

## **1351: Secondary category at the SCNC 2022**

Hello everyone,

Already in September, how time flies!

We have started planning for the SCNC 2022 and raised a few questions internally regarding SCNC and the likelihood of secondary competitors being able to travel to Vancouver to participate at the SCNC 2022. As we all know, the pandemic is unfortunately still present as the 2021-2022 school year begins. We are concerned that due to some provincial/territorial public health authority guidance, school board and school regulations, the secondary competitors might not be able to travel outside of their province/territory. This forces us to ask some tough questions. Should we continue to plan to host face to face secondary level competitions at the national level in 2022? Should we consider hosting secondary competitions virtually?

To further explore this, we will assign some significant time to discuss options during the Operations Committee meeting on Sept. 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. In preparation we would ask you to begin to gather information around the current policies or protocols if any for your secondary institutions. Based on the information you receive and share, we are hoping to come to a consensus on the path forward for SCNC2022 so that we could have a final decision on this by no later than the end of the first week of October.

Our goal of course is to host an in-person SCNC for all categories but I think we all realize that our hopes of COVID being completely in the rear view mirror for 2022 are not realistic.

As for the post-secondary and Team Canada categories, we feel that since competitors are older and are typically not travelling as part of a school activity, we have a greater chance of being able to host an in-person competition. But of course, things could change as even after over a year, we are still planning events day by day 😞

If you have any questions, let me know.

Take care and have a great long weekend.

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