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“The purpose of the SHSAA is to foster educational opportunities for all students through interschool sport.”

December 2020 Newsletter

Amid the uptick in positive COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan, many school divisions have paused extra-curricular activities until having an opportunity to review a possible return in January. For those situations where sport opportunities are continuing to be offered or considered, a reminder of the new public health measures introduced last week impacting sport until at least December 18. To review these new health measures please visit the [Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan](#).

The SHSAA Executive Council met twice in November and provided guidance in updating the Return to School Sport and FAQ documents. These updated documents will be shared with district personnel at the Presidents' meeting but will not be published until we return in January when the state of extra-curricular and sport is evaluated.

Team Registration and Fees

The registration for winter activities (curling, wrestling, and basketball) will occur through your district. Each district will be contacting their schools to indicate what process they will be using. The SHSAA office will gather those entries and adjust ExNet accordingly. Notification will be provided to all schools when eligibility forms can be completed. Team fees will be invoiced in late January.

The Executive effectively cancelled the current winter activity provincial championships. They will be offering the hosting of the curling, wrestling, and basketball championships in 2021-22 to those schools/districts that were unable to host this year due to COVID-19. Those host sites have until January 31, 2021 to indicate their intentions. If championships are left open, the notice for bids to host, or adjustments to hosting rotations, will be communicated in early February.

After consulting with fall championship host sites, it has been determined that the following championships have been declared open and bids to host these championships in the fall of 2021 have to be submitted to the SHSAA office by April 16, 2021:

- Golf
- Cross Country
- 3A Boys Soccer
- 5A Girls Soccer
- 3A Boys Volleyball
- 5A Boys Volleyball



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Additional items of interest from the November Executive meetings include:

- Updated Sport Advisory Groups for 2020-21 ([click here](#))
- Professional Development Opportunities resource page ([click here](#))
- Updated and approved Concussion Protocol ([click here](#))
- Planning for the Women in Sport Conference (WISC) is underway. The conference will be delivered in a virtual format. The dates of the conference are being reconsidered and more communication regarding the conference will be available early in the New Year.

SHSAA was saddened to hear of the passing of **Ken Johnson**. Ken was the SHSAA President from 1990-94 and acknowledged with the Merit Award in 1995. A synopsis of Ken's SHSAA citation is available in the [Merit Award History document](#). Our condolences to the Johnson family and Ken's many friends.

CIAAA

Details of the virtual National Conference will be available early in the New Year. For the latest information from CIAAA please visit www.ciaaa.ca. A reminder that each Athletic Director in Saskatchewan has a membership with CIAAA but it must be activated. Contact CIAAA or SHSAA for more information on this benefit.

Coaches Card

The 2019-2021 Coaches Card is now available. The cost of this card is \$12. You can send your request and payment to the SHSAA office. We will process the order and send the card immediately. [Please click here to see the order form.](#)

Happy Holidays

As the school break for staff and students approaches, we recognize our holidays may not be exactly as we like to envision. We must all do our part to help each other and the province deal with the pandemic. Hopefully, the New Year brings new promise and optimism. The Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association would like to wish you and your family a restful, safe, healthy, and happy holiday.