



SEPTEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer after a very challenging year and are feeling ready and restored for an exciting 2022-2023! It's always invigorating when the hallways fill, and the schools come to life again.

Our team here at BCSS has been working hard through the summer to get things ready for what we hope is a more "normal" year than we have seen the past few. A couple important reminders:

- If you are submitting eligibility or sanctioning forms, be sure to use this year's forms. They can be found on the BCSS website under the Forms tab.
- We are offering our AD 'Back-to-School' webinar again. We strongly encourage all ADs to attend a session, especially so for first year athletic directors. There are 3 options to choose from.
- We have numerous other workshops and information sessions from some of our partners over the first few weeks, that can help make your life as an AD easier. Be sure to check out the section with the information and tune in to those sessions.
- As an AD, if you can't access STARS yet, be sure to speak with your admin about completing the membership renewal opt-in. Once that is complete, you should have access.

BCSS was able to use some operational surplus funds from 2021-2022 to top up the legal levy without having to assess the membership. So the legal levy is fully funded, and there is no legal levy assessment this year. For those unfamiliar, the legal reserve fund is maintained to cover the costs of litigation against the organization, so that it minimizes risk to all the member schools.

BCSS as an organization is only as strong as our member schools and their programs. We are working to increase capacity and support from our staffing team, but we still require leaders to sit on important committees, contribute to the operation of school sport, and host championship events. Please consider talking with your admin on ways your school can support BCSS and school sport around the province.

We are looking forward to a great year and can't wait to see student-athletes out on the field of play, doing what they love, and representing their school communities. Please know that BCSS is here to support you, and don't hesitate to reach out at any time with questions.

Sincerely,

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ACCOUNTING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

All invoices will be sent by email via Quickbooks from **quickbooks@notification.intuit.com**. Please add this email address to your safe sender list.

Payments can be made through EFTs or by cheque payable to BC School Sports. Unfortunately, we do not accept credit card payments.

If paying by EFT, please ensure a remittance notification is emailed to accounting@bcschoolsports.ca to ensure your account is credited to your school. Please include our invoice number on your remittance notification.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

BULK UPLOAD

New bulk upload procedure!

The bulk upload can be used at the start of each school year for the following:

- Uploading your grade 8 students
- Uploading your grade 9 students for those schools whose grade configuration starts at grade 9

The bulk upload feature cannot be used for:

- Students that transfer to your school after the first day of grade 9
- International Students / Boarding Students (regardless of grade)

If you are unsure when you can use the bulk upload feature, please contact the BCSS staff. You can download the template directly from STARS or [here](#). We have also created a bulk upload guide to help you format your student information from MY ED so that you can easily upload your students each year. The guide can be found on our website under the resources tab or [here](#).

New for the 2022 school year, schools will no longer be able to upload their bulk upload, the CSV file must be emailed to info@bcschoolsports.ca and BCSS staff will upload the students for you. This will ensure faster approval of your students.

STARS REMINDERS

If you have any Administrator or Athletic Director changes at your school, please notify the BCSS Staff at info@bcschoolsports.ca

When adding new students to STARS, remember they are subject to a **2-business day approval period, after which they can be added to team rosters.**

ELIGIBILITY FORMS

Prior to the start of each school year BCSS staff update all our forms to reflect any rules changes that passed at the AGM. In addition, this year, we have made some changes to the names of forms which have also been reflected in policy. Please ensure to use the 2022-2023 forms which are located under the [forms tab](#) of our website. Submissions on outdated forms will not be accepted.

EVENTS

BCSS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WEBINAR 2022-2023

Note: The same content will be covered in these sessions. It is **strongly recommended** each AD attend **ONE** of these sessions. Please use below links to join the webinar.



Monday, September 12	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Click here to join the webinar
Wednesday, September 14	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Click here to join the webinar
Friday, September 16	1:30 - 3:00 PM	Click here to join the webinar

INFORMATION SESSIONS/WEBINARS

PlayVS E-Sports Webinar	Tuesday, September 13	3:15 - 4:15 PM	Register here
Gipper Social Media Webinar	Wednesday, September 14	8:30 AM	Register here

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FALL IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINES

Thursday, September 30	BCSS Membership Fees Due
Saturday, October 1	Tiering Appeal Deadline
Wednesday, October 5	Fall Team Registration Deadline
Wednesday, October 19	Fall Roster Registration Deadline

TIERING APPEALS

If a school has seen a material change in their enrollment from 2021-2022 to their actual enrollment in 2022-2023, the school can file an appeal to have their numbers re-evaluated. A school can submit this anytime between **September 20, 2022 and October 1, 2022**. This generally is 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.

PLAYING UP A TIER IN A SPECIFIC SPORT

Schools will still have the option to play up in a specific sport by submitting a playing up form which can be requested through the BCSS office.

E-SPORTS

BCSS continues to grow its E-Sports offerings which saw our first live event finals in Spring of the 2022-2023 E-Sports seasons. With our partner PlayVS we offer two options for participation. Click [here](#) for more information. Schools interested can contact Daniel Brumbaugh at daniel.brumbaugh@playvs.com

Join the **2022-23 PlayVS & BCSS E-Sports Kick-Off Event on Tuesday, September 13 at 3:15-4:15pm!** We will discuss what's new, how to prepare, and answer all your questions. The registration link can be found [here](#).

CIAAA

A reminder that every Athletic Director registered in STARS is a member of the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (CIAAA) and has access to the resources, network and professional development offered by the organization. For instructions on activating your membership [click here](#) for information or reach out to their new Executive Director Caleigh Wojcicki at caleigh@ciaaa.

After a 2-year delay the CIAAA National AD's Conference is finally coming to Vancouver. Plan to attend the best professional development conference for AD's on [April 20-22, 2023](#). More details about the conference can also be found on the [CIAAA website](#).



MANDATORY COACHES CONCUSSION TRAINING

A friendly reminder for all coaches, managers, and assistants to complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) for Coaches. BCSS has mandated this free training for all staff who work in youth sport. Access the course at [cattonline.com](#).



Dr. Shelina Babul and the CATT team will be launching their new CATT for Youth e-learning course at the end of September this year. This new course was designed to provide youth with the information they need to recognize, respond to, and report a concussion. The CATT for Youth course takes about 40 minutes, is free of charge, and those who complete all of the learning modules will receive a CATT certificate. CATT for Youth was funded by and created in partnership with the SHRed Concussions Study Research Program (Led by Dr. Carolyn Emery, University of Calgary). CATT for Youth will launch on September 25, to coincide with BC Concussion Awareness Week.

2022 FALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sport	Championship Dates	Location
Cross Country	November 5th	Royal Roads University, Victoria
Aquatics	November 18-19	Watermania, Richmond
Field Hockey AA	November 2-4	University of Victoria, Victoria
Field Hockey AAA	November 9-11	TBA
Boys Soccer A	November 2-4	Burnaby Lake West, Burnaby
Boys Soccer AA	November 21-23	Burnaby Lake West, Burnaby
Boys Soccer AAA	November 24-26	Burnaby Lake West, Burnaby
Boys Volleyball A	December 1-3	Duncan Christian School, Duncan
Boys Volleyball AA	Nov 30 - Dec 3	Pacific Christian, Victoria
Boys Volleyball AAA	Nov 30 - Dec 3	Kelowna Secondary, Kelowna
Girls Volleyball A	December 1-3	Cedars Christian School, Prince George
Girls Volleyball AA	December 1-3	Merritt Secondary, Merritt
Girls Volleyball AAA	December 1-3	George Elliot Secondary, Lake Country
Girls Volleyball AAAA	December 1-3	Okanagan Mission Secondary, Kelowna
Football AA/AAA	December 3rd	BC Place, Vancouver

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 [Hosting](#) and/or [Travelling](#) sanctioning forms 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. This is a list of BCSS third party sanctioned events on the [BCSS homepage](#). **Participation in a non-sanctioned event may lead to disqualification for post-season play.**

CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTING

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

WINTER

Gymnastics

SPRING

AA/AAA Tennis

AA/AAA Golf

A Girls Soccer

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

Annual Membership Packages were sent out in late August, keep an eye out for the delivery at the beginning of September. The 2022-2023 Handbook and Calendar are also accessible online and are considered the official versions.

View the online calendar [here](#) and handbook [here](#).

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.](#)



2021-2022 BCSS CHAMPIONS

FALL	
AQUATICS	FIELD HOCKEY
GIRLS AAA - BURNABY NORTH	AAA - OAK BAY
BOYS AAA - ST. GEORGE'S	AA - YORK HOUSE
GIRLS AA - WEST POINT GREY ACADEMY	CROSS COUNTRY
BOYS AA - WEST POINT GREY ACADEMY	SENIOR GIRLS - PARKLAND
GIRLS A - ASPENGROVE SCHOOL	SENIOR BOYS - ELGIN PARK
BOYS A - ASPENGROVE SCHOOL	PARA - WHITE ROCK CHRISTIAN
BOYS VOLLEYBALL	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
AAA - KELOWNA SECONDARY	AAAA - ECOLE RIVERSIDE SECONDARY
AA - DUCHESS PARK SECONDARY	AAA - MOUNT DOUGLAS SECONDARY
A - ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	AA - NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY
FOOTBALL	A - OSOYOOS SECONDARY
AAA/AA INTERIOR/NORTH - KELOWNA SECONDARY	BOYS SOCCER
AAA COASTAL - CARSON GRAHAM	AAA COASTAL - REYNOLDS SECONDARY
	AA COASTAL - BRENTWOOD COLLEGE
	A - ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL SECONDARY

WINTER	
WRESTLING	SKI & SNOWBOARD
FEMALE - MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY	GIRLS SKI - YORK HOUSE SCHOOL
MALE - TAMANAWIS SECONDARY	BOYS SKI - CORRELIEU SECONDARY
AGGREGATE - WJ MOUAT SECONDARY	SKI TEAM COMBINED - REVELSTOKE SECONDARY
GIRLS BASKETBALL	GIRLS SNOWBOARD - SMITHERS SECONDARY
A - CREDO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	BOYS SNOWBOARD - SMITHERS SECONDARY
AA - LANGLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	SNOWBOARD TEAM COMBINED - SMITHERS SECONDARY
AAA - R.A. MCMATH SECONDARY	BOYS BASKETBALL
AAAA - TERRY FOX SECONDARY	A - UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
GYMNASTICS	AA - WESTSYDE SECONDARY
ARGYLE SECONDARY	AAA - ST. PATRICK SECONDARY
	AAAA - BURNABY SOUTH SECONDARY

SPRING

RUGBY	TENNIS
AA BOYS TIER 1 - WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY	AA TENNIS - MAGEE SECONDARY
AA BOYS TIER 2 - CLAYTON HEIGHTS SECONDARY	AAA TENNIS - ST. GEORGE'S / CROFTON HOUSE
AAA BOYS TIER 1 - SHAWNIGAN LAKE	TRACK AND FIELD
AAA BOYS TIER 2 - YALE SECONDARY	AA GIRLS - CROFTON HOUSE
AA GIRLS TIER 1 - DW POPPY	AAA GIRLS - OAK BAY SECONDARY
AA GIRLS TIER 2 - ECOLE SALISH SECONDARY	AA BOYS - LAMBRICK PARK SECONDARY
AAA GIRLS - YALE SECONDARY	AAA BOYS - OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY
*BOYS 7s - STELLY'S SECONDARY	AA COMBINED - CROFTON HOUSE
*GIRLS 7s - OAK BAY SECONDARY	AAA COMBINED - OAK BAY SECONDARY
GIRLS SOCCER	GOLF
A GIRLS - IMMACULATA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	A GOLF - ABERDEEN HALL
AA GIRLS - NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY	AA GOLF - SHAWNIGAN LAKE SCHOOL
AAA GIRLS - SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY	AAA GOLF - ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL
BADMINTON	MOUNTAIN BIKING
VANCOUVER COLLEGE / LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY	PEMBERTON SECONDARY
ULTIMATE	E-SPORTS
AA ULTIMATE - GRAND FORKS SECONDARY	*ROCKET LEAGUE - WJ MOUAT
AAA ULTIMATE - ERIC HAMBER SECONDARY	*LEAGUE OF LEGENDS - SEAQUAM SECONDARY

** Demonstration or Trial sport*

CORPORATE PARTNERS

OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS



BCSS is proud to welcome back Gipper as the **Official Social Media Graphics Solution of BCSS**. Gipper is an online platform that makes creating great social media easy and fast to do from anywhere, without having to learn design programs. We know that AD's are stretched to the max and don't have time to pull together professional and complex social media posts. Gipper provides the template, an easy system to customize with your colours, logos, and pictures, and lets you post effortlessly to your accounts. BCSS members receive a discount on their school's subscription.

Learning directly from our new partners at Gipper, they'll discuss how to better use social media and the Gipper platform to save time, stay organized, and effectively tell your school's story.



BCSS is also proud to continue having Hudl as the **Official Sports Video and Technology Partner of BCSS**. Hudl provides video services for coaches to review and breakdown game film. It also has a service that allows you to send the video to Hudl and in 24 hours receive a full stats breakdown back. Lastly, they offer schools their Hudl camera, which is a camera to be installed in the gym or at the field, that is automatic, and can track the play automatically without requiring an operator for games to be streamed. BCSS Football teams have used Hudl for years. Now, schools will receive a 50% discount as a member of BCSS on their team subscriptions that can be used for Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and more.

BCSS IS ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF

