

SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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TO: SASKATCHEWAN MEDIA

In light of the STF announcement on Tuesday regarding the removal of sanctions involving the withdrawal of voluntary services, effective Wednesday June 1, there were many inquiries to the SHSAA office and Executive about the possibility of revisiting the decision made on Friday May 27th which effectively cancelled the 2011 Provincial Track and Field Championships. The inquiries posed the possibility of making the 2011 Provincial Track and Field Championships a reality for the student athletes of Saskatchewan schools. Investigation into the logistics of the championship was conducted by the SHSAA office, SHSAA Executive and the 14 District Councils throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

It is with regret the SHSAA has to make the announcement that the 2011 Provincial Track and Field Championships will not be conducted.

The bargaining process left a very small window of opportunity in order to implement many aspects of the championship for all involved. The conclusion was that the time frame did not allow for a viable Provincial Championship to be carried out.

As with all 10 of the SHSAA activities conducted throughout the year, the thousands of students involved in track and field across the province in high school track and field programs have had an opportunity to be a part of education through athletics and experience the many valuable lessons that high school sport has to offer throughout a season of practices and competitions. Unfortunately student athletes will not be able to conclude their track season with a provincial championship.

The SHSAA is proud to say that the 2010-2011 program of school sport has been a successful year as provided by all 10 activities. The success of the programs across the province offered by schools should not be judged by one single championship that was unable to be carried out. The students of this province who were able to participate in the various programs offered by the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association, have been fortunate to have been a part of the program and all have gained valuable life skills through their participation. The young men and women of this province have gained valuable skills through participation, victory, defeat and hardships of every degree, which includes this latest setback. High school sport has allowed them to be prepared for their future experiences and success in their pursuit of healthy citizenship.

Yours sincerely;

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