

VP PARTICIPATION

If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that we are resilient. I want to commend Paul and Tanika, as well as Bob, Laura, and the entire board for their efforts in this unprecedented time. This is my final report as VP of Participation on the Board of Directors. A special thank you to Paul and Tanika for their many written reports and their efforts to keep Athletics alive and well during a Global Pandemic. With many challenges in their way, they continued to work diligently to provide online opportunities for coaches, athletes and everyone involved in the sport. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed and you are both very appreciated.

Some highlights from 2020:

As everyone is aware, a large number of competitions and clinics were postponed/canceled this spring, summer and fall due to the pandemic. You can see Paul and Tanika's reports for a full list of cancelled events.

Between November 1 of 2019 and the shut down in March of 2020, there were a number of clinics that took place, including two NCCP Sport Coach courses (one in Regina and one in Saskatoon), and a professional development course delivered by Les Gramantik. There was a shift to online learning as the world went into isolation. Two webinars were held in June and August of 2020 which included ideas and discussion on coaching during the pandemic. Paul continues to inform coaches around the province of the many online opportunities that are always available.

The Run, Jump, Throw, Wheel program got off to a great start in Quarter 1 and had 3825 participants. All plans for the spring were canceled due to the pandemic. Tanika was able to turn her focus online as she helped develop the first online RJTW NCCP course which can now be used across the country to facilitate their courses online.

Both Paul and Tanika can be commended for taking the opportunity to engage in online professional development as they each participated in online courses and webinars over the spring, summer and fall seasons.

It is my hope that we can slowly begin to return to normal and I look forward to the days that our great events like the Legion Camp, Easter break camp, and SOLE-Stice Classic can return to action, as well as our many great indoor and outdoor competitions, so that we can get our youth moving and learning again.

I would encourage everyone to get online and check out the Sask Athletics website, as well as following the Twitter and Instagram social media accounts. The staff do a great job of keeping these platforms up to date and relevant.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve on the Executive for the past three years and I look forward to seeing the organization rise to new heights in the future.