



Appendix E: ASAA Memorandum

# ASAA Seasons of Play for Football



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 12, 2020  
**TO:** ASAA Member Schools  
**FROM:** ASAA Executive Committee  
**RE:** ASAA decision regarding Seasons of Play (June 2020)

Previously, due to COVID-19, on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, the ASAA Executive Committee (“ASAA Executive”) postponed all remaining ASAA school sport championships and on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, cancelled all remaining 2019/20 ASAA school sport championships.

The ASAA Executive has now decided to cancel the Spring portion of the Season of Play for Football, Volleyball, Golf and Cross-Country Running. This cancellation applies through to June 30, 2020 and any prohibited activity during this period may be subject to sanctions set out in the ASAA Policy Handbook. Virtual connections for training purposes can still occur.

The ASAA Executive has considered that only staff have access to school buildings, in-school access and learning for students has been suspended, and co-curricular activities have been cancelled since March, 2020. Further, the following options were discussed:

*Allowing a Season of Play during this period for some of the four sports, but not others:*

The ASAA Executive decided that all ASAA sports should be treated with the same level of caution and be subject to the same level of restrictions.

*A restricted Season of Play for one or more of the four sports:*

The ASAA Executive considered that there have been no athletic activities in schools since March 12, 2020. There is simply not enough time left in the spring Season of Play to productively and safely resume school athletic activities.

The ASAA Executive’s decision to cancel the spring Season of Play for these four sports was driven primarily by considerations related to the safety of those directly involved in school athletics and that of the broader community. A significant factor in the decision of the ASAA Executive was the short period of time between the start of the Government of Alberta and AHS launch of Stage 2 and the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 end of the spring Season of Play. The ASAA Executive determined that this decision best serves the interests of all of those stakeholders within the Alberta Schools’ Athletic Association community.

**NOTE:** Once Alberta Education announces back to school details on August 1, 2020, the ASAA Executive will reconvene to determine any necessary further changes to the fall Season of Play.

The ASAA’s goal in making any decision is to support students, coaches and families as well as superintendents and principals, and protect them and the general public from the risk of contracting COVID-19 via school sport activities while at the same time adhering to the direction being given by Alberta Health Services.