

SCHOOL SPORT ALBERTA



Completion required by School Principal in order for school athletic teams to access competition in any SSA sport.

Scan and return signed form to the Zone Manager

Please select/fill in which zone the school belongs to:

- ☐ Calgary Independent Schools' Athletic Association ("CISAA")
- ☐ Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association ("CSHSAA")
- ☐ Central Zone
- ☐ Metro Edmonton High School Athletic Association ("MEHSAA")
- ☐ North Central Zone
- ☐ North East Alberta High Schools' Athletic Association ("NEASAA")
- ☐ North West Zone
- ☐ South Alberta Schools' Athletic Association ("SASAA")
- ☐ South Central Zone ("SCZ")

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT (Principal) School Year: _____

WHEREAS the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association operating as School Sport Alberta ("SSA") is a voluntary, non-profit organization that has been established to coordinate a program of worthwhile athletic activities for the young people of Alberta in an educational setting;

WHEREAS the member school doing business as _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] (hereinafter referred to as the "School") intends to participate in SSA-affiliated competition (the "Activities") during the above-noted school year;

AND WHEREAS the School is one of more than 400 member high schools which together ultimately determine the policy of the SSA through representation on the Board of Governors of SSA;

AND WHEREAS the School is also a member of the Zone which also has Bylaws, Rules and Policies which govern the participation of the School in athletic activities;

AND WHEREAS it is acknowledged that it is the responsibility of the Principal of the School to ensure that all of its administrators, coaches and student athletes and their parents are informed of the Bylaws and Policies of SSA and the Zone;

AND WHEREAS it is not in the best interests of any of the student athletes who are served by the work of SSA and the Zone for them to spend resources responding to court applications brought by individual student athletes, their parents or guardians;

The undersigned Principal of the School, acknowledges and agrees as follows:

1. The School, including all staff, volunteer coaches and other personnel, understand that participation in SSA-sanctioned athletics is governed by the bylaws, policies, rules, and disciplinary authority of the SSA.
2. All coaches, team staff, volunteers, and other representatives acting on behalf of the School are required to understand and comply with SSA bylaws, policies, codes of conduct, eligibility rules and disciplinary procedures, including the bylaws and policies located at schoolsportalberta.ca. The School agrees to ensure that all such coaches, volunteers, and athletic personnel receive, review and comply with all SSA rules and directives, including any updates issued by SSA during the school year.
3. All SSA decisions regarding the School, its athletic program(s) and any student registered in the same are binding upon the School, subject only to the right of the School to seek judicial review of the same where permitted by law.
4. The school agrees to abide by the outcome of any SSA appeal or review mechanism or process relating to its students, coaches, volunteers, or athletic programs, unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction orders otherwise following any applicable judicial review.
5. The School acknowledges that SSA may impose sanctions on students, coaches, teams, athletic programs, or the School itself for violations of SSA rules, codes of conduct, policies or bylaws, and agrees to enforce any such SSA decisions and sanctions within its own athletic programs and to ensure compliance therewith by students, coaches and volunteers, as applicable.
6. In addition to SSA decisions, the School acknowledges the relevant Zone may have bylaws, rules and policies affecting the participation of the School in athletic activities in that Zone, and accordingly the school agrees to abide by the same.
7. The School may be in possession of an Acknowledgment form completed by the Student and/or Guardian regarding the conditions of the Student's participation in the Activities, and shall provide a copy of the same to SSA upon request.

Principal Name (print)

Principal Signature

Date