

BC Athletics AGM 2008  
JD Committee Year end Report for 2007  
Submitted by – Denise Clements, JD Chair

I want to thank the JD committee for all their hard work this year. The Junior Development Program has undergone significant changes, and the transitions were successful due to the commitment of the JD Committee members.

Our current members on the committee are:

**Zone Members:**

Zone 1/2 - Alwilda Van Ryswyk  
Zone 3 – Sam Walker  
Zone 5 – Dawn Copping  
Zone 6 – Denise Clements

**Members at large:**

Len Van Ryswyk  
Peter Maryschuk  
Greg Clark  
Rob Krageli  
Jim Clifford

There are still no representatives for Zone 4, and Zone 7/8. There are also 3 more Members at Large positions to be filled.

2007 Meetings were held on Jan 21, Apr 1, Sept 9 and the AGM on Oct 13.

**2007 Championships**

The 2007 JD T&F Championship was held at Kamloops. The new facility in Kamloops is wonderful. We look forward to attending further JD events there. The meet was well attended. All recommendations we receive are reviewed, and we continue to try and incorporate suggestions and changes to our program. The successful bid for the 2008 Championships was hard-fought between Kamloops and Nanaimo, with Nanaimo winning the bid for 2008.

The 2007 JD Pentathlon Championship was held in White Rock with Ocean Athletics running the Championship for the first time. They were very successful, and are the successful bidders for the 2008 Pentathlon Championships. Congratulations on your successful Championships in 2007.

**2007 Awards Banquet**

The 2007 JD Awards banquet was well attended and very successful, even without the 15 year olds in our program. Many thanks to all the committee members who worked so hard to have our awards program such a success. The luncheon program seems to be very popular, and we will continue the Sunday event.

We were successful in developing a video for this year's awards program. We encourage all coaches and parents to send video clips to us, to use in next years awards program.

**Top Ten and JD Awards**

We implemented the new awards standards for this year, but due to the lateness in posting it to the web, the committee voted to accept submissions based on either the old criteria or the new criteria. This was a one-time only decision. Please familiarize yourselves and your club members with the new awards standards, and the criteria that **MUST** be met to be considered for a provincial award. We continue to have to deny awards to athletes who would have been eligible based on their performances, but did not meet the other components of the awards criteria.

We would like to be able to award all those whose performances would qualify them for an award, but it is up to clubs to ensure that all other required criteria is met.

**2008 JD Committee meeting schedule:**

The committee will be meeting in 2008 as follows:

January 27 – 1 p.m. (at Conference Center following BCA AGM)

April 6 – 10 a.m. (at Brighthouse Pavilion in Richmond)

Sept 7 – 10 a.m. (at Brighthouse Pavilion in Richmond)

The BCJD AGM will be held in October, the date will be announced at a later time.

Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings.

**2008 Championships:**

2 bids to host the 2007 JD Championships were received, one from Vancouver Island Athletic Association, and one from Kamloops Track and Field. Voting to award was conducted, and Nanaimo won the bid. Championship will be held on July 11/12/13.

Ocean Athletics (White Rock) was the only bid for the 2008 JD Pentathlon Championship. They were awarded the bid, with the Championship being held on June 21<sup>st</sup> in White Rock.

The Long Term Athletic Development changes were implemented this year, again successfully by clubs and athletes alike. It takes a bit of time to get use to the changes, but in all changes, time and suggestions will help. We will miss the 15 year olds, who are now identified as World Youth 15, and are under the Junior, Juvenile, and Senior program now.

Again, I want to thank everyone who participates in the JD Program, as a volunteer, committee member, coach, administrator, or athlete. I hope to see the continued development of our JD Program, and look forward to 2008.

Denise Clements  
JD Committee Chair