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BC SCHOOL SPORTS & LANGLEY EVENTS CENTRE AGREE TO HOST GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LEC THROUGH 2025

BC School Sports (BCSS) and Langley Events Centre (LEC) are pleased to announce a partnership that will see the BC School Sports Girls and Boys Basketball Championships hosted at the LEC through at least the 2024-2025 academic year.

Having the basketball championships move to Langley more than a decade ago has elevated the tournaments to an entirely new level that every high school basketball player in the province strives to experience.

BCSS Executive Director, Jordan Abney stated “we are so happy our student-athletes will know that qualifying for the BCSS provincial championship means getting to live the incredible experience put on by the LEC. We feel that our basketball championships are some of the very best amateur sporting events anywhere in North America.” Abney continued, “I want to thank Jason Winslade at the Township of Langley for his leadership and stewardship of this event, the entire team at the LEC and the many volunteers who have built over 70 years of history for these events, and just as importantly will continue to do so in the future.”

The 2A/3A/4A Girls Basketball Championships are scheduled for March 1-4, 2023 while the 1A/2A/3A/4A Boys Championship will be contested March 8-11, 2023. BCSS is also exploring moving the 1A Girls Championship to the LEC starting in 2024, meaning all 8 BCSS basketball championships would be in Langley.

Jason Winslade, GM of Administration and Community Services, Township of Langley stated “Working with BC School Sports to host these championships means so much to the Township of Langley, Langley Events Centre and the respective tournament committees. 2023 marks the 77th boys tournament and 73rd girls tournament, and the participants, coaches and spectators can look forward to another great experience with 112 teams, 224 games, and 7 championships awarded in March.”

The LEC, with the support of BCSS, will continue to work with a dedicated group of committee volunteers for the Championships, and encourage interested individuals, organizations and schools to get involved by contacting the staff at the LEC.

About BC School Sports

BC School Sports is a voluntary organization of over 440 public and independent schools in British Columbia. It is the governing body for school sport and coordinates and delivers opportunities with our member schools for interschool competition in over 19 activities to over 76,000 student-athletes each year. BCSS delivers 62 provincial championships each year to over 14,000 student-athletes, recognizing the pinnacle of interscholastic competition.



About Langley Events Centre

The Langley Events Centre is situated within a growing entertainment district at 200 Street and 80 Avenue, in the Township of Langley. Located adjacent to Willoughby Community Park, residents and visitors enjoy the many indoor events at the Langley Events Centre and also the surrounding outdoor activities and events.

Since opening in 2009, the facility has continued to offer a growing number of events and services for residents and visitors. The list of past hosted events is impressive, and the number of groups and organizations that host and re-locate their events to Langley continues to expand. Specific to sports, events have included international, national, provincial and regional competitions and championships.

Featuring 322,312 square feet in two buildings, event spaces include an Arena Bowl, Triple Gymnasium, Double Gymnasium, Fieldhouse, Banquet Hall, and other dedicated meeting, training, service and retail spaces.

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