

# A Message from Mike Allina

President, BC School Sports

Congratulations student-athletes, teachers and community coaches in qualifying for the BC School Sports (BCSS) provincial championships.

I have had the pleasure of coaching thousands of student-athletes in my 29 years as a teachers in Vancouver. I know the hard work and dedication it takes to create successful programs in our schools. I have witnessed firsthand how young men and women develop skills, leadership, teamwork, character, and self-regulation in their sports of their choice.

BCSS is made up of over 450 member schools which provide an opportunity for 70, 000 student-athletes to participate in extra-curricular school sports. These programs would not be possible without the dedication of teachers, coaches, coordinators, sport commissions, athletic associations, and volunteers. BCSS is very thankful to all of those people involved in developing such a strong sport delivery association within our province.

I wish you all the best of luck as you compete in the 2018-2019 BCSS Provincial Championships.



# A Message from Jordan Abney

Executive Director, BC School Sports

Congratulations on qualifying for the BC School Sports Provincial Championship! Qualifying itself, is a wonderful accomplishment, and is something that very few student-athletes get to experience! With over 450 member schools, and over 70,000 student-athletes, you have earned the privilege to represent your community and your school and fight for a provincial title.

I encourage all participants to recognize the time spent by their coaches, both teachers and community volunteers, for the time they give to support the pursuit of your dreams and goals. BC School Sports has over 6800 coaches around the province that give up countless hours to make school sport a reality. Do not let this weekend pass by without thanking your coaches for all they have done for you and your team.



A giant thank you to those who make this championship possible. The Local Organizing Committee, the BCSS Sport Commission, the sponsors and event volunteers. So much goes into hosting a BCSS Provincial Championship and without their efforts, none of this would happen. Thank a volunteer this weekend for all they do.

BC School Sports believes interscholastic athletics are an extension of the classroom. The lessons learned through sport, provide the foundation for good leaders of the future. School sport fosters sportsmanship, builds character and establishes healthy active living habits that will last long into adulthood.

Athletes, I sincerely wish you the very best throughout the championship. Remember to represent yourself, your school and community well and display sportsman ship for your opponent and officials. I hope this championship provides to each you amazing athletic feats, fierce but respectful competition, and memories to last a lifetime.

