

South Central Zone Spring Meeting Minutes 2018

Date: **April 23, 2018**

Location: **Three Hills Arena - Encana Room**

Attendance: **54**

1.0 Called to Order - 10:03 am by Leigh Bretzlaff

1.1 Adoption of Agenda - no additions or subtractions

Moved: Jeff Messom - DVSS

Seconded: Brent Meyer - Rosemary

Passed

1.2 President's Remarks - Leigh Bretzlaff

Leigh gave a run down of all the successes the South Central Zone schools had at the provincial level. He thanked everyone for their work in their individual schools and for their work within the zone. Leigh thanked everyone for the commit they make to the student athletes in our zone. Leigh then thanked the ASAA for their continued support and thanked Michael Vaughan for his work in taking over the role of secretary/treasurer. It was a very successful year in the SC Zone and everyone in the room had a hand in making it successful.

1.3 Remarks from ASAA

John Paton, the ASAA Executive Director, was in attendance and started by congratulating the zone for all their successes and thanked everyone that was involved in hosting a provincial championship this year. He reminded everyone to make sure they stay on top of ASAA policies as they are updated on the website. If anyone would like to see changes to any ASAA policies, Notices of Motions for fall sports will be dealt with at the December Annual Planning Meeting. Bids for hosting provincial championships are accepted at any time. John covered a number of other topics which can be found at the end of the minutes in Appendix A.

1.4 Adoption of minutes from fall meeting

Moved: Josh Jalbert – Holy Cross

Second: Shane Hansen - Beiseker

Passed

2.0 Business arising from minutes

2.1 Policy Handbook Review – update on work

Leigh Bretzlaff gave a quick run down of the work that was done in January by the handbook review committee. He thanked the following people for their contributions to the process of updating the handbook.

Sr High Committee: Carrie Westgard (Strathmore), Darren Anderson (Canmore), Ken Zelez (STS), Shauna Vaughan (Three Hills), Nathan Hodgson (Bassano), Micheal Wiens (St. Joseph's)

Jr. High Committee: Brad Huntley (Crowther Memorial), Melvyn Wade (Dr. Elliott), Nathan Hodgson (Bassano), Len Judson (J.C. Charyk)

2.2 Motion to adopt housekeeping motions for Junior High Zone Policy Handbook
Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial
Second: Shauna Vaughan – Three Hills
Passed

2.3 Motion to adopt housekeeping motions for Senior High Zone Policy Handbook
Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial
Second: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields
Passed

3.0 Reading of Communications

The following information was presented to the membership.

- 3.1 IMPACT Student Leadership Workshop – May 15, 2018 at Olds College
- 3.2 ASAA Milk Scholarship – deadline June 30, 2018
- 3.3 ASAA Pay It Forward Scholarship – deadline June 30, 2018
- 3.4 Lorne Wood Award Nomination – deadline June 30, 2018
- 3.5 Curling Provincials moved to March 7-9, 2019
- 3.6 Vacancies at ASAA – VP, Director of Athletics, Cheerleading, Boys Basketball & Volleyball
- 3.7 Unified Basketball – May 23rd, at U of C

4.0 Financial Report

Moved: Ron Davies – J.C. Charyk
Seconded: Josh Jalbert – Holy Cross
Passed

5.0 Selection of Delegates to the ASAA AGM (May 10 & 11 in Leduc)

Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields, Michael Vaughan - Three Hills and Michael Sera – Bert Church

6.0 New Business

6.1 Committee to adjudicate SC Zone Pay It Forward Scholarship
Carrie Westgard (Strathmore), Nathan Hodgson (Bassano) & Leigh Bretzlaff (Oilfields)

6.2 Old Trophies – history and what to do with them
Old trophies will be collected and returned to the zone.

6.3 Zone Curling dates and costs

Discussion focused around trying to keep the zone tournament to a weekend so students miss less school time and try to keep the costs down the best we can when running the event.

6.4 New Forms online for tournament zone championship reports and JV registration

Look for new forms to be posted online in the fall.

6.5 Cochrane soccer academy discussion (Motion 7.9 might deal with this)

Cochrane wanted feedback with regards to starting a soccer academy and wondered if their school would be ineligible for zone competition. There was a lot of discussion and most centered on the academy team would be ineligible for zone competition because of the unfair competitive advantage gained by the academy team.

6.6 Webpage discussion

Michael Vaughan was looking for feedback on what to include on the webpage and how can we utilize the web page better.

6.7 Areas in Senior High Zone Policy Handbook that still need work to be done on it.

Highlighted blue in the handbook sent out and looking for people to take on the work and have it ready for fall meeting.

A) Entry Fees and see if these are in line with actual tournament costs
Executive will look at this

B) Soccer – more accurate dates for zone championships, tournament format, number of players on a team and registration deadlines
Gavin Makse and Darren Anderson will look at this

C) Track and Field Schedule of Events – make sure it is all current with the new sport of heptathlon and para-events added.
Carrie Westgard will forward the schedule that was used at last year's zone

D) 4A Host rotation for volleyball zones
4A schools will review this and bring forward a motion if needed.

E) 3A/4A JV zone host rotation for volleyball and basketball zones
3A & 4A schools will review this and bring forward a motion if needed.

F) Football, Team Handball and Wrestling are not in zone handbook – do they need to be added?

Membership felt these do not need to be added since they are dealt with through ASAA Policy Handbook.

7.0 Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion 7.1 - Common 1A-4A zone basketball draws

Submitted By: Curtis Colfer, Highwood High School

Current Policy: Each classification has its own play down structure. It varies from double knockouts, Oregon draws, and round robins.

Proposed: Common zone playoff structures following the current 3A policy formats.

Rationale:

1. Any team can opt up or decide to not participate for zones which causes a change in the draw. For example, what happens if 2A only has 6 teams competing at zones or 2 teams opt up to 4A to make 5 teams. We have no draws for these possibilities for each classification. The current 3A policy covers a two team draw to a 9 or more draw and wildcard allocation possibilities. Why not use these for all classifications for both JV or SV zones?
2. Hosts don't scramble when teams decide not participate at the last minute. Just look up the draw needed.
3. Volleyball currently uses common pool play formats as well.
4. Consistency amongst 1A-4A schools where possibly and in the best interest of all schools seems to make sense.

Moved: Curtis Colfer – Highwood

Seconded: Mel Wade – Dr. Elliott

Defeated (7 For and 16 Against)

Notice of Motion 7.2 - 3A/4A JV Zone Championships for Basketball and Volleyball be combined as they were prior to 2016.

Submitted By: Curtis Colfer, Highwood High School

Current Policy:

1. Separate 3A and 4A at the Junior Varsity Level for Basketball.
2. If there are 3 or more 4A Schools including those opting up, the Zone Competition will separate into 3A and 4A JV volleyball zone championships.

Proposed: Allow 4A teams to compete in 3A JV basketball and volleyball zone competitions.

Rationale:

1. 4A teams are enduring huge costs to host an event for 2 or 3 teams
2. It seems and appears that Rockyview is moving towards keeping its high schools at the 3A size, when we created this split a couple of years ago we were expecting growth in the number of 4A schools. This has not happened.
3. The number of Jv basketball teams is decreasing thus less competition to get into zones, which was one of the goals of the split in the first place.

Moved: Carrie Westgard – Strathmore
Seconded: Matt Keefe – HTA
Carried (9 For and 3 Against)

Notice of Motion 7.3 – Jr. High Basketball Size

Submitted by Ken Zelez, STS

Current Policy: a. Size 6 ball for both boys and girls

Proposed: Size 7 ball for Jr A Boys (Gr 9) and size 6 ball for girls and all other levels - this is for 3J and 4J schools only.

Rational: All other leagues/associations are having Gr 9 Boys compete with a size 7 ball. We should do the same. A constant ball size for the boys between all leagues will help them develop their skills for High School. All Calgary schools are using a Size 7 for boys. The entire province is using size 7 for Boys.

Moved: Dave Woolridge – Red Deer Lake
Seconded: Kyle Cantelon – Millarville
Tabled (8 For and 8 Against)

Notice of Motion 7.4 – Jr. Zone Defense

Submitted by Ken Zelez, STS

New Policy: Zone Defense is not permitted in the back court. This is for 3J and 4J schools only.

Rational: Zone Defense is not allowed in any other league at the Jr High age group. Zone defense at this level changes the game drastically and has been argued that it promotes bad habits and forces teams to shoot from the outside when shooting fundamentals have not been developed. That being said, the LTAD Canada Basketball model states: Train to Train Phase 1 and 2 “The goal at this stage is to continue to build the athletic base. Many skills will be introduced here and these skills will be emphasized. Avoid the temptation to compensate for the lack of skills with higher level tactics. The use of zones and presses will be introduced in the second phase, at the end of this stage, when players have acquired a complete grounding in the basic skills. Train to Train phase 1= “ 11-13 females and 12 -14 males - the emphasis is still on refining the fundamentals and consolidating the technical skills. Developmentally appropriate tactics become more important.” Phase 2 = “ 13-15 females and 14-16 males - players should be refining their technical skills. Some athletes will begin to become creative. Tactics such as zone offence/ defence and presses/press breaks are added during this stage. Near the end of this stage, simple strategies can be employed. When various technical skills are combined to form a system of play, you have created a tactic. These are conceptual in nature and still allow the players freedom to make decisions. Teams will have tactics for transition, offence, defense etc. Individualized training is important for the player to improve.” Specifically, “Zone Defensive Concepts • Introduce zone defensive concepts as opposed to zone defensive systems Press and Press Breaks • Introduce

and develop pressing pick up points • Introduce trapping concepts (pressure defense) • Introduce concepts to breaking traps and pressing defenses (press breaks and pressure releases)”.

Moved: Josh Jalbert – Holy Cross

Seconded: Carrie Westgard - Strathmore

Carried (10 For and 0 Against)

(If Notice of Motions 5 to 8 are passed, they will come into effect for the 2019 track season)

Notice of Motion 7.5 - Track and Field - #2 - Junior High

Submitted by Zone Executive

Current Policy: 2. The fee charged to schools competing at the SCZ championship shall be no more than \$5.00 per competitor. There will be no added charge for relay teams.

Proposed: 2. The fee charged to schools competing at the SCZ championship shall be no more than \$10.00 per competitor. There will be no added charge for relay teams.

Rational: *The cost for running track and field zone championships has increased over the past few years - the rental of the track, rental of the track equipment and hiring of U of C track club has increased and caused the championship to run a deficit. With the Calgary Independent junior high schools being voted out of the zone, the number of athletes covering the cost decreased and the cost of rental increased. The increase in fees will cover the costs to run the zone championship.*

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.6 - Finances - #8 - Senior High

Submitted by Zone Executive

Current Policy: 8. The fee for participating in SCZ cross country, badminton and track and field championships is \$5.00 per participant.

Proposed: 8. The fee for participating in SCZ cross country and badminton championships is \$5.00 per participant. The fee for participating in SCZ track and field championship is \$10.00 per participant.

Rational: *The cost for running track and field zone championships has increased over the past few years - the rental of the track, rental of the track equipment and hiring of U of C track club has increased and caused the championship to run a deficit. The increase in fees will cover the costs to run the zone championship.*

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields

Carried (Unanimous)

**** The following notices of motion are housekeeping motions if Notice of Motion 6 is passed to reflect the change in other parts of policy. If Notice of Motion 6 is not passed, the following motions will be withdrawn.**

Notice of Motion 7.7 - SCZ Championship Host Guidelines - Senior High

Submitted by Zone Executive

Current Policy: Maximum Entry fees per individual or team are: Track and Field \$5

Proposed: Maximum Entry fees per individual or team are: Track and Field \$10

Rational: The cost for running track and field zone championships has increased over the past few years - the rental of the track, rental of the track equipment and hiring of U of C track club has increased and caused the championship to run a deficit. The increase in fees will cover the costs to run the zone championship.

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.8 - Track and Field #2 - Senior High

Submitted by Zone Executive

Current Policy: 2. The fee charged to schools competing at the SCZ championship shall be \$5.00 per competitor.

Proposed: 2. The fee charged to schools competing at the SCZ championship shall be \$10.00 per competitor.

Rational: The cost for running track and field zone championships has increased over the past few years - the rental of the track, rental of the track equipment and hiring of U of C track club has increased and caused the championship to run a deficit. The increase in fees will cover the costs to run the zone championship.

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.9 – Student Eligibility for non-ASAA sports

Submitted by Eric Richard, Bow Valley High School

New Policy: Zone sports that do not have an ASAA provincial competition will follow ASAA rules of eligibility in South Central zone competition:

The following rules of eligibility apply to students registered in a sport specific school program:

A. Students registered in sport specific school programs/courses or academies in Alberta or any other province shall not be eligible for competition in South Central Zone events in that sport or sports (only) for that school year.

B. In the event of a program/course or academy occurring after the season of play, the student will be ineligible to participate in that sport for the following Season of Play.

C. These students remain eligible to represent their school in any other sport.

Rationale: The rationale for establishing policy regarding sport specific school programs /courses/ academies is in keeping with the ASAA Mission Statement of ensuring that competitive opportunities for all members are as equitable as possible. Schools, students and families who choose sport specific programs/courses/academies must understand that in doing so, they forego the opportunity to participate in the competitive activities offered through the ASAA and its member schools in those sports. To prevent super teams in communities that creates an unfair advantage. To prevent damage to other programs within schools.

Moved: Curtis Colfer – Highwood

Seconded: Ken Zelez - STS

Carried (12 For and 5 Against)

Notice of Motion 7.10 – 4A Boys and Girls 5 Team Basketball Draws

Submitted by Sam Aiello and Brain Utley, 4A Basketball Commissioners

Current: There is no draw for a 5 team boys and girls tourney in policy for the South Central Zone.

Proposed:

5 teams: • 5 vs 4 will play a one game play in game at the higher seed. This game will be played on the Monday. The cost of officials will be split between the 2 teams.

The 4 team draw in policy will then be used once a team has been eliminated.

#4 SEED VS # 1 SEED (TUESDAY) (GAME 1) doubleheader of boys and girls

#3 SEED VS. # 2 SEED (WEDNESDAY) (GAME 2) doubleheader of boys and girls

LOSER OF GAME 1 VS. LOSER OF GAME 2 (FRIDAY)-----BRONZE MEDAL doubleheader of boys and girls

WINNER OF GAME 1 VS. WINNER OF GAME 2 (SATURDAY)---GOLD/SILVER MEDAL doubleheader of boys and girls

SEEDING PROCESS: TEAMS WILL BE SEEDED BASED ON PROVINCIAL REGIONAL RANKINGS

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH NIGHT IS A DOUBLE HEADER EVENING OF A BOYS AND GIRLS GAME AT THE ZONE HOST SCHOOL.

Moved: Carrie Westgard - Strathmore

Seconded: Michael Sera – Bert Church

Carried (2 For and 1 Against)

Notice of Motion 7.11 – 4A JV Basketball Draws

Submitted by Sam Aiello and Brain Utley, 4A Basketball Commissioners

Current: There is nothing in policy for the format for the 4A JV Girls and Boys Zone Championships.

Proposed: The playoff structure for 4A JV Girls and Boys Zone Championship will be the same as the format for the Senior Zones, as is in policy.

Rationale: **We want to keep JV and Senior 4A playoffs consistent with each other. This is what we did this year and seemed to work well.**

Motion was withdrawn

Notice of Motion 7.12 – Junior High joint schools at 1J level

Submitted by Melvin Wade, Dr. Elliott School

Current: All participants must be bona fide students of the school they represent. In the team activities of basketball, volleyball; all members of the team must be bona fide student of the same school.

Proposed: All participants must be bona fide students of the school they represent. In the team activities of basketball, volleyball; all members of the team must be bona fide student of the same school. In the case of a 1J school that cannot offer a team/program due to a small number of participants, students may play for another 1J school that offers a program/team. A 1J school, however, cannot receive students for a specific team from more than one school. In the event of a joint school team, the combined populations of the two schools will determine at which classification level the team will compete in for that sport only.

Rationale: **Smaller schools are in jeopardy of not having programs or teams due to small population numbers. Students that do not play will lose years of development and not have access to coaching. This policy will allow more students to participate.**

Moved: Brent Moldrup – Acme

Seconded: Brent Meyer - Rosemary

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.13 – Zone Mileage Rate

Submitted by Zone Executive

Current: The Zone shall pay expenses for all approved delegates to the general meeting of the ASAA. These expenses are those outlined in the ASAA policy.

Proposed: The Zone shall pay expenses for all approved delegates to the general meeting of the ASAA. These expenses are those outlined in the ASAA policy. Mileage will be reimbursed by the zone at a rate of \$0.45/km.

Rationale: The current policy does not state a mileage rate so this will clarify the rate at which mileage is paid.

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.14 – Separate Badminton and Cross Country at the 3J/4J Levels

Submitted by Zone Executive

Current: Banners for Badminton and Cross Country are 1J, 2J, and 3J/4J

Proposed: Banners for Badminton and Cross Country are 1J, 2J, 3J and 4J

Rationale: There are enough schools that are competing at the 3J and 4J levels that they should have their own banners for the championships and compete within their respective category. Zone separated the track and field in 2018 for the same reason, now just need to separate it for badminton and cross country. This change will take place for the 2018/2019 school year.

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Leigh Bretzlaff - Oilfields

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.15 – Jr High Zone badminton banner scoring

Submitted by Shauna Vaughan, Three Hills School

Current: Points system for the awarding of the 3 team banners shall be as follows: a. Award points for each member of a pool (first in pool 7 points, second 6 points, third 5 points, fourth 4 points, fifth three points etc.) If there are no athletes in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth positions then no points are awarded.

Proposed: A zone banner will be awarded in each of the 1J, 2J, and 3J/4J categories based on the following format for calculating team points: one point awarded per match win. All match wins in singles qualifying round, round-robin play and play-offs are included.

Rationale: The proposed change will keep the jr high in line with the sr high way of awarding team banners. Currently there is nothing in the jr high handbook that allows for points to be awarded for play-off wins, either. The wording suggests that the points are only for round robin play.

Moved: Michael Sera – Bert Church

Seconded: Ken Zelez - STS

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.16 – Jr High Zone badminton default policy

Submitted by Shauna Vaughan, Three Hills School

Current: There is nothing in policy.

Proposed: Should a player fail to show up for matches and leaves the tournament, all games played earlier in the day as well as all those still needing to be played shall be scored as a 21-0 victory for his/her opponent.

Rationale: **The proposed addition will help those running the tournament know how to score matches in the event of no-shows. This will ensure that any games will not be factored into any possible tie-breakers and the calculation for team banners.**

Moved: Brent Meyer – Rosemary

Seconded: Danelle Bonnet - AKCS

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.17 – Jr High Zone volleyball 7 team draw

Submitted by Shauna Vaughan, Three Hills School

Current: If there are 7 teams, the weakest team by record plays off against the second weakest team in order to get down to a six team draw.

Proposed: If there are 7 teams, the tournament will consist of two pools – one of three teams and one of four teams. Before the playoffs occur there will be a cross over game where the 4th place team from the pool of four will play the 3rd place team from the pool of three. Should the 4th place team win, that team will take the place of the 3rd place team from the pool of three and the loser of that game will be eliminated. Play-offs will then occur as they do in the six-team tournament found in zone policy.

Rationale: **We have time and can allow for a 7 team tournament for zones. Having that cross over game of 4th vs. 3rd will ensure that the 'right' six teams make it to the playoffs. With no seeding in jr high we can ensure fairness with this game.**

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Mel Wade – Dr. Elliott

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.18 – Sr High Zone badminton default policy

Proposed by Shauna Vaughan, Three Hills School

Current: There is nothing in policy.

The only thing in policy is in regards to disciplinary action in regards to players missing matches and it states:

Disciplinary action for missing matches. After the beginning of matches if a player does not show for their games a \$50/team charge will be applied according to the ASAA handbook, and all previous scores will be forfeited and removed when calculating tie-breaking situations. This will exclude injury or illness and it is up to the coach to indicate this prior to the athlete leaving the championship!

Proposed: Should a player fail to show up for matches and leaves the tournament, all games played earlier in the day as well as all those still needing to be played shall be scored as a 21-0 victory for his/her opponent.

Rationale: The proposed addition will help those running the tournament know how to score matches in the event of no-shows. This will ensure that any games will not be factored into any possible tie-breakers and the calculation for team banners. This will also be in line with the Jr high policy should it pass its own NOM.

Moved: Brad Huntley – Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Mel Wade – Dr. Elliott

Carried (Unanimous)

Notice of Motion 7.19 – ASAA Notices of Motion

ASAA Notices of Motion were discussed so that our delegates could represent our member's views. Was some contentious issues and notes were given for delegates and direction for voting. Be sure to check ASAA website for outcome of these notices of motion.

8.0 Small Group Discussions

8.1 Selection of New Commissioners and Basketball Rankers

The following people have stepped up to be South Central Zone Commissioners:

Volleyball 1A/2A – Shauna Vaughan (Three Hills)

Volleyball 3A/4A – Wanda Vandervelden (Olds) & Tanya Everson (Chestermere)

Volleyball 1J/2J – Melvyn Wade (Dr. Elliott)

Volleyball 3J/4J – Vacant

Basketball 1A/2A – Vacant

Basketball 3A/4A – Curtis Colfer (Highwood)

Basketball 1J/2J – Vacant
Basketball 3J/4J – Ryan Hayden (Red Deer Lake)
Cross Country Jr/Sr – Vacant
Badminton Jr/Sr – Brent Meyer (Rosemary)
Track and Field Jr/Sr – Kirby Coderre (HTA)

The following people have stepped up to be South Central Zone Basketball Rankers:

1A Girls – Nathan Hodgson (Bassano)
1A Boys – Nathan Hodgson (Bassano)
2A Girls – Rick Haines (J.C. Charyk)
2A Boys – Len Judsen (J.C. Charyk)
3A Girls – Vacant
3A Boys – Michael Serra (Bert Church)
4A Girls – Sam Aeilo (HTA)
4A Boys - Vacant

8.2 Zone Host Vacancies - zone host vacancies were filled and the rest will be filled at the fall meeting. Zone Hosts for 18-19 will be posted on the website.

9.0 New Business Arising from Small Group Discussions

No new business came out of small group discussions.

10.0 2018/2019 South Central Zone dates and location for both fall and spring meetings

Fall – Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Three Hills
Spring – Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Three Hills

11.0 Adjournment at 1:45 pm

Moved: Josh Wiley - Trochu
Seconded: Brent Moldrup - Acme
All in favor.

Appendix A

ASAA Memo to Zones – Spring Meetings, 2018

We want to provide best wishes to all of your athletes as they prepare for the last few ASAA championships of the year.

Notices of Motion: A reminder that ASAA Policy can be changed by submitting a Notice of Motion (i.e. proposed policy change) to the ASAA using the form that is attached as a template. Deadline was April 1, for the May, 2018 AGM and the next deadline is September 1 for the Fall Planning meeting which is in December. If you feel policy changes is required in any area, this is your opportunity to be heard.

Bids: Thanks to those who bid for fall of 2019 Championships. Spring championships for 2020 must be submitted by November 1, 2018 for consideration using the online process here:

<http://www.asaa.ca/championships/bids>

Schoolcoach.ca

IMPORTANT: Beginning in the 2019/20 school year, the Schoolcoach.ca resource and all courses will be moved to the Coaching Association of Canada's Locker platform. The Schoolcoach.ca learning management system and all courses will be accessible through the CAC Locker. During the transition period (May 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019), the current Schoolcoach.ca courses will still be available on the existing website but the payment process will change. The current online payment platform will no longer be available for purchasing courses. Users will need to either:

1. Pay via credit card over the phone by contacting the ASAA office
2. Pay via cheque. Users will submit a webform purchase order and receive an invoice from the ASAA.

For any questions on this new structure, please contact deanna@asaa.ca

- A reminder that all coaches (including all assistant coaches and teacher supervisors) must have the online concussion course and that every team in every sport must have one coach that has taken the ASAA's Bylaws and Policies course.

Unified Sports

Unified Sports is now in its third year in Alberta and there have been some outstanding success stories with some form of Unified event now running in most of the ASAA zones. For upcoming events, please see:

<http://www.asaa.ca/sports/special-olympics-unified-sports>

Contact shanna@asaa.ca for more info. Re upcoming Unified Sports events, or for more info on hosting an event in your school.

Para Athletics

- Integration of para athletic events into ASAA Track and Field and Cross-Country Championships continues. The ASAA received a grant to purchase 4 wheelchairs, trainers and two throwing frames and these are available on free loan to schools. If you have any students

with a physical disability or an intellectual disability that you would like to include in ASAA track provincials, please contact shanna@asaa.ca

IMPACT Workshop: Scheduled for May 15, 2018 in Olds, this event is filling up fast. If you would like your future student leaders to become even better leaders in your school, please consider involvement in this great initiative:

<http://www.asaa.ca/news/registration-mpact-student-leadership-workshops-open>

CIAAA

- The 3rd annual CIAAA Conference is being held in Regina from April 19-21, 2018. Currently, 22 AD's from Alberta are registered.
- An AIAAA/CIAAA institute is being held in Edmonton on June 22-23, 2018. Information will be distributed by CIAAA to all AD's in advance of this event.
- Start thinking ahead to 2019, where the hope is that the 4th annual CIAAA Conference will be hosted in the Vancouver area, possibly in April.

ASAA Elections

- Positions to be elected at ASAA AGM, May 11-12, 2017 in Leduc and if you are interested in one of these positions, resume templates can be obtained from michael@asaa.ca
Positions available:
 - ASAA Executive Committee:
 - Vice-President (4 year term, includes year 2 & 3 as President; year 4 = past-president)
 - Director of Athletics (3 year term – applicant can be male or female)
 - Commissioner Positions
 - Boys Basketball (4 year term)
 - Cheerleading (4 year term)
 - Boys Volleyball (1 year term with possible 4 year extension at AGM 2019)

Sanctioning

- Reminder that if you are hosting a team from out of province your tournament needs to be sanctioned by ASAA a minimum of 30 days prior to the tournament start date. Late submission is fee \$200
- If your school has teams headed out of province, those tournaments need to be sanctioned by ASAA as well. Teams traveling outside Alberta must complete an approval to travel form 30 days prior to event. Late submission fee is \$200
- You can follow up with staff at ASAA to make sure they have been sanctioned. \$200 fee for late submissions.
- All sanctioned tournaments will be listed on the ASAA website (under the championships tab)

Scholarships

April 28 deadline

\$5,000 Athletics Canada High school athlete scholarship

<http://athletics.ca/athletics-canada-now-accepting-applications-2018-high-school-scholarship-program/#sthash.boxlNGuV.dpbs>

June 30 Deadline

<http://www.asaa.ca/recognition>

\$500 Pay It Forward Scholarship/Xerox Scholarship

(one of ten \$500 winners will be chosen for an additional \$1,000 from Xerox)

\$1,000 ASAA Milk Scholarship (one male and one female candidate will be selected)

Awards

Oct 1, 2018 Application Deadline

Zone Award of Merit

Nov 1, 2018 Application Deadline

Lorne Wood Award (School Administrator supporting athletics)

Info available on the website in the recognition section

Award Nominations <http://www.asaa.ca/recognition>

Deadlines Coming up

- April 15 – Badminton Registration Deadline (min 1 athlete and can add, no penalty until zone championship)
- May 1 – Rugby Opt Up and Registration Deadline (Minimum 15 players/gender; add with no penalty until May 15)
- May 15 – Track & Field Registration Deadline (min 1 athlete and can add, no penalty until zone championship)
- June 1 – Football Declaration by Leagues
- June 15 – Golf Declaration by Zones