

To all BCSSA Clubs and members:

Due to the current wildfire situations in many parts of the Province and in particular surrounding the Kamloops area where the Provincial Championships will be held this year, the BCSSA Board and the Provincial Organizing Committee have been monitoring and assessing the situation very closely to determine if Kamloops will still be a viable site for the 2017 Provincials. We have been in daily communication with Kamloops' City staff to ensure that the venue remains a viable location as well as working with Thompson River University (TRU) to secure other indoor spaces on Campus for our competitors to rest in between their races in case of poor air quality. Additionally, we have contacted all the hotels we have booked blocks of rooms with and they have confirmed that they will honour the reservations made by the BCSSA.

We fully understand and appreciate that the current wildfire situations have posed many questions and concerns on how they will affect the Provincial Championships. The assurance and response that we have received from the City of Kamloops, the Canada Games Aquatic Centre and TRU were all very positive and they are ready for us. We believe that Kamloops can provide the best possible competition and venue for the Provincial Championships under the circumstances. **To this end, the Provincial Organizing Committee has decided that the 2017 BCSSA Provincials will stay in Kamloops.**

BCSSA is committed to ensure that Provincials from August 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> at the Canada Games Aquatic Centre in Kamloops will be as successful as past Provincials. Additional information will be provided to Regional Directors and Clubs at the end of July.

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