



## ASAA Zone Report – Spring Meetings 2024

### Championships

- All have gone well so far this year. Cheerleading had to be moved as the only potential host for the event had a conflict with the original date. Thank you to W.P. Wagner for hosting! Thanks to all other hosts too.

### Sportsmanship Winners - Set the Bar campaign

- Congratulations to our first winners of the [Set the Bar](#) school-directed initiative! We had a student, a referee and a coach all win an award.

### Coaching

- One member of each team's coaching staff needs to complete the *ASAA Coach Information Course*.
- One school staff member needs to take *Coaching School Sport: Redefining Winning* (cost of \$53 to be paid by the school). Please ensure the person puts the name of their school when filling in the registration.
- Every coach from every team needs to take *Making Head Way* by registration deadline for the respective sport. Any version of this course is acceptable.
- One team official on every team must complete the *Safe Sport Training* online course prior to the team's first game.

[Here is a step-by-step guide](#) for how to take each course.

In order to register, a coach will need to have an NCCP number and your team will need to meet the above requirements.

### Partnerships

- The Playfly GM has been active in pursuing community partnerships that will enhance the student-athlete experience. Our focus has been on ensuring that any new initiative has tangible benefits for our schools.



## Website

- We are planning for the new [asaa.ca](http://asaa.ca) to be launched in May. We are excited about the look, and even more excited about the potential benefits when we start a new, full school year with the SRS working in conjunction with this site.

## UNIFIED SPORTS/PARA Athletics

- Upcoming Unified Events:
  - May 28- Metro Jamboree (Harry Ainlay)
  - June 8 - Track & Field Provincials (Edmonton)
- Upcoming Para Events:
  - June 7-8 - Track & Field Provincials (Edmonton)

## Beyond Boundaries: Women in Sport

On **National Women and Girls in Sport Day, Wednesday, February 7th, 2024**, the ASAA hosted its first annual Beyond Boundaries: Women in Sport Workshop & Luncheon to celebrate and acknowledge the hard work and dedication female coaches have given to student athletes across the Province. The workshop was a huge success, with 95 teachers and coaches from across the Province in attendance. The attendees left this event feeling supported, acknowledged, and inspired to continue making a difference in their respective schools and teams.

Led by ASAA Executive Committee member, Dawn-Marie Hunter Sharp and her *ASAA Women in Sport* planning committee, the Women in Sport Workshop & Luncheon is a stepping stone to guide the ASAA in developing a full conference for women who volunteer in high school sport: coaches, officials, and administrators. The workshop focused on:

- Solution based round table discussions (focus may be athlete, coach, AD, etc.)
- Implementation of research to guide strategies to support and recruit more women into coaching
- Acknowledging the leaders within the women in sport community, and enhancing opportunities for relationships within the community.

This event included stakeholders such as: female coaches working with high school teams, academics working in the field of female coaching/sport



administration, high school athletic directors, and others. The vision for this event in following years is to build a much larger event that will move around Alberta, thereby opening the door for women across the province to meet and collaborate to reduce barriers in female sport participation in Alberta High Schools.

The Women in Sport Committee would like to extend a big thank you to the following Zones who financially contributed to this event:

- Edmonton Metro
- Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association
- Calgary Independent Schools Athletic Association
- Central Zone
- North East Zone

### **Awards**

Please consider nominees for the following awards:

- Zone Award of Merit
- Lorne Wood Award (School administrator who supports school athletics)

Deadline for nominations is June 30; presented at the ASAA Annual Planning Meeting in December.

**ASAA Elections:** The deadline for nominations is April 30. Elections occur at the AGM. Here is a [link to submit](#) a nomination (note: you cannot nominate yourself).

### **ASAA Executive Positions up for election at the AGM**

- Vice President
- Director of Athletics (two-year term)
- Director of Athletics (three-year term)

### **ASAA Commissioner Positions up for election at the AGM**

- Girls Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Curling
- Sportsmanship



## **Championship Vacancies 2024/25**

- Rural Wrestling (North: NC/NE/NW)
- Curling
- Cheerleading

[Bids can be submitted here.](#)

## **CIAAA**

The Annual Athletic Directors' Conference was in Regina April 11-13. Commendations to all from Alberta who attended. It is an outstanding PD opportunity. Plans for 2025 TBA.

## **Notices of Motion**

There are many [Notices of Motion](#) that will be voted on at the June AGM. We look forward to the discussions.

**Have a great conclusion to the school year.**

*John Paton*  
*Executive Director*