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President's Report

As we near the end of another successful school year and the end of my term as the President of BCSS I would like to take this opportunity to thank Christine Bradstock for her outstanding dedication to our organization. Our continued growth in BCSS would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our Executive Director. Throughout the past four years I have seen the variety of ways with which she has promoted BC School Sports mission and values. Christine's high level of commitment to interschool sports has provided many key opportunities for student athletes to participate and compete. I wish her the very best as she embarks on new and exciting adventures.

I would like to thank Andy Gilbert, Merrilla Thorp, Shannon Key, and Karen Hum for their organizational and decision making skills as they navigate the challenges and responsibilities of the BCSS organization.

I want to acknowledge the leadership all of you have demonstrated through coaching, officiating, organizing and mentoring. Your willingness to volunteer is critical to our success in our schools and as a BCSS organization.

Lastly, I would like to recognize and thank our Board of Directors: Rob Colombo, Wendy Hyer, Harry Moes, Brian McAskill, Mykola Misiak, and Stacy Robertson who have been essential to me and my growth within this organization. Each of the Board members have mentored and supported me and I am very thankful for their time and dedication. They have also given numerous hours to help BCSS strive for service excellence and a commitment to being a student-centered, school driven organization.

My term as the President has had been challenging, rewarding and filled with countless learning occasions. I will miss the formal and informal opportunities to connect with you and with our student-athletes. I want to wish our incoming President and Board members the very best success and thank them for their willingness to step forward and lead BCSS.

To conclude, 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

This week marks four years since I started here at BC School Sports and I want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers and staff in the school sport community. Your contributions provide a positive experience for the student-athletes.

As I transition out of the organization I wish to thank all of the BCSS Board members that have worked tirelessly over the last four years. Your leadership and guidance was very valuable and has helped the organization become more financially stable and have a stronger governance structure.

I also wish to thank all of the BCSS office staff, you are an inspiration and have made each day a pleasure. I commend all of you for your dedication to the student-athletes, school sports and for your humility and honesty. Through your work we have implemented many great office processes and systems that have made the office run more consistently and in a smoother fashion.

I wish the new Board and leaders all the best as they embark on their new year and new roles. The job of managing and leading this community is awesome and challenging. As you ensure every student-athlete and every member of BCSS is provided with fair and equitable play I hope that you enjoy your time with school sports.

One of the many strengths of BCSS are the partnerships with various 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. The BCSS committee structure is strong and growing in strength and consistency.

Thank you again for your commitment to school sports and the opportunity to work with all of you. All the best for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Bradstock,



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BC School Trustees' Report

It is a pleasure to bring Greetings from BCSTA President Theresa Rezansoff, the BCSTA Board of Directors, our 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 students in our schools.

I remember my own involvement in school sports as though it was just yesterday. I can still recall the names of my former coaches. Thus it will likely be with all the young folk whose lives you have touched. In my role as a Trustee, I see the commitment you make to our young athletes. In giving so many hours of your own time, you allow them to enjoy learning experiences that extend far beyond the classroom. In teaching them about teamwork, respect, perseverance, and responding to challenges, you enrich their lives in many ways.

Trustees salute you! Thank you from all of us!

Laurae McNally, Trustee School District #36 (Surrey) B.C. School Trustees Representative



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Report from the BC School Superintendents Association

As the BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) liaison to BC School Sports, I have had the opportunity to sit as a member of the BC School Sports Board of Directors for the past five years. As such, I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated staff and volunteers who have worked diligently to improve the organization's financial situation, update the website, ensure athletic opportunities continue to be available to student athletes and to uphold the values of fair play. I commend those involved for their accomplishments and thank them for their commitment.

As the organization moves forward, it has a number of challenging issues to address, including updating its by-laws, reviewing eligibility issues, tiers and zones, etc. I want to thank and congratulate those of you who have stepped forward to work with the membership to tackle these issues. While it is challenging, and often frustrating work, it is also very rewarding. Best of luck in leading the organization through these changes.

Finally, 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



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Report from the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals Association

Vacant-Nothing to report.



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Report from the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

BCCPAC would like to take this opportunity to facilitate the membership and executive of BC School Sports for its 2016 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!

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 54 provincial championships in BC every year with more than 90,000 students participating, acquiring new skill sets, and creating lifelong memories for themselves and their peers. BC parents are proud to provide you with volunteer capacity as and when required to support our children.

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,

Nicole Makohoniuk, 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



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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:

- Fees, Gaming Funds, and Travel Grants
- Communication with member schools
- Single gender schools in co-ed competitions
- Verification and importance of this in League, Zone, and Provincial qualification play
- BC School Sports STARS Registration System
- Seasons of Play
- Championship Matters, Medical Coverage, Banners, Webcasting
- Society Annual Reports and Changes to the Society Act, Commission Financial Statements, Accounting/Bookkeeping, and Reporting
- Provincial Championship Issues
- Tiering Issues and Moving Up To a Higher Tier
- Junior Championships
- Reminder of Tournament Sanctioning and Travelling Outside of BC
- Incident Reporting
- Competitive Standards Committee

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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Report from the Administrators Committee

Vacant-Nothing to Report



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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 2015-16 year, BCSS offered one clinic in Burnaby with a total of 14 participants. BCSS staff are hoping to offer more courses in the Fall and Spring of 2016-17.

BCSS partnered with the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA) to host 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 Grace College (Indiana). On October 23rd, the CIAAA offered courses in 3 locations (Burnaby, Duncan & Kelowna) with a total of 33 participants. On February 19th, the CIAAA offered two different courses in Burnaby with a total of 16 participants. The courses were very well received and we look forward to hosting courses in the future.

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 robust committee was very active and 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 clarity for student-athlete transfers, increased participation and simplification of Section "D" and "E" of the handbook for all student athletes and sports commissions.

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)



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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 - Deb Whitten - SD #61

Zone F: Lower Mainland - Vacant

Zone G: Fraser Valley - Mykola Misiak - Earl Marriot Secondary Zone G: Fraser Valley - Rob Colombo - Riverside Secondary

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 7 appointees, and exists to hear the second level of appeal concerning a student's eligibility. 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 or in person four times so far this year.

The total number of appeals to April 15, 2016:

Accepted - 6

Denied – 5

I have appreciated the thoughtful work of the Committee members: Sue Thorne, Alex Lewis, Mykola Misiak, Harry Moes, Stacy Robertson 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 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 2014/2015 BC School Sports awarded \$11,400 in Scholarship for the following scholarships: BC School Sports Zone Scholarships, David Gifford Memorial Scholarships, Subway Soccer Scholarships and Bert & Greta Quartermaine Badminton Scholarships.

2014-2015 Award Recipients

Award	Recipient		
BCSS Outstanding School	St Thomas Aquinas & Abbotsford Christian		
BCSS Provincial Coach of the Year	John Garvey & Nancy Champagne		

2014-2015 Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship	Recipient		
Dave Gifford Memorial	Nickolas Colyn-Langley Christian High School		
	Sophie Pauls-Little Flower Academy		
Zone A (Kootenay)	Michael Mitchell-Selkirk		
	Taylor Aeichele-Nakusp		
Zone B (Okanagan)	Isaac Koch-Mount Boucherie		
	Taylor Corrie-Princess Margaret		
Zone C (Northwest District)	Ian Walker-Westside Academy		
	Elise Dube-Lakes District		
Zone D (Northwest District)	Tristan Walker-Caledonia		
	Morgan Monkman-Smithers		
Zone E (Vancouver Island)	Sam Willett-Mount Douglas		
	Faye Tuck-Dover Bay		
Zone F (Lower Mainland)	Connar Sampson-Sir Charles Tupper		
	Robyn Lee-Burnaby Mountain		
Zone G (Fraser Valley)	Dacious Richardson-Guildford Park		
	Robyn Buckingham-Walnut Grove		
Subway Soccer	Johnathan Bothelho-Duchess Park		
	Natalie Cavallin-Claremont Secondary		
	Jasdeep Lally-Panorama Ridge		
	Chadpreet Sandhu-Abbotsford Traditional		
Bert & Greta Quartermaine	James Ho-Fraser Heights		
	Michelle Tse-Alpha Secondary		



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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) BC School Sports AGM, May 7, 2016 Agenda Item 4.1.6.

Report from the Eligibility Officer

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 of 04-25-14)	191(84.9%)	30(13.3%)	0	4 (1.8%)	225
2014-2015	212 (84.1%)	36 (14.3%)	0	4 (1.6%)	252
2015-2016 (as of 04-05-16)	206 (81.4%)	39 (15.4%)	0	8 (3.2%)	253



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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 (01-25-12)	175 (52.9%)	152 (45.9%)	4 (1.2%)	331
2012-2013 (01-25-13)	28 (100%)	0	0	28
2013-2014 (04-25-14)	34 (100%)	0	0	34
2014-2015 (04-16-15)	47 (100%)	0	0	47
2015-2016 (04-05-16)	35 (100%)	0	0	35

Respectfully Submitted

Andy Gilbert, Eligibility Officer