

South Central Zone Spring Meeting Minutes 2020

Date: **May 20, 2020**

Location: **Zoom Meeting**

Attendance: **49**

1.0 Called to Order - 9:32 am by Leigh Bretzlaff

1.1 Adoption of Agenda - no additions or subtractions

Moved: Darryl Hern - PCA

Seconded: George Grant - Olds

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 (both with medals and sportsmanship) during the first half of the year. He went on to thank everyone for their work as we made the transition to online/emergency schooling due to the response to COVID outbreak and how people accepted the new normal that included the cancellation of basketball zones and the rest of the spring sports. Leigh let everyone know that we are preparing for the fall as if things will be back to normal but we all understand that it could look different from what we expect. When we are back in the fall, jurisdictions and divisions might have different rules and regulations so be prepared to adjust and adapt accordingly. Leigh finished by encouraging everyone to take the opportunity to celebrate the senior athletes at your school. They lost a good portion of their athletic season and so make sure you find a way to acknowledge them even though we might not be able to do that in person.

1.3 Remarks from ASAA

There were 3 members of the ASAA in attendance at the meeting; John Paton, ASAA Executive Director, Micheal Steele, the ASAA Sr. Assistant Director, and Joel Bundock, acting Assistant Director. John spoke first and started by congratulating the zone for all their successes and thanked everyone that was involved in hosting a provincial championship this year. John spoke about the impact of COVID on the ASAA at the provincial level and how championships were affected and how the ASAA was affected. He also talked about how the ASAA is working with the provincial sports associations on their different return to play guidelines. Through this work, the ASAA might have information on how to move forward in the fall. The decisions for the fall will come from Alberta Learning, Alberta Health and from the school divisions around the province. Everyone is working towards getting back to normal but we are all in a wait and see holding pattern. Michael Steele then spoke and he gave the update that School Coach is going to be amalgamated with the Canadian coaching program and the concussion course that will be needed as we move forward is Making Head Way through the Canadian Coaching Program (NCCP). They also 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: George Grant – Olds

Second: Shane Hansen - Beiseker

Passed

2.0 Business arising from minutes

2.1 A reminder was given that in order for JV teams (basketball & volleyball) to be eligible for zone competition, they need to be registered in the STS by the ASAA registration deadlines for both sports. The zone might be looking at bringing a policy forward that will allow the zone to fine schools for the late registrations of their JV teams.

3.0 Reading of Communications

The following information was presented to the membership.

3.1 ASAA Milk Scholarship – deadline June 30, 2019

3.2 ASAA Pay It Forward Scholarship – deadline June 30, 2019

3.3 Lorne Wood Award Nomination – deadline June 30, 2019

3.4 Vacancies at ASAA – Executive (Director or Athletics, Vice-President),
Commissioners (Curling, Football, Track & Field, Sportsmanship, Girls Volleyball)
and Member at Large

4.0 Financial Report

Moved: Brad Huntley - Crowther Memorial

Seconded: Michael Sera - Bert Church

Passed after discussion that there was a shortfall this year due to the COVID pandemic. Without being able to run many of the zone championships, the zone was not able to bill the hosts for the medals and banners. The medals and banners will be reused next year and the shortfall will be made up once they are able to be billed for.

5.0 Selection of Delegates to the ASAA AGM (June 18 & 19 - Virtual Meeting)

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

6.0 New Business

6.1 Committee to adjudicate SC Zone Pay It Forward Scholarship

Michael Sera (Bert Church), Matthew Hassett (HTA) & Leigh Bretzlaff (Oilfields)

6.2 Grade 12's playing JV basketball and effect on rankings

A discussion was held about Grade 12's playing on JV teams during the season but then sitting out when it comes time for the zone championships. The grade 12 involvement affects the teams ranking going in but then it is a different team competing at zones. A few felt that any games that had grade 12's involved, shouldn't be used in ranking teams, while others thought if you have grade 12's you should not be playing at the JV level at all. There was no clear direction from the discussion but will continue to look at in the fall.

6.3 Clarification on zone defense at 3J & 4J basketball

The zone wanted clarification on the zone defense policy - it is man to man in their own defensive end. Full court press is allowed but it must be man to man when they get to their defensive end. Look for an amended policy at the fall meeting.

6.4 Fines for late registration for JV teams and players

The zone might bring a policy forward in the fall that will allow the zone to fine a school for late registrations of teams or athletes.

6.5 SRS type system for junior high and JV basketball

A few people had wondered about a ranking system for JV and junior high basketball. Many points were brought up and here is a summary:

- same issues will arise at senior level when schools don't enter scores
- what happens when scores are not entered
- another task for AD's to add these scores
- no need because we don't have rankings or wild cards
- maybe for JV but not sure about junior high
- maybe split 1A/2A JV so more teams participate
- a lot of work for just one tournament when coaches should just be sending results from their season to the hosts

After the discussion, the zone will not look to make an SRS system for JV or junior high basketball.

6.6 Moving junior high track date to first week in June

The idea was raised about moving the junior high track date to the first week in June. It will be brought up at the track council meeting when the season is planned.

6.7 Sportsmanship

Leigh talked about sportsmanship during the season and the times poor sportsmanship was reported to the zone. In most cases, it was when a community coach was involved. Leigh talked about how we need to monitor these coaches and make sure they are carrying on the values of sportsmanship that should be seen at all levels. Leigh left us with a quote, "What we permit, we promote, What we allow, we encourage. What we condone, we own."

7.0 Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion 7.1 - Golf

Submitted by Rockyview

Current Policy:

There is no current policy.

Proposed:

The maximum score on any hole will be a score of 10. Once a participant hits their 10th stroke, that participant will pick up their ball if they have not already putted out. If a player does pick up their ball, an asterisk will be placed beside their score on the scorecard. The score of ten can still be used for team scoring purposes, if needed.

Rationale:

In Rockyview, we followed a similar policy this past golf season. This is the reasons for:

1. We found that the pace of play was much quicker for the tournament as a whole. We also saw that we did not have as many backlogs, and our “better” golfers were not being held up as much or at all.
2. It may be a deterrent for individuals attending a zone qualifying tournament who otherwise should not be in attendance because of their inflated handicaps.
3. It does not affect individuals for trying to qualify for provincials as this is the ASAA policy from the handbook:
 - a. At a zone competition qualifying tournament, players must show competency in the sport by scoring under 135 for 18 holes. Any player shooting more than 135 will not be eligible to compete at provincials.
 - b. **Note:** For individuals shooting between 135 and 140, it will be at the discretion of the Golf Commissioner and the Executive Director to allow participation at provincials.
4. Other zones have implemented similar policies at their zone qualifying tournaments for reasons mentioned above.
5. Being consistent, with a score of 10, makes scoring easier.

Moved: Michael Sera - Bert Church

Seconded: Curt Cofer - Foothills Composite

Carried

Notice of Motion 2 - 4A Basketball

Submitted by Rockyview

Current Policy:

There is no current policy in place in the event there are more than 4 teams.

Purposed:

To align the zone basketball playoff format/scenarios at the 4A level, with the format/scenarios being currently used at the 3A level.

Rationale:

With the growth of schools, within the zone, we may find that more schools will be competing at the 4A level.

Currently, in the handbook, policy has only been established for up to four teams.

Moved: Michael Sera - Bert Church

Seconded: Curt Cofer - Foothills Composite

Carried

Notice of Motion 3 - 4J Boys Basketball Size

Submitted by Foothills Athletic Council

Current Policy:

5. All SCZ basketball competitions shall be governed by the International Basketball Federation rule book (as adopted by the ASAA) with the following exceptions:

- a. Size 6 ball for both boys and girls. The official basketball to be used for the zone championships shall be the Spalding Top Flite 1000.

Proposed:

- a. Size 6 ball for both boys and girls at the 1J and 2J and for girls at the 3J and 4J level. **4J boys the Size 7 ball will be used.** The official basketball to be used for the zone championships shall be the Spalding Top Flite 1000.

Rationale:

Grade 8 and 9 boys are using the size 7 basketball in every competition from community, club and in games out side of the South Central Zone. Schools whose boys compete outside of the SCZ are at a disadvantage using the size 6 ball, and boys basketball players struggle going back and forth between school basketball size and community basketball size. The size 7 ball is also FIBA recommended for 14 years and older.

Moved: Dave Wooldridge - Red Deer Lake

Seconded: Ken Zelez - STS

Carried

Notice of Motion 4 - 3J Boys Basketball Size

Submitted by Foothills Athletic Council

Current Policy:

5. All SCZ basketball competitions shall be governed by the International Basketball Federation rule book (as adopted by the ASAA) with the following exceptions:

- a. Size 6 ball for both boys and girls. The official basketball to be used for the zone championships shall be the Spalding Top Flite 1000.

Proposed:

- a. Size 6 ball for both boys and girls at the 1J and 2J and for girls at the 3J and 4J level. **3J boys the Size 7 ball will be used.** The official basketball to be used for the zone championships shall be the Spalding Top Flite 1000.

Rationale:

Grade 8 and 9 boys are using the size 7 basketball in every competition from community, club and in games out side of the South Central Zone. Schools whose boys compete outside of the SCZ are at a disadvantage using the size 6 ball, and boys basketball players struggle going back and forth between school basketball size and community basketball size. The size 7 ball is also FIBA recommended for 14 years and older.

Moved: Dave Wooldridge - Red Deer Lake

Seconded: Ken Zelez - STS

Carried

Notice of Motion 5 - 24 Second Shot Clock NOM (Junior High)

Submitted by Foothills Athletic Council

Current Policy:

5. All SCZ basketball competitions shall be governed by the International Basketball Federation rule book (as adopted by the ASAA) with the following exceptions:

- g. To use informal 24 second clock exercised by the ref within the last 2 minutes of the game. (Sept. 2010)

Proposed:

- g. An informal 24 second shot clock will be exercised by the ref throughout the entire

game. The shot clock will reset to 24 seconds after a rebound (ASAA). Defensive fouls under 14 seconds, end game ball advance, and all other FIBA resets will be 14 seconds.

Rationale:

This is how most everyone is currently playing. The use of a shot clock throughout the game is appropriate for the Jr A (Jr High) level and follows both Basketball Canada guidelines and FIBA. The purpose of an informal shot clock is to ensure that teams keep up the pace of play (don't stall) and this amendment simply ensures that the refs have the means to do that.

Moved: Dave Wooldridge - Red Deer Lake

Seconded: Ken Zelez - STS

Carried

Notice of Motion 7.6 – 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 Small Group Discussions occurred in Google Meets

8.2 Zone Host for 2020/2021 - zone host vacancies were filled and the rest will be filled at the fall meeting. Zone Hosts for 20/21 will be posted on the website.

9.0 New Business Arising from Small Group Discussions

Cross country SCZ championship will be held at the Trochu Golf Course (hosted by Strathmore) for the next few years until it is our zones turn to host the provincial championship - which will be hosted at Trochu Golf Course.

10.0 2020/2021 South Central Zone dates and location for both fall and spring meetings

Fall – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – Three Hills - if we can meet in person

Spring – April or May – Three Hills - depends on when ASAA AGM is set

11.0 Adjournment at 2:13 pm

Moved: Kylie Harsch - Trochu

Seconded: Brent Moldrup - Acme

All in favor.

Appendix A

ASAA Memo to Zones – Spring Meetings 2020

COVID-19

2019/20: Since early March, the ASAA staff and Executive have been actively reviewing data and daily reports on the spread of COVID-19 and its accompanying impact on life in Alberta and life in our world of school sport. The earliest decision to postpone an ASAA Championship event (Provincial Wrestling, March 12, 2020) was based on a full day of consultation with Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Superintendents, ASAA Championship hosts, ASAA legal Counsel, ASAA's insurer and the ASAA Executive Committee. Several deadline dates for possible postponement/cancellation were discussed over many weeks and in regular communication with and support of the above parties, and in the interest and safety of all involved in schools sport, on April 15, 2020, the ASAA Executive made the decision to cancel all ASAA Seasons of Play and Championships for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year.

2020/21: At this time it is too early to know what school sport will look like in the fall of 2020. If the Alberta Government continues with current plans not to allow gatherings of over 15 people before August 31, that has a clear impact on ASAA's three sports that normally begin practices on August 16, especially Football. ASAA will continue to follow the guidance of the Alberta Government and Dr. Hinshaw and will consult with Superintendents and others prior to making any decisions on what the August 16 start of season looks like for Golf, Cross-Country and Football. Further, discussions around a gradual resumption to school sport and what ASAA Seasons of Play look like for the 20/21 school year will remain fluid and largely dependent on decisions made by the Alberta Government, Alberta Education and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Staying in touch: There have been several and ongoing reach outs to AD's and member schools during the past 6-7 weeks and it is great to see how many schools are engaging with their student athletes from afar. We have had some fun over social media with ASAA initiated contests and these will continue every couple of weeks until June. On May 4, we had a #BeALightAlberta campaign to encourage schools to light up gyms and outdoor fields as a tribute to graduating grade 12 students who have missed the second half of their school sport year. Thanks to those who took part and shared posts.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JSRhB-NS2EV-tuHYuu1FwSwHU89TZMgE/view?usp=sharing>

On your behalf: Executive Director John Paton has been involved in regular/weekly communication with a group of about 20 key stakeholders in the Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Sector (SPAR); this has included 4 meetings since December with Hon. Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, the Ministry that provides funding for ASAA and other SPAR organizations. Together the SPAR stakeholder group crafted a letter to the Premier along with support documentation regarding the value of SPAR and its ability to help in reopening Alberta; that was sent April 29, 2020. There is a clear concern by all SPAR groups that none have been informed of where our annual funding support will be for 2020/21 and what the impact will be on the bottom line of the ASAA. As a part of School Sport Canada discussions, John has also been in weekly communication with his counterparts across the country to discuss current thinking around strategies to re-open school sport and various other initiatives at a national level. Most recently, conversations have started with Superintendents and the ATA regarding what "return to school sport" looks like; Alberta Health Services and Alberta

Education will be invited into those discussions. We will also be in contact with Provincial Sport Organizations in which the ASAA has a championship to see how we can work together subsequent to COVID-19 restrictions.

Notices of Motion

The deadline has passed to submit Notices of Motion for discussion at the 2020 AGM. The next deadline for submitting Notices is September 1. Note that only “emergent” issues are to be dealt with at the Fall planning meeting, and the deadline for all Notice submissions is April 1 annually.

Bids/Vacant Championships/Provincial Rotations

We are still without a host for 2A Boys Volleyball for this fall 2020. If you are interested in potentially hosting, please get in touch with michael@asaa.ca ASAP.

Bids for Fall 2021 sports were due May 1st. We have not received a bid for 2A Boys or 2A Girls Volleyball championships, so if you are interested in hosting either of those in Fall 2021, please let us know ASAP.

Sports on rotation for 2020-2023:

	2020	2021	2022
Golf	North Central	North East	South Central
Cross Country	Central	North Central	South Central
Football	Edmonton	Calgary	Central
Wrestling	Calgary*	Calgary*	Rural (Lethbridge)*
Badminton	South*	South*	North East*
Rugby	Other (Lloydminster)*	Other (Lloydminster)*	Edmonton*
Track & Field	South*	South*	North (NC/NE/NW)*

*Deferred one year due to COVID-19 cancellations

Coach Education

Reminder: Changes are coming to ASAA Coach Education Courses and requirements! All required courses are being migrated from www.schoolcoach.ca to <http://thelocker.coach.ca>. This is where you and your coaches will need to go to access courses starting in September.

There are also some changes in terms of what courses will be required for Fall 2020:

OLD: schoolcoach.ca course	Replacement Course	Date required	completed by whom?
Fundamentals of Coaching	<i>Coaching School Sport: Redefining Winning *</i>	Before you can register your school in SRS -	At least <u>one</u> individual in the school (AD, Coach,

		deadline October 10	etc)
<i>ASAA Bylaws and Policy Course</i>	No replacement course, but when significant updates are made, schools will be notified that recertification is required.	Team official must be registered in SRS by the respective team registration deadline date	At least one team official must complete before team can be registered. coach, assistant coach, manager
Concussions in Sport - what you need to know	<i>Making Headway</i> (Coaching Association of Canada site: available NOW)	By one month into the 2020/21 season of play you need to register names	Every team official: coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer

* available late summer/early fall at thelocker.coach.ca

NOTE: The locker does not issue course completion codes – so we are updating the SRS to track completions directly from the locker – this means that you will no longer need to collect those codes – but you will need to ONE TIME, enter in the NCCP# associated with your coach in the SRS. That functionality is not live yet, but you can get ahead by collecting all of your coaches NCCP#s now. If a coach does not yet have an NCCP#, they can get one at the locker link above; it is FREE.

CIAAA

In the midst of a really positive year for the CIAAA, it was unfortunate that we had to cancel our 2020 National Conference. Despite the disappointment, we continue to carry on the work of serving our members including Athletic Directors across Alberta. Internally, work is underway to revamp our website to provide easier access to all the information you might need. An update to the CRAA and CCAA levels in our certification program is also ongoing to bring the program fully in line with the work Canadian Athletic Directors do.

We have also launched a contest to help us expand our Resource Bank. The strength of our community is all of you doing work for your students, and we are even stronger when the best of that work is shared for others to adapt for use in their school and program. Email a resource to info@ciaaa.ca or touch base if you aren't sure what we are looking for! Everyone who submits an entry by June 30, 2020 will be entered to win a free CIAAA 1/4-Zip Jacket or Polo of their choosing. We will give one prize for every 20 entries!

Check out our Resource Bank at ciaaa.ca/adresources for inspiration and if you haven't activated your membership yet this year, use coupon code #asaa1920 to get your access free of charge.

Finally, with everyone's adapted work schedules and environment, we have added NINE Leadership Training Program webinars over the next 6 weeks, starting with 722C: Building Your School Culture through Sport on Tuesday, May 5. See ciaaa.ca for the complete schedule, and details on our 20% off 2 courses, 30% off 3, and 40% of 4 or more!

!IMPACT Student Leadership Workshop

Due to Alberta Government requirements around COVID-19, the 2020 workshop was cancelled. We look forward to having you back in Olds May 3 & 4 of 2021.

ASAA AGM

The ASAA AGM will be held on the currently planned dates of June 18-19 and will be conducted virtually via zoom. Zones are requested to submit delegate names and email addresses so an invitation can be sent out to each attending individual. Voting privileges will be tied to an email address. Logistical details will be shared with confirmed delegates. Meeting times on June 18-19 are being discussed. The Hall of Fame and Routledge Award are being deferred to the Annual Planning Meeting which is being moved from Red Deer to Edmonton in December, 2020.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FxVFDmhQ49tVJ5FfEiURDU5uAJdc8kA2/view?usp=sharing>

Elections

Positions to be elected at ASAA's Zoom AGM, June 18-19, 2020 and if you or someone you know are interested in one of the position below, resume templates can be obtained from michael@asaa.ca

Positions available:

- ASAA Executive Committee:
 - Director of Athletics (3-year term – applicant may be either male or female)
 - Vice-President/President/Past-President (4-yr term following 1/2/1 ascendency)
- Commissioner Positions
 - Curling (4-year term)
 - Football (4-year term)
 - Track & Field (4-year term)
 - Sportsmanship (4-year term)
 - Girls Volleyball (4-year term)
- Other Positions
 - Board member-at-large (4-year term)

Scholarships

\$500 Pay It Forward Scholarship/Xerox Scholarship

Even though many sports were not held in 2019/20, we are still proceeding with the plan to award 10 \$500 scholarships to student athletes: 2 Calgary, 2 Edmonton, one for each rural zone.

Deadline = June 30, 2020

<https://www.asaa.ca/recognition/scholarships>

\$1,000 ASAA Milk Scholarship

Still being awarded: one male and one female candidate will be selected

Deadline = June 30, 2020

<https://www.asaa.ca/recognition/scholarships/alberta-milk-asaa-scholarship>

Awards

Zone Award of Merit (will be awarded at luncheon at APM)

Deadline to Apply = October 1, 2020

Lorne Wood Award (will be awarded at luncheon at APM)

School administrator supporting athletics

Deadline to Apply = November 1, 2020

Information and Award Nomination Forms: <http://www.asaa.ca/recognition>

Resources

The ASAA has updated and added more resources for coaches and administrators. This year we have added a Grade 9 into 10 guidelines for playing sports in high school pamphlet. The parent/student transfer guide has been updated. We have added an Athletic Directors guide to using the online transfer system.

[ASAA Athletic Director/Principal Transfer Guide](#)

[ASAA Parent/Guardian Info](#)

[Articles, Posting, Information Links to Canadian Resources](#)

[Grade 9 entering 10 Brochure](#)

ASAA Staff Update

Please note that we are excited to welcome Deanna Metro back from her maternity leave on August 17, 2020. At the same time, we want to thank Joel Bundock for his excellent work over the past year and a half and will be sad to see him go; wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Please reach out to Joel at joel@asaa.ca to wish him well!

