



# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

Over the past year, two BCSS committees have been looking into issues concerning the competitive balance of schools competing in BC high school sports, and the governance structure of BCSS. The work has been extensive and both committees are entering the final stages of their research. The BCSS Board of Directors has requested a member-wide update be published on the work of these committees. Both the Competitive Fairness and Governance Committees' are working to provide recommendations in areas that could have significant impacts on our school sports community. It is important that our members be informed on these issues and on the work the committees are doing, as eventually it will become time for our members to act on the possible recommendations put forward. The issues at hand are being formally addressed by two very diverse committees, and an immense amount of research and work is being conducted. Both committees are tasked to ensure BCSS can operate to its full potential for the benefit of all our member schools and student-athletes in the province of BC. Please take the time to read through the membership update available on our [website](#). We also encourage you to share this information freely amongst your networks. More information will be available in the coming months.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- November 19 - EAC Deadline (2:00pm)
- November 25 - Winter Season of Play Begins
- December 10 - EAC Deadline (2:00pm)
- December 18 - Team Registration Deadline

If you have any questions please contact the office at:

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## NEW OFFICE STRUCTURE

With the departure of Shannon Key and Jeff Cheung, the BCSS office has undergone some staffing and structural changes over the last few months. BCSS would like to welcome Breanne Whyte (check out her bio!) as the newest addition to the team. As the new Managers of Sport, both Breanne and Sydney will now be responsible for specific sport operations from the office. With this change we hope to streamline the communication process for our members, and offer more hands-on support to our sport commissions and Athletic Directors. We are also happy to welcome Lori Sickavish as our new part-time bookkeeper who will be in the office 2 days a week. As your point of contact may have changed, please refer [to our website](#) to assist in understanding who your priority contact at the office should be. Thank-you for your patience while we work out the kinks!

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## SANCTIONING

### HOSTING OR TRAVELLING TO AN EVENT

Competition between two or more BCSS member schools is automatically sanctioned. When you are travelling to or hosting an event or exhibition game with an out of province team sanctioning is required. Complete the [sanctioning form](#) on the website at least 30 days in advance of the event or fines will apply.

### THIRD PARTY EVENT SANCTIONING

If your school wishes to attend an event that is not hosted by a member school (eg: university, club, community etc.) please ensure the event has been sanctioned by BCSS before attending. There is a list of BCSS third party sanctioned events on the [BCSS homepage](#).

**Questions about forms? Check out the Quick Guide on our website!**

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## CIAAA National Athletic Directors Conference and BCSS AGM

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be taking place in Vancouver from April 16th - 18th 2020 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel. BCSS has arranged our AGM to take place directly following the conference on April 18th & 19th 2020 with the hopes of limiting travel costs for member schools, and encouraging strong attendance from member Athletic Directors and Administrators. Registration for the conference will begin in November, please visit [ciaaa.ca](http://ciaaa.ca) for details. More information on the BCSS AGM will be available in the coming months.

### BCSS Partners with Dr. Martin Camiré on Mental Health Study

Mental health concerns everyone, especially those of us working with young student-athletes. BCSS is proud to be partnering with Dr. Martin Camiré and his team at the University of Ottawa on their mental health in sport study. Dr. Camiré is an Associate Professor at U Ottawa in the School of Human Kinetics. Through his research, Dr. Camiré is interested in examining how positive youth development can be facilitated through the context of sport. BCSS has worked with Dr. Camiré previously as he is one of the leading researchers on educational athletics in Canada. The goal of this particular study is to better understand the link between adolescents participating in sport and their mental health. The study will take place over the course of five years, following senior student-athletes from adolescence into young adulthood through a series of annual surveys. The research team is currently looking for grade 11 and 12 student-athletes from across Canada to participate in the study. At the end of each year, participants will be entered into a draw to win one of several Amazon gift cards. We ask that you share this important information with your students so we can all better understand the connections between sport and mental health. Please check out the [video](#) link and share the information with your students. More information is also available on the [School Sport Canada](#) website.



Keynote Speakers - Workshops - CTE Displays - Social Events

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

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**CIAAA** **BC SCHOOL SPORTS**

VANCOUVER, BC @ Coast Coal Harbour Hotel  
**APRIL 16-18, 2020**

1-King and 2-Double Rooms at \$175.00 per night  
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## WELCOME BREANNE!

We are very excited to welcome Breanne Whyte to the BCSS team! As the most recent addition, Breanne joins the office as the newest Manager of Sport. Playing volleyball, rugby and ultimate frisbee throughout high school, sports have always been a huge part of her life, so much so that she decided to turn her passion for sport into a career. Coming from Ontario as a varsity athlete, Queen Elizabeth Scholar and recent Bachelor of Sport Management graduate from Brock University, Breanne is coming to BCSS with a personal and professional background in sport. Breanne continues to follow her love for sport as she trains and competes as a rugby player here in BC. Her extensive experience in sport, as well as her diverse work experiences, are just a few reasons we are excited to add Breanne to the team. You can find her contact information on our website.

## Mens National Volleyball Team NORCECA Olympic Qualifiers in BC!



BCSS is proud to work with Volleyball BC to offer an exclusive pricing and advanced access to ticket sales and packages for the NORCECA Men's Tokyo Qualification Tournament!

From January 10th - 12th 2020, Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico will battle it out in a round-robin tournament at the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Canada must finish first to qualify for the 2020 Olympics. For more info on the event [click here](#).

On November 5th & 6th, high school volleyball players and coaches will benefit from

pre-sale access to discounted tournament passes before tickets go on sale for the general public on November 7. Simply click on [this link](#) and use the discount code [VBCCLUB](#) to score the best deal!

Be ready and don't miss out on the action - Join Volleyball BC to cheer on the Men's National Team on their road to Tokyo!

## FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 2	Cross Country	Abbotsford
November 6 - 8	AA Field Hockey	Victoria
November 6 - 8	A Boys Soccer	Burnaby
November 13 - 15	AAA Field Hockey	Vancouver
November 15 - 16	Aquatics	Richmond
November 18 - 20	AA Boys Soccer	Burnaby
November 21 - 23	A Boys Volleyball	South Slokan
November 27 - 30	AA\AAA Boys Volleyball	Langley
November 28 - 30	A Girls Volleyball	South Slokan
November 28 - 30	AA Girls Volleyball	Vernon
November 28 - 30	AAA\AAAA Girls Volleyball	Langley
November 30	AA\AAA Football	Vancouver

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