



**Provincial Competitions 2021
Planning Summary**

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Creation of Planning Committee

On May 22, 2020 the *Provincials 2021 Planning Committee* was created to provide input into preparing for the Provincial 2021 competitions. Since then, the committee has met regularly to discuss how Skills Canada BC could best host the Provincials 2021 amidst the ongoing pandemic.

Composition of Planning Committee

The Provincials 2021 Planning Committee is comprised of Skills Canada BC board members, staff and an ever-expanding list of Provincial Tech Chairs who express an interest to work on this committee.

(Tradex, April 2021)

The Planning Committee decided early on, that given that the province has mandated strict social distancing requirements, hosting the Provincials 2021, at the Tradex, in April 2021, would not be possible.

Competition Venue(s)

Post-Secondary

Before the summer break the Provincial Tech Chairs responsible for the piping challenges identified they could host five competitions at the UA Piping College, in Delta. Further, they identified that hosting these competitions mid-April, (April 17, 2020) on a Saturday would not only give the competitors, tech chairs and judges time to travel and compete over a weekend, it would help them easily meet the social distancing requirements set out by the province.

Since the summer, other post-secondary schools have considered if they too could host various clusters of provincial competitions. The Planning Committee hopes to have some new dates and locations confirmed by these Provincial Tech Chairs, in the coming weeks.

Secondary & Junior Skills

Hosting the Secondary and Junior Skills Provincial 2021 competitions will prove more challenging than the Post-Secondary competitions. This is because school districts throughout the province are not allowing any field trips for the foreseeable future. As well, as each school district has created its own safety plan, it is difficult for the Planning Committee to identify a streamlined approach to hosting Secondary & Junior Skills Provincial competitions. At this time, it is thought that any Secondary and/or Junior Skills Provincial 2021 competitions will be held in some form of virtual format(s).

Ongoing Discussions

Skills Canada BC staff are continuing to meet with Regional Coordinators and Provincial Tech Chairs every few weeks. Information gathered during these meetings are presented to the Planning Committee for discussion and input.