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ASAA Member Schools and Zones,

Following extensive collaboration between the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) Executive and Volleyball Alberta (VA), both organizations jointly developed a proposed policy framework to align ASAA's non-school team participation policy with Volleyball Alberta's Signing and Tryout Periods. The shared goal was to support student-athletes through a coordinated approach that promotes clarity, choice, and long-term development.

While the ASAA Executive Committee and VA Leadership reached consensus on a proposal, and believed the proposal would pass after Zone meetings, the ASAA Board of Governors chose to amend the proposal. The approved changes include the following updates to student-athlete participation with non-school teams during the ASAA season of play:

1. Tryouts

Student-athletes may participate in non-school team tryouts only on the following dates in September:

- Monday, September 1
- Sunday, September 7
- Sunday, September 14

2. Non-School Team Participation

Student-athletes may participate with non-school teams only on statutory holidays and designated school breaks during the ASAA volleyball season.

3. Eligibility

Student-athletes who participate with non-school teams on any other dates between August 31 and November 29 will be ruled ineligible for ASAA volleyball competition.

Important Note: Many athletes will re-sign with their indoor competitive club teams prior to the 2025–26 school year and are not required to attend fall tryouts.

Volleyball Alberta does not support the changes, but endeavours to continue to work with the ASAA to find alignment in the belief that student-athletes should prioritize education and well-being, while being empowered to make informed choices. Parents play a vital role in guiding their child’s athletic journey, and we encourage all families and teams to refer to Long-Term Development resources when planning their year: <https://volleyball.ca/en/about/ltad>.

The ASAA and VA will connect with their respective memberships to review the impacts of these new policies. The organizations will review feedback and work towards athlete-centered policy and process decisions.

