

## 2021 - 2022 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

This month officially brings us into the winter championship season and all the great competition that comes with it! Please make note of championship dates and locations below as there have been changes to some dates and locations to accommodate these events. Best of luck to all participants!

<b>February 24-26</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Pacific Coliseum</b>
<b>February 28-March 2</b>	<b>Ski &amp; Snowboard</b>	<b>Kicking Horse Mountain</b>
<b>March 2-March 5</b>	<b>A Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Kelowna Christian School</b>
<b>March 2-March 5</b>	<b>AA/AAA/AAAA Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Langley Events Centre</b>
<b>March 2-March 5</b>	<b>Curling</b>	<b>Kelowna Curling Club</b>
<b>March 9-12</b>	<b>A/AA/AAA/AAAA Boys Basketball</b>	<b>Langley Events Centre</b>
<b>March 10-12</b>	<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>Sutherland Secondary</b>

## 2021 - 2022 SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>May 26-27</b>	<b>AA Tennis</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>
<b>May 26-27</b>	<b>AAA Tennis</b>	<b>Victoria</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Mountain Biking</b>	<b>Victoria</b>
<b>May 29-31</b>	<b>AA Golf</b>	<b>Agassiz</b>
<b>June 2-4</b>	<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Richmond</b>
<b>June 2-4</b>	<b>A Girls Soccer</b>	<b>Langley</b>
<b>June 2-4</b>	<b>AA Girls Soccer</b>	<b>Burnaby</b>
<b>June 2-4</b>	<b>AAA Girls Soccer</b>	<b>Surrey</b>
<b>June 3-4</b>	<b>Track &amp; Field Combined</b>	<b>Langley</b>
<b>June 5-7</b>	<b>A Golf</b>	<b>Kelowna</b>
<b>June 5-7</b>	<b>AAA Golf</b>	<b>Agassiz</b>
<b>June 9-11</b>	<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>Langley</b>

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# BCSS SCHOLARSHIPS

BCSS is pleased to announce the renewal of the following scholarships: BCSS Zone Scholarships, Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarships, Bert & Quartermaine Badminton Scholarship, BC Dairy scholarship and the addition of the Subway scholarship for the 2021-22 school year. \$30,500 in scholarships available this year. Remind your Grade 12 student-athletes to apply!

All submissions are due on **Monday May 2, 2022**

Scholarship Overview and application form can be found on our [website](#)

# BCSS AWARDS

Do you know someone in your school community who should be honoured for their service and dedication to your school athletic program. Nominate them today for one of the following BCSS Awards. Awards will be presented the Awards dinner at the AGM in May.

## **Honour Award**

The Honour Award is the highest form of distinction BCSS can bestow upon an individual. This award is presented to a teacher or administrator who has demonstrated prolonged and distinguished service to school sport, at the school level in serving on the Board or one of its committees.

## **Merit Award**

The Merit Award is presented to individuals recognizing their outstanding service to a local association or a BCSS sport in recognition of a long – standing service as a coach, supporter, administrator, or official at the school level.

## **Coach of the Year (Male & Female)**

The Coach of the Year Award is to recognize the outstanding achievements of a coach. The recipient of this award guides their athletes to success in sport through their philosophy of fair play and sportsmanship. This coach leads by example and consistently demonstrates a dedication to lifelong learning and continuous improvement.

## **Outstanding School Award**

The purpose of the Outstanding School Award is to recognize a school whose special commitment to improving the lives of its students and staff through athletics, leadership, and public service has contributed significantly to the welfare of school athletics in its local community and to BCSS.

Award eligibility criteria and application instructions can be found [here](#).

**Submission deadline is Wednesday March 9, 2022.**

# TIERING NUMBERS

The 2022 – 2023 School Year Tiering Numbers have been published on the BCSS website can be viewed [here](#). Tiering numbers are determined using the September 30th, 2021 1701 numbers as submitted to the Ministry of Education.

In the fall, should a school see a material change in their enrollment from 2021 – 2022 numbers in the report, the school can file an appeal to have their numbers re-evaluated. A school can submit this anytime between September 20th, 2022, and October 1st, 2022. This is generally done when there is a significant population reduction (greater than 5%), or because of a change of school configuration (addition or removal of a grade) or new school boundaries due to a school opening or closure in the district. Tiering appeal forms can be requested by contacting the BCSS office staff.

## Teams playing in a different tier in a specific sport

Schools wishing to play in a different tier in a specific sport must submit a tiering classification form. Forms can be requested by contacting the BCSS office staff. A separate form must be submitted for each sport a minimum of seven (7) days before the team registration deadline as outlined on the form.

## Boys Basketball

Boys' basketball functions on a 2 – year tiering cycle therefore, approved requests, will be for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons. Schools wishing to play in a different tier for boys' basketball will need to submit a tiering classification form no later than **April 11, 2022**. Form can be requested by contacting the BCSS office staff.

# SANCTIONING

## Hosting or Travelling to An Event

Competition between two or more BCSS member school is automatically sanctioned. When you are travelling to or hosting an event with an out of province team sanctioning is required.

Complete the [Hosting](#) and/or [Travelling](#) sanctioning forms on the website **at least 30 days in advance** of the event or fines will apply.

# GIRLS RUGBY & RUGBY 7'S

At our 2021 AGM, membership passed the addition of Girls Rugby 15's as a sanctioned BCSS activity. With this addition, schools with girls' rugby teams will now be required to add their teams and rosters to STARS.

Rugby 7's for both girls and boys has been added as a demonstration sport this year. Student-athletes will need to be added to the appropriate STARS rosters for Rugby 7's. In an effort to support schools figuring out which discipline (or both) they want to play, students may play both Rugby 7's and Rugby 15's up until the April 20, 2022 roster registration deadline. As of that date, student-athletes will only be permitted to play on one of the teams for the duration of the season. A few schools may choose to offer both 7's and 15's. After the deadline, a student cannot move from one to the other, so schools must be sure that their rosters are correct.

## BCSS SOCIAL MEDIA PARTNER

Are you interested in transforming your program's social media presence?

If so, BC School Sports' official social media partner Gipper can help! Using Gipper, anyone can create graphics for social media, and do so in seconds. Some examples from a partner of theirs can be found here (from Stratford Hall): [instagram.com/sabresathletics/](https://www.instagram.com/sabresathletics/)

Gipper is crazy simple to use and you can do everything on your phone on the sidelines! Plus, you can even use the platform to drive advertising revenue to support your program :) They are already used by several of our members - plus, members who are making a first time purchase can benefit from a 15% discount off the first year! If you or a colleague is interested, we recommend booking a demo to learn more [here](#). To learn more and for information on our exclusive BCSS 15% discount, please visit [gipper.com/bcss](https://gipper.com/bcss)



## SPRING IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Tuesday March 2</b>	<b>Eligibility Appeals Committee Submission Deadline (2:00 PM)</b>
<b>Tuesday March 9</b>	<b>BCSS Awards Submission Deadline (4:00 PM)</b>
<b>Friday April 1</b>	<b>BCSS Board Nominations Due</b>
<b>Tuesday April 5</b>	<b>Eligibility Appeals Committee Submission Deadline (2:00 PM)</b>
<b>Wednesday April 6</b>	<b>Spring Team Registration Deadline</b>
<b>Friday April 8</b>	<b>Resolution Submission Deadline/Fall/Winter 2023 Championship Bids Due</b>
<b>Wednesday April 20</b>	<b>Spring Roster Registration Deadline</b>
<b>Monday May 2</b>	<b>BCSS Scholarship Application Deadline (4:00 PM)</b>

### BCSS BOARD NOMINATIONS

Board of Directors nominations are due by 4:00pm on April 1, 2022. Board of Director Nomination information and form can be found [here](#).

The 2022 CIAAA Virtual National Athletic Directors Conference is the best development for Athletic Directors. The conference, April 20 – 23, will offer Leadership Training Program (LTP) Courses, Workshops, Keynote Speakers, Forums, and more to help you in your role as an Athletic Director. There is also great information for school administrators and coaches as well. For complete conference information and registration information click [here](#).



**Register Now!**

**Early bird deadline ends March 21st!**

**First 150 people to register get a conference gift.**

## MANDATORY COACHES CONCUSSION TRAINING



With the Spring season of play just around the corner a reminder that all team personnel including but not limited to coaches, trainers, teacher sponsors, and team managers must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) prior to any interaction with student-athletes. The certification is valid for 2 years.

## ACCOMMODATION DIRECTORY

Are your teams travelling this school year? Do you need a place to stay? Check out the BCSS online Accommodation Directory to view hotels across the province and find great team rates!

[View the Accommodation Directory here.](#)

