

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone that was able to make our sport happen last summer and this past winter. We are again back to a full summer of activity with many events. We ask for your patience and respect anyone wearing a mask as we continue to work through this.

Saskatoon will be showing off their new facility at Gordie Howe Sports Complex again. High School Provincials, Solstice, and the Provincial Championship will be taking in Saskatoon. We could have some twilight competitions but nothing has been confirmed.

Thank you to Sask Lotteries, Brainsport, Athletics Canada and the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan for your financial support this year. This stable funding and with the self-help we were able to hire a Provincial Coach in Jamie Epp. This will encompass assisting athletes and coaches with the utilization of high-performance services such as the Sports Medicine Council and the Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan which will contribute to the advancement of high-performance opportunities.

As we get ready summer. U16, U18, athletes have the dual this summer in Regina with Manitoba. The NAIG team has been training hard so it can take home many medals from these championships which will take place in Halifax, NS in July. At the end of July, you will see National Jr. & Sr in Langley, then Legion Nationals in Sherbrooke and the Canadian Masters on Aug 11-13 in Langley.

Next summer we will be celebrating with Lloydminster the hosting of the Saskatchewan Summer Games. This was postponed from 2020 to 2024. So, districts are preparing for staff and athletes to take part. Athletes born in 2007, 2008 and 2009 are eligible for the games.

The Officials continue to recruit and train new officials in this province. We support this process and if necessary, assist with their travel within Canada for upgrading or mentoring. Many of our officials I hope will be busy this summer with the Dual taking place in Regina and our Provincial Championships in Saskatoon. Our recognition program for our Officials is a success and it is just a small way of saying thank you. If you wish to get involved, please contact the office and if you have any questions, please call our SOC chair in Brenda O'Connor.

On behalf of Saskatchewan Athletics, I extend a special thank you to officials, coaches, and volunteers for all the countless hours they have spent assisting in the development of our sport in Saskatchewan. The Board of Directors continues to seek ways to increase membership, programs and funding. Your ideas are always welcome. Please forward any suggestions to individual Board members or drop by the office anytime.