

Track & Field Committee

The Track & Field Committee members are:

Sprints - Tara Self	Long Distance - Sue Northey	Throws - Richard Collier
Sprints - Pat Sima-Ledding	Long Distance - Gerry Tighe	Throws - Harold Willers
Mid Distance - Chris Johnson	Jumps - Byron Jack	Combined Events - James Bhulman
Mid Distance - Gerry Swan	Jumps - Barb Vida	Combined Events - Nick Stoffberg
		Walks - Al Johnston

This committee met 2 times over the course of the 2012 season. This committee also communicates regularly via email throughout the course of the season. The committee meets and elects committee members at the AGM. At present, there will be upcoming openings on the committee for the following event disciplines:

- M. Distance (4 Year)
- Jump (4 Year)
- Throws (4 Year)
- Combined Events (1 Year)

BC Team Selection

This year, as in others, the committee spent a great deal of time looking at various items surrounding the Provincial Team program. This includes the selection standards and criteria, team staff selection and team selection. The committee met twice to select the BC Senior Team, BC Junior Team, BC Youth team and BC Midget 15 team. During these selection meetings, there is always a good deal of healthy dialogue before the final teams are selected. Any athletes that may have been missed are also addressed post meeting to ensure that any mistakes were corrected. This year the BC Team selections included the following numbers:

BC Senior Team - 2012 Canadian Olympic Trials	47 Athletes / 5 Staff / 4 Olympians
BC Junior Team - 2012 Canadian Junior T & F Championships	30 Athletes / 4 Staff
BC Youth Team - 2012 Canadian Youth Legion T & F Championships	25 Athletes / 8 Staff
BC Midget 15 Team - 2012 Canadian Youth Legion T&F Championships	15 Athletes / 8 Staff

BC continues to be the only provincial branch in athletics across Canada who sends a provincial team to national track & field championships. Team staff and Athletes fill out and send an application, and are then entered into their respective pools for selection. This year, the Track & Field Committee also selected the team staff for the 2013 Canadian Summer Games to be held in Sherbrooke, QC. That team is as follows:

Head Coach/Throws	-	Ron Bunting
Wheelchair Racing Coach	-	James Hustvedt *not selected by our committee
Sprints & Hurdles	-	Pat Sima-Ledding
Distance	-	Jenn Schutz
Jumps	-	Larry Blaschuk
Combined Events	-	James Buhlman
Apprentice Coach	-	Nikki Reiter (to Jenn Schutz)
Apprentice Coach	-	Holly Tawse (to James Hustvedt) * not selected by our committee
Manager	-	Gillian Wright
Manager	-	Shelia Lloyd-Southern

BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC Carding)

Another focus for the Track & Field Committee is the Athlete Assistance Program. After compiling the applications, the Technical Manager sorts data according to the Age Performance Standards. Adjustments are also made using the previous year's standards based on the performance levels in each event area. Funding is then awarded to the athletes who have met Age Performance standards. The selection of athletes is always difficult with the funds available. This year the following steps were taken:

- Step 1: Collection of applications.
- Step 2: List of athletes compiled according to age performance standards and bonus points.
- Step 3: Committee decision to award athletes 100% or higher of Age Performance Standard.
- Step 4: List released for comment and/or appeal.
- Step 5: Final list of athletes selected & contacted to include remaining funds to those next athletes nearest to standard (i.e. 100% and below)
- Step 6: Athletes contacted
- Step 7: Funds Released

The following is a breakdown by the numbers:

39,010	\$	amount available for 2011-12 AAP.
73	%	of total funding awarded to each athlete according to their category.
72	#	of athletes who applied for 2011-12 AAP.
38	#	of athletes awarded BC AAP funds.
7	#	of national carded athletes awarded.
3	#	of athletes who went on to qualify for the 2012 London Olympic Games.
4	#	of athletes below 100% of age standard awarded.
1	#	of athletes applying for injury cards awarded.

BC Athletics Annual Awards

Award nominations are received by the Track & Field Committee. The committee then reviews each nominee for each award category to create a final nominee list. The committee then votes for the award winners from the final nominee list. It is always a challenge to choose award winners in talented groups.

2013 Canada Summer Games Prep

The Track & Field Committee along with the 2012 Canada Games Staff has been working together to form the Annual Plan leading to up to the 2013 Canada Summer Games being held in Sherbrooke Quebec. This includes:

1. Team staff selection
2. Team selection criteria and standards
3. Athlete target list and identification
4. Identification of team plan and key performance indicators
5. Use of IPS services

The Track & Field Committee is composed of two (2) representatives for each even area with one (1) representative in the Walks. Representatives are coaches located in many regions of our province. Discussions will once again occur about the composition of the committee as well as future plans on strengthening the sport of Track & Field in BC.