

April 2021 Newsletter



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

Information to guide Concussion research needed

You are encouraged to participate in, and share with others, a survey being conducted to guide research on concussions. The survey is intended for those with lived experience with concussions and those who are care givers of individuals that have suffered concussions. The goal is to identify the top 10 research questions as directed by the survey to assist groups like the [Canadian Concussion Network](#) in targeting research over the next few years. Please check out the information posted on the SHSAA website, visit the Priority Setting Partnership website at <https://www.concussionpsp.com/>, or go directly to the survey by clicking here ([English](#), [French](#)).

Self-Assessment Tool for Coaches

Dr. Martin Camiré from the University of Ottawa has worked very closely with School Sport Canada for several years and has developed useful resources for coaching life skills through school sport. His latest addition of resources is a Self-Assessment Tool for Coaches. The abstract of his paper is as follows:

Researchers have been increasingly interested in exploring how coaches can be best supported to explicitly teach life skills through sport. The purpose of the present paper is to describe the process of developing the Life Skills Self-Assessment Tool for Coaches. The tool is available in four languages and accompanied by a “how-to” video, thereby enabling more coaches from around the world to teach life skills through sport.

The paper and links to the tools are available at <https://doi.org/10.1080/21520704.2021.1888832>. Once at the site you can access Supplemental Materials from the left-hand side of the webpage. After you have reached the supplemental materials there are language choices that can be toggled (English is the 4th choice). There is a how to video and pdf versions of the tool available.

Women in Sport Conference

Thanks to Angela Mallory and her committee for hosting a very successful Women in Sport Conference on March 4, 2021. Over 200 registered delegates heard messages on sport related career pathways from Claire Hanna, Kim Barber Foss, and Erin McAleenan.



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Report from Executive Meeting and District Presidents' Meeting

The SHSAA Executive Council met on March 24 to deal with time sensitive items in advance of a scheduled District Presidents' meeting on March 31. During their meeting, the Executive established seasons of play for the remainder of the current school year ([click here to view the Member Update and Return to School Sport documents](#)). The response to the pandemic by Government, Health, and Education sectors will continue to determine the extent to which sport can safely be incorporated in the educational setting. The registration of activities will continue through ExNet as outlined in the previously noted documents.

In addition, the Executive also reviewed the final changes suggested in the rewrite of the SHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies. These changes were reviewed with District representatives and it appears that the Membership will be ready to move ahead with the new documents at this year's AGM where the final approval will be made by resolution.

Changes to the new documents can be proposed to the Executive Council by Members and/or Districts until May 12, 2021. These proposals may come forward to the AGM in the form of an amendment to the documents or as small group discussions during AGM forward planning sessions.

SHSAA AGM Reminders

The Executive Council will make final decisions about the format of the AGM when they resume their meetings on April 18. It was indicated to District representatives that the AGM is likely to be conducted using on-line meeting software similar to the 2020 AGM.

SHSAA awards (Merit, Service, Coaching, Officials) will be announced in the days leading up to AGM. If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate, please contact your district as soon as possible (April 30th deadline). You can find awards information by visiting pages 152-155 of the SHSAA Handbook or by [clicking here](#) and viewing page 81 of SHSAA policies.

The following SHSAA Executive positions are up for election at the AGM: President, Section 1, Section 2, Section 4, Saskatoon, & Women's Rep. Please contact the SHSAA office or a member of the nominations committee ([Vicki Moore](#) and [Cathy Morrow](#)) for nomination forms.

Bids to Host for 2021-22 SHSAA Championships

Bids due April 16, 2021

Golf (Sept. 2021)
Cross Country (Oct. 2021)
3A Boys Soccer (Oct. 2021)
5A Girls Soccer (Oct. 2021)
3A Boys Volleyball (Nov. 2021)
5A Boys Volleyball (Nov. 2021)
5A Boys & Girls Regional Volleyball
(Nov. 2021)

Social Media

SHSAA is looking to compile a database of schools' social media feeds. If your school uses social media, please consider sending us your handle for Facebook/Instagram/Twitter.

Banners

If you are looking to update or order provincial banners, please contact Stefanie Lewis at the SHSAA office (slewis@shsaa.ca). She can help you design and order the banners you need.

Federal Emergency Support Funds

Thank you to Heritage Canada for the funds that have been provided to sporting agencies across the country. As a result, Sask Sport was able to distribute additional funding to Saskatchewan sport organizations to offset some of the financial losses caused by COVID-19.

Championship Host Sites 2021-22 – 2022-23

The pandemic has impacted the projected host sites for provincial championships in 2021-22 and 2022-23. Please visit the Championships tab available on the SHSAA website homepage or [click here](#) to see how the championship host sites have changed. Please see the note to the left for open championships that must have bids submitted by April 16, 2021.

Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA)



A reminder that CIAAA will be hosting their annual National Athletic Directors' Conference using a virtual format this year. The conference is scheduled for April 21 – 24, 2021. For conference details, including how to register please visit <https://www.ciaaa.ca/> or [click here](#).

Please inquire with your District about financial assistance to help cover conference registration costs. SHSAA AD's are encouraged to activate their CIAAA membership by following the instructions outlined on the SHSAA website ([please click here](#)).

Professional Development Opportunities

There are many PD opportunities available to officials, teachers, coaches, and athletic directors. The SHSAA office has compiled a comprehensive document of these opportunities. You can find all details by using quick links at shsaa.ca or by [clicking here](#).

Additional upcoming opportunities include the Saskatchewan Coaching Academy (an initiative of the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan). For more information, please visit <https://saskcoach.ca/nccp-training/saskatchewan-coaching-academy/>

Condolences

The SHSAA was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Gordon Rook (SHSAA Service Award 2003). Gord was a long time SHSAA enthusiast and supporter. His contributions to high school sport in the Lashburn area and his presence in gymnasiums around Saskatchewan at countless volleyball and basketball tournaments will be fondly remembered by those who knew Gord.