

**2007 Track and Field Annual General Meeting
Technical Manager Report
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Power of Sport Tour

BC Athletics participated in the Sport BC's Power of Sport tour which occurred during the week of October 16-21 in Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat and Hazelton. Workshops on Run, Jump and Throw were conducted in numerous schools as well as a Coaching Level One Clinic was conducted in Kitimat on Oct. 20 - 21. This was a very successful opportunity to introduce these concepts to an area of the province which does not receive much exposure to our sport. Thelma Wright and Greg Peters were the presenters during the Tour.

Coaching Clinics

Several Clinics have occurred over the past year.

Abbotsford's Valley Royals hosted a Level Two and Three Middle Distance/Distance NCCP course and over 15 people participated in this clinic up-grading their certification in February.

A level two Throws course was conducted in Port Alberni on May 5 and 6 with 11 participants registered.

On June 4 a Hurdles clinic was conducted by Ron Parker in conjunction with the Pacific Canada Series in Abbotsford.

25 Individuals took part in a Level One Coaching Course in Langley BC on the weekend of September 28 and 29. Ms Barb Vida conducted the course to the enthusiastic coaches.

A Level one course was conducted in Kitimat in conjunction with the Power of Sport tour on October 20 and 21.

Level 2 Symposium occurred on October 28 and Oct 29 in Abbotsford. Twenty-three coaches from around the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island involved themselves in workshops on Sprints/Hurdles; Throws and Middle Distance/Distance presented by some of the province's top coaches. This was very well received by those in attendance and a common request was for the next Level to be presented in the near future. Plans are underway to arrange a coaching symposium at the Level 3 in all event areas. There appears to be an increased demand in courses of this nature.

Level one clinic was held in Port Hardy on Vancouver Island on the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19.

Level one clinic for eleven participants took place in Tumbler Ridge on the weekend of November 24-26.

The office has attempted to address the growing demands for coaching clinics and it is believed that for the most part the clinics are being offered in settings outside of the larger populated areas.

Plans are underway for a Level 2 Distance course to be conducted during the Northern BC Winter Games in February 2007 in Fort St. John, BC.

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is going through a transition over the past few years and will phase in over the next two years.

How will the shift to the New NCCP make coaching and coach education better?

1. The new structure of the NCCP is adaptable to the specific needs of each sport because it can be based on the needs of participants/athletes identified in that sport.
2. A coach will be deemed certified only when they are able to demonstrate that they can achieve the outcomes for the context in which they work. In the Old NCCP certification would be granted based upon a coach's attendance at a course.
3. Using a framework of multi-sport outcomes and other national standards, the certification requirements will be defined by the sport itself. It will be specific to the environment in which a coach works. In the Old NCCP all coaches in all sports were provided with the same information and then tested on their ability to remember the information and/or apply it to their specific coaching environment and sport.
4. In the New NCCP, prior knowledge and/or learning from a variety of environments can be used toward the achievement of the required outcomes. When the coach has the training, knowledge, and ability to achieve an outcome, he/she may proceed directly to the evaluation stage. In other words, courses will be required only if the coach needs to learn something, to improve a specific ability, and/or is not yet ready for evaluation.

How will this affect me if I am already certified in a sport?

There is a clear effort from the NCCP to recognize the prior training/certification of coaches who are currently certified. It is up to each sport to determine what will be required of coaches who are currently certified to maintain their certification, and what equivalency will be given in the new structure for those coaches that were certified in the old. As an example only, the NCCP is considering implementing a 5-year renewal period for certification, after which a coach must demonstrate that he/she is still capable of meeting the certification requirements of his/her context. This would allow coaches certified in the old structure to update their certification in the new program, as well as accommodate the needs of sports who experience regular changes (i.e., equipment, rules) and require ongoing professional development in order to remain current.

BC Course Conductors and Master Course Conductors

There will be an opportunity for a number of BC Coaches who are recognized as course conductors and Master Course Conductors to attend workshops in early July to become more familiar with the up-coming changes in the NCCP courses. These sessions will be in Winnipeg and many BC coaches will be contacted and encouraged to attend.

Officials Committee

The BC Athletics Officials Committee has been very active as well during this past year. John Cull, the BC Athletics Officials Committee Chair has arranged and/or conducted numerous Level One and Level Two Officials workshops.

The following is a compilation of the Workshops presented by the Officials Committee:

April 20 in Kelowna BC – Level One – 9 participants

April 24 in South Surrey BC – Level One – 10 participants

April 26 in North Vancouver – Level one – 8 participants
 May 4 in Maple Ridge – Level One – 25 participants
 May 13 in Surrey – Level one – 18 participants
 June 13 in Langley – Level one – 34 participants
 June 24 in Abbotsford – Level Two – 13 participants
 September 24 in Langley – Level One – 7 participants
 September 30 in Kamloops – Level Two – 3 participants
 October 1 in Kamloops – Level 2 – 4 Participants
 November 25 in Vancouver – Level Two – 6 participants

BC Provincial Track and Field Teams

BC Senior Team medals at the Canadian Senior Championships

	2006	2005	2004
* Gold	6	5	2
* Silver	7	5	5
* Bronze	6	8	3
* Total Medals	19	18	10
* Top 8 Finishers	12	15	15

BC Junior Team medals at the Canadian Junior Championships

	2006	2005	2004
* Gold	8	4	7
* Silver	10	4	6
* Bronze	6	13	4
* Total Medals	24	21	17
* Top 8 Finishers	28	18	21

BC/Yukon Command team medals at the National Legion Championships (Juvenile Team -25 members and 15 Year Old Team -15 members)

	2006	2005	2004
* Gold	24	19	14
* Silver	14	18	16
* Bronze	8	13	13
Total Medals	46	50	43
Top 8 Finishers	18	15	9

BC Athletics Members on National Teams in 2006

Commonwealth Games Team in Melbourne, Australia

Jennifer Joyce – Hammer Throw – Silver Medal
Dariusz Slowik – Discus Throw – Bronze Medal
Nathan Taylor – 4X100 metre Relay – Bronze Medal
Stephanie McCann – Pole Vault – Bronze Medal
Diane Cummins – 800 metre
Gary Reed – 800 metre
Aimee Teteris – 800 metre
Wynn Gmitroski – Coach

World Junior Championships in Beijing China

Elizabeth Gleadle – Javelin Throw – 12th place
Corri-Ann Campbell-Fell – 400m Hurdles (pb – 59.22)
Reid Gustavson – Decathlon – 18th place
Justin Marpole-Bird – 1500m
Whitney Wellington – 100m , 200m and 4X100m Relay (10th place)
Curtis Moss – Javelin Throw
Laurier Primeau – Jumps and Combined Events Coach
Mike Murray – Sprints/Hurdles and Relays Coach
Carolyn Daubeny – Medical Staff

NACAC U-23 Team had several BC athletes and representatives in Santo Domingo Dominica. These Championships were for athletes 20, 21 and 22 years of age and were held in July 2006.

Adelle Johns – Heptathlon
Cloe Hewitt – Heptathlon
Shannon Elmer – 10 000 metres
Bevin Kennelly – 3000m Steeplechase
Geoff Martinson – 800 metres
Mike Mason – High Jump
Novelle Murray – Discus Throw
Ira Thompson – 400 metres
Krista Woodward – Javelin Throw
Lauren Welch – 400 metre Hurdles
Richard Collier – Head Coach
Janet Neufeld – Team Manager
Sue Northey – Distance Coach
Elena Voloshin – Jumps Coach
Tony Dickson – Jumps Coach

Up-coming Events for 2007

Western Canada Summer Games

Western Canada Summer Games – Strathcona County – August 8-11

- Western Canada Games Budget Submission sent in to Pacific Sport to access funding to support team preparation and possible dual meet with Alberta
- Long List of Athletes has been prepared to identify possible selection pool of athletes
- Coaching and managers for the Western Canada Games team have been determined

- **Selection Criteria & Standards for 2007 BC provincial teams**
- Western Canada Summer Games Selection Criteria & Standards have been forwarded to the Juvenile, Junior & Senior Committee for approval
- Selection criteria & standards for the 15 year old, Juvenile, Junior and Senior BC Provincial Teams are currently being reviewed by the Juvenile, Junior & Senior Committee for any modifications. The committee will discuss any changes and will ratify these selection criteria & standards on December 10th, 2006.
- The tentative dates for the Provincial Championships are as follows :-
June 22 & 23 – Junior and Senior; July 7&8 Juvenile and Western Canada Games; July 13-15 Fifteen year old selection to the National Legion Meet.
These dates have been confirmed by the Senior Committee.

➤ **BC Athlete Assistance**

- The 2006/2007 BC Athlete Assistance Program Application has been approved by the Juvenile, Junior & Senior Committee and is now posted on the BC Athletics website.
- Submission deadline was November 10th, 2006.
- Applications are currently being processed. There are over 75 applications at present.

Pacific Canada Series has four meets planned for early June and negotiations are currently underway to establish the format, the events and the competing countries and provinces. The tentative schedule is:

June 3 – Richmond Kajaks

June 5 – High performance meet in Victoria (not a part of the Pac/Can Series)

June 6 – Victoria International Meet

June 8 – Harry Jerome Classic

June 10 – Abbotsford International Meet

Run/Jump/Throw continues to be spearheaded here in BC by Thelma Wright and is flourishing under her direction. This program brings the fundamental skills of running, jumping and throwing to individuals who are working with children 6-12 years of age. The RJT program is an excellent means for elementary schools and community groups to be provided with a comprehensive resource to assist them in their instruction of basic motor skills.

BC Championship Meets in 2007

BC Juvenile Championships – Nanaimo July 7 & 8

Western Canada Summer Games Trials – Nanaimo July 7 & 8

BC Junior Championships – Kamloops – June 23 & 24

BC Senior Championships – Kamloops – June 23 & 24

BC Junior Development Championships – Kamloops July 13-15

BC Masters Championships – To be determined