
MEMORANDUM

TO: BCSS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
FROM: HARP SOHI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SPORT & EVENTS
SUBJECT: SPRING SEASON OF PLAY (2023)
DATE: APRIL 4, 2023
CC: ZONE PRESIDENTS, SPRING SEASON SACS

As the old saying goes 'spring is in the air!' I hope everyone that has just returned to school after spring break is well rested and ready for the final three months of the school year. For those still on spring break, the rest of us are jealous but wishing you a relaxing week. This is my first 'welcome to the new season of play' memo which I hope will convey some important information that you will need in preparation for the season and then into your zone playdowns and the various provincial championships. Spring is the busiest season of play – 8 different sports (16 provincial championships).

Important Dates

- Spring Team Registration deadline: **April 5, 2023**
 - Most sports will allocate zone berths based on complete team registrations (minimum roster numbers met and a coach listed at the deadline). Some championships may have different allocation methods which I hope will be explained sufficiently later in this document. You may continue to add student-athletes until the roster deadline.

- Spring Roster Registration deadline: **April 19, 2023**
 - Any athletes registered to STARS after April 19th will be subject to applicable fines.
 - To provide exposure, properly registered Rugby 15's (XV) teams are permitted to play in one Rugby 7's tournament prior to April 24, 2023.
 - After April 24th, athletes cannot play on both 7s and 15s squads (STARS rosters are set after that date and will be enforced for the provincial championships).

Important Information

- **Update Bulletins** – we will continue to use bulletins to keep athletic directors and coaches updated on important Provincial championship information. Preliminary information for each sport is listed below and will be expanded upon in the first bulletins (commencing April 11th). The bulletins will be posted to the sport pages on our website.
- **Team Uniforms** – all teams/athletes are required to wear school uniforms for competition. The uniforms must comply with the guidelines and regulations set forth for that sport, including requirements for numbers, crests, or any other specific details. Failure to comply will be subject to sanctions and penalties. **Reminder**, the use of corporate logos on uniforms is restricted to a maximum of two logos, and each logo should not exceed the dimensions of a credit card.

Spring Championships Zone Qualifier Chart 2023

Sport	Tier	Date	Location	Zones Completion Date
Badminton	AA/AAA	June 1 – 3	Richmond	May 19
Golf	A	June 5 – 7	Qualicum Beach	May 24
Golf	AA	June 5 - 7	Shawnigan Lake	May 24
Golf	AAA	June 5 - 7	Nanoose Bay	May 24
Mountain Bike	N/A	May 27	Red Mountain	May 15*
Rugby 7s (Girls)	N/A	June 1 & 2	Abbotsford	May 25
Rugby 7s (Boys)	N/A	June 1 & 2	Abbotsford	May 25
Rugby 15s (Girls)	AA/AAA	May 31 – June 3	Abbotsford	May 25
Rugby 15s (Boys)	AA/AAA	May 31 – June 3	Abbotsford	May 25
Soccer (Girls)	A	May 31 – June 2	Surrey	May 20
Soccer (Girls)	AA	June 1 – 3	Victoria	May 20
Soccer (Girls)	AAA	June 1 – 3	Kelowna	May 20
Tennis	AA	May 25 - 27	Burnaby	May 13
Tennis	AAA	May 25 - 27	Vancouver	May 13
T&F (Multi Events)	N/A	June 2 & 3	Delta	May 27*
Track & Field	AA/AAA	June 8 – 10	Langley	May 28*
Ultimate	AA/AAA	May 25 - 26	Surrey	May 12

* Deadline date for provincial's entries

Berthing Information

Badminton

- 16 team tournament – no tiering
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (no host berth)
 - Zones will receive 1 additional berth for every 16 registered teams in the zone. Teams must have a minimum 5 female and 5 males players on the roster and must be actively competing in interschool competition.
 - No zone will receive more than 4 berths into the provincial championships.
 - If a zone is unable to fill its berths, then those will be pooled with any remaining at large berths. These will be based on historical results from the previous 5 championships.
 - Zones will need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by **May 12th**.
- Tournament Format - 4 pools of Round Robin play followed by championship and consolation brackets.

Golf

- **'A'** – 10 team tournament
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (plus host berth)
- **'AA'** – 18 team tournament & **'AAA'** – 22 team tournament
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (plus host berth)
 - Remaining at large berths allocated based on berthing ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{Total Number of Eligible berths}}$$
- No zone will receive more than 4 berths into the provincial championships.
- If a zone is unable to fill its berths, the berths will not be reallocated.
 - Zones will need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by **May 19th**.
- Golf is a co-ed sport, there are no gender specific requirements for your roster.

Mountain Bike

- Not a tiered event
 - Bantam/Junior and Senior age groups
- Two official championship disciplines (athletes need to start both to be considered for King and Queen of the Mountain).
 - All Mountain (XC) – courses developed based on average completion times (per age group)
 - Enduro – timed event in which the racer's finishing position is based on the timed downhill stages (typically 2 to 3 different stages).
- No zone qualifying event, but all event entries must be received by the **May 15** deadline date.
- Separate races for boys and girls.

Rugby

- 7s – (demonstration sport, not a tiered event)
 - Boys and Girls championships – 16 teams
 - 4 pools (round robin) followed by championship/consolation brackets
- 15s – tiered by gender - championship/consolation brackets
 - AA/AAA Girls – up to 16 teams in total depending on recommendations from berthing committee. Can be broken down into Tier 1/Tier 2 (Maximum of 8 teams in each tier).
 - AA/AAA Boys (Tier 1 & Tier 2) – up to 16 teams in total depending on recommendations from berthing committee. Maximum of 8 teams in each tier.
- Final provincials berthing will be communicated between May 8 – 10. Each zone will receive at least one berth into the AA or AAA tournaments. Allocation to Tier 1 or Tier 2 will be based on strength of programs.

Soccer

- A/AA/AAA - 16 team tournaments in each tier
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (plus host berth)
 - Remaining at large berths allocated based on berthing ratio:
$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{Total Number of Eligible berths}}$$
 - If a zone is unable to fill its berths, the berths will go back into the total number of eligible berths.
 - No zone will receive more than 4 berths into the provincial championships.
 - If two or more zones have equal berth allocation calculations, then the remaining berths will be awarded to the zone which finished higher in the previous year's championship.
 - Zones will need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by **May 12th**.
- Tournament Format - 4 pools (RR) followed by championship/consolation brackets.

Tennis

- AA/AAA - 12 team tournaments in each tier
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (plus host berth)
 - Remaining at large berths allocated based on berthing ratio:
$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{At-Large berths in Tournament}}$$
$$\frac{\text{Number of Registered Teams}}{\text{Berthing Ratio}} = \# \text{ of Berths/Zone}$$
 - Teams must have a minimum 5 female and 5 males players on the roster and must be actively competing in interschool competition.

- If a zone is unable to fill its berths, the berths will go back into the total number of at-large berths.
- No zone will receive more than 4 berths (including the host berth).
- If two or more zones have equal berth allocation calculations, the tiebreaking procedure as outlined in section 1145.1.1 of the BCSS handbook will be used.
- Zones will need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by **May 5th**.
- Tournament Format - 4 pools (RR) followed by championship/consolation brackets.

Track & Field

- Multi Events – June 2 & 3
 - Maximum of 2 scoring entries per school per gender.
 - Schools with more than two entries MUST identify the Non-Scoring athletes on the School entry.
- AA/AAA Provincials – June 8 – 10

	EV	FN	KOOT	NC	NW	SF	T-OK	VI	VS2S	OPEN
G8	“Invitational” Division (24 berths by performance)									
JR	3	4	1	1	1	6	4	5	5	2
SR	3	4	1	1	1	6	4	5	5	2

- A grade 8 athlete cannot compete in individual events at both the grade 8 level and the junior level.
- “Open Zone” - Any performance from a sanctioned meet of the current BC Championship year may be used. Only 2023 performances accepted. Sprint events must have an electronic time submitted.
- All zone meet athlete entries must be submitted via MileSplit.

Ultimate

- AA/AAA - 16 team tournaments in each tier
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (no host berth)
 - Remaining at large berths allocated based on berthing ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{At-Large berths in Tournament}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Number of Registered Teams}}{\text{Berthing Ratio}} = \# \text{ of Berths/Zone}$$
- If a zone is unable to fill its berths, the berths will go back into the total number of at-large berths.
- No zone will receive more than 4 berths.
- Zones will need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by **May 5th**.
- Tournament Format - 4 pools (RR) followed by championship/consolation brackets.

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