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High School Sport Season Set

The 2011-2012 school year is well underway and so are High School Sports! Thirty one schools are participating in the Winnipeg High School Football League have begun their schedule while the volleyball courts, cross country running tracks, hockey rinks and soccer pitches are all very active with tryouts and practices underway.

The 2011-2012 school year is a commemorative one for Manitoba High Schools Sports, in that it celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. The organization was founded on April 24th, 1962 and today includes over 30,000 student athlete participants and 2,700 volunteer teacher coaches and community members. School sport participation continues to grow in Manitoba schools with an increase of over 2,000 participants over the 2009-2010 school year.

Scott Kwasnitza, Superintendent of the Lord Selkirk School Division, is the new association President. Scott is a former high school athlete at Westwood Collegiate participating in a number of sports including basketball and baseball. He pursued a baseball scholarship in the United State.

The Provincial Golf Championships are the first Championship of the year, and will take place on September 23rd, at the Neepawa Golf Course. The Rural Soccer Championships take place in Winkler on October 14th, while Cross Country Provincials will be held at Spruce Woods Provincial Park on Wednesday October 19th.

There were some changes passed at the MHSAA annual general meeting last June in Russell, Manitoba, and include the Provincial "A" Basketball Championships having ten teams and taking place over three days, while Co-Op rules for "A" and "AA" Schools will now be allowed amongst four schools with the maximum student enrollment of 425 students. The Provincial Golf Championships have had their entries qualifications changed and now in addition to the winners of the team competition, the low male and female individual scores will also be allowed to enter Provincials.

This year the association will put a greater emphasis on coaching education and will be introducing a mentorship program for younger coaches as well as coaching seminars and athletic administrator's professional development programs.

It should be another great year for high school sports in Manitoba.

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Attachments: Provincial Championship listings
Participation Numbers

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