



2024-2025

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

ANNUAL REPORT

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THE ORGANIZATION

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 all became standardized under BCSS policy for all sports.

More recently, in 2017 BCSS undertook a significant strategic planning process to assess organizational strengths and weaknesses, and to develop a long-term vision for the organization. After a lengthy review, a new governance structure, one which would allow enhanced geographical diversity, gender diversity and administrative presence was recommended with the goal of a more stable legislative process, with an engaged and educated legislative body. The new governance structure was adopted at the 2021 AGM.

Today, BC School Sports has on average about 460 member schools each year throughout the province, with more than 125,000 student-athletes participating in 70 provincial championships in 18 recognized sports.

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Jill Philipchuk	1992 - 1993
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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
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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

EVOLUTION OF BCSS LOGOS



DIRECTORS & STAFF

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure to work alongside the Board of Directors and the dedicated members of the BCSS Staff as we strive to enhance opportunities for our member schools and athletes across the province.

I commend the Athletic Directors, coaches and volunteers whose unwavering dedication ensures that our students have enriching athletic experiences. Their commitment to supporting school-based sport opportunities is fundamental in shaping the next generation of athletes and leaders.

I must emphasize the critical role of teacher-coaches in our schools. While student participation in sports grows, the number of teacher coaches is unfortunately declining. It is imperative that we support and encourage teachers to stay engaged in high school athletics, safeguarding the unique and invaluable experience it provides to our students.

Looking ahead, I eagerly anticipate attending the BC School Sports Provincial Championships, where our athletes showcase their talents on a prominent stage. These events not only highlight our organization's commitment to excellence but also serve as opportunities for reflection and improvement.

To our Athletic Directors, thank you for your pivotal role in leading our athletic programs. For those new to the position, I encourage you to seek guidance from experienced peers and advocate for the support necessary to fulfill this demanding role effectively.

As we embark on another year, I extend a warm welcome to all participants and supporters. Together, let us uphold the values of sportsmanship, competition, and excellence that define BC School Sports.

To play is good, to win is better, but to love the game is the best.

Lindsay Brooke
President, BC School Sports



2024-2025 BCSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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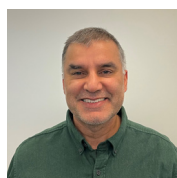
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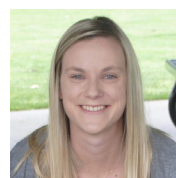
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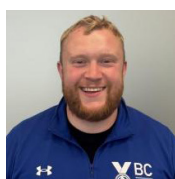
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GIRLS BASKETBALL MAKES HISTORY IN THE ARENA BOWL

The 75th annual BC School Sports Girls Basketball Provincial Championship marked more than just the crowning of four provincial champions; it was history being made. For the first time ever, the girls' finals were played inside the Langley Events Centre's 6,000 seat Arena Bowl, a venue long reserved for the boys' championships. A record-breaking 2,909 fans packed the stands for Championship Saturday, setting what is believed to be the largest single-game crowd to ever witness a girl's high school basketball game in B.C. The energy in the building was electric, and the players rose to the moment, delivering intense competition and unforgettable memories.

"This is where the girls finals need to be and where they need to stay," said Jen Stewart, co-head coach of the victorious Pacific Christian team, who claimed the 1A title over Sir Alexander Mackenzie. "How these girls competed today is a testament to what it means if you put it in a place like this." Her player, Tupas-Singh, added, "Putting us on a big stage, it was really fun to be part of. It means a lot for women's sports." Pacific Christian fought hard to take the title 70-63.

The 2A final was a story of redemption. After back-to-back heartbreaks in 2023 and 2024, St. Michaels Blue Jags finally had their golden moment, defeating No. 1 Holy Cross. Tournament MVP, Avery Geddes, put up a 25-point performance and said, ***"It was so cool, the Arena Bowl. I think all finals should be played here."***



In 3A action, long-standing M.E.I. coach Rick Thiessen finally captured his first provincial championship in his final season. After trailing late, standout guard Olivia Sidhu drained a crucial three, then hit the game-winning basket with 19 seconds left to seal the win over Sa-Hali. ***"It means quite a bit that girls finally get to play where the boys always have,"*** Sidhu reflected in a post-game interview. ***"It just shows how women's sports are becoming more popular."***

The 4A final was a nail biter as Seaquam edged Brookwood 68-67. Using tactical corner shooting to overcome the Arena Bowl's unique depth perception challenges, the girls were thrilled the finals were being played in a larger venue. Though, this was no easy feat. Brookwood Bobcats held over the Seaquam Seahawks as the fourth quarter was set to begin. In the end, Seaquam did just enough to beat Brookwood, repeating history and winning two years in a row.

From buzzer-beaters to emotional celebration, the inaugural girls' Arena Bowl finals set a new standard. As the girls claimed the stage, they elevated the game for generations to come, a moment these young athletes and the province will never forget. For the thousands in attendance and the many more who followed along, the message was clear: girls basketball in B.C. is growing and now, finally, it is being celebrated on the biggest stage.



WINDSOR WINS THREE MAJOR PROVINCIAL TITLES

The Windsor Secondary Wolves were golden this year in sports, winning three major Provincial Championships. They took home the AA Boys Soccer Provincial Title, the AA Football Provincial Title, and the AAA Boys Basketball Provincial Title. Three Championships in the same year is extremely impressive, but to do so when you are the underdog in each scenario is truly inspiring.

Windsor's soccer team had to win multiple play in games to make the Provincial Tournament and even then, they were a low seed in a tough round robin pool. They won three straight games and then went on to win their semi-final 2-1. In the final, they played part of the second half with only 10 players and still managed to force the game into a shootout. The team had multiple heartbreaking shootout losses throughout the season, but felt confident it was finally time for a win. They made all their shots, and their goalie made two incredible saves, **clinching the school's first-ever Provincial Boys Soccer Championship.**



The next week, Windsor was readying to play in the AA Football Provincial Championship game. The team had a stellar season, with only one loss to Vernon Secondary, who they now faced in the final. They went down 14-0 in the first half and hope seemed lost. **In the second half, Windsor's defense came roaring out and stopped everything.** Their offense started to pick up as a result. They took the lead in the fourth with a one-handed catch for a go-ahead touchdown, and their defense held strong for the last few minutes. Windsor won their second Provincial Championship this year, and in a comeback victory once again.



Historically, Windsor has never had a reputation for being a strong boys basketball school. However, their team was set to change that. They had a slow start to the season but improved every game. They had five players who could step up on any given night, and who each fill every column on the stat sheet. Despite being ranked second, their team was still overlooked. Everybody doubted whether they could perform on the big stage. With a team that included five Championship football players and one Championship soccer player, this was a group who knew how to win. They faced the number one team in the final and it was a nail-biter until Windsor went on a 12-6 run to seal the deal. **They won the school's first-ever Boys Basketball Provincial Title and rounded out a historic three-title trifecta for Windsor.** Windsor defied expectations this season, proving that in school sports, the unpredictable is always possible.



GOLD RIVER'S TRACK & FIELD TEAM ACHIEVES HISTORIC FEAT

In the heart of Vancouver Island lies the small village of Gold River, B.C., home to just 1,246 residents. It's a tight-knit, resilient community where nature, connection, and sport intersect. This year, that intersection led to something historic; a record-setting showing by Gold River Secondary School's track and field team at the 2025 BC School Sport Provincial Championship.

Gold River is proudly home to members of the Mowachaht/Muchalht First Nations community, part of the larger Nuu-chah-nulth Nation. Approximately 5.6% of the population identifies as Indigenous, with most being of First Nations ancestry. The cultural pride and strength carried by this heritage were reflected in every stride, throw, and finish line crossed by these athletes.

With just 93 students, Gold River is classified as a 1A school, the smallest tier in BC School Sports athletics. However, their impact on the track this year was anything but small. Nine athletes, the largest group in the school's history, qualified for the provincial championship. This milestone achievement for the school was rooted in perseverance, community spirit, and exceptional athletic abilities.



While all nine athletes showcased heart and determination, two athletes stood out by placing in the top 8 of their respective events. **Kenny Sevinski earned an 8th place finish in the Senior Boys Discus, throwing an impressive 35.02m. Meanwhile, Solomon Pearson walked his way to 8th place in the Senior Boys 1500m Race Walk, in a blistering time of 8:21.87.**

While these accomplishments are undeniably impressive, the team's success goes far beyond podium finishes or rankings. It's reflected in the pride felt back home, the younger students inspired to dream a little bigger, and the wave of motivation sweeping through a small village that's often overlooked in provincial competition.

Gold River Secondary's track and field story is a testament to what's possible through determination and the strength of a supportive community. **In a place surrounded by forests and framed by rivers, these athletes have carved a path to history.** While they may come from a small village, their impact is anything but.



LILY STRODA WINS FOUR GOLD AT 2025 TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At just 16 years old, Lily Stroda has already carved her name in the B.C. high school athletics history books. A Grade 11 student at Okanagan Mission Secondary, Lily stunned the crowd at the 2025 BC School Sports Track & Field Provincial Championships, walking away with four gold medals and the admiration of the entire province.

To start the week off, Lily dominated the Senior Girls Heptathlon at the BC School Sports Multi Event Track & Field Championship, where she didn't just win, she conquered. Lily swept all seven events, from the explosive 100m hurdles (14.68s) to the grueling 800m (2:33.94). Her high jump of 1.62m and long jump of 5.48m showcased her athletic range, while her shot put (10.81m) and javelin (32.19m) added crucial points. **With a total of 4,878 points, more than 1,000 ahead of the closest competitor, Lily's victory was one to remember.**

However, her incredible performance did not stop there; Lily continued her feat just 5 days later at the BC School Sports Track & Field Championship.



In the 100m hurdles final, Lily clocked a blistering 14.26 seconds just 0.16 seconds shy of the long-standing record set in 1981. Remarkably, this race overlapped with the high jump final. **Lily dashed from the track to the high jump area, where she soared over 1.55m to clinch her second gold of the day.**

Perhaps the most memorable moment of the championship came in the long jump. After an early lead of 5.80m, Lily was temporarily overtaken by York House School's Sofia Varma's 5.92m effort. With three fouls looming over her, Lily had one last jump. On her final attempt, she delivered a monster leap of 6.07m, putting herself back into the lead and among the Top 5 all-time Canadian U18 long jumpers.

Lily's standout performances not only earned her the title of Most Outstanding Female Performer, but also helped the Okanagan Mission Senior Girls secure the AAA Provincial Team Championship Banner.

Already the 2024 Canadian Legions National Championship Women's U18 Heptathlon champion, Lily's discipline, talent, and competitive fire are an inspiration to young B.C. athletes. **With another year of high school athletics remaining and plenty of post-secondary interest, this is just the beginning for Lily Stroda.**



2024-2025 BY THE NUMBERS



458

MEMBER
SCHOOLS



112,413

STUDENT-ATHLETE
REGISTRATIONS



8,294

TEAM
REGISTRATIONS



17,167

COACHES



28,476

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES



54%

MALE
ATHLETES

46%

FEMALE
ATHLETES

593,429

STREAMING VIEWS



15.9K

INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS



3,981

FOLLOWERS ON X



16,063

STUDENT-ATHLETES
ATTENDED PROVINCIALS



420

FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

MOLTEN BALL ADOPTION

SEPTEMBER 2024 – The 2024-2025 school year began with a notable update as Molten waws named the official ball supplier for Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer, while Nike is the official Football. These balls were successfully adopted and used at all Senior Zone and Provincial Championship events throughout the year. To support a smooth transition for member schools, preferred distributor Team Litzen/Skyline Athletics offered onboarding pricing, helping schools access the new equipment efficiently and cost-effectively during the implementation phase.



WRESTLING GROWTH REFLECTED AT THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FEBRUARY 2025 – Wrestling continues to show impressive growth, with overall participation rising from 2,031 athletes in 2024 to 2,241 in 2025. At the Provincial Championships, competitor numbers increased from 537 to 546. To support this growth, the event expanded to 30 weight classes and utilized 8 mats for the first time, significantly improving scheduling and allowing for an earlier finish on Saturday. The changes were well received by athletes, coaches, and spectators as the Championship returned to the Forum in Vancouver.

BADMINTON AND TENNIS BECOMES SINGLE GENDERED SPORTS

MAY 2025 – The 2025 Tennis and Badminton Provincial Championships marked the first year both tournament have been run as a single gendered event. The significant change followed a motion passed by the Legislative Assembly during the 2023 Annual Planning Meeting where it was voted that Tennis and Badminton would move to a single-gendered sport. As a result of the transition, athlete registration experienced an increase, with Badminton seeing a 6% rise and Tennis showing a 10% increase in overall registration numbers.



ANOTHER YEAR OF RECORD-BREAKING STUDENT-ATHLETE REGISTRATIONS

JUNE 2025 – We are pleased to report continued growth in participation across the province. From 2024 to 2025, the number of registered teams increased from 7,742 to 8,294, marking a 7.13% rise. Similarly, student-athlete registrations climbed from 123,313 to 125,403, representing a 1.69% increase. These gains reflect growing enthusiasm for school sport across the province and underscore the dedication of schools, coaches, and volunteers in creating inclusive and engaging athletic opportunities for students. This upwards trend speaks to the resilience of our communities and the shared commitment to keeping student-athletes connected and thriving through sports.

BEEM EQUIPMENT ACCESS PROGRAM

BCSS and Beem Credit Union partnered together to create the Beem Equipment Access Program. This program is designed to provide athletic equipment to students and schools in need and help eliminate the financial barriers that limit access to school sport. Whether it's to support a growing team, replace aging gear, or launch a new program. The goal is simple: to ensure all schools, regardless of budget, can provide students with meaningful opportunities to participate in sport. BCSS and Beem selected seven (7) schools to receive equipment funding this year.

2024-2025 BCSS AWARD WINNERS

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - COACH

DEL KOMARNISKI - SOUTH KAMLOOPS SECONDARY

With over 30 years in school sport, Del Komarniski has left a lasting legacy in BC. A respected coach and mentor, he led Westsyde and South Kamloops Secondary programs to sustained excellence, including 16 BCSS Provincial Basketball Championship appearances, 9 Final Fours, and 7 Provincial medals, highlighted by back-to-back AA Senior Girls titles in 2018 and 2019. Del also guided Basketball BC's U17 and U15 boys teams to four national medals.

More than 29 of his athletes went on to play collegiately, with three representing Canada and one, Kelly Olynyk, reaching the NBA. Known for his vision-driven, precision-focused coaching style, Del values relationships and student growth above all. He's given back through leadership roles in the Okanagan Valley Athletic Association, Western Canada Summer Games, and PacificSport. Grateful for the support his family, Del says, ***"If you persist, stay authentic, and work hard, coaching will always be worth it."***



JILL FOUGNER - BRENTWOOD COLLEGE

Jill Fougner's volleyball journey spans from championship winning athlete to beloved coach and community builder. A BC high school champion and MVP with Mount Douglas in 1980, she later earned three First Team All-Canadian honours with the University of Victoria and competed for Team BC and Canada's Senior National Team. Jill began coaching at UVIC in 1989, serving as head coach from 1992-1998, before reigniting her coaching career at Brentwood College in 200. Since taking over the senior girls program in 2004, her teams have qualified for 17 BCSS Provincial Championships, capturing 2 Provincial and 14 Island titles. Beyond the court, she's organized countless Island events, coached at the Canada and Western Canada Games, and mentored generations of athletes. Known for fostering trust, self-discovery, and joy, Jill sees her team as family. ***"Coaching has brought me joy, purpose, and lifelong friendships,"*** she says. ***"This honour is shared with my fellow coaches at Brentwood."***



BYRON GREEN - HOLY CROSS

For over 40 years, Byron Green has quietly shaped school sport through humility, consistency, and deep care for student-athletes. His coaching journey began in 1981 and has spanned four schools, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John Brebeuf, St. Ann's Academy, and Holy Cross. Across the sports of Basketball, Volleyball, and Track. At St. John Brebeuf, his team won six Fraser Valley titles, while he served as athletic director and drove athletes to games in his own van. At St. Ann's, he led senior girls volleyball and helped host the 2017 Boys Volleyball Provincials. At Holy Cross, his senior girls teams have reached the Provincial Championships four consecutive years, placing third in 2024. Byron leads with quiet excellence, prioritizing athlete growth, joy, and life lessons through sport. Whether mentoring coaches or guiding teams, he always makes time for others. ***"I hope my athletes remember someone showed up for them,"*** he says. ***"And that one day, they'll do the same."***



CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - OFFICIAL

ANGELO PULICE - SOCCER

For over 40 years, Angelo Pulice has exemplified leadership, fairness, and passion in BC School Sports. A dedicated educator and coach in the Langley School District, he spent 38 years shaping student-athletes at H.D. Strafford and Langley Secondary. Angelo's officiating journey began in 1998 and quickly became a lifelong calling. Since 2002, he has served as the North Fraser Valley referee allocator and, for 18 years, as Head Referee and Allocator for the BCSS Provincial Soccer Championships. His officiating has spanned from high school to the FIFA Women's World Cup. Known for his humour, empathy, and integrity, Angelo has also mentored countless young officials and served on numerous sport committees. While honoured to receive the Citation of Excellence in Officiating, Angelo credits the relationships he's built as the most meaningful part of his journey, and shares this recognition with his wife Denise, whose unwavering support has made it all possible.



2024-2025 BCSS AWARD WINNERS

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - ADMINISTRATOR

PHIL OHL - SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Phil Ohl's journey began in grade 9, when a teacher encouraged him to try rugby, a leap that sparked a lifelong passion. Sport gave him connection, confidence, and purpose, eventually leading him to earn degrees in Physical Education and Coaching Studies. Phil returned to his alma mater, Parkland, as a coach, before spending 15 years at Claremont Secondary, where he helped revive its rugby program, founded the Scrumfest tournament, and led teams on international tours and provincial runs. Now an administrator, Phil has brought his leadership to Oak Bay and Spectrum Community School, where he continues to coach and champion inclusive opportunities for athletes. He believes in removing barriers so students can thrive, coaches can lead, and families can engage. With 25+ years of coaching and broad community involvement, Phil remains grounded in relationships and service. He is deeply grateful to the mentors and colleagues who've shaped his path.



CITATION OF EXCELLENCE - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

JENNIFER MAITLAND - WINDERMERE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

For nearly 20 years, Jennifer Maitland has been a passionate leader in school sport, known for building inclusive, vibrant communities rooted in care and opportunity. A longtime teacher and Athletic Director at Windermere Secondary, her love of sport began early, raised by two PE teachers and tagging along as a team mascot. Since stepping into coaching in 2006 and becoming AD in 2011, Jennifer has led countless teams across multiple sports, often coaching several at once. Beyond wins, her legacy lies in mentorship, sponsorship, and always stepping up where needed. She launched Windermere's student officials club, created an athletic service scholarship, and leads with visibility, values, and heart. Many of her former athletes return to coach, reflecting the community she's built. A proud VSSAA Executive member, Jennifer credits her school and family for shaping her journey. She is a tireless advocate and champion for student-athletes across B.C.



DAVID PRISSINOTTI - YORK HOUSE SCHOOL

For over 30 years, David Prissinotti has exemplified servant leadership in school sport. Social studies teacher and longtime Athletic Director at York House School, David began coaching girls basketball in 1992 and became AD in 1997. Under his guidance, YHS built one of B.C.'s most successful girls basketball programs, capturing 8 AA Provincial titles and reaching 11 straight finals from 1999 to 2012. More than championships, David takes pride in broadening the school's athletic culture, expanding opportunities in volleyball, field hockey, skiing, aquatics, and golf. A hands-on leader, he's known for supporting coaches behind the scenes so they can focus on student growth. David has served key roles with the LMISSAA, BCSSGBA, and Field Hockey Advisory Committee, mentoring others and shaping sport across the province. To him, this recognition honours not just his work, but the entire community that's made the journey meaningful. School sport, he believes, is ultimately about belonging and connection.



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WOMEN IN SPORT AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

MICHELLE NEDERLOF - DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

For over 30 years, Michelle Nederlof has empowered young women through sport, transforming school athletics into platform for growth, leadership, and confidence. Since joining Duncan Christian School in 1992, she has built inclusive programs from the ground up, shifting her coaching focus from boys to girls basketball to foster opportunity and representation. Michelle has led with empathy, humility, and intention, removing barriers, advocating for resources, and creating mentorship and leadership training for young female athletes. As a zone representative, she helped grow Vancouver Island's 1A girls basketball programs from six to 11 teams. Her initiative Beyond Basketball further supports confidence-building and development in girls through sport. Michelle's legacy lives on through former players who now coach and lead, continuing the cycle of empowerment. Honoured to receive the 2025 Women in Sport and Leadership Award, she credits her community, mentors, and student-athletes for walking alongside her in this deeply meaningful journey.



MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR

VIVIAN CHAN - VCHANVISUALS

Vivian sees sport as more than competition, it's a story worth telling. A 2022 Notre Dame graduate and former basketball player, she competed at the Senior Girls Provincial Championships in 2020 and 2022 before turning her passion toward media. Starting with a school camera and a vision, Vivian launched "Vchan Visuals," a platform now widely recognized across B.C. high school sports. Since 2019, she's covered countless BCSS Provincial Championships, capturing highlight reels, emotional moments, and underrepresented stories with authenticity and care. Her Instagram has become a go-to hub for athletes, fans, and coaches, especially from smaller schools seeking visibility. Vivian connects deeply with the players she films, mentoring young creatives and building a community grounded in pride and passion. As she receives the 2025 BCSS Media Person of the Year Award, Vivian credits her family and mentors, and reminds others: **"Trust your vision. Create content you love."** She's reshaping school sport storytelling in B.C.



STEVE EWEN - THE PROVINCE/VANCOUVER SUN

For over 35 years, Steve Ewen has championed school sport in B.C. through heartfelt, community-rooted storytelling. A graduate from Matthew McNair Secondary and Kwantlen's journalism program, his career began with a practicum that turned into a full-time role, launching decades of impactful coverage. From community papers to major outlets like The Province and Vancouver Sun, Steve has reported on everything from Provincial Championships to the Canucks and Whitecaps. Yet, his true passion lies in celebrating student-athletes and the school communities that shape them. He's documented generations of talent, often following players as they return as coaches, showing the lasting legacy of school sport. An inductee into the Vancouver Canadians Broadcast and Journalism Hall of Fame and winner of national media awards, Steve believes in the power of sharing good stories well. As the 2025 BCSS Media Person of the Year, he continues to spotlight the achievements that unite, inspire, and endure.



2024-2025 BCSS AWARD WINNERS

INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL

NANAIMO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

From just seven teams a decade ago to 35 across multiple sports today, Nanaimo Christian School (NCS) has transformed into a thriving hub for school athletics. With over 40% of its K-12 students involved, many as multi-sport athletes. This growth reflects a powerful culture rooted in inclusion, mentorship, and student-centered values. Key to this evolution was the hiring of Athletic Director Breanne Quist in 2016 and the opening of a new gym in 2018. NCS fosters belonging by hiring educators who coach, aligning athletics with academic and character development. The school supports student-athletes through academic resources, clear expectations, and celebrations like year-end awards and student journalism features. Their hospitality shines as hosts of BCSS Championships, complete with cheering squads and volunteer greeters. Beyond competition, NCS athletes engage in service, running camps and outreach across B.C. The 2025 Most Inspirational School Award affirms NCS's mission to build not just strong programs but a connected, joyful community.



HONOUR AWARD

LOUISE HOLMES - DUCHESS PARK SECONDARY

From the moment she stepped back into the gym at Duchess Park Secondary as a young teacher in 1990, Louise Holmes has been a cornerstone of school sport in northern B.C. A proud Duchess Park graduate (class of '85) and UVic trained PE teacher, Louise returned to her community with a clear purpose: to build opportunities for student-athletes, foster community through sport, and uphold the lifelong values that athletics bring to education.

Over the past 35 years, Louise has coached junior and senior girls basketball at Duchess Park with remarkable success. Guiding teams to multiple North Central Zone Championships, Provincial medals, and AA Provincial Championships in 1996 and 2000. Her commitment to youth development extended beyond school walls, coaching at five BC Summer Games, leading Junior Timberwolves club teams through UNBC, and spending 15 years coaching youth soccer while raising her family. As Athletic Director throughout her coaching career, Louise played a critical role in building robust basketball and volleyball programs, organizing tournaments, hosting five BCSS Provincial Championships, and ensuring every detail was in place so students could thrive. Alongside her husband Dave, she helped grow the annual Basketball City Championships into a flagship community event now hosted at UNBC.

Louise's impact also extends far beyond her school. For the past 13 years, she has served as President of the North Central Zone, revitalizing the organization through improved finances, updated policies, and a renewed sense of unity. Provincially, she has contributed her voice and vision to the BCSS Legislative Assembly, and Scholarship Committee. Through it all, Louise has remained grounded in service, believing school sport is about more than wins and banners, it's about relationships, teamwork, and the life lessons learned through competition. Her unwavering dedication, integrity, and passion have left an indelible mark on generations of students, coaches, and colleagues.

BC School Sports is proud to honour Louise Holmes with its highest recognition for a lifetime of exceptional leadership, service, and commitment to student-athletes across British Columbia.



HISTORY OF THE HONOUR AWARD

2025 LOUISE HOLMES
2024 PAUL THIESSEN
2023 ANNEMARIE WATTS
2022 KERRY TAYLOR
2021 SUE THORNE
2020 TOM DINSDALE
2019 WENDY HYER
2018 JILL VOROS
2012 RANDY SEMENOFF
 RAJ PURI
2011 JO-ANNE LOADER
2010 BOB MATLOCK
2009 BRIAN LAVIOLETTE
 BRIAN LYNCH
2008 PHILIP CIZMIC
2007 JOE MOREIRA
 JO ANN WARD
2006 WALTER BECKER
2005 BRIAN OLTHUIS
2004 DAVID BINGHAM
2003 MIKE CHARLTON
2002 NEIL MURRAY
 ROD VANCE
2001 VIC BIFANO
 MOE WILLIAMS
2000 LEN CORBEN
 BARRY KINGSLEY
1999 GAYLE GUEST
 BILL PARNELL
 BARRY STEWART
 DOUG STURROCK
 JACK TASAKA

1998 JACK MAY
 MARION MCNEILL
1997 DARLENE CURRIE
 STAN GILL
 ROGER KRONQUIST
 GARY HAENSGEN
 EARL HENDERSON
1996 ED PEDERSEN
 MIKE SMITH
 BOB STEBBINGS
1995 BILL MCNULTY
 CLIVE HUGHES
1994 MARTY CROSS
 ED CARLIN
1993 STAN LAWSON
 JIM STEWART
 DAVE GIFFORD
1992 BOB JACKSON
 VERA WILLIAMSON
1991 BOB FERGUSON
 JACK BUCKHAM
1990 BARRY CALLAGHAN
 MATT PHILLIPS
 DOUG HARSHBARGER
 JACK ARMOUR
1989 VERA CHERNOFF
 BOB GAIR
 CHANDRA MADHOSINGH
1988 DON HARTWIG
 DAN DOYLE
1987 HUGH MARSHALL
 RON VAN DOLAH
 RUTH WILSON
1986 DON MCINTYRE
 VAN MORRISON

2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

DAVE GIFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	
Bianca Padolina	Britannia Secondary
Isaiah Falk	Yale Secondary

BC DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP		BCSS INDIGENOUS STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP	
Emmet Ward	Windsor Secondary	Jayden Kenyon	Brookwood Secondary
Kara Lau	Carson Graham Secondary	Magdalena Malfair	Duchess Park Secondary

BCSS ZONE SCHOLARSHIP		
EASTERN VALLEY	Miles Graham	Unity Christian School
	Nicole Folka	G.W. Graham Secondary
FRASER NORTH	Micaiah Unger	Maple Ridge Secondary
	Olivia Casumpang	St. Thomas More Collegiate
KOOTENAY	Sophie Carter	Fernie Secondary
	Benson Moss	Grand Forks Secondary
NORTH CENTRAL	Thomas Cross	Nechako Valley Secondary
	Kira James	Fort St. James Secondary
NORTHWEST	Ryan Bandstra	Bulkley Valley Secondary
	Kendra Hughes	Charles Hays Secondary
SOUTH FRASER	Isaac Navarro	Surrey Christian School
	Samantha Ma	Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary
THOMPSON-OKANAGAN	Cole Budgen	Vernon Secondary
	Feron Wallace	South Kamloops Secondary
VANCOUVER ISLAND	Justin Hinrichsen	Spectrum Community School
	Avery Geddes	St. Michaels University School
VANCOUVER SEA-TO-SKY	Luc Primeau	Vancouver College
	Sofia Varma-Vitug	York House School

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Joseph Maddalozzo	Archbishop Carney Secondary
Yu Zhong Luo	Port Moody Secondary
Ella Coulombe	Alpha Secondary
Selina Xie	Prince of Wales Secondary
Caryl Szeto	Gleneagle Secondary

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Edward Le	Alpha Secondary
Lazlo Lorenzo	L.V. Rogers Secondary
Lauren Chow	Crofton House School
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Carmen Folka	G.W. Graham Secondary

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2024-25 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATIONS

INCOME

MEMBER SCHOOL DUES, FINES, AND ELIGIBILITY	\$97,910
BCSS EVENTS	\$1,117,315
SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP	\$350,210
GRANTS/DONATIONS	\$314,027
OTHER INCOME	\$52,915

TOTAL INCOME: **\$ 2,809,645**

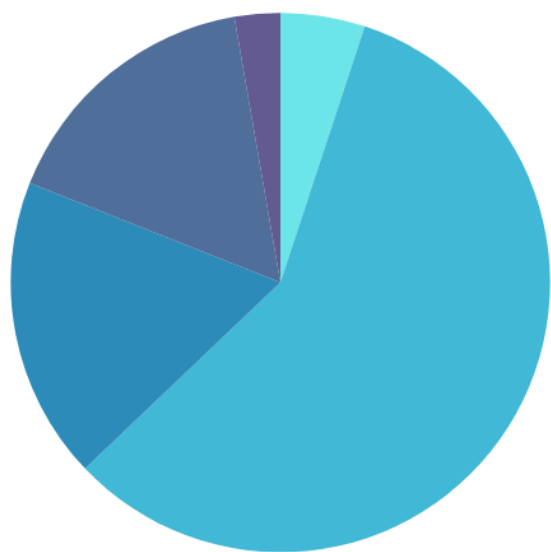
EXPENSES

OPERATING & ADMINISTRATION	\$1,004,632
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$203,486
BCSS CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS	\$1,312,855
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	\$50,848

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$ 2,571,821**

NET PROFIT/(LOSS): \$ 237,824

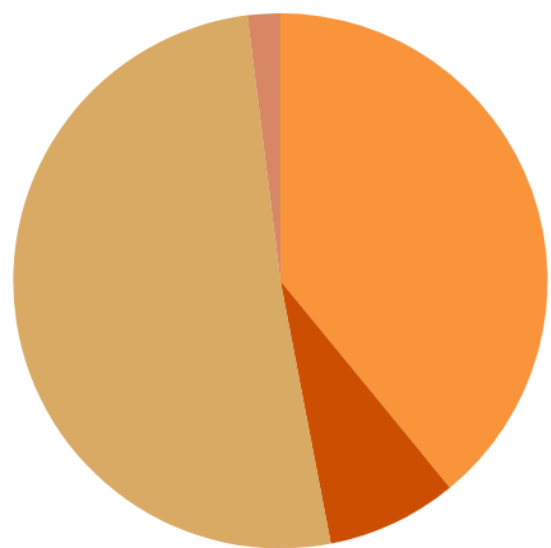
Revenue (\$)



REVENUE

MEMBER SCHOOL DUES, FINES, AND ELIGIBILITY	5.1%
BCSS EVENTS	57.8%
SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP	18.1%
GRANTS/DONATIONS	16.3%
OTHER INCOME	2.7%

Expenses (\$)



EXPENSES

OPERATING & ADMINISTRATION	39.1%
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	7.9%
BCSS CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS	51%
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	2%

