



MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
FROM: JORDAN ABNEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP UPDATES
DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2021
CC: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, BCSS SPORT COMMISSIONERS, BCSS ZONE PRESIDENTS

Transfer Guidance

BCSS recently released a memo on behalf of the Board of Directors regarding important eligibility changes being put in place for the Spring 2021 season as well as providing guidance for administrators, athletic directors, and counsellors.

The memo is extremely detailed and provides much-requested clarification and guidance around the eligibility of student-athletes because of COVID-19. It is recommended that all member school administrators, athletic directors, and counsellors read the memo in full to ensure understanding of the changes to student-athlete eligibility.

Visit our website to read the full [memo](#) released on January 26, 2021.

Return to Play/Cancellation of Winter Season

The BCSS Board of Directors met last week to evaluate the status of winter sports and their respective championships. While the Board continues to hope for some interschool competition the Board has **formally cancelled all 2021 Winter Season of Play Zone and Provincial Championships**. We share in the deepest disappointment for our student-athletes and member schools who work hard year after year for the opportunity to compete at a BCSS Provincial Championship. We encourage our member schools to continue to engage and develop our winter sport student-athletes throughout the season of play in ways that are consistent with the K-12 Guidelines and the BCSS Return to School Sport Plan.

As we look ahead to warmer days, we continue an ongoing dialogue with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and the BCCDC to provide an opportunity for interschool competition before the year is out. It is important to note that BC School Sports is still currently in **Stage 2** of the BCSS Return to School Sport, meaning all inter-school sport competition is still **not** allowed at this time.

AGM Resolutions and Nominations



The BCSS Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on May 1, 2021. Package 1, including the Notification of Meeting, was sent to all administrators and athletic directors last week. The details for the AGM can be found in [Meeting Package 1](#). An important date to note is the deadline for a Notice of Motion Submission or a Board of Director Nomination. These submissions will be accepted no later than **4:00 pm on February 19, 2021**. As always, if you have any questions about the AGM, resolution submission forms, or want to know more about the available Board of Director positions please contact the BCSS office.

Awards

Despite the pandemic, BCSS is going ahead with awarding two of its awards that celebrate a body of work and a lifetime of servant leadership. BCSS is accepting nominations for the BCSS Merit Award and BCSS' highest commendation, the BCSS Honour Award. Please review the [2020-2021 Awards Information Sheet](#) for more information on the criteria of these awards and the nomination process. We are always looking to celebrate the deserving people in BC. Contact the BCSS Office with any questions you have about our 2020-2021 awards or the nomination process.

February Newsletter

BCSS recently released the [February Newsletter](#). You will find information on virtual challenges, the BCSS esports trial season, CAAAA Leadership Training Courses, and much more.

Basketball Pandemic Challenge

BCSS recently announced the BC School Sports Basketball Pandemic Challenge presented by Baden from February 8-February 26. This challenge will consist of three 1-week skills challenges open to grade 8-12 students at any of our member schools. After each week, the athletic director will submit the top 5 scores for both or either the girls' or boys' categories, as well as the total number of weekly participants. The top school in both the boys and girls categories with the highest combined score after the 3-week challenge will receive a new set of Baden Basketballs (Retail Value: \$540). We will also be awarding prizes to the top four schools for participation based on enrollment numbers. For more information on this challenge read the [BCSS Basketball Pandemic Challenge Information](#) Package.

Esports Trial

After a successful first half, BCSS is looking forward to the start of the second half of the BCSS Esports Trial Invitational which will begin on February 26, 2021. Along with our Esports provider PlayVS, BCSS will be offering an 8-week trial season of the popular Esports game League of Legends. Due to the overwhelming uptake from the participating schools during the

first half of the trial, there is now an opportunity for schools who were unable to participate in the first half to register for the second 8-week trial. If you are interested in participating or



would like to hear more about the opportunity, please complete the [BCSS Esports Trial Interest form](#) and our PlayVS contact will be in touch with more details.