
MEMORANDUM

TO: BCSS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
FROM: HARP SOHI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SPORT & EVENTS
SUBJECT: SPRING SEASON OF PLAY (2024)
DATE: MARCH 6, 2024
CC: ZONE PRESIDENTS, SPRING SEASON SACS

As we bid farewell to the winter season of sports with the conclusion of the boys' basketball tournaments, our focus shifts to spring sports. We're currently in the second week of the spring season, although for many of you; fields, tracks, courts, and golf courses are still covered in snow. Before your attention turns to spring break and a well-deserved rest, I wanted to provide information to assist with your spring season planning. Spring is the busiest season for our sports, with eight different sports and 20 provincial championships, so get ready for full-speed action once you return to school after the break.

Important Dates

- **Spring Team Registration deadline: April 10, 2024**
 - Most sports will allocate zone berths based on the complete team registrations (min roster criteria met) at the deadline. Some championships may have different allocation methods which are outlined in this document.
- **Spring Roster Registration deadline: April 24, 2024**
 - Any athletes registered to STARS after April 24th will be subject to applicable penalties.
 - If schools with a registered XVs rugby team wish to transition to a Rugby 7s team (safety issues due to attrition or injuries), they can contact the BCSS office to transfer their athletes to a 7s roster. **No changes will be permitted after April 24, 2024.**
 - **All Coaches need to be added to your STARS rosters.** Only coaches on your STARS roster will be permitted to be on the team's sidelines or field of play for provincial championship competition.
 - *All coaches, managers, and assistants listed on school team rosters must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) for Coaches. CATT certification is valid for two years - cattonline.com*
 - **Please ensure all coach information (email and cell #) is correct. You can easily modify the information in STARS by accessing the coach's profile.**
- Each Championship will have a distinct deadline for zone representatives to confirm commitment to fill any allocated spots from their zone into the provincial championships. Organizing a championship tournament is challenging, and it's important to avoid last-minute efforts to fill vacant spots. Please consult policy 713.0 in the handbook for information on the consequences of non-compliance.

Provincials Websites – We are currently in the process of constructing the spring season championship websites. The preliminary championship website information should be in place by spring break. We encourage you to regularly revisit the provincial championship sites, as information, schedules, results, and more will be consistently updated.

All championship websites can be conveniently accessed at provincials.bcschoolsports.ca.

Spring Championships Zone Qualifier Chart 2024

| Sport | Tier | Date | Location | Zones Completion Date |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Badminton | N/A | May 30 – June 1 | TBA | May 17 |
| Golf | A | June 3 - 5 | Nanoose Bay | May 22 |
| Golf | AA | June 3 - 5 | Qualicum Beach | May 22 |
| Golf | AAA | June 3 - 5 | Cobble Hill | May 22 |
| Mountain Bike | N/A | May 23 - 24 | Squamish | May 10* |
| Rugby 7s (Girls) | N/A | May 30 - 31 | Abbotsford | May 23 |
| Rugby 7s (Boys) | N/A | May 30 - 31 | Abbotsford | May 23 |
| Rugby 15s (Girls) | AA/AAA | May 29 – June 1 | Abbotsford | May 23 |
| Rugby 15s (Boys) | AA/AAA | May 29 – June 1 | Abbotsford | May 23 |
| Soccer (Girls) | A | May 30 – June 1 | Kamloops | May 18 |
| Soccer (Girls) | AA | May 29 – 31 | Burnaby | May 18 |
| Soccer (Girls) | AAA | May 29 – 31 | Cloverdale | May 18 |
| Tennis | AA | May 23 - 25 | Burnaby | May 11 |
| Tennis | AAA | May 23 - 25 | Vancouver | May 11 |
| T&F (Multi Events) | N/A | May 31 – June 1 | North Delta | May 24* |
| Track & Field | AA/AAA | June 6 – 8 | Nanaimo | May 25* |
| Ultimate | AA/AAA | May 23 - 24 | Kamloops | May 10 |

* **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 (plus 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 assigned based on the historical results from the last five championships.
 - **Zones need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by May 3rd.**

Golf

- 'A' – 10 team tournament
 - Each of the 9 BCSS Zones will receive one automatic berth (plus host berth).
 - If a zone is unable to fill its berths, the berths will not be reallocated.
- '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 need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by May 10th.**
- Golf is a co-ed sport, there are no gender specific requirements for your roster.

Mountain Bike

- **NEW: Mountain Bike provincial will be a two-day event (May 23 & 24)**
- 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). Event date - May 23rd
 - Enduro – timed event in which the racer's finishing position is based on the timed downhill stages (typically 2 to 3 different stages). Event date – May 24th.
- **All event entries must be received by the deadline date (May 10th).**
- The number of entries from each school may be capped to ensure the size of the championship does not get too large to compromise rider safety.
- Coaches will need to ensure that athletes have skill level and experience to compete in these provincials.
- Separate races for boys and girls.

Rugby

- 7s – not a tiered event
 - Boys and Girls championships – 16 teams
 - 4 pools (round robin) followed by championship/consolation brackets.
- XV's – tiered by gender – based on previous two provincial championships.
 - AA/AAA Girls – 8 teams each
 - AA/AAA Boys (Tier 1) – 8 teams in each classification (AA & AAA)
 - AA/AAA Boys (Tier 2) – 8 teams in each classification (AA & AAA)
- Athletes cannot play on 7s and XV's squads
- Berthing will be communicated by the berthing committee prior to commencement of zone tournaments.
 - **Zones need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by May 3rd.**

Soccer

- A/AA/AAA - 16 team tournaments.
 - 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 need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by May 10th.**

Tennis

- AA/AAA - 12 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:
$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Schools with Registered Teams}}{\text{At-Large berths in Tournament}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Number of Registered Teams}}{\text{Berthing Ratio}} = \# \text{ of Berths/Zone}$$
 - 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 (not including the host berth).
 - If two or more zones have equal berth allocation calculations, please refer to page 144 in handbook for tiebreaking procedure.
 - **Zones need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by May 3rd.**

Track & Field

- Multi Events – May 31 & June 1
 - Maximum of 2 scoring entries per school per gender. (Only 2 score)
 - Schools with more than two entries MUST identify the Non-Scoring athletes on the School entry.
- AA/AAA Provincials – June 6 – 8

| | 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 2024 performances accepted. Sprint events must have an electronic time submitted.
- All athlete entries must be submitted via MileSplit.

Ultimate

- AA/AAA - 16 team tournament
 - 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 need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials by May 3rd.**

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