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End of Year Message from Jordan Abney

All of us in school sport lived the adage that 'you don't know how important something is until it's taken away.'

Normally, my end-of-year message would be one of reflection, looking back on the year's accomplishments of our student-athletes, member schools and organization. The year's message, reflecting on the most difficult year many of us have encountered, doesn't reflect on the accomplishments of our student-athletes as much as celebrates the resiliency and creativity displayed by our student-athletes and school sport leaders.

We must acknowledge the impact the pandemic has had, robbing students of a chance to participate, especially those seniors who missed out on the cherished memories created as graduating players proudly wearing their school colours for the final time. My heart especially hurts for those spring sport athletes who are graduating this year that missed out on Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 school sport. These students missed the chance to participate during both years as a senior. We heard from many this year how the lack of school sport, affected the climate and energy of schools this year. This pandemic demonstrated how school sport, drama, clubs and other co-curricular activities contribute to a school being more than just a building.

BC School Sports saw nearly 15,000 participants in our various pandemic challenges this year. This staggering number reflects how much our students desire the activities and all the benefits that come from them. Thank you to all the coaches and athletic directors who found ways to get students engaged in their activities.

While there was little to celebrate on the field of play, a lot was happening off of it. The BCSS Board of Directors re-introduced the governance proposal this year after the 2020 pandemic pause, and there was a lot of feedback and reaction to it. After numerous revisions, the membership voted over 73% in favour to adopt this historic new model. I want to again thank everyone who was part of the process, those involved in the research and design of the model, those who provided feedback, both positive and negative, and suggestions. As the model evolved in response to the feedback it got stronger and stronger. I have been encouraged by the response we have received over the past 2 months after its passing. The expression of interest for committee roles drew a very strong response, and we are finalizing committee rosters now. Even many of those who were opponents of the model have come on board to ensure school sport continues to not only be viable but continues to support our member schools and provides quality experiences for over 70,000 kids each year.

As we close the academic year, and with any luck, see an approaching end to the major pandemic restrictions, we look ahead to a summer of much-needed rest and rejuvenation for our educators, administrators, and volunteers. It is my wish that each of you has a safe and enjoyable summer which leaves you excited to return in the fall. September will pose a large challenge for all our member schools in restarting aspects of their school that have been dormant for some time, and school sport will be one of the largest of those challenges. BCSS is ready to support our member schools, and the sight of student-athletes, representing their school in the fall will be a joyous occasion.

Best,

Jordan Abney
Executive Director

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2021-2022 Championship Tentative Details

FALL

Cross Country- Nov 6, 2021
(Vancouver)
Aquatics Nov 19-20, 2021
(Richmond)
Field Hockey AA- Nov 3-5, 2021
(Vancouver)
Field Hockey AAA- Nov 10-12, 2021
(Duncan)
Boys Soccer A- Nov 3-5, 2021
(Burnaby)
Boys Soccer AA- Nov 22-24, 2021
(Burnaby)
Boys Soccer AAA- Nov 25-27, 2021
(Burnaby)
Girls Volleyball A- Dec 2-4, 2021
(Kootenay)
Girls Volleyball AA- Dec 2-4, 2021
(Abbotsford)
Girls Volleyball AAA- Dec 2-4, 2021
(Dawson Creek)
Girls Volleyball AAAA- Dec 2-4, 2021
(Nanaimo)
Boys Volleyball A- Dec 2-4, 2021
(Nanaimo)
Boys Volleyball AA- Dec 2-4, 2021
(TBD)
Boys Volleyball AAA- Dec 2-4, 2021
(Kelowna)
Football AA/AAA- Dec 4, 2021
(Vancouver)

WINTER

Wrestling- Feb 27- Mar 1, 2022
(TBD)
Girls Basketball A- Mar 2-5, 2022
(Kelowna)
Girls Basketball AA/AAA/AAAA- Mar 2-5, 2022
(Langley)
Boys Basketball (all tiers) - Mar 9-12, 2022
(Langley)
Ski & Snowboard- Feb 14-16, 2022
(TBD)
Curling- Mar 2-5, 2022
(TBD)
Gymnastics- Mar 9-12, 2022
(North Vancouver)

SPRING

Mountain Biking- May 27, 2022
(TBD)
Ultimate- May 26-27, 2022
(Surrey)
Tennis AA/AAA- May 26-27, 2022
(TBD)
Badminton- June 2-4, 2022
(Richmond)
Boys Rugby- May 25-28, 2022
(Abbotsford)
Girls Rugby- May 25-28, 2022*
(TBD)
Girls Soccer A- June 2-4, 2022
(Langley)
Girls Soccer AA- June 2-4, 2022
(Burnaby)
Girls Soccer AAA- June 2-4, 2022
(Surrey)
Golf A- June 5-7, 2022
(TBD)
Golf AA- June 5-7, 2022
(Agassiz)
Golf AAA- June 5-7, 2022
(Agassiz)
Track & Field Combined- June 3-4, 2022
(Langley)



2021-2022 Championships Open to Host

BCSS is still looking for championship hosts for the following provincial championships, if you are interested in hosting any of the below championship, please contact the BCSS office and a staff member will discuss championship and bid details.

- AA Boys Volleyball
-Tennis

-Ski/Snowboard
-Badminton

-Curling

-Golf A

-Mountain Biking

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Dave Gifford Scholarship Winners



Julia Tuchscherer – Graduating from G.W. Graham in Chilliwack, Julia took the disadvantage of COVID-19 and turned it into an opportunity to graduate a year ahead of her classmates. Being a stand-out basketball player for her school, Julia led her team on and off the court with her community service and academic achievements. Julia will continue her basketball career as a member of the University of the Fraser Valley Women's Basketball Program. Congratulations Julia!

Amos Cheng – Graduating from Steveston-London in Richmond, Amos leaves behind a legacy that goes beyond just athletics. As a multi-sport athlete representing his school in volleyball, tennis, basketball, ultimate, and aquatics, Amos has shown tremendous amounts of resilience, academic achievement, and community involvement during his time at Steveston-London. Amos plans to attend the University of British Columbia to pursue Engineering. Congratulations Amos!



BC Dairy Scholarship Winners

Amos Cheng – Steveston-London Secondary
Chris Hwang – Handsworth Secondary

Madelyn Bonisowsky – LV Rogers Secondary
Tanvi Pandhi – Fleetwood Park Secondary
Pria Sidhu – Hugh McRoberts Secondary

Anna Sohi – Dr Charles Best Secondary
Jackson Thackwray – A.R. MacNeill Secondary

The Bert & Greta Quartermaine Badminton Scholarship Winners



Jadon Tsang – John Knox Christian School
Justin Siu – Mount Douglas Secondary
Natalie Yee – Eric Hamber Secondary

Tiffany Xie – Prince of Wales Secondary
Tim Lang – Fraser Heights Secondary
Vivian Zheng – Port Moody Secondary



BCSS Zone Scholarship Winners

Madelyn Bonisowsky – LV Rogers Secondary
Iseult Colclough – WL Seaton Secondary
Matthew Erickson – LV Rogers Secondary
Jackson Findlau – Vancouver College
Ryan Goudron – Burnaby Central Secondary
Issac Jack – Alberni District Secondary
Nicholas Kennedy – R.A. Mcmath Secondary
Lauren Johnson – Earl Marriott Secondary
Zach Salisbury – Walnut Grove Secondary

Paige Maher – Alberni District Secondary
Lorena Marano – Vancouver Technical
Gavin Nanninga – Bulkley Valley Christian School
Madelaine Picard – Charles Hays Secondary
Liam Remple – Vernon Christian
Anna Sohi – Charles Best Secondary
Wendy Schultz – Northside Christian
Sophia Wisotzki – Walnut Grove Secondary

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Esports Trial Season Wind-down

BCSS ventured into the Esports world this past year with two 8-week League of Legends Trials that was open to all member schools interested in participating.

The trials were quite the success with 35 member schools and over 320 students participating in the trials. The season came to a close last month with a final match, BCSS wishes to congratulate Pinetree Secondary on being the Esports Trial Season Winner and looks forward to seeing their programs continued success in the years to come.

If you are interested in being added to the Esports Communications lists, please contact the BCSS Office.

Pandemic Challenge Recap

While COVID-19 put restrictions on school sport in BC, our schools, coaches, ADs, and athletes rose to the occasion by offering and participating in as many school sport activities as possible to stay engaged, healthy, and happy during these difficult times.

BCSS offered 4 pandemic challenges over the course of the year, the Cross Country Pandemic Challenge presented by SUBWAY, Holiday Hustle Pandemic Challenge, Basketball Pandemic Challenge presented by Baden, and finally the End of Year Pandemic Challenge.

Combined these 4 events welcomed over 230 member schools and 14,963 students that participated in various sport specific events, challenges, and tasks. A prime example of the resilience of our schools and staff throughout this school year.

We want to thank everyone who participated in these challenges, and continued to keep the legacy of school sport alive over the past 14 months without school sport. We look forward to seeing this continued resilience as we work to restart school sport in full this coming fall.



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Update on 2021-2022 Tiering

BCSS received the enrolment numbers from the Ministry of Education later than usual this year, and after examining the effects of using the 2020 – 2021 enrollment numbers, which were heavily affected by COVID, it became clear the impacts on tiering and relative tier sizes were going to be significant.

As a result, the Board of Directors, has made a decision to utilize the 2019-2020 enrolment numbers for next year, which was unaffected by the pandemic. Most schools and districts are expecting a return to near these numbers next year.

There was a memo released last week with the full details on this and its effects. It was emailed directly to all AD's and Principals, and can be viewed on our website.

[Memo](#)

STARS Turnover Reminder

As the end of the school year creeps up, BCSS will begin to prepare for the annual STARS turnover. Please ensure that your AD and Administrator on record is up-to-date and their email address is correct to ensure they receive their opt-in email in the summer.

If you have had an administration change at your school, or know of one planned for next year and it is not updated on STARS please email BCSS Staff (info@bcschoolsports.ca) with the correct information for the change to be made.

BCSS Summer Office Hours



As we transition to the summer months, the BCSS office will be switching to summer office hours. The office phone system will be on from 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday. As always the office staff will be available by email and will get back to you at the earliest available time.



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