

## Members Notice

# 2020 Provincial Championships Announcement

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The BC Summer Swimming Association is pleased to announce that the 2020 Provincial Championships will be hosted at the University of British Columbia Aquatic Centre.

The Championships, which will take place from August 18 – 23, 2020, will bring together more than 2,000 athletes from across the province for a week long multi-sport competition. Athletes will have the opportunity to compete in a world class facility that houses the UBC Varsity Swim Team and the Swimming Canada High Performance Centre.

The University of British Columbia has been a historic supporter of the BCSSA. The very first Provincial Championship Swimming and Dive meet was held at the UBC Empire Pool in 1958. Since then, the BCSSA has returned to the Vancouver campus numerous times to host the associations' pinnacle competition. After celebrating the BCSSA's 60th Anniversary, it seems fitting to return to the location where our association was founded to start this next decade of success.

"The BCSSA is excited to be returning to UBC to hold our annual Provincial Championship meet. The BCSSA got its start over 60 years ago at the UBC Empire pool and we held our year end event there for decades. We returned to use the 'new' indoor pool almost 20 years ago and we are now about to hold our Championship meet in a third, different, swimming pool, at UBC. Members are looking forward to reliving old memories from past championships on Campus ready to make new ones for the new generation". – Danny Schilds, BCSSA President

The UBC Department of Athletics and Recreation and Hospitality have a proven record of running successful competitions as the hosts of the Mel Zajac International Swim Meet and the USports Swimming National Championships. The BCSSA looks forward to working with UBC to provide another successful event.

"We're excited to welcome athletes and their families from communities across British Columbia. Nestled in the heart of campus, the Aquatic Centre will play host to an amazing week of competition at the annual gathering of one of the largest annual sports events in the province. As the event host, UBC's beautiful Point Grey campus provides a unique backdrop with accommodations, dining, and socializing all taking place in one of the most beautiful spots in the country. On behalf of the campus community, we look forward to hosting this annual event in 2020." – Kavie Toor, Senior Director, Facilities, Recreation and Sport Partnerships UBC Athletics

Hosting the Provincial Championships on the UBC Campus provides the BCSSA with a unique opportunity to make the 2020 championship more than just a meet. Alongside special events during the week, the location allows for the entire BCSSA community to stay in one location for the entirety of the competition. In order to ensure that there are enough rooms allocated for our BCSSA teams, we will be asking regions to provide the BCSSA with an approximate number of rooms that their regions will require. Once this number has been confirmed, UBC will open the reservation website for BCSSA bookings. Please do not inquire with UBC Conferences and Accommodation until an official booking link is released by the BCSSA.

More information will be released after the 2019 October Provincial Board Meeting.

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