel Romero	Fernie Secondary		
Gian Cavaliere	Merritt Secondary		
Kootenay Zone Representatives			
Sue Thorne	Prince Charles Secondary		
Joe Moreira	Mount Sentinel Secondary		
Jon Francis	Salmo Secondary		
Thompson-Okanaga	n Zone Representatives		
Jill Voros	School District 23		
Mary Bartucci	Sa-Hali Secondary		
Jody Vosper	Sa-Hali Secondary		
North Central Zone Representatives			
Louise Holmes	Duchess Park Secondary		
Keith Wood	Prince George Secondary		
Jay Guillet	College Heights Secondary		
North West Zor	North West Zone Representatives		
Ryan Bishop	Charles Hays Secondary		
Joe Dominguez	Skeena Middle School		
Christine Cunningham	Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary		
Vancouver Island 2	Zone Representatives		
Darren Reisig	Claremont Secondary		
Nicole McRae	Wellington Secondary		
James Messenger	School District 70		

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	
Eastern Valley Zone Representatives		
Greg Kilvert	Betty Gilbert Middle School	
Alicia Tessarolo	Yale Secondary	
Jake Mouritzen	GW Graham Secondary	
South Fraser Zone Representatives		
Bill Richards	Burnsview Secondary	
Courtney O'Brien	Kwantlen Park Secondary	
Nik Nashlund	HJ Cambie Secondary	
Fraser North Zone Representatives		
Allen Tsang	Cariboo Hill Secondary	
Craig Percevault	Dr. Charles Best Secondary	
Kira Sinow	Maple Ridge Secondary	
Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Zone Representatives		
Lance Hurtubise	St. Patrick's School	
Claude Leduc	Mulgrave Secondary	
Shauna Underwood	Killarney Secondary	

Committee Chairs		
Mike Roberts	Sport Medicine and Athlete Safety Committee (SMASC)	
Peter Westhaver	Eligibility Appeals Committee (EAC)	
Harp Sohi	Competitive Fairness Committee (CFC)	
Gary Atwal	Fall Sports Rules Committee (FRC)	
Zoel Thibault	Winter Sports Rules Committee (WRC)	
Moreno Stefanon	Spring Sports Rules Committee (SRC)	
Kaley Wasylowich	Individual Sports Championship Committee (ICC)	
Mike Campbell	Team Sports Championship Committee (TCC)	
Stakeholder Organizations		
Andrew Holland	BC Schools Superintendents' Association (BCSSA)	
Carolyn Broady / Tracey Loffler	BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA)	
John Gaiptman	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)	
Tom Aerts	BC Principals and Vice Principals Association (BCPVPA)	
TBA	Ministry of Education	
TBA	Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture (Sport Branch)	
TBA	BC Teachers Federation (BCTF)	
Shawn Chisolm	Federation of Independent Schools (FISA)	
Louise Ormerod	Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC)	

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

RETURN OF SCHOOL SPORTS

The Fall of 2021 was a tough season; after 18 months with no school sport, it was a challenge to get programs up and running and organize all the provincial championships as many of them were without tournament hosts or venues. In the middle of the Fall Championship season, BC had a once-in-a-century storm that washed out all major highways and made it necessary for us to pivot to a regional style championship in some sports, as province wide travel wasn't possible.

As we transitioned into the Winter season, we saw the 5th wave of the pandemic which led to the government officials suspending all tournaments and travel just prior to Christmas Break. This meant only local league contests could be scheduled. This lasted through until the end of January when the health official rescinded the order just in time for zone and provincial championships. Winter season brought many tremendous championships. The boys' basketball championship at the Langley Events Centre saw the largest crowd in BCSS history, with over 6300 in attendance for the finals. Finally, our Spring season, which hadn't been active in 32 months, and hadn't even had a chance to compete with the 9-zone structure adopted in Spring of 2018. The Spring season saw many great championship events, as everyone was delighted to participate in these sports again after two years without spring sports.





NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL



With the adoption of the new BCSS governance model at the 2021 AGM we saw our first ever meeting of 53-person Legislative Assembly at our Fall Annual Planning meeting in November 2021 in Burnaby. The Legislative Assembly met again in the Spring at the Annual General Meeting in Victoria. Over the course of these two day meetings the members reviewed, discussed and approved changes to Bylaws, Policies and Regulations of BC School Sports.

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

E-SPORTS

We offered E-Sports in the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 as a trial BCSS activity. We had 20 schools participate in League of Legends league in the Fall and 32 in the Spring and 8 school participate in Rocket League in the Fall and 20 in the Spring. In the Spring we hosted our first live E-Sports event with a final between WJ Mouat and Nanaimo Christian in the Rocket League final, while Seaguam and Pinetree battled in the League of Legends final.



GIRLS RUGBY 15'S

Spring 2022 saw Girls Rugby 15's contested for the first time as an official BCSS activity. The championship ran successfully in conjunction with Boys Rugby 15's championship at Rotary Stadium in Abbotsford. There was a total of 20 teams and 620 athletes that participated in the championship.



RUGBY 7'S

At the 2019 BCSS AGM Rugby 7's was passed as a demonstration sport, however with the cancellation of both the 2020 and 2021 seasons due to COVID the demonstration season finally took place in Spring 2022. With Girls' rugby 15's added as an official BCSS activity this year, rugby 7's was contested for both boys and girls this Spring. The tournament ran in conjunction with the Girls' and Boys' Rugby 15's Provincials. We had 16 girls and boys teams participate in the tournament.





FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATIONS

INCOME

MEMBER SCHOOL DUES, FINES, AND ELIGIBILITY	\$800,262
BCSS EVENTS	\$1,142,139
SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP	\$159,329
GRANTS/DONATIONS	\$73,332
OTHER INCOME	\$1,412

TOTAL INCOME \$2,176,474

EXPENSES

OPERATING & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$529,202
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$107,585
BCSS CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$953,910
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$8,740
AWARDS	\$43,375
VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT	\$1,717

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,644,529

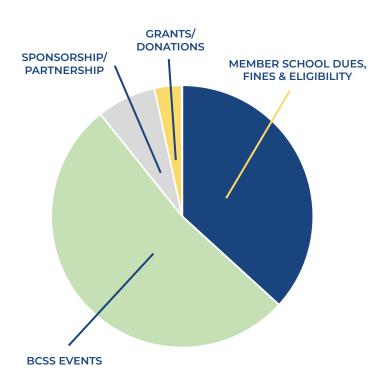
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)

\$531,945

CASH BALANCES AT JUNE 30, 2022

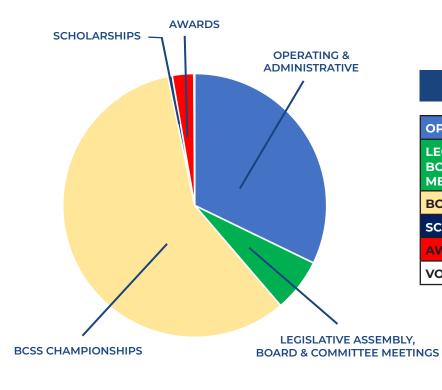
UNRESTRICTED : CASH	\$600,091
UNRESTRICTED: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$9,533
UNRESTRICTED: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	- \$9,500
RESTRICTED: GAMING	\$233,020
RESTRICTED: LEGAL RESERVE	\$50,000
RESTRICTED: OPERATIONAL RESERVE	\$100,000
RESTRICTED: SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$50,000
RESTRICTED: SCHOLARSHIPS/EXTERNAL	\$71,337

TOTAL CASH \$1,104,481



REVENUE

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CHAMPION PARTNER



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OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS



Official Partner for Social Media Graphics Solutions



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