
MEMORANDUM

TO: **BCSS Member School AD's & Administrators**
FROM: **Jordan Abney, Executive Director**
SUBJECT: **Update on BCSS Fall Championships**
DATE: **Thursday, November 18, 2021**
CC: **BCSS Legislative Assembly, Zone Executives, Sport Advisory Chairs**

BC School Sports is in the middle championship season for our fall season of play. We continue to evaluate the situation daily, as new information and timelines become available both from the government and our partners in education relating to the effects of the storm earlier in the week.

We provide this update to our member schools, and educational partners for the upcoming championships. With so much excitement about the return of school sport after 17-months with no school sport, we are of course disappointed for our student-athletes that these events are being disrupted. We are working to avoid having to cancel any events. With that said, our priority remains ensuring the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, officials and supporting those adversely affected by the severe weather.

Here is an update of the sports, and timelines to watch moving forward:

Football

The football playoffs have been modified to a regional structure. We will feature Subway Bowl games in both regions. No Provincial Champion will be crowned this year, but regional championship banners will be presented in all events. Full details on the schedule and this decision can be found [here](#).

Aquatics

The Aquatics championship scheduled at Watermania in Richmond on November 19th & 20th will proceed as scheduled. We recognize and are saddened that many student-athletes will not be able to attend, but as it is an individual sport, felt it was important to provide the competition for those who can safely attend.

'AA' Boys Soccer

2A Boys Soccer Provincial Championships scheduled for November 22- 24 in Burnaby will move to a regional model, similar to football, in an effort to limit travel. The 12 teams that qualified from the Lower Mainland and Island will compete for a Coastal Region Championship on the scheduled dates, while the 4 qualifying teams from the Interior/North region will compete for an Interior/North Regional Championship, in Vernon on November 23-24. No provincial championship will be awarded, but both events will have regional champion banners and medals presented.



As more information becomes available each day, we continue to evaluate the options and logistics for each event. Decisions around the remaining upcoming Fall Championships will be provided updates on these championships on the following timeline:

'AAA' Boys Soccer Provincials

This event is currently being evaluated. A decision will be communicated to the membership no later than Monday, November 22, 2021.

Girls & Boys Volleyball Provincials

The seven (7) volleyball championships scheduled for the first week of December and taking place in schools across the entire province, are currently being evaluated one-by-one. A decision will be communicated to the membership no later than Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work through these unexpected challenges. Again, we understand that there will be some disappointment around these changes, however we believe it is the best way to ensure that student-athletes are provided an opportunity to complete their season and play meaningful games while minimizing travel requirements in recognition there are many in this province suffering greatly.