



2019-2020
ANNUAL REPORT

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THE ORGANIZATION

OUR HISTORY

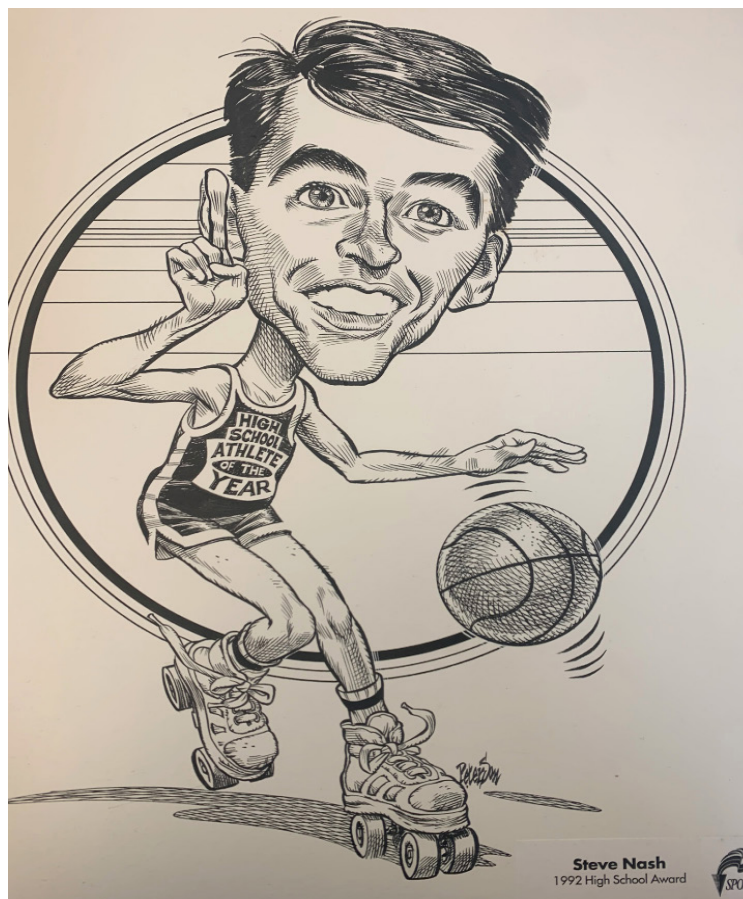
BC School Sports was originally organized in 1965 as the British Columbia Federation of School Athletic Associations (BCFSAA) by a group of interested teachers and administrators. A constitution was adopted in 1966. Operational support was received from the provincial government and the association opened an office in January, 1970. The name was changed to BC School Sports in 1980-81.

Public and independent secondary schools from across the province are member schools of BC School Sports. The association is self-governed with member schools approving the operating competitive policies by which school sport is governed. BC School Sports also liaises with educational partners such as school districts, the Ministry of Education, the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), the BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA), the BC Principals & Vice Principals Association (BCPVPA) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

BC School Sports has on average about 450 member schools each year throughout the province, with more than 90,000 student-athletes registered currently in 19 recognized activities.

PRESIDENTS

Mike Allina	2016 - 2020
Deb Whitten	2012 - 2016
Raj Puri	2006 - 2012
Philip Cizmic	2005 - 2006
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

DIRECTORS AND STAFF

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2019-2020 year was a memorable year both on and off the field of play. We were fortunate enough to celebrate our fall and winter BCSS championships in great style with a high standard of athleticism and sportsmanship. Unfortunately, the same could not be said for our spring BCSS championships that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With or without a BCSS championship congratulations and thanks is in order to all our student-athletes, teachers, administrators, coaches, and officials for a job well done.

This year also saw our new 9 zones. This was a difficult and critical shift for many zones but the feedback and results from the move to 9 zones was extremely positive. It is important to acknowledge the districts and Local Athletic Associations that worked tirelessly to implement the new structure and oversee the pathway to BCSS Provincial Championships. 2019-2020 saw the governance recommendation brought forward to the membership. The Governance Committee members were impressively dedicated and took a full year to conduct research and work through many questions. The model recommended by the committee seeks to increase member participation, create true regional representation, enhance the democratic process, unite sports, and most importantly produce transparent means of governing. An important step in the direction towards completing phase 1 of our strategic plan.

I would also like to thank the office staff, board of directors, eligibility officers, and committee members for their work and contribution to BCSS.

As I conclude my time as your President, I want to emphasize and celebrate the incredible change I have seen within this organization over the past 4 years. I have learnt a great deal about BCSS and what it means to look at the big picture. I thank all of you for your support and engagement throughout my tenure. There is still much to be done, and I now challenge you all to get involved to strengthen school-based activities across our province.



Mike Allina,
BCSS President

2019 - 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mike Allina
PRESIDENT



Tim Martens
DIRECTOR



Brent Sweeney
DIRECTOR



Rick Thiessen
DIRECTOR



Annemarie Watts
DIRECTOR

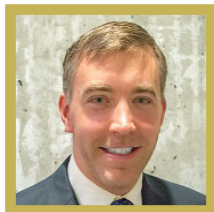


Gerry Karvelis
DIRECTOR



Rick Lopez
DIRECTOR

OFFICE STAFF



Jordan Abney
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR



Breanne Whyte
MANAGER OF
SPORT



Karen Hum
MANAGER OF
MEMBERSHIP
SERVICES



Bob Jackson
ELIGIBILITY
OFFICER*
*OFF-SITE CONTRACTOR



Geoff Davies
ELIGIBILITY
OFFICER*
*OFF-SITE CONTRACTOR

COMMISSIONERS & COMMITTEES

BCSS SPORTS COMMISSIONERS

FALL

Jennifer Girard	<i>Aquatics</i>
Colin Dignum	<i>Cross Country</i>
Bunny Hughes	<i>Field Hockey</i>
Brien Gemmell	<i>Football</i>
Don Moslin	<i>Soccer (Boys)</i>
Joe Moreira	<i>Volleyball (Girls)</i>
Al Carmichael	<i>Volleyball (Boys)</i>

WINTER

Jennifer Farano	<i>Basketball (Girls)</i>
Ed Somers	<i>Basketball (Boys)</i>
Dave Romani	<i>Curling</i>
Terry Mitruk	<i>Gymnastics</i>
Hubert Wohlgemuth	<i>Skiing/Snowboarding</i>
Doug Corbett	<i>Wrestling</i>

SPRING

Yvonne Chan	<i>Badminton</i>
Mark Figueira	<i>Golf</i>
Nicole Jean	<i>Mountain Biking</i>
Walter van Halst	<i>Rugby</i>
Don Moslin	<i>Soccer (Girls)</i>
Marci McLean	<i>Tennis</i>
Andrew Lenton	<i>Track and Field</i>

COMMITTEES

ELIGIBILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

Thomas Dinsdale	<i>District Principal, SD #73</i>
Darren Rowell	<i>Principal, Westview Secondary</i>
Peter Westhaver	<i>Principal, Claremont Secondary</i>
Alec Lewis	<i>Athletic Director, Windsor Secondary</i>
Scott Spurgeon	<i>Athletic Director, Meadowridge School</i>
Sue Thorne	<i>Teacher, Prince Charles Secondary</i>
Krista Walden	<i>Athletic Director, Pemberton Secondary</i>

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Moreira	<i>Athletic Director, Mount Sentinel Secondary</i>
Virgil Hill	<i>Athletic Director, Fraser Academy</i>
Jackie Snell	<i>District Athletic Coordinator, Lower Vancouver Island</i>
Bo Sidhu	<i>Vice Principal, Abbotsford Senior</i>
Mike Stickley	<i>Principal, Surrey School</i>

COMPETITIVE FAIRNESS COMMITTEE

Brent Sweeney	<i>BCSS Board Member</i>
Jordan Abney	<i>BCSS Executive Director</i>
Dr. Elizabeth Moore	<i>ISABC Executive Director</i>
Todd Manuel	<i>Assistant Superintendent, SD 67</i>
Andy Rodford	<i>Deputy Head, SMUS</i>
Harp Sohi	<i>District Athletic Coordinator, VSB</i>

Veronika Farnell	<i>Vice Principal, Centennial Secondary</i>
Joe Moreira	<i>Girls Volleyball Commissioner</i>
Blake Gage	<i>Athletic Director, Brentwood College</i>
Shauna Stam	<i>Athletic Director, Credo Christian</i>
Chris Carter	<i>Athletic Director, Mount Boucherie</i>
Marie Giesbrecht	<i>Athletic Director, Clearwater</i>

GOVERNANCE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Kim Senecal	<i>External Consultant</i>
Rick Thiessen	<i>BCSS Board Member</i>
Greg Kitchen	<i>Assistant Superintendent, SD 61</i>
Jordan Abney	<i>BCSS Executive Director</i>
James Johnston	<i>Principal, Semiahmoo Secondary</i>

Lindsay Brooke	<i>Athletic Director, SMUS</i>
Troy White	<i>Principal, Kelowna Secondary</i>
Mark Fenn	<i>Athletic Director, Sentinel Secondary</i>
Vacant	<i>District Athletic Coordinator</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT

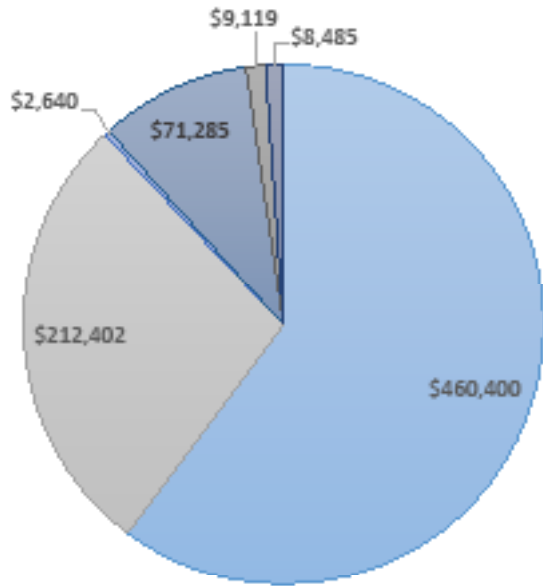
Year ending June 30th, 2020

OPERATIONS

INCOME	
Member Fees, Fines, and Legal Levy	\$460,400
Grants & Donations	\$212,402
Program Revenue	\$2,640
Advertising & Sponsorship	\$71,285
Merchandising & Sales	\$9,118
Other Income	\$8,485
Total Income	<u>\$764,330</u>
EXPENSE	
Membership Services	\$205,128
Championships and Zones	\$283,124
Recognition	\$59,546
Coaching	\$34,358
Total Expense	<u>\$582,156</u>
INTERNAL TRANSFER: UNRESTRICTED TO RESTRICTED	
Transfer to Restricted: Scholarship Reserve	\$8,375
Transfer to Legal Levy	
Transfer to Restricted: Special Projects Reserve	
Transfer to Restricted: Summer Operational Reserve	
Total Internal Transfers	<u>\$8,375</u>
NET UNRESTRICTED PROFIT/(LOSS)	<u><u>\$182,174</u></u>

CASH BALANCES

CASH BALANCES AT JUNE 30, 2019	
Unrestricted: Cash	\$263,293
Unrestricted: Accounts Receivable	\$25,734
Unrestricted: Accounts Payable	\$-1,153
Unrestricted: Prepaid Expenses & Medals	\$6,591
Restricted: Gaming	\$26,903
Restricted: Legal Reserve	\$52,851
Restricted: Summer Reserve	\$80,276
Restricted: Special Projects	\$15,841
Restricted: Scholarships - BCSS	\$66,897
Restricted: Scholarship - External	\$5,965
TOTAL CASH	<u><u>\$542,545</u></u>

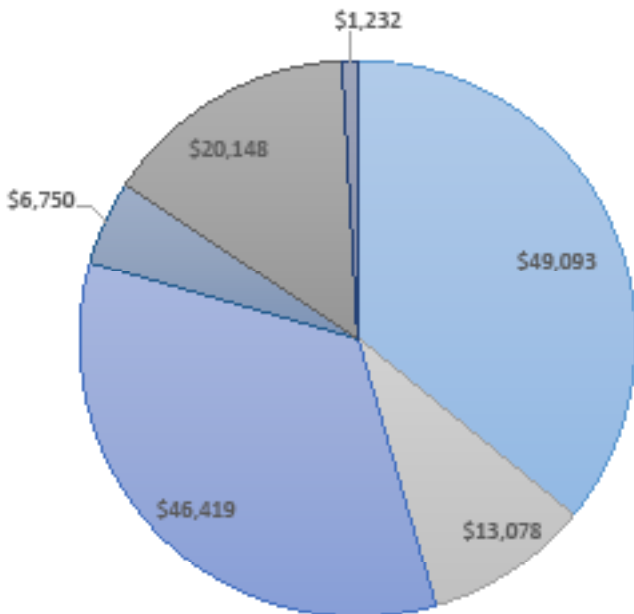
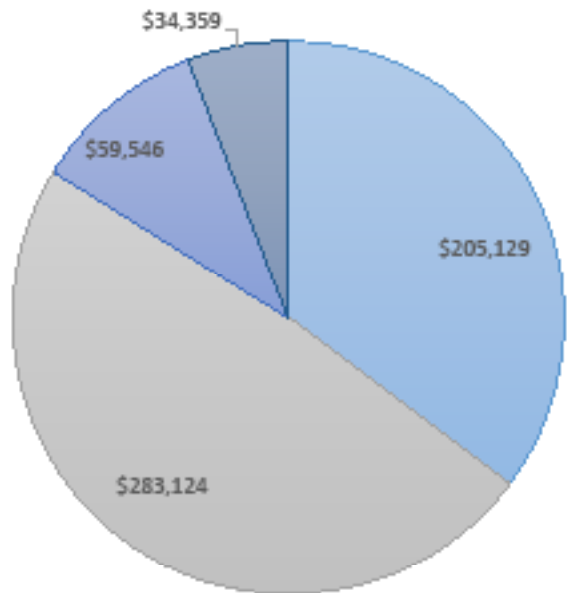


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FUNDS TO SUPPORT ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BCSS Gaming Grants	\$49,093
BCSS Grants	\$13,078
Commission Insurance	\$46,419
Athletic Association Insurance	\$6,750
Championship Banners	\$20,148
Webcasting Grants	\$1,232
Medical Grants	\$0
Total	\$136,720

BCSS STRATEGIC PLAN

PILLARS & KEY INITIATIVES

During the 2017-2018 academic year, BCSS underwent an extensive process to design a new strategic plan. The result is a three phase approach to focus the development of the organization and the ability to serve our member schools. 2019-2020 was year two (2) of Phase one (1), due to the COVID-19 pandemic the BCSS Board of Directors will be meeting to re-evaluate timelines for Phase two (2) which was set to start in the 2020-2021 school year.

PILLARS 3-5 YEAR PRIORITIES		PHASE 1 YRS 1 & 2	PHASE 2 YRS 3 & 4	PHASE 3 YRS 5+
1. GOVERNANCE	1.1 Update Governance Structure	✓		
	1.2 Complete a Comprehensive Review of the Role of Commissioner & their relationship within BCSS	✓		
	1.3 Include Sport Specific Rules under BCSS Mandate & Publish on BCSS Website/Handbook	✓		
	1.4 Investigate Universal Tiering			✓
2. PROGRAMS & SERVICES	2.1 BCSS Athletic Director Development	✓		
	2.2 Coach Development		✓	
	2.3 Standardization & Oversight of all Provincial Championships & Zone Championships		✓	
	2.4 Middle School Specific Programming & Policy			✓
	2.5 Explore Development of a Unified Sports Program			✓
3. COMMUNICATION & IMAGE	3.1 Develop & Implement Comprehensive Communication & Image Strategy	✓	✓	
	3.2 Explore Options to Enhance Eligibility Transparency		✓	
	3.3 Update BCSS Sponsorship Program		✓	
	3.4 Enhance Volunteer Recognition via Awards & Hall of Fame Programs		✓	✓

MISSION STATEMENT

To foster the development of good character through positive & equitable school-based sport experiences.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

FULFILLMENT

Positive experiences through school sport

GROWTH

Always learning, always improving

COLLABORATION

Striving together

SERVICE

Contributing to the greater good

OWNERSHIP

Taking responsibility & being accountable

SPORTSMANSHIP

Acting with integrity & respect

EQUITY

Acting with fairness & promoting inclusiveness

SAFETY

Safe experiences in school sport

Note: All values are of equal significance, the order in which they are presented should not be perceived as an indication of their relative importance

The values are designed to be applied at all levels of the organization:

- BCSS, The Organization - Board, Staff, Committees
- School Leadership - Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches
- Student-Athletes - Students participating in BCSS activities

A YEAR IN SPORTS

COVID-19 IMPACT

School sport in BC, and across the globe, took an unprecedented turn in spring 2020 due to COVID-19. COVID-19 caused the suspension of the spring season of play on March 17th, 2020, which included any and all training and competition for every spring sport. It was particularly impactful for the student-athletes who were in their final year of high school and did not get to complete their final season.

It was a difficult year for all student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, principals, and employees of BC School Sports to cope with and resolve the turmoil of the pandemic. With the sudden halt of school sport, there was a time to reflect on how to bring back school sport in a safe and calculated method with the guidance and approval of provincial health authorities.

The Board of Directors of BCSS also made the decision to proceed with a virtual AGM, which was the first of its kind.

STARS OPT-IN

Following the April 2019 AGM, BCSS saw a motion passed to create a new STARS function for school administrators. The functionality was built into the system over the summer, and introduced in September 2019.

Each school year, the school administration logs in to STARS through their portal and confirm their school to be a member for the upcoming school year, they will also update any school information that has changed over the summer.

Once the administrator has completed the opt in, a message will be sent to the Athletic Director on file granting them access to STARS registration system for the school year.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR LEARNING SERIES

With the cancellation of the spring season of play, the staff developed a series of mini-webinars specifically to assist Athletic Director in their role. These webinars focused on 5 topics designed to help make AD's lives easier.

The webinars were approximately 30 minutes in length and also provided opportunity for participants to ask questions. The webinars were taped and posted on our website as a resource tool for Athletic Directors.

RE-ZONING: 9 ZONES

This year was the first year in which BCSS operated with 9 zones instead of 7. This motion was passed at the 2018 AGM, and it was a great success with a resounding positive response.

The two additional zones came from splitting the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley from their current 2 to 4 zones.

The board concluded that, among other things, this would help to provide a systematic, transparent, equitable and objective process for qualification into the Provincial Championships.



MANDATORY CONCUSSION TRAINING

The 2020 AGM brought forward, and passed, the policy of Mandatory Coach Education in the realm of student-athlete safety. Effective September 2020, it is now a requirement for all members of a coaching staff (including but not limited to Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Coordinators, Teacher Sponsors, Student-Managers) to complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool, which is a free training course that is entirely online.

BCSS believed that this is essential in ensuring the safety of all of our student-athletes, as that is the highest priority for all involved in school sport, and to provide a current and appropriate baseline of education for all who are in leadership positions in school sport.

RUGBY 7's

At the 2019 BCSS AGM a motion was passed to include Rugby 7's as a demonstration sport. After one year as a demonstration sport the BCSS membership may vote to add Rugby 7s as an official BCSS activity.

Although the 2020 spring season of play was cancelled (the period in which the year of demonstration would have taken place), schools that did not have the participation numbers for Rugby 15's showed immense interest in fielding a 7's team. Registration for the first tournament was full, which was a great indicator that the demo season would have been a success.

A lot of the credit can be given to the planning committee led by Bryne Creek's, Moreno Stefanon, who put a lot of time and effort into the demo season that they hope to run in the 2020-2021 spring season.

GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL

The Board of Directors and the BCSS ADHOC Governance Committee underwent a lengthy process to compile a comprehensive proposal for governance structure changes to improve the function and operation of the organization.

The mandate from the Board of Directors was to explore all aspects of governance, specifically but not limited to, Membership Classes, General Meetings, Board Composition, Voting Rights, Tiering, Sport Commissions, and Local Associations.

The Governance Committee analyzed 4 core points of view when deliberating this governance review process:

- Philosophical
- Financial
- Operational
- Legal / Liability

This recommendation was carefully crafted by the committee after over a year of research, discussion, consideration and debate, and was brought to the membership in February 2020.

Due to COVID-19, the review/ verdict of this proposal was postponed until the 2021 AGM so that all parties can meet in-person for 100% clarity and comprehension of the terms.

TEAM HIGHLIGHT

BRITANNIA GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



The Britannia Girls Basketball Team in the 2019-2020 season were a truly dominate force. With a complete season record (including provincials) of 37-2, this team earned their stripes as the Girls AA Basketball Provincial Champions. This team was led by head coach Mike Evans, along with their MVP co-captains, Shemaiah Abatayo and Surprise Munie who brought their team to new heights with their talented play and exceptional leadership.

This team stands for resilience, diversity, strength, and community. They did not see failure as an option, and they always stayed positive. Coach Mike Evans has been coaching high school sport for 52 years and he knows that winning a provincial championship is no easy task, but when a championship possibility presented itself to this team this year, it provided them with a greater sense of purpose and joy. Not only was this team able to excel because of its strong team play, but also due to the support that this team has cultivated off the court from parents, classmates, and the community. This was a victory for Britannia Secondary School that had a profound effect of the lives of inner city kids and their families.



As far as the future of this program is concerned, Britannia is dedicated in community engagement with their players. Not only must these student-athletes fulfill their duties as both students and athletes, but this program finds immense value in producing high level citizens.

Britannia would also like to recognize the graduating players from this championship team; Shemaiah Abatayo, Surprise Munie, Lagi Vaa, Tiano Sacco, Laiana Padolina, Annie Le, Anna Luon, One Dang, Rhodos Lagos (Manager), Ava Xu (Manager).

AWARD WINNERS

KATHY HOSHIZAKI - *Female Coach of the Year*

The Coach of the Year is presented to an individual who personifies the values of school sport while in a coaching role, while developing student-athletes, both on and off the field of play



Kathy Hoshizaki was an active participant in school sport at Southgate Secondary in Campbell River where she played volleyball, basketball, and community softball. Her love for sport transitioned to coaching while she was completing her Education Degree coaching at Esquimalt Secondary. After graduating from the University of Victoria, Kathy continued coaching school sport as she joined the staff at Revelstoke Secondary, where she has been teaching and coaching for the past 27 years.

Throughout her time as a high school student-athlete, Kathy was inspired seeing the connections her volleyball coach Gary Epp made with this student-athletes and this made her want to become a teacher and coach.. Kathy continues to dedicate a tremendous amount of time to school sport, she is the school's Athletic Director and has coached both boys and girls volleyball, track and field, and badminton throughout her career at Revelstoke. She continues to challenge herself as a coach and an educator highlighting that "you have no idea how much you don't know, I have learned so much, but still have so much to learn."

When asked to speak to her favourite coaching memories, Kathy stated she was lucky enough to have had many amazing coaching memories and couldn't pick just one! She did note that being a part of a smaller school gave Kathy had the opportunity to coach a team from their grade 8 year all the way up to their grade 12 year. Spending 5 years with this group of student-athletes allowed her to connect with them on an incredibly unique level, and it reinforced all the reasons on why she got into education and coaching. A recent highlight has been the opportunity for her to coach her own son on the junior boys' volleyball team and see the team compete in Junior Invitational provincials. Kathy said the opportunity to see the growth and commitment of her son and his teammates is a memory she will always cherish from coaching.

When reflecting back on the past 27 years as an educator and coach, Kathy stated, "Being a coach helps you to understand how important the connections are to the kids' educational experience, it's easier to build connections with students as a coach than it is as a teacher. It makes your teaching job more rewarding when you have strong connections with students." Kathy encourages new teachers to get involved in school sport to gain stronger connections, challenge yourself as an educator, and make a difference in the lives of student-athletes.

Kathy wishes to acknowledge all of her high school coaches that inspired her to become a coach. Greg Kenyon, Anne-Marie Watts, Maria Hansen, John Campbell, and Jodi Wallach all of whom have shared their knowledge, and supported her on her journey. Her supportive husband Ross, who never complains that she is gone for 3 months every year and finally all of the kids that she has had the pleasure of coaching, she would not be where she is today without them.

GUADANGAAY TLAATS'AA NAAY - *Outstanding School*

The Outstanding School award is presented to a school who shows a special commitment to its students and staff through athletics, intramurals, leadership, public service and has contributed significantly to the welfare of school athletics in its local community and across the province



BC School Sports is proud to announce that Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School (GTNSS) is the winner of the Outstanding School Award for the 2019-20 year. GTNSS is a remarkable school located in Haida Gwaii. GTNSS exemplifies the values of BC School Sports cultivate and demonstrate their continual effort to improve the lives of its students through athletics. GTNSS demonstrates their resilience in keeping sport in their school alive despite many barriers, and the leadership that the staff has taken on to participate in programs for its students.

Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay is a small school of merely 78 students in grades 8-12. With more than 50 of those students participating in school sports, the culture of sport that this school has cultivated is incredible, having nearly 70% of the school population participate, many being multi-sport athletes. Also, the journey that these students

must endure to play a single game is astonishing; they spend nearly 4 days of travel and thousands of dollars, all whilst sleeping on the opposing teams gym floor to save money. Despite the hardships for simple games that most schools take for granted, the school keeps the morale high by ensuring that their students bond by hosting fundraisers and team meet-ups outside school walls.

The teaching staff, as well as Athletic Director, Christine Cunningham, play an integral role in ensuring that the students are able to participate in school sport. GTNSS has 10 teachers, each of whom are deeply involved and display care for the lives of its student athletes whether it be by chaperoning team events, helping fundraise, or participating in practices or pick-up sports. Although it is difficult to organize proper intramurals, the student body as well as the teaching staff work together to make after-school sports as easy and accessible as possible for anyone who wishes to play.

In spite of the hurdles that this school must overcome, they are a proud school on the island. A school that celebrates sport and its students, we are honoured to name Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School the winner of the Outstanding School Award, and hope they continue to inspire school leadership, teachers and students across the province.

TOM DINSDALE - *Honour Award*

The Honour Award is the highest form of distinction BCSS can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to a teacher or administrator who has demonstrated prolonged and distinguished service to school sport, as a coach and on the BCSS Board of Directors



Tom Dinsdale's passion for sport began young, where he excelled in tennis and squash. He continued on to play school sport and valued his time so much as a student athlete, throughout his career in education he was committed to giving the same opportunities to youth Tom continues to share his belief that all kids have a range of gifts and talents, and everyone needs to feel like they have a place to belong and an opportunity to shine. Tom believes that for many, sport is this place.

School sport has been an important part of Tom's life for 40 years. His school sport journey started in 1980 as a recent university graduate securing a teaching job in Kitimat where coaching was expected of any new hire, but Tom was already looking forward to it. He coached girls' volleyball and basketball while teaching social studies at Kitimat. Before long, Tom transitioned into administration but even as a Vice-Principal Tom continued to commit the little time he had to coaching the teams in his school.

Tom continued to coach and officiate, but felt there was more he could give beyond his school, but to BC School Sports.

Tom was named to the BCSS Eligibility Appeals Committee in 2004, and has served as a member of this committee since. He has now served for 16 years on this committee, the last 5 as the committee chair and has brought an extremely knowledgeable perspective as an educator, district administrator and sport official to the committee.

When asked to reflect on his time in the school sport world Tom never mentioned the wins or losses he experienced, instead he highlighted that school sport is about development for both the student athletes and the educators. . When asked to share his favourite school sport moment Tom talked about a past athlete of his from Kitimat Izzy Maranchuk; not because she won blue provincial banners but because of her humble and coachable work ethic that made her as so enjoyable to coach and led her to great success. Izzy continued her athletic career with a full-ride basketball scholarship to Oregon State and showed what dedication and commitment on and off the court can give to young athletes.

Tom believes the connection he made with Izzy and his other student-athletes is a prime example of how coaching can develop an educator. Tom stated that "Coaching gives educators the opportunity to get to know their students, a place of relatability. Making a connection with kids and sharing experiences in the sport environment is transferred directly into the classroom."

This year Tom will retire after 40 dedicated years to school sport as an educator, coach, and instrumental player in BCSS eligibility appeal decisions. Although he will be stepping away from the bench, Tom plans to continue to be involved in sport as he gets re-certified as a BC Volleyball Official. Tom built relationships through school sport that are some of his favourites. He still enjoys connecting with students he coached years ago and was thrilled to coach, coaching multiple generations in a family.

Tom would like to thank Dick Johanssen who was a positive influence as a teacher, and later as an administrative colleague, in pursuing education as a career and passion. From a school sports perspective, Kitimat basketball coaches Ron McAulay and Tony McCrory, and volleyball coach Gary Maitland for providing mentoring and modelling the commitment and passion for student athletes over many decades. In Kamloops, Tom was positively influenced by coaches such as Brian Olthius, Jack Buckham, Will Blair and Homer Hamm who also committed decades of coaching the right way, and impacted in such positive ways thousands of young people, many of whom are following in their footsteps and paying it forward today in BCSS schools.

RON VAN DRIEL - *Male Coach of the Year*

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Fraser Valley Christian (FVC), (now Surrey Christian) did not have a gymnasium back in the 70's, but that didn't stop Ron Van Driel from competing in every outdoor sport offered throughout his high school career. Although not every team was competitive provincially, Ron still recalls the year both the boys and girls cross-country teams qualified for provincials, and after a cold and snowy race, the girls team won a BCSS Provincial Champions banner. The accomplishment was celebrated by the entire school. This would start a 40 year passion for coaching in Ron.

Like many who choose this path, Ron had a very influential Phys Ed teacher who encouraged Ron to get into teaching. Ron attended Dordt University, in Iowa, and believed it was his calling to go into their Physical Education program graduating in 1980. After graduation, Ron relocated to Smithers, BC and secured a job at Bulkley Valley Christian School as the main K-12 physical education teacher and has been a dedicated educator and coach there ever since. For Ron teaching and coaching goes hand-in-hand, he felt that as an educator it was his duty to give back and give students the same opportunities he once had as a young student-athlete.

With just 220 students from K-12 at Bulkley Valley, they focused on certain sports to field teams, aiming to field volleyball, basketball, golf teams every year, with some athletes also participating in track.. Ron coached in all three BCSS Seasons of Play for 40 consecutive years. A level of dedication that is an accomplishment in itself no matter the success of the teams. A major highlight of his career was in 2005 when his Bulkley Valley team both hosted and won the A Boys Volleyball Provincial Championship with 2 of his sons playing on the team.

When asked what his greatest coaching accomplishment is, he didn't focus on the success of any of the teams he coached but rather stated “[I have] a lot of pride in running a strong program that is supported by community and teacher coaches who have bought in and do the best we can with the limited resources available. Kids develop good habits with good quality coaching.” It is common practice for his alumni athletes to come back and support the current teams and be a part of Ron's life outside of sport, and aspect of the job that is the most rewarding to him.

This year after 40 years at Bulkley Valley Ron will be retiring from teaching, but he has committed to continue to coach during retirement. Ron believe his years of connections in the classroom were strengthened by coaching his students, and the memorable years of teaching that helped build his commitment to school based coaching.

Ron would like to thank wife Janna for always understanding who he is and his love for giving back to the kids, Luke Van Harmelen for encouraging him to get into teaching, and his administrators over the years who have been extremely supportive of school sport and continue to encourage him to challenge people and the community to support the school and program. Ron would also like to thank the educators, administrators and coaches from Smithers Secondary, who have often worked in partnership with Bulkley Valley over the years, often sharing facilities and support, in a way that

STEPHEN BURNS - *Male Coach of the Year*



After a sport filled High School career playing badminton, basketball, and soccer including a BCSS provincial championship appearance in his grade 11 soccer season. Stephen Burns went on to win 3 CIAU (now USports) national championships out of his 5 years playing soccer for UBC. After graduating with a Physical Education degree, Stephen moved on to play 3 years in the Canadian Soccer League sharpening the skills he would soon transition into coaching.

Stephen got his first teaching job at Star of the Sea where he started coaching basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field. Shortly after starting at the elementary level he moved to the senior level coaching at South Park in 1998 where his passion for coaching basketball and soccer flourished. After moving to the senior level Stephen knew that was where he could make the biggest impact on students, in 2002 he accepted a position at South Delta Secondary where he focused on creating a strong soccer program. Still coaching at South Delta today, Stephen has led many BCSS provincial championship qualifying teams in both boys and girls with the girls currently making provincials for a record 18th straight year. The senior girls' team won the Provincial banner in 2008.

Although Stephen is known for his highly competitive nature, school sport will always be much more than winning and losing. “There is nothing better than coaching school sport; you have a short time with these kids and as a coach, I work hard to put them into the mindset that representing your school is one of the greatest responsibilities.” Teaching his athletes to have great pride in representing their school on and off the field continues to be one of the greatest lessons Stephen teaches his athletes. He admires the hard work and dedication his athletes put into their sport and being student-athletes and does everything he can to put them on the path towards success. Stephen believes coaching has greatly enhanced his experience as an educator.

When asked to reflect on his greatest coaching accomplishment, Stephen highlighted his 2010 Senior Girls soccer team. They were able to pull off a 1-0 win against Fleetwood clinching a provincial championship berth. The team had consisted of one grade 11, one grade 12 and the rest of the team was filled by junior and grade 8 athletes grinding it out for each other to secure a berth. “Having a group that is dedicated to representing their school and competing as the underdogs are the best groups of kids to have.” Although they did not win provincials, they were the underdog team that proved their strength and dedication could bring them above favoured teams in the league.

Stephen would like to recognize his father Danny Burns who coached him through his soccer career. Stephen recalls that his dad always got the most out of his players on any team he coached. Passing away at the young age of 56, Stephen continues his dad's coaching legacy proving that coaching is way more than technical and tactics. Further, Stephen would like to thank 86ers coach Alan Errington for his time as dedication to Stephens success, and finally UBC soccer coach Dick Mosher for his commitment to caring for his athletes both on and off the field.

IAN HYDE-LAY - *Merit Award*

The Merit Award is presented to an individual recognizing their outstanding service as a coach, sponsor, administrator, or official at the school level and they must have also served on a local association, or sport commission executive



Ian Hyde-Lay has been involved in school athletics since the early 1970s at Shawnigan Lake School, when he himself was a student-athlete. He moved from sport to sport through their respective seasons, a formula he believes was crucial to his overall athletic development.

His career continued at UVIC, where, while obtaining his undergraduate degree, he played basketball for the Vikes under legendary coach Ken Shields. Upon graduation in 1980, he switched back to rugby, eventually representing Canada at the 1987 World Cup and later going on to also become an international level referee.

Ian joined the staff at St. Michaels University School (SMUS) in 1984, making a transition into coaching that continues to this day. He acknowledges he has been extremely fortunate to work with countless outstanding student-athletes, including Gareth

Rees and Steve Nash, over the past 36 years.

Although, or perhaps because Ian has enjoyed some success in basketball and rugby, he is a staunch advocate of a multi-sport approach. He notes that “virtually every single SMUS graduate who has gone on to play at post-secondary, provincial or national level was a multi-sport performer in high school.” He adds that “there is such value in the transfer of skills from sport to sport, new opportunities with each season, keeping mentally fresh and avoiding overuse injuries. Finally, athletics provides the chance to work effectively as part of a team, which is such an important part of life in general.”

When asked about his fondest sporting memories, Ian did not necessarily speak of winning games or championships but rather of seeing the growth and development of young men and women both on and off the court/field. He believes the relationships a coach builds with student-athletes, parents, friends and fellow coaches will define his or her legacy.

Ian has been South Vancouver Island Zone Rugby Representative for more than 20 years and Vice President of BC Secondary Schools Rugby Commission since 2015. He happily spends many hours supporting rugby events for student-athletes across the province. For example, in 1995 he formed the BCSSRU Premier League. He remembers clearly “the enjoyment and privilege of playing or coaching in BCSS championship events. I want to ensure today’s student-athletes can experience the same opportunities. We certainly have some new challenges, at this moment in time, as we face up to the Covid-19 situation.”

DON MOSLIN - *Merit Award*



Don Moslin has been involved in school sport for the past 34 years. He first got involved as a part-time basketball coach while completing his university degree, which ignited what would be a lifetime of coaching school sport. Don then joined as a full-time coach in Golden coaching basketball and volleyball from 1986-1989. Don then moved to Woodlands Secondary in Nanaimo where he coached soccer, basketball and volleyball for 27 years. While at Woodlands, Don’s involvement in school sport continued to increase. ; After starting as a zone rep for the BCSS Soccer Commission, it was not long before he was voted the Commissioner, a position he has held for 20 years. Additionally, he was elected onto the BCSS Board of Directors sharing his well-rounded knowledge and education on the board from the years 2005-2007. Don has hosted countless Provincial & Zone Championships and has assisted the growth of sport with the school system.

Don has dabbled in coaching volleyball and basketball; however, his passion will forever be for soccer. Being an advocate for soccer, he noted the beauty and inclusivity of the game. “Soccer is classified as the “beautiful global game” there are over 200 countries that play; it is a common ground for athletes to showcase their individual skills from their homeland.” As soccer commissioner Don wanted to create an experience for all student athletes, he led the work behind the scenes with organizers, coaches, and volunteers to create a brand for the BCSS Provincial Soccer Championships giving student-athletes the stage to represent their school well. Don being a devoted educator and coach continues to emphasize that the relationship between an educator and a student-athlete like no other. Seeing athletes work together towards a common goal of clinching a BCSS Provincial Championship berth will be the memories Don cherishes the most from school sport. “It has been a great 34 years of being involved with school sports, being involved has contributed to my success as a coach, and educator.”

Don steps away from the BCSS Soccer Commissioner role this year, but will continue to be around the school soccer scene. He is committed to sharing his years of soccer knowledge and expertise with his successor transitioning into the new role of soccer commissioner.

Don would like to thank his wife, Nora, who is a teacher and coach in her own right, for her support of his additional responsibilities as commissioner for the past 20 years. Gary Hanesgan, Mary Bartucci, Brent Sweeney, for their work on the commission and the BCSS Board of Directors at the time of his service. Don also thanks the sport commissioners, who were willing to share their successes and the many people who shared their time and expertise with him over the past 34 years. Without them, much of the progress within BCSS would not be possible.

BCSS BY THE NUMBERS*

*numbers are significantly impacted due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of the Spring season of play



445

Member Schools



138

Member School Communities



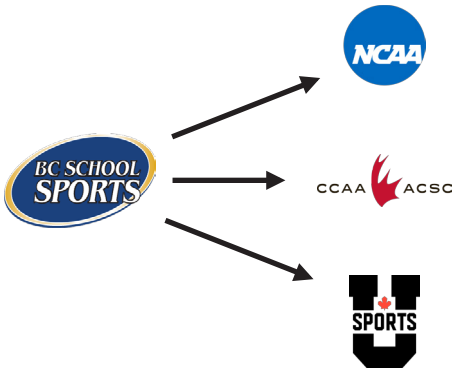
60,282*

Student-Athlete Registrations



5,798*

Dedicated Coaches

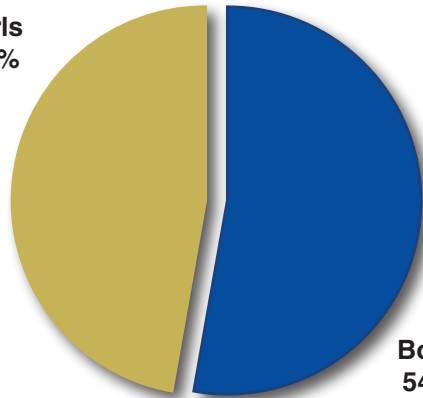


1,112

Graduating student-athletes moving on to compete at the post secondary level in a BCSS activity

Gender Balance in BCSS Participation*

Girls
46%



Boys
54%



10,443*

Multi-Sport Athletes

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

8,664*



Student-Athletes attended Provincial Championships in 2019-2020

38,816*



Spectators at BCSS Provincial Championships

57,435*



Provincial Championship webcast views from around the globe

2019 - 2020 SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK GROWTH



1,366 Followers

24%



1,657 Followers

34%



317 Followers

35%

SCHOLARSHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the BCSS scholarship winners for the 2019-2020 year!

It brings us great pride to have the opportunity to support our student-athletes in their post-secondary endeavours. BCSS awarded nearly \$23,000 of scholarships in 2019-2020.

BCSS DAVE GIFFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth Kennedy	McMath Secondary School
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Max Abercrombie	Oak Bay Secondary School
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BCSS ZONE SCHOLARSHIP

Kosta Adzic	Burnaby Mountain Secondary School
Jane Beswick	Burnaby Secondary School
Ethan Boag	Claremont Secondary School
Cassie Chan	Burnaby Central Secondary School
Brendan Eshom	Charles Hays Secondary School
Libby Hogg	Oak Bay Secondary School
Paige Ingram	Prince of Wales Secondary School
Hannah Johnston	Mission Secondary School
Matthias Klim	GW Graham Secondary School

Zachary Klim	GW Graham Secondary School
Roan McCarthy	George Elliot Secondary School
Takoda McMullin	Earl Marriott Secondary School
Talon McMullin	Earl Marriott Secondary School
Brooklyn Parliament	Summerland Secondary School
Liam Stanley	Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School
Lauren Toy	Southridge School
Amber Whelpton	McBride Secondary School
Relmu Wilson-Valdes	LV Rogers Secondary School
Emir Zejnulahovic	Duchess Park Secondary School

BERT AND GRETA QUARTERMAINE BADMINTON SCHOLARSHIP

Sheldon Xu	Burnaby South Secondary School
Amy Wong	Richmond Secondary School
Ben Chen	Eric Hamber Secondary School

Heidi Tsui	Burnaby Mountain Secondary School
Lew Daniel Yang	Fraser Heights Secondary School
Minjin Kim	Burnaby South Secondary School

BC DAIRY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Brandon Bae	J.N. Burnett Secondary School
Rebecca Campbell	Windsor Secondary School
Comrie Engbers	Surrey Christian Schoolary School
Aidan Milburn	Salmo Secondary School
Madeline Mittelsteadt	Claremont Secondary School
Taiya Scorey	Royal Bay Secondary School
Nicole Thomas	Valleyview Secondary School

2019-2020 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

FALL

AQUATICS

A Boys John Knox Christian School
 AA Boys West Point Grey Academy
 AAA Boys St. George's School
 A Girls Kelowna Christian School
 AA Girls York House School
 AAA Girls Penticton Secondary School

VOLLEYBALL

A Boys Vernon Christian School
 AA Boys Mennonite Educational Institute
 AAA Boys Earl Marriott Secondary School
 A Girls Kelowna Christian School
 AA Girls York House School
 AAA Girls Little Flower Academy
 AAAA Girls Kelowna Secondary School



BOYS SOCCER

A Boys West Point Grey Academy
 AA Boys Notre Dame Regional Secondary
 AAA Boys Panorama Ridge Secondary

FOOTBALL

AA Vernon Secondary School
 AAA Vancouver College

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys John Barsby Community School
 Girls Sentinel Secondary School

FIELD HOCKEY

AA Girls Collingwood School
 AAA Girls Handsworth Secondary School



WINTER

BASKETBALL

A Boys Unity Christian School
 AA Boys Charles Hays Secondary School
 AAA Boys G W Graham Secondary
 AAAA Boys Burnaby South Secondary School
 A Girls Credo Christian School
 AA Girls Britannia Secondary
 AAA Girls Abbotsford Senior Secondary
 AAAA Girls Semiahmoo Secondary

WRESTLING

Boys Tamanawis Secondary School
 Girls Maple Ridge Secondary School
 Combined Maple Ridge Secondary School



GYMNASTICS

Combined Argyle Secondary

SKIING

Boys Vancouver College
 Girls Collingwood School
 Combined Collingwood School

SNOWBOARDING

Boys Smithers Secondary School
 Girls Smithers Secondary School
 Combined Smithers Secondary School

CURLING

Boys Westsyde Secondary School
 Girls South Kamloops Secondary



SPRING*

(*cancelled due to COVID-19)

TRACK & FIELD
 ULTIMATE

TENNIS
 RUGBY

GOLF
 GIRLS SOCCER

BADMINTON
 MOUNTAIN BIKING

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