

## VP EXCELLENCE

The 2021-2022 year was another “unique one” as the association, our communities, province, country, and the world continued to navigate the Covid19 pandemic and its various implications/fall out. This navigation started off with cancellations, delays, and uncertainty on what the immediate future held for indoor sport participation, and while Covid19 hasn’t gone to the wayside entirely, our sport was able to get back into a historically normal offering of competitive opportunities, programs, and events by the summer season.

- A big congrats and thank you to the staff of Saskatchewan Athletics for their efforts over another challenging and busy year (Canada Games, Tri Prov, Tony Cote, Legion, etc).
- Thank you to our officials, meet directors, and clubs for hosting competition for your commitment to the sport, events, and championships. Without you, our athletes, coaches, and clubs would not have sanctioned competitions to build towards and use as part of their development plans.
- Kudos to our athletes, coaches, and clubs! You found a way to get the work in and the results/accolades show that in how you represented Saskatchewan.

### **Performance Highlights:**

- 18x athletes receiving athlete assistance (10x Tier 1; 8x Tier 2)
- 5x CAPP athlete selections (3 Olympic – Harrison, Sutherland, Joseph; 2 Paralympic – Frotten & Cote-Williamson).
- 15x National Team appearances by Saskatchewan Athletes and Coaches
- 87x Provincial records set/broken (29 indoor and 58 outdoor)
- 9x Canadian Records (2 indoor and 7 outdoor)
- 4x World Records (outdoor)

Overall, the 2021-2022 year was a resounding success for the association. We continue to support athlete and coach development, participation, and performance driven pursuits at all levels/ages of the sport. But opportunities still exist around our strategic initiatives and building capacity in the sport (coach and official recruitment), para-athletics, and international (National Team) pursuits.

With 2023 just around the corner, I am confident in the outlook for Saskatchewan Athletics (and its members) to continue to be recognized as sport and performance leader within Saskatchewan, Canada, and the globe. Our athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, clubs, and staff are well respected and highly regarded in our sport system and it is always exciting to see our membership pursue excellence!