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

October 2020 Newsletter

School sport opportunities are gradually getting underway across the province. Each school division has taken a slightly different approach but each has identified the importance of educational athletics in the development of students.

The Executive Council met on September 20 to conduct the regular business of SHSAA but obviously the most discussed topic was the re-opening of schools and the re-introduction of educational athletics. The Executive continue to bring their own lived experiences to the table as well as taking the time to consider the input and feedback that is received on the topic of school sport in Saskatchewan.

Without a crystal ball, the Executive continues to focus on the fall activities and the opportunities that currently exist. Decisions will continue to be made about the SHSAA and school sport as the school year continues through consultation with our Members and health experts.

Currently, the Executive is asking schools that will be offering a school sport experience in the fall activities to register those teams in ExNet. The registration database is set up so that only the fall activities are available for selection at this time. Additional registration periods for winter and spring activities will occur at appropriate times during the school year. As schools register teams, they will notice that the registration fee assigned to each of the fall activities is \$20.00. Should SHSAA be able to provide a playoff structure and provincial championship the fee for an activity will be \$42.50 as approved by the Membership in June 2019. The registration of teams and the assessment of a team registration fee was a significant discussion item for the Executive. The decisions made by the Executive included consideration of the following:

- The ability to provide accurate data for reporting to funders and sponsors.
- Allow for the distribution of MAP funds to Districts that are showing active schools and teams.
- Responsibility of membership to maintain viability of the Association in financially demanding times.
- Despite the loss of playoff and championship opportunities, the Association continues to administrate high school sport activities on behalf of the Membership.



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For many schools the fees assessed for the fall activities will simply eliminate the carry forward credit that was created by the cancellation of badminton and track in the spring. The elimination of these accumulated credits which exceed \$22,000 will allow the Association to manage the projected deficit for 2020-21 and begin the 2021-22 school year in a more stable position. The Association is fortunate that they have accumulated savings that can be used to absorb the current projected deficit for the 2020-21 fiscal year due to a loss of gate revenue and team registrations. The decisions were made not so much about today but rather providing a strong basis for the future and keeping registration fees at a manageable level over the next few years.

Deadlines and Due Dates

The Executive is very aware that schools and athletic directors may need extra time and assistance in completing the registration process this year. Currently, there are no plans to incorporate the penalties that are sometimes assessed for failing to meet deadlines and due dates. It is important though that registrations get completed and should you need assistance, or extra time, you are encouraged to reach out to the office staff. We hope that the vast majority of schools are able to meet the deadlines and cooperate with the request to do so.

The following are dates pertinent to fall registrations and some of the function ability of ExNet for schools will disappear after these dates and, it is at that time, that it will be important for schools and athletic directors to look for assistance from office staff.

October 2

- School Team Registration
- School Enrolment Submission (as of September 30)

October 7

- Eligibility forms for golf, cross country, soccer, and football

October 21

- Eligibility form for volleyball

A reminder that there are a number of instructional videos on the use of ExNet posted on the [SHSAA YouTube channel](#). Be sure to subscribe to the channel when you visit the site.

Additional information for registration can be found in the documents at <https://www.shsaa.ca/page/show/5963873-covid-19-information-and-updates>

School Sport Week

October 11-17

The Government of Saskatchewan recently proclaimed October 11-17, 2020 as School Sport Week in Saskatchewan. The SHSAA website provides details and resources for schools to get involved in the week. Please visit www.shsaa.ca for more details and information.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Coaches and Officials Recognition Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Multi-Sport Participation Day

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- School Team Recognition Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Virtual Cross-Country

Event information will be sent to district personnel to distribute to each school in the district explaining how students can become involved in a virtual cross-country event to celebrate School Sport Week in Saskatchewan.

Enrolment Submission

With some students choosing to be virtual students as the school year restarts there have been questions about how these students are included in the ExNet enrolment. If the student is enrolled at a school then the student should be included in the enrolment count whether or not the student is physically attending. If the student is enrolled in a virtual school, they should not be included in the enrolment count but if they are participating with a school, an [E-18](#) should be submitted to the SHSAA office.

2020-21 Fall Activity Provincial Host Sites

The Executive has moved the entire hosting rotation for the 2020 fall activities to the fall of 2021. This creates a one-year push of all hosting rotations for fall activities. The previous rotation for fall 2021 will now be assigned for the fall of 2022, and so on. Host sites that had been previously advertised as OPEN for 2021 are now moved to 2022 and the submission of bids to host those championships has been suspended until a later date to be determined by the Executive.

For the 2020 fall hosts they will have until the December 2020 Presidents' meeting to indicate their intent to host in 2021. Any championships that are left open will be advertised as such and bids will be accepted by the Executive until April 1, 2021.

CIAAA

A reminder that each Athletic Director is provided with a membership to the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Information on how to activate your membership will be arriving in your email in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, stay up to date with the all the offerings from CIAAA by visiting www.ciaaa.ca.

School Packages

Start-up materials for each school have either been delivered to school division offices for distribution or mailed out. If your school has not yet received the package which contains handbooks, calendars, yearbooks, and sponsor information please contact the SHSAA office.

THANK YOU

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to all who have done so much to allow our schools to reopen in a safe and caring way. We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.