

President's Report

As we near the end of another successful school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support. The leadership you have demonstrated through coaching, officiating, organizing and mentoring is critical to our success as a BCSS organization and in our schools. This year included continuing to explore ways to fulfill our mission: promoting student participation in extra-curricular activities; assisting schools in the development and delivery of programs and providing governance for inter-school competition.

Our success in BCSS would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our Executive Director, Christine Bradstock. Throughout the past three years I have had numerous opportunities to work with Christine and witness the variety of ways with which she has promoted our BC School Sports mission and values. Christine's high level of commitment to interschool sports has provided many opportunities for student athletes to participate and compete, while she promotes and supports our student athletes, our coaches and our important volunteers.

We are very fortunate to have an incredible team in the BCSS office and I am continually impressed with the work Andrea, Andy, Brenda and Merrilla accomplish in keeping the BCSS office running efficiently and effectively.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge and thank our Board of Directors who have been essential and contributing team members as we continue to enhance our organization and extend our partnerships.

On behalf of the BC School Sports' Board of Directors, I want to thank you again for your commitment to school sports and I wish all of you continued success.

Deb Whitten, President

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Report from the Executive Director 2014-2015

To all of the dedicated volunteers and staff in the school sport community, thank you. Your contributions provide a positive experience for our student-athletes as well as consistency and growth in the organization.

One of our many strengths are our partnerships with our multiple stakeholders. Thank you to BCCPAC, BCSTA, BCSSA, the Principals/Vice Principals Association, BCSS Sport Commissions, Athletic Associations, BCSS sponsors, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Healthy Families from the Ministry of Health. Our committee structure is also strong and continues to be a wonderful connection to all areas of BC.

The upcoming year looks promising as we continue to live our values of;

- encouraging participation in physical activity and interschool athletics,
- supporting the equity of opportunity for students and coaches to participate in athletics and
- promoting quality interschool sports programs as a means of ensuring fair play and ethics

Thank you again for your commitment to school sports and all the best for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Bradstock,
Executive Director BC SCHOOL SPORTS

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Report from BC School Trustees Association

I am pleased to bring Greetings from BCSTA President Theresa Rezansoff, the Board of Directors of BCSTA, staff and all the Trustees on our Boards of Education in the Province of BC.

We all recognize, and greatly appreciate the significant influence you have on the lives of the young folk in our schools.

From my own secondary involvement in sports, to my earlier time on the BC School Sports Board in the 1980s, through my 30 plus years as a Surrey School Trustee, athletics was and continues to be a passion of mine. I have seen firsthand the valuable life skills our students acquire through their involvement in sports.

I have also witnessed the camaraderie all of you extend to students, and seen the bond that develops between teammates. Many of those friendships last a lifetime.

The role all of you play is varied.....not only are you instructors and motivators, but also facilitators, chauffeurs, advisors, counsellors, mentors, organizers/planners, just to name a few.

Trustees salute you! Thank you from all of us!

Respectfully submitted,

Laurae McNally, Trustee
School District #36 (Surrey)
BC School Trustees Representative

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee recipient
Province of BC Community Achievement Award
Life member BCSTA

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Report from the BC School Superintendents Association

As a player, coach and now a member of the BC School Sports Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated individuals who donate countless hours of their time to ensure athletic opportunities continue to be available to student athletes.

Such opportunities contribute to creating a positive school culture, promoting a healthy lifestyle and developing many attributes in youth, including sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment. Moreover, it fosters a sense of belonging and builds self-esteem in our student athletes. Sport is an integral and valuable part of the BC school system.

On behalf of the BC School Superintendents Association, I would like to thank all of the coaches, athletic directors, staff and volunteers who are committed to providing students opportunities to participate in sport and who continue to advocate for school athletic programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Hyer, School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
BC School Superintendents Association Representative

Report from the Principals' And Vice-Principals' Association

The British Columbia Principals' and Vice Principals' Association recognizes the role school sports play in the educational experience of our students and the development of healthy, active, lifelong learners. As Principals and Vice Principals, we are committed to ensuring opportunities for all students to participate and compete in safe, supportive and engaging interschool sports experiences.

The BCPVPA would like to recognize the outstanding work taking place across the province, acknowledge the leadership that exists within BC School Sports and thank the coaches, athletic directors, staff, parents, and students who are involved with our athletic programs. It is a direct result of the time, skills and expertise you invest in our athletic programs that they continue to thrive. Thank you for your dedication, passion for sport, and commitment to our students.

The skills, experiences and characteristics developed through participation in sport are key aspects in the success of our students in school, work and life. For many, sports create the spark through which we connect and engage learners in schools. The attributes of fairness, respect, dedication, commitment and teamwork reflect the nature of our schools and the values of our school communities. As educators, it is our responsibility to ensure that our practices within the classroom, on the field and in the gym are thoughtful, intentional and rooted in research and best practice. We must continue to advocate on behalf of school sports and ensure that our policies and practices are inclusive and provide choice and flexibility for students and families.

Thank you to everyone for the work you do in support of students!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Rawnsley
Principal
Burnaby North Secondary School
SD 41 Burnaby

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Report from the BC Confederation of the Parent Advisory Councils

All of us at BCCPAC would like to take this opportunity to offer our best wishes to the membership and executive of BC School Sports for its 2015 AGM. It is through the dedication of hundreds of BC coaches, athletic directors and administrators that BC School Sports is able to find a balance in meeting the different needs of each student, team, district and region. Truly, your ongoing success is no small achievement!

BC parents have always and will continue to support, encourage and promote excellence in sports in our schools. The positive impact team sports have on individual students, school community and their future professional success is clearly researched and documented. We greatly admire how you successfully hold 53 provincial championships in BC every year with more than 100,000 students participating, acquiring new skill sets, and creating lifelong memories for themselves and their peers.

On behalf of the BCCPAC, a huge thank you once again to all of the coaches, managers, Athletic Directors, parents, families, staff and students who donate their time to ensure opportunities continue to be available for students interested in school sports. Your hard work, dedication and commitment is immensely valuable and much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ayesha Haider, Second Vice President
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

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Report from the Council of Association Presidents

The Council of Association Presidents has the responsibility of discussing and making recommendations to the Board and Legislative Assembly on areas of common concern throughout the province. The Council recently had the opportunity to share concerns, problems and ideas with the Board of Directors and Commissions, as well as providing information for presidents to take back to their member schools.

The Council of Association Presidents is a great forum for representatives from each Association to share ideas and to help each other resolve problems. I would like to thank all of the Association Presidents who are able to attend meetings and share valuable information and concerns that benefit the opportunities we provide for student-athletes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Thorne, Chair
Prince Charles Secondary

Report from the Council of Sport Commissioners

The Council of Sport Commissioners meet two times per year, once in October and once in May, the evening prior to the Annual General meeting. Over this past year, the Council meetings have been extremely well attended. At these meetings, the Sport Commissioners share a great deal of information with each other. In their two meetings over this past year, they have discussed not only concerns within each of their Commissions but also common concerns that exist over several Commissions. The Sport Commissioners also share ideas and successful practices that occur at the various Championships of the 19 Sports Commissions within BC School Sports.

Several items that have been discussed at the Council of Sport Commissions include:

- Communication with member schools
- BC School Sports STARS Registration System
- Geographic Zones and Independent Schools
- Seasons of Play
- Championship Matters, Medical Coverage, Banners, Webcasting
- Society Annual Reports, Commission Financial Statements, and Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Eligibility Rules
- Provincial Championship Issues
- Tiering Issues
- Fees, Gaming Funds, and Travel Grants
- Tournament Sanctioning and Travelling Outside of BC

I would like to thank all of the Sports Commissioners who were able to attend and participate in our Council meetings as these meetings are beneficial and provide an opportunity to share both successes and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Moslin, Chair
Woodlands Secondary School, Nanaimo

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Administrators' Committee

Nothing to report – committee has not met this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Rawnsley
Principal
Burnaby North Secondary School
SD 41 Burnaby

Report from the Coaching Development Committee

The Coaching Development Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the BCSS membership regarding the BC School Sports' Coaching Development programming.

During the 2014-15 year, BCSS trained 6 new facilitators for the Coaching in BC Schools module which is recognized under the NCCP system. We offered clinics in 4 locations (Burnaby, Prince George, Langley, and Richmond) with a total of 49 participants. BCSS staff are hoping to offer more courses in 2015-16 and will be working with ViaSport and the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) to revise the course manual that was originally written in 2010.

BCSS partnered with the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA) to pilot Leadership Training Program (LTP) courses. The LTP is a professional development program designed by athletic administrators for athletic administrators. The LTP is a great way for future or potential administrators to learn about the role of Athletic Directors and the courses can lead to Masters of Science in Sport Management from Indiana State University or Chase College (Indiana). On February 20th, the CIAAA offered 2 courses in 2 locations (Delta and Victoria) with a total of 46 participants.

An online survey has been circulated to the 46 clinic participants as well as school athletic directors seeking input on future LTP courses and the possibility of setting up a BC Interscholastic Athletic Association (BCIAAA) or offering courses through BCSS. So far over 70 responses have been received.

Submitted by,

Mykola Misiak, Chair
BC School Sports, Coaching Development Committee

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Report from the Competitive Standards Committee

The role of this committee is to review and revise any potential changes to Competitive Rules and Regulations of BCSS. The committee takes a global viewpoint of issues affecting the balance between competition and participation when making its decisions.

This year, the committee submitted several resolutions and procedural changes for approval by the membership. It is the belief of the committee that the approval of these changes will provide equal opportunities for all sports and increase transparency and acknowledgement of student athlete transfers.

I would like to thank the committee members for their time and effort in they have volunteered for the betterment of each of the sports represented by BCSS.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Colombo
BCSS, Competitive Standards Committee (Chair)

Report from the Disciplinary Committee

The BCSS Disciplinary Committee acts as the second and final level of appeal for a disciplinary act, as per Part 5 (Appeal Process for Disciplinary Action Taken) of the BCSS Violations of Competitive Policies regulation. The Disciplinary Committee also acts as the Appeal Body for any decision made by the Management Committee concerning a harassment matter. The decisions made by the BCSS Disciplinary Committee are final and binding on all parties. The committee membership is made up of 10 members, with at least one member per zone, appointed by the Board.

Current Committee Members:

Zone A: Kootenays - Vacant

Zone B: Okanagan - Tom Dinsdale (Chair) - Brocklehurst Secondary

Zone C: North Central - Vacant

Zone D: Northwest - Vacant

Zone E: Vancouver Island - Vacant

Zone F: Lower Mainland - Vacant

Zone G: Fraser Valley - Mykola Misiak - Earl Marriot Secondary

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The Disciplinary Committee did not meet this year.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Dinsdale, Chair

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Report from the Eligibility Appeal Committee

The Eligibility Appeal Committee consists of 6 appointees, and exists to hear the second level of appeal concerning a student's eligibility. There is currently a vacant seat on the Committee. The BCSS EAC has authority and responsibility as per the BCSS Eligibility Policies approved by the BCSS membership.

The Eligibility Appeal Committee has met by conference call five times so far this year.

The total number of appeals to 15 April 2015:

Accepted – 3

Denied – 7

I have appreciated the thoughtful work of the Committee members: Sue Thorne, Alex Lewis, Mykola Misiak and Lindsey Karpluk.

The Committee also appreciates the amount of time and work of Christine Bradstock and staff at BCSS in the appeals process and in the preparation of the documentation and information needed for the Committee.

Thanks also to Andy Gilbert (Eligibility Officer) for his work in the appeals process.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Dinsdale, Chair

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Report from the Rules and Regulations Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee has the responsibility of discussing and recommending revisions to the Competitive Rules and Regulations, Operating Policies and Procedures and the Constitution and Bylaws. This past year, the committee looked at updating and reformatting the Bylaws on the recommendation of our legal counsel. Consequently, changes to the Bylaws affect the Operating Policies and Procedures.

I would like to thank all of the committee members who are able to attend meetings and share valuable information and concerns that benefit the opportunities we provide for student-athletes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Thorne, Chair
Prince Charles Secondary

Scholarship and Awards Committee

The BC School Sports Scholarships and Awards Committee is responsible for making selection recommendations to the BC School Sports Board of Directors for scholarships, student bursary award programs, and all other BC School Sports annual member awards.

In 2014 BC School Sports awarded \$8,400 in BC School Sports Zone and David Gifford Memorial Scholarships.

Award recipients for 2014 were as follows:

BCSS Outstanding School Award:	L.V. Rogers
BCSS Provincial Coach of the Year Award:	Tony Scott (Gleneagle)
BCSS Merit Award:	Darren Reisig (Claremont)

Scholarship recipients for 2014 were as follows:

Dave Gifford Memorial:	John Gay (Okanagan Mission) Mieke DuMont (South Kamloops)
Zone A (Kootenays):	Kyle Maclean (Fernie)
Zone B (Okanagan):	Malcolm Heinrichs (Southern Okanagan) Rylee McKinlay (Princess Margaret)
Zone C (North Central District):	André Dubé (Lakes District) Carly Shaw-MacLaren (Duchess Park)
Zone D (Northwest District):	Ryan Wright (Hazelton) Jamie Tersago (Smithers)
Zone E (Vancouver Island):	Michael Baart (St. Michaels University) Lindsay Cole (Mount Douglas)
Zone F (Lower Mainland):	Tom Kanwischer (Handsworth) Julia Hodanic (Burnaby Mountain)
Zone G (Fraser Valley):	Travis Miller (Langley Christian) Christine Howlett (South Delta) Keesha Khehra (North Surrey)

Congratulations to our scholarship winners who exemplify the levels of participation and excellence for which BC School Sports is widely and deservedly recognized. Also, congratulations to our award

recipients for the commitment and skills you have contributed as coaches and administrators of sport within our school system.

Brian Lynch (Chair, Scholarship and Awards Committee)

Ayesha Haider (Committee Member)

Joe Moreira (Committee Member)

Eligibility Officer Report

Eligibility Applications

As has been the trend, this year's number of Eligibility Applications has increased again. More than likely, this is a result of student athletes now establishing their home school at grade 8.

The number of denials to Eligibility Applications could be decreased if Athletic Directors used the Advanced Eligibility form to get an opinion prior to submitting a regular Eligibility Application. Another method that could decrease the number of denials would be if schools could find some mechanism to have all incoming transfer students declare whether or not they played a sport at their previous school. That may act as an alert to the student, the parents and athletic director to the possibility of being ineligible for sports at their new school.

Year	Accepted	Denied	Pending	Withdrawn	Total
1996-1997	382 (68%)	190 (32%)	0	0	572
1997-1998	252 (60%)	148 (35%)	22 (5%)	0	422
1998-1999	169 (56%)	130 (44%)	0	0	299
1999-2000	136 (55%)	100 (40%)	0	13 (5%)	249
2000-2001	90 (46%)	94 (49%)	6 (3%)	4 (2%)	194
2001-2002	87 (46%)	95 (50%)	2 (1%)	6 (3%)	190
2002-2003	102 (55%)	81 (43.5%)	1 (0.5%)	2 (1%)	186
2003-2004	73 (44%)	77 (46%)	16 (9.5%)	1 (0.5%)	167
2004-2005	50 (39%)	66 (52%)	9 (7%)	3 (2%)	128
2005-2006	60 (49%)	57 (46%)	6 (5%)	0	123
2006-2007	49 (50%)	48 (49%)	2 (2%)	0	99
2007-2008	62 (60%)	39 (37%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	104
2008-2009	70 (61%)	37 (32%)	0	8 (7%)	115
2009-2010	62 (66%)	26 (28%)	2 (2%)	4 (4%)	94
2010-2011	69 (67%)	26 (25.2%)	8 (7.8%)	0	103
2011-2012	80 (62%)	33 (25.6%)	7 (5.4%)	9 (7%)	129
2012-2013	118 (81.4%)	14 (9.6%)	2 (1.4%)	11 (7.6%)	145
2013-2014 (as at Apr 25/14)	179 (84.4%)	28 (13.2%)	1 (.5%)	4 (1.9%)	212
2014-2015 (as at Apr 16/15)	188 (83.9%)	32 (14.5%)	4 (1.6%)	0	224

Grade 7 Eligibility Applications

The grade 7 play-up rule is has been used more this year than in the past. The original intent of the rule was to provide a school with the opportunity to use a grade 7 student-athlete in the case that they otherwise would not be able to make their league commitments. It is my feeling that this rule needs to be revisited and firmed up with the appropriate language as it seems, in many cases, the original intent of the rule has been forgotten.

The table below indicates the numbers of applications that have been submitted so far this school year:

Year	Accepted	Denied	Pending	Total
2010-2011	281 (86.5%)	41 (12.6%)	3 (0.9%)	325
2011-2012 (as at Jan 25/12)	175 (52.9%)	152 (45.9%)	4 (1.2%)	331
2012-2013 (as at Jan 25/13)	28 (100%)	0	0	28
2013-2014 (as at Apr 25/14)	34 (100%)	0	0	34
2014-2015 (as at Apr 16/15)	47 (100%)	0	0	47

Respectfully Submitted

Andy Gilbert, Eligibility Officer