

## AN EVENTFUL FALL SEASON

As the curtain falls on our first season of play, and as we all prepare for a much-needed break, I want to acknowledge the work that has been done across the province these past 4 months in support of school sport. It was a massive task for schools to restart after 17-months without sport. The strain on our AD's and admin was evident as you worked to get kids into STARS, coaches in place, facilities booked and this giant machine we call 'school sport' moving again. It provided a real understanding for many, just how complex and how much work running school sport can be. Thank you so much to all of you for persevering.

Of course, just as things finally started to settle, the storm of the century caused further problems. First off, we want to acknowledge the challenges that continue to face those communities hardest hit. Our member schools in Merritt, Princeton, Abbotsford, and Chilliwack were especially hit hard, and we continue to support them in whatever way possible as their schools and communities rebound.

As an organization we had many difficult choices to make in response to road closure and emergency declarations. I want to thank the BCSS Board of Directors who had three emergency meetings over those weeks, working with staff to review options and plans. I know these situations weighed on them heavily, knowing that regardless of whatever decisions were made, there were no good options, and even the least bad choice, would leave many disappointed.

However, despite the challenges and obstacles, and despite the fact this pandemic continues to hang over us, with as much uncertainty now, as there was at this time last year. I close out the calendar year feeling encouraged and filled with gratitude. I am so thankful we had the season of play that had kids representing our member schools. I'm so thankful we had so many coaches return to give their time in support of those student-athletes. I'm thankful for the numerous people who stepped up to host amazing championships while adapting to a new governance structure, and ongoing questions about COVID.



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# YOUR 2021 FALL BCSS CHAMPIONS

There were so many great stories that came out of this season of play. The volleyball team in Merritt, while under evacuation, while their town flooded, making their way to a zone championship to finish 3rd, under the greatest adversity. GW Graham football getting permission from the district just days before to play their quarterfinal game in Langley, and it taking 4 hours to get there. Only to have the team, win, go to BC Place the next week, win, and then the following week, capture the BCSS Subway Bowl-Coastal Championship title, overcoming the most difficult of odds. Lastly, the AAA Boys provincial semi-final being plunged into darkness in the middle of the 5th and deciding set due to a power outage. The match was relocated to a different school and both student-athletes from both teams worked together to set up the court at the new venue. Then the trailing team declined to restart the set, as was the standard set in the rules, but continue on from the score with them trailing as it was when the power went out. Incredible sportsmanship and leadership from their coach with so much on the line. These are just three of the countless examples we heard from this past season of play that shows just how important and how impactful school sport can be in creating belonging and shaping tomorrow's leaders.

As we take a collective breath, I want to specifically thank the BCSS staff. They have worked endless hours to support our schools, and adapt to the ever-changing landscape the past few months. Like you, they are also ready for a break. We remind the membership our office will close after business on Dec 17, and re-open on Jan 4.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and everyone in the BCSS office, we thank you for your incredible servant leadership, and wish you and yours a joyous, safe and restful holiday season.

Jordan Abney  
Executive Director



## AQUATICS

GIRLS AAA - BURNABY NORTH  
BOYS AAA - ST.GEORGE'S  
GIRLS AA - WEST POINT GREY ACADEMY  
BOYS AA - WEST POINT GREY ACADEMY  
GIRLS A - ASPENGROVE SCHOOL  
BOYS A - ASPENGROVE SCHOOL

## FIELD HOCKEY

AAA - OAK BAY  
AA - YORK HOUSE

## CROSS COUNTRY

SENIOR GIRLS - PARKLAND  
SENIOR BOYS - ELGIN PARK  
PARA - WHITE ROCK CHRISTIAN

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

AAAA - ECOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY  
AAA - MOUNT DOUGLAS SECONDARY  
AA - NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY  
A - OSOYOOS SECONDARY

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

AAA - KELOWNA SECONDARY  
AA - DUCHESS PARK SECONDARY  
A - ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## FOOTBALL

AAA/AA INTERIOR/NORTH - KELOWNA SECONDARY  
AAA COASTAL - G.W. GRAHAM  
AA COASTAL - CARSON GRAHAM

## BOYS SOCCER

AAA COASTAL - REYNOLDS SECONDARY  
AA COASTAL - BRENTWOOD COLLEGE  
A - ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL SECONDARY

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE



BC School Sports office will be closed for winter break from December 20th, 2021 - January 3rd, 2022, and reopening January 4th, 2022.

From all of us at BCSS, we want to wish everyone a happy holidays and new year!!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11	<a href="#">E-Sports Webinar</a>	4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12	Winter Roster Registration Deadline	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18	Eligibility Appeals Committee Submission Deadline	2:00 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22	Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8	Eligibility Appeals Committee Submission Deadline	2:00 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12	Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22	Eligibility Appeals Committee Submission Deadline	2:00 PM

## ESPORTS & PLAYVS SPRING 2021

BCSS in partnership with our esports provider PlayVs, just completed the fall trial season. Teams from around the province competed in both League of Legends and Rocket League.

We want to recognize Seaquam for winning the BCSS Fall League of Legends title. There continues to be growing interest in this, and we encourage your school to consider joining as it provides a different way for students to be engaged in their school community, and is often different students from those that play interschool sport.

BCSS and PlayVs are hosting a [webinar on January 11, 2022 \(4:00pm\)](#) to share more about high school esports and how your school can participate this Spring 2022 season. We will walk through the benefits of esports and how you can start a program at your high school. This event will be recorded. Prizes will be given out during the event. Interested in starting an esports program with PlayVS, but cannot make this event?

Please reach out to our BC play vs representative, Chris Black, who can provide you with more information. You can reach Chris at [chris.black@playvs.com](mailto:chris.black@playvs.com).

## VOLLEYBALL SHOWCASE

Learn from some of North America's top volleyball coaches during the Coaching Symposium at The Volleyball Showcase, December 28-29 at Langley Events Centre. For coaches of all ages. Book a symposium pass and your tournament pass is included.

[Purchase Here!](#)

The Coaching Symposium will also be available to live stream on TFSETV.ca for coaches who cannot attend in person. Click the link below and search "The Coaches Symposium" or scroll to December 28.

Stream Here!



Take advantage of Athletic Director Specific Professional Development this winter with the CIAAA Winter Webinar Series!

The CIAAA is offering 4 outstanding courses created by Athletic Directors for Athletic Directors!

### 502C: Athletic Administration in Canadian Schools

January 27th, 2022 @ 3:00 – 6:00pm Pacific

This crucial introductory course addresses many of the day-to-day operational responsibilities for Canadian Athletic Directors. The course addresses school athletic/academic philosophy, administrative organization, coach appointment, budgeting, scheduling, publicity and promotion, management of athletes, parents and others, transportation policies and issues, parent conflict, legal foundations, monthly checklists and more. One of the key resources available to course attendees is a resource package with over 700 pages of useful information, forms, detailed letter templates, sample policies, and more.

### 608C: Management Strategies & Organization Techniques

February 2, 2022 @ 4:00 – 7:00pm Pacific

This course is designed to inform athletic administrators how to more effectively organize and manage their time, apply time management principles, be more productive and have balance to life. Instruction will focus on 12 key components and strategies, including proven techniques and tips to teach participants how to: Set Goals and Priorities, Plan for Results, Organize for Success, Process Paperwork, Delegate Effectively, Eliminate Time Wasters, Enhance Decision-Making, Make Meetings Productive, Conquer Procrastination, Utilize Technology, Communicate Effectively and Reduce Stress.

### 700C: Administration in Middle School Athletic Programs (Grades 6-9)

January 28, 2022 @ 11:30-2:30pm Pacific

This course provides insights and strategies for the leadership of developmentally sound, education-focused Junior High school athletic programs. The concept of educational athletics is defined and developed. Philosophy is discussed along with the relationship it has to the psychological and physical development of the student. This course also concentrates on the role of the school coach and coaching principles. Junior High school athletics is an essential part of the total educational process and an excellent opportunity for the home, school and community to work together in order to provide a positive educational experience for children

### 714C: Preventing, Managing & Transforming Challenging Behaviour

January 25th, 2022 @ 3:30 – 6:30pm Pacific

This course examines the causes of challenging or difficult personalities in society, with specific reference to interscholastic athletic programs. Basic management strategies include the use of emotional intelligence and transactional analysis considerations and methods. Specific protocols will be defined for dealing with individuals who "must be right," "must win," "must be logical" and "must be accepted." In addition, techniques will be covered for preventing or responding to anger, sarcasm, denigration, complainers and backbiters and rigid-obstinate personalities. A model will also be discussed for creative interaction with parents who demand involvement in athletic department decision-making or who seek to influence the decisions of senior administrators.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Reminder! All BCSS Athletic Directors receive a free CIAAA membership. Activate your membership today and unlock your discounts!

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