



# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

## WELCOME TO OCTOBER!

It is so hard to believe that we are already a month into our fall season of play and that our first championships of the year are only 4 weeks away! I hope the start-up of the school year has been a good one for everyone.

The BCSS office had some significant changes this summer as Shannon Key, our Manager of Sport moved on to a new position. We were sad to see her go, but wish her all the best in her new position. With Shannon's departure, and the support from our Board of Directors, the decision was made to restructure the office to better serve our membership.

After an overwhelming response to our search, Sydney Harrison has joined our team and is now with us full time. She will be in the Manager of Sport role, you can read a full bio on Sydney later in this newsletter.

Additionally, Breanne Whyte will be joining our team in mid-October. We will be sure to include a bio on Breanne in the November newsletter. As a result of this change, we, unfortunately, are losing Jeff Cheung as the Manager of Finance and Grants. Jeff has been with us for almost a year and has served our organization admirably. Jeff's last day will be October 18th if you wish to send him well wishes.

In other news, the new annual Administrator Opt-In process went quite well this year, with most schools completing the process before school started and with no support. We were happy to support those that had some issues. We thank the Administrators for taking on this quick task, and the feedback we have had has been positive.

Our partnership with CIAAA has officially begun and as a result, every Athletic Director of record in STARS is a member of the CIAAA. The first chance to have any involvement is fast approaching at the Province-Wide Pro-D Day, where we have partnered with the TWU Spartans and their SuperConference. More details later in the newsletter. Secondly, we hope all admin and athletic directors have marked April 16-18, 2020 in their calendar and plan to attend the CIAAA National Athletic Directors Conference in Vancouver. BCSS has also tied our AGM into this event so that schools do not need to incur the cost of travel twice. The BCSS AGM is scheduled for April 18-19, also at the Coast Coal Harbour in Vancouver.

Finally, BCSS has a couple of committees doing critical work right now. The Competitive Fairness Committee, as well as the Ad-Hoc Governance Committee, have been working hard early this year to prepare reports and recommendations for the membership by February so that there can be adequate time for discussion prior to the AGM. Be on the lookout for updates ahead of their reports.

As always, we are here to serve our member schools. Should you have questions regarding a student-athlete, a rule of play, a registration process, do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We love hearing from you and want to see our student-athletes have quality experiences in every corner of the province.

Best,  
Jordan Abney  
Executive Director



## BCSS Official Apparel Partner

We are thrilled to announce a 3-year partnership with Team Sales as the Official Apparel Partner of BC School Sports. Under this agreement, all school athletics wear (uniforms, warm-ups, t-shirts etc.) ordered through Team Sales will result in not only the best prices available across their entire line-up but a small payment back to BC School Sports. This helps us keep growing our revenue to better support our member schools without having to increase member fees on items you would normally be purchasing anyways. Team Sales has access to Under Armour, Nike, Adidas and many more brands. We know that many of our schools have established relationships with apparel providers, however, we recommend you inquire to Moreno and his team at Team Sales as to what they can do for you and your program. There is no obligation or mandate for a school to order through them, simply a way to support your governing organization while purchasing quality goods from a known and reputable supplier. To contact team sales, call 1-800-994-8326 or email [sales@teamsalesvictoria.com](mailto:sales@teamsalesvictoria.com).



## IMPORTANT DATES

- October 16 - Roster Registration Deadline
- October 22 - EAC Deadline (2:00pm)
- November 19 - EAC Deadline (2:00pm)
- November 25 - Winter Season of Play Begins
- December 10 - EAC Deadline (2:00pm)

If you have any questions please contact the office at:

**Phone:** 604-477-1488

**Email:** [info@bcschoolsports.ca](mailto:info@bcschoolsports.ca)

## 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 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](#).

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## CIAAA Opportunities

As mentioned in the opening, our partnership with CIAAA has now begun. Every Athletic Director registered in STARS is now a member of the CIAAA and has access to various professional development opportunities. The first of several chances to take part in CIAAA developed courses will be at this year's SuperConference hosted by Trinity Western University at the Langley Events Center. There are two scheduled workshops in the morning and a Leadership Training Program course on Student Leadership Development scheduled for the afternoon. For more information on the details of the workshops you can email [info@ciaaa.ca](mailto:info@ciaaa.ca). Visit [our website](http://our website) or [spartansuperconference.com](http://spartansuperconference.com) for more information on how to register for the conference.



**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



**LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AD'S**

**LANGLEY EVENT CENTRE**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2019**

- » **CREATING SUCCESSFUL TEAMS**  
ONE HOUR WORKSHOP 9:00 - 10:00 AM
- » **MOTIVATING YOUR ATHLETES**  
ONE HOUR WORKSHOP 10:15 - 11:15 AM
- » **LTP 726C: STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**  
COMPLETE COURSE 12:15 - 3:00 PM

To register, visit [spartansuperconference.com](http://spartansuperconference.com) AND email [info@ciaaa.ca](mailto:info@ciaaa.ca). You can mix & match these and other Superconference options!

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## CIAAA National Athletic Directors Conference and BCSS AGM

This year's National Athletic Directors Conference will be taking place in Vancouver from April 16th - 18th 2020 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel. BCSS has arranged the 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 be in October, please visit [ciaaa.ca](http://ciaaa.ca) for details. More information on the BCSS AGM will be available in the coming months.



## WELCOME SYDNEY!

Sydney Harrison is the newest addition to our office staff here at BCSS. As the new Manager of Sport, she comes to us with a background in both education and sport. Sydney attended R.A McMath Secondary in Richmond, where she played soccer and volleyball. Sydney played varsity soccer for the Mustangs at Western University and went on to complete her B.Ed at UBC. Sydney continues to pursue her love for sport and enjoys training and competing in triathlon. Her positive experience in sport and her diverse work experience are just a couple reasons we are excited to welcome Sydney to the team. You can find her updated contact information on our website.



### New Athletic Director or Principal?

Please send updated contacts to: [info@bcschoolsports.ca](mailto:info@bcschoolsports.ca)



### Membership Packages

Annual Membership Packages were sent out in late August. If your school hasn't received it, contact the BCSS office.



### Accommodation Directory

Do your teams need a place to stay? Check out our online directory!



### 2019 - 2020 Forms

BCSS Forms have been updated for the school year on the website, please discard outdated forms!



## 2019 - 2020 BCSS POLICY CHANGES

### CIAAA Athletic Director Membership

Each Athletic Director will receive membership to CIAAA in 2019 - 2020, the membership provides access to resources, support, training and more! Be sure to activate your membership!

### Administrator Opt - In

BCSS created a new portal for school administrators to renew their school's BCSS membership for the year, as well as update any contact information. Athletic Directors will have access to STARS until the Administrator has completed the opt in process.

### Rugby 7's as a Demonstration Sport

In Spring 2020 BCSS will be running Rugby 7's as a demonstration sport, stay tuned for more details!

### Eligibility Officer Exemptions

The BCSS Eligibility Officer is now able to make a ruling on student-athletes transferring due to bullying, this will no longer need to be reviewed by the EAC. See section 642.7.3.3 for details.

### Playing Outside the Season of Play

Clarification has been added to the Handbook regarding the difference between a school and club team and school teams only being eligible to compete during the season of play.

### Zone & Provincial Qualifying Paths

The Handbook has been updated to reflect the new zones that will be in place in the 2019-2020 school year.

### Recruitment & Undue Influence

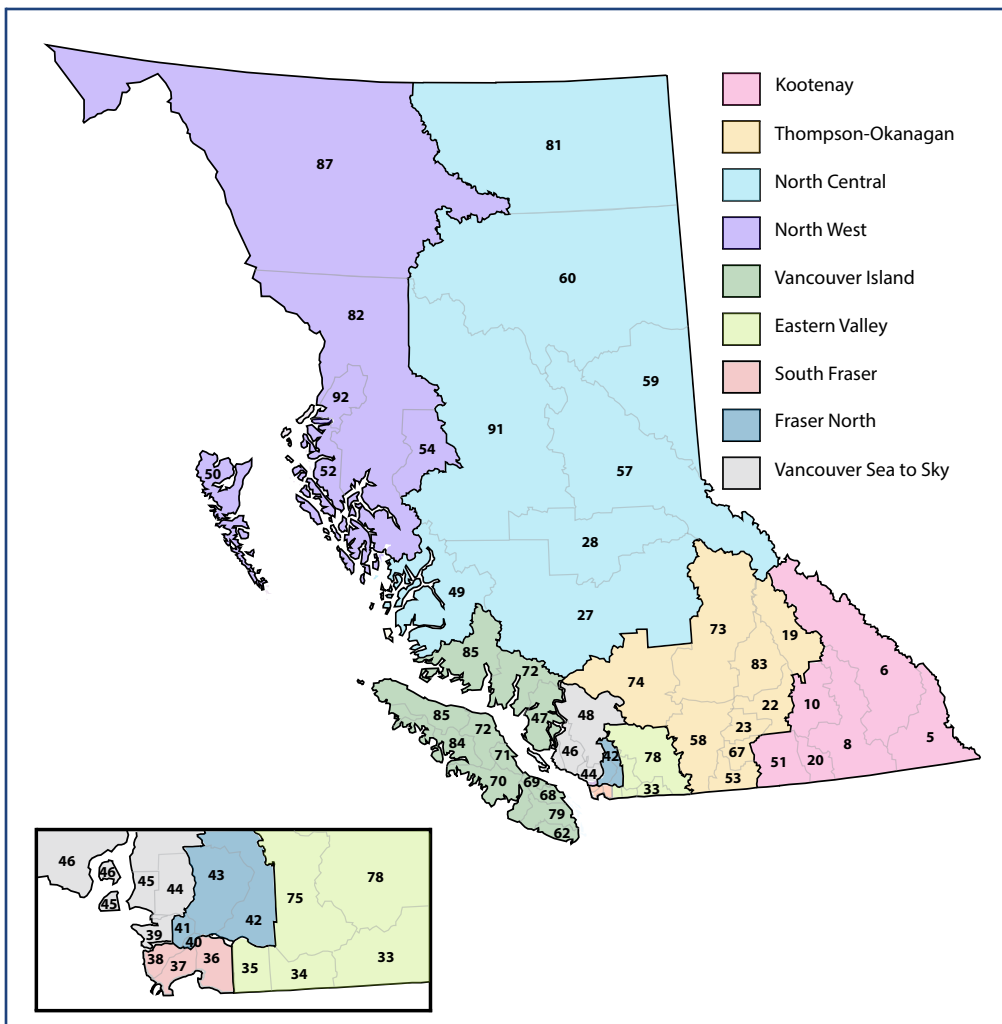
The policy has been updated to provide clarity and to define what is and isn't permissible regarding recruiting and undue influence.

# 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

# BC SCHOOL SPORTS ZONES

The new BCSS zones came into effect September 1st, 2019. Please take note of the new zones that will be followed for all BCSS competition.



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