



The proposed Governance Structure will be brought to a vote at our AGM on Saturday, May 1, 2021. In this memo, we have attempted to succinctly summarize many of the benefits that the proposed Governance structure will provide to the BCSS community.

We have also recorded frequently asked questions video which addresses many other common questions that you can view by clicking [here](#)

#### How will the proposed Governance Structure support Athletic Directors?

Sport-specific regulations will be part of BCSS policy, making it easier to find, and understand. The process to change these will be consistent across all sports. Invoicing and administration will come from a single point, creating more efficiency. A focus on AD and coach development through staff and committee programming, while an increased presence of administrators and educational partners will hopefully create more awareness of the demands of the job.

#### How will the proposed Governance Structure benefit student-athletes?

The focus will expand from only provincial championships where only 20% of students participate to all student-athletes. Those who are lucky enough to qualify for a provincial event will experience the same quality of event they do now, with the hope to increase the experience in some of our sports that have traditionally had lesser profiles.

#### How will the proposed governance structure benefit sound organizational decision-making?

The proposal provides the opportunity for quality discussion and understanding by a group whose diversity resembles that of the province they serve, and who have an obligation to be informed at the meetings. With two opportunities per year, conversations will be more continual rather than start-stop which tends to be the result of annual meetings. The proposed structure brings partner organizations, including the government, to the table who will be in a position to better understand and support school sport. The proposal brings a diversity that recognizes the viewpoints from all corners of the province need to be considered, and that the effects of decisions may affect urban and rural, independent and public, and small or large schools differently. Lastly, it creates space for more women to play prominent roles in the leadership of BC School Sports.

This proposal has been the culmination of years of work. The Board, who are elected by the membership, and have a fiduciary obligation to do what they feel is best for the organization have led this process throughout and bring this proposal forward with the strong belief that it supports the sustainability, growth and advancement of school sport across the province and will serve our member schools well.

Should you have any questions about anything within the governance recommendation, please don't hesitate to reach out to a Board member or the BCSS office.