

2008 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting Senior, Junior, Juvenile Track & Field Committee Report

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The 2007 Competitive Outdoor Season began for most of the local track and field clubs in the early Spring of 2007. Numerous school and club meets were held throughout the season and athletes were gearing up to the Provincial Championships as well as vying for selection on various national teams.

BC Team Selections

Team BC Selection Criteria and Standards were posted on the BC Athletics website prior to the start of the 2007 outdoor season. Each year the standards are reviewed and adjusted by the Senior Committee.

BC Provincial Championships

- BC Juniors and Seniors June 23 and June 24 – Kamloops BC
- BC Juveniles, 15 Year Old Championships –Nanaimo – July 7 & 8

Western Canada Games Team

- Selection occurred following the meet in Nanaimo on July 7 & 8

BC Dual Meet Team:BC vs Alberta

The WCG team traveled to Strathcona County on July 21 and 22 to compete against Team Alberta. This trip was useful to become familiar with the venue as well as providing an opportunity for the coaching staff to become familiar with the athletes. It was a positive team bonding opportunity.

Results for this meet may be found at the following website:

<http://www3.telus.net/vschmid/2007WCSGAthletics/main.htm>

BC brought home 13 Gold Medals; 17 Silver and 15 Bronze to capture second place for the athletics competition.

➤ Western Canada Games

- This occurred August 8-11, 2007 in Sherwood Park, Strathcona County just outside of Edmonton Alberta.
- Team Staff included the following:-
 - o Sue Northey – Distance and Head Coach
 - o Mike Murray – Sprints, Hurdles and Relays
 - o Larry Blaschuk – Jumps
 - o Tom Nielsen – Throws
 - o Erin Bell – Combined Events
 - o Thelma Wright – Team Manager
 - o Tom Hastie – Team Manager

Results from the athletes at the WCG were:

Gold – 11
Silver – 10
Bronze - 3

The Canadian National Junior Track and Field Championships were held in Abbotsford, BC on July 27-29. This was very well attended by over 500 athletes from across Canada. The Valley Royals are to be congratulated for hosting such a successful national championship.

- Team BC was represented by 30 Athletes and the team staff were as follows:
 - Ian Cameron – Sprints and Hurdles Coach
 - Elena Voloshin – Jumps Coach
 - Ron Parker – Throws Coach and Head Coach
 - Al Johston – Middle Distance and Distance Coach
 - Wilma Peters – Team Manager

The Canadian National Legion Youth Championships took place August 8-14 in Oromocto New Brunswick. Team BC was comprised of 40 athletes (15 Fifteen Year Olds and 25 Juvenile Aged, 16 & 17 year olds)

The team staff for this team were:

- Greg Peters – Jumps and Head Coach
- Richard Collier – Throws Coach
- Larry Neilson – Sprints and Hurdles Coach
- Carolyn Daubeny – Distance Coach
- Irene Hanson- Monnie – Team Manager
- Steve Martin – Team Manager
- Grace and Scott Browning – Team Chaperones

The results for this team were very successful and the team brought home the following medals:-

Gold = 19
Silver = 12
Bronze = 12

In addition to the provincial programs many of our BC athletes achieved much success and were selected to various national teams. Following is a listing of the national team members from BC

2007 World Youth Championships – BC Results

The World Youth Championships were held in Ostrava, Czech Republic on July 7-11. Selection for this National team was based upon performances achieved during the window of April 26 to June 17 as there was no selection meet held for this team.

Here are the BC Results from the World Youth Championships. For full results, visit www.iaaf.org/WYC07/results/byEvent.html

| Name | Event | Results |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Evan Dunfee | 10km RW | 23rd – 47:40.86 (PB) |
| Emma Kimoto | High Jump | 21st - 1.70m |
| Laura Macauley | Shot Put, Javelin | 24th – 11.34m, 21st – 42.98 (PB) |
| Emmalynne MacCorquodale | Hammer | 16th – 50.18m |
| Christabel Nettey | 100mH, Long Jump | 8th – 14.42 (PB 13.49), 14th – 5.88m |
| Sabrina Nettey | 100m, Long Jump | 17th – 11.91, 8th – 5.96m |
| Keynan Parker | 100m | 5th – 10.74 (PB 10.61) |
| Angus Taylor | Discus, Hammer | NM, 23rd – 62.93m |

Mike Murray Sprints Coach

Pan Am Juniors BC Results:

| Name | Event | Result |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Mark Chenery | Decathlon | 4th, 6760 points |
| Inaki Gomez | 10km RW | 7th, 46:08.84 |
| Chantelle Groenewoud | 3000m SC | 6th, 11:12.64 |
| Reid Gustavson | Decathlon | Injury, DNF |
| Stacey Irvine | Pole Vault | 5th, 3.65m |
| Geoffrey Law | Pole Vault | Injury, NH |
| Kyle Nielsen | Javelin | 5th, 64.24m |
| Emily Sheppard | High Jump | 5th, 1.73m |
| Jessica Smith | 800m, 4x400m | 2nd, 2:07.27, 4th, 3:38.85 |

Nadine Nembhard – Team Physiotherapist

NACAC Development Cup in Race Walking August 12 in Hauppauge, New York

Several young BC Race Walkers participated in this meet and their results were as follows:

Heather Warwick – Women Aged 17-19 years – 5th place

Inaki Gomez – Men aged 17 – 19 years – 1st place

Evan Dunfee – Men Aged 17-19 years - 3rd place

Creighton Connolly – Men Aged 17-19 years – 9th Place

IAAF Pan Am Games - BC Athletes

Dylan Armstrong Shot put Kamloops Anatoly Bondarchuk - Gold

Diane Cummins 800m Victoria Brent Fougner - Gold

Crystal Smith Hammer throw Creston Jud Logan - 6th

Dariusz Slowik Discus throw Kamloops Richard Collier - Bronze

Athlete Assistance Program

The Athlete Assistance Program was distributed following the conclusion of the 2007 competitive season. The Senior Committee adjusted the standards and has had on-going discussions in regard to making some changes to the current system. There is an increased accountability from the government in many of the funding sources and the AAP is no different. BC Athletics is also looking at several changes so that the athletes receiving funding support through this program will be more accountable. Current changes include the athlete receiving support must submit a yearly training plan prior to the cheque being sent out. Other suggestions include making our BC Championship meet mandatory in order to be eligible for support. This is as a result of low attendance by our athletes on this program at the BC Championships. Also another point is that athletes awarded this support must make themselves available for BC Teams if selected. This year we have over \$75000 to be awarded to our athletes and the applications will be finalized at the senior committee meeting during the AGM.

National Youth Development Committee has most recently met at the Athletics Canada Technical Congress and is now led by Hugh Conlin as Bruce Pirnie has stepped down from his role as National Youth Development Director. Hugh is building contacts with possible athletes for the 2012 National Team. The list includes our current national leaders at the Juvenile and Junior age groups.

Athletics Canada Technical Congress

The Technical Congress took place at the end of November in Toronto. Once again BC was well represented at this national congress. This was a very good meeting with high quality presenters and a great deal of opportunity to interact with coaches from across Canada.

Highlights of the Congress included the following presentations:

- Best Practices – A Case Study – Gary Reed presented by Derek Evely and Wynn Gmitroski
- Dissecting Osaka – Moving towards Beijing and London – Martin Goulet and Les Gramantik
- Reflections of Rio de Janeiro and Osaka
- Assessment and Planning – Graham Barton from Canoe/Kayak Canada
- Women in Coaching – Carla Nicholls
- Sport Nutrition as a Recovery Tool – Trent Stellingwerff
- Club Development – Ivonne Shoucair and Ken Porter (Ottawa Lions Model)
- Keynote Address – Dr. Frank Dick
- Moving Towards 2012 –Rose Mercier

Up-coming highlights

Pacific Canada Series has four meets planned for mid June and preliminary schedules will be posted on the website by the first of February.

Provincial Championships

For the coming provincial championships this year all age groups will occur on the same weekend in July (13-15) at a location to be determined at the AGM.

The BCJD championships will be held in Nanaimo on July 13-15

National Legion Championships will be held in Sherbrooke, Quebec in early August

National Junior Track and Field Championships will be in Abbotsford British Columbia
National Senior Track and Field Championships will be in Windsor Ontario July 6-8

Run Jump Throw spearheaded by Thelma Wright continues to be a growing and exciting delivery program to bring the fundamental skills of running, jumping and throwing to more and more people around our province. The RJT program is an excellent means for elementary schools to be provided with a comprehensive resource to assist them in their instruction of basic motor skills.

Coaching Development

Over this past year there have been several NCCP coaching courses held in various locations around the province. Plans are underway currently to provide courses at the Level 2 and Level 3 in all event areas in March, 2008.

Please continue to utilize BC ATHLETICS website for up-to-date information.