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BC SCHOOL SPORTS PROVIDES UPDATES ON IMMINENT CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Football playoffs to move to regional championships, no provincial champion to be crowned in 2021. SUBWAY Bowl games to be played in Interior, and at BC Place.

Burnaby, BC - The unprecedented storm that hit the lower mainland on Sunday and Monday has left unthinkable damage in its wake. Most importantly, we want to send our best wishes to all those who remain in harm's way; in flood zones or areas isolated by mudslides and washouts. Please stay safe.

BC School Sports has many critical events quickly approaching, and we continue to evaluate the situation as information becomes available both from government and our partners in school districts affected around the province. Just a few hours ago the Provincial Government issued a State of Emergency for the Province of BC underscoring the seriousness of the issues at hand.

Based on the information available, BCSS, in consultation with our Football Advisory Committee Chair, AA Rep, AAA Rep, JV rep, Safety Coordinator and Championship Chair, have had to modify our championship structure to a regional style event. This is extremely unfortunate, especially after missing the opportunity last year due to the pandemic, but necessary based on where we currently stand with regards to travel limitations across the province.

We believe this is the best option to provide a safe and quality experience for athletes and football programs in all regions as they conclude their high school football season.

This following is a summary of the changes:

BCSS SUBWAY BOWL - Interior/North 'AA/AAA'

Teams remaining in the playoffs ('AA' and 'AAA') from the Interior and North, (Kelowna, South Kamloops, Vernon, and Duchess Park) will compete in an Interior-North Championship.

Saturday, November 20

- Vernon @ Duchess Park (Time: 11:00am)

Friday, November 26 or Saturday, November 27

- Kelowna @ South Kamloops (Time: TBD)

Friday, December 3rd or Saturday, December 4

- Interior/North SUBWAY BOWL (Location/Time: TBD)



BCSS SUBWAY BOWL - Coastal 'AA'

Friday, November 19 OR Saturday, November 20

- Ballenas @ Carson Graham (Time: TBD)

Saturday Nov 27

- John Barsby @ Robert Bateman (BC Place, Time TBD)
- Winner of Ballenas/Carson Graham @ Langley (BC Place, Time TBD)

Saturday, December 4

- 'AA' Coastal SUBWAY BOWL Game (BC Place)
 - Winner of Barsby/Bateman vs Winner of Ballenas/Carson v. Langley

BCSS SUBWAY BOWL Coastal 'AAA'

Saturday November 20

- Lord Tweedsmuir @ Notre Dame (Time: 1:00pm)
- Centennial @ Vancouver College (Time: 1:00pm)

Monday November 22

- Mt. Douglas @ G.W. Graham (*if possible) (Time: TBD)

Saturday, November 27

- Winner of LT vs ND @ Terry Fox (BC place, Time: TBD)
- Winner of Centennial/VC vs Winner of Mt. Doug/GWG

Saturday December 4

- 'AAA' Coastal SUBWAY BOWL Game (BC Place)
 - Winner of Centennial/VC vs Winner of LT/ND vs Terry Fox

Junior Varsity AA/AAA Interior Championship

Wednesday, November 24 (subject to change)

- Westsyde @ Vernon (Time: TBD)

Thursday, November 25 (subject to change)

- Rutland @ Kelowna (Time: TBD)

Junior Varsity 'AA' Coastal Championship

Wednesday, Nov 17

- Carson Graham @ Holy Cross (1:30pm)
- Argyle @ West Vancouver (2:00pm)
- Windsor @ John Barsby (4:00pm)



Saturday, Nov 27

- Highest Remaining Seed: Bye to Final
- Lowest Remaining Seed @ 2nd Highest Remaining Seed (Burnaby, Time TBD)

Saturday, December 4

- Winner of Semifinals @ Highest Seed (BC Place)

Junior Varsity 'AAA' Coastal Championship

Thursday, November 18

- Lord Tweedsmuir @ St. Thomas More (3:15Pm)

Friday, November 19

- WJ Mouat @ Vancouver College (12:30PM)

Monday, November 22

- Mt. Douglas @ G.W. Graham (Location, Time: TBD)

Saturday, November 27

- Highest Remaining Seed: Bye to Final
- Lowest Remaining Seed @ 2nd Highest Remaining Seed (Burnaby, Time TBD)

Saturday, December 4

Winner of Semi-final @ Highest Seed (BC Place)

Chair of the BCSS Football Advisory Committee, Travis Bell, shared “The decision to move away from a provincial championship to a regional playoff to finish our season was not easy. The current uncertainty of travel conditions between the interior and mainland as well as the dynamic flooding situation in the Fraser Valley were at the forefront of this decision-making process. Considering all the facts that we currently have, we feel it is the responsible decision to ensure the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, and their supporters. With this new model to finish the season, our intent is to still allow the programs who have qualified for the playoffs to continue to play games.”

Bell added “At a time where many families in our province are in crisis, there is the need to put things in perspective, and our hope is that the remaining games will continue to provide the opportunity for lifelong memories and a positive experience for our student-athletes and the schools and communities they represent.”

BCSS Executive Director, Jordan Abney added “this is tremendously unfortunate, and after a great season of play, with so much excitement about the return of high school football, we are so disappointed for the student-athletes affected by this. With the state of emergency declared, we wanted to find ways to ensure that student-athletes could play in some games and have a meaningful conclusion to their season, and for our graduating student-athletes, a final opportunity to represent their school.”



Further updates around the BCSS Aquatics Championships (Friday November 19-20) and the BCSS 'AA' Soccer Championships (November 22-24) will be forthcoming shortly.

About BC School Sports

BC School Sports is the governing body for school sport in British Columbia. BCSS offers opportunities for interschool competition in over 19 activities to over 70,000 student-athletes each year. Our membership consists of over 440 member schools, with students in Grades 8-12. School sport returned this fall, after a 17-month shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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