

Sports Director Report for AGM (April 10th, 2021)

Year 2020 proved to be a very challenging year for anyone associated with sports from athlete, team and sports association. Many athletes were not able to practice and/or play their chosen sport. Competition was practically non-existent from youth to adult, amateur to national level.

We had 2 membership requests submitted in December 2020

We had 1 special circumstance request for membership fee from 1 individual that we approved

Sept 18th Jacob Wouters could not continue as Sports Director: Tim Tratch took over as the Sports Director soon after

On February 4th, I participated on a Zoom Meeting with “Minister’s Round Table on Safe Sport”. This year our NSO (National Sports Organization) has made many recommendations and have been adopted by PSO (Alberta Provincial Sports Organizations)

- All coaches to take “Respect in Sport for Leaders”
- CAC Safe Sport Training
- Police Check – background screening
- One parent per household to take the “Parent Respect in Sport”
- Implemented the “Rule of 2” for coaches and education (Coaches cannot be alone with an athlete(s))

On March 29th, I participated on a Zoom Meeting with “Inclusive Sport and Recreation Collective” with Dr David Legg’s and ISR working Team.

The discussion was how each PSO (Provincial Sports Organization) has been dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, if shut down, in operation with restrictions and how big the cohorts are. Is the sport organization training only or are there any organized competition? How are each organization dealing with budget shortfall from the province? How is the mental health of the athletes, coaching staff and organizers?

Every sport in Alberta is struggling financially and stress with mental health. We are hoping with the mass vaccination throughout the province, our sport organizations will be able to get to a new normal soon.

We want to continue have the support for our Membership coming into this 2021 season. However, safety for everyone is paramount. We must follow all the health guidelines in place by our health institute and government. In due time we will be able to return to our sport and social life with our family and friends that we all have dearly missed.

Regards,

Tim Tratch

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