

BC SUMMER GAMES REPORT
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This summer the BC Summer Games will be held in Kelowna from Thursday, July 24th to Sunday, July 27th. I am currently working on putting together the Host Organizing Committee which will be headed up by Mark Koochin, the Sport Chair in Kelowna.

The Zone Representatives for the 2008 Games are listed at the end of this report. Each zone rep is currently working on the details of the zone trials for each of the 8 zones. Details will be posted on the BC Athletics website as soon as they become available. For general rules and regulations concerning the events, zones, team structure, and travel please go to the BC Games Society website at www.begames.org.

General Rules

- All athletes, coaches and chaperones must hold membership in BC Athletics.
- Athletes must be born in 1993 or 1994 in order to compete.
- Athletes must compete in the Zone Trials for the zone in which they live and must attend the trials in order to be placed on a team.
- Each zone team will be made up of 30 athletes [15 female, 15 male]. An additional 48 athletes [24 female, 24 male] will be added to the various teams in Wild Card positions based on their performances at the trials. Wild cards will be assigned by the Provincial Sport Advisor in consultation with the zone representatives.
- A total of 288 athletes will be able to participate in Athletics at the Summer Games.
- The team staff will consist of 1 coach who must be fully certified at NCCP Level 2 or the equivalent CBET level along with 3 assistant coaches/managers. Additional managers will be added to teams as required under the new travel guidelines. Athletes will no longer be permitted to travel on their own; they must be dropped off at a point where a team staff member is available to travel with them. Zones with a central pickup point will not be affected by this rule change. Larger zones will have to make more detailed travel arrangements.
- All zone trials must be completed by June 15, 2008 with the recommendation that a June 8 deadline is better for the Provincial Advisor and the Zone Reps to complete the Wild Card process so that selected athletes can be advised of their inclusion on the team.
- Final team lists must be submitted to the Provincial Advisor by Monday, June 16, 2008.
- Final deadline for online registration with BC Games Society is Monday, June 23, 2008.

Changes for 2008

- Travel details have been changed by the BC Games Society in order to ensure that no athletes travel alone once they have come under the BC Games administration.
- The schedule has been changed to move all of the field events to Friday and Saturday as our time for events on Sunday has been reduced and medal ceremonies must be completed well before the time for the Closing Ceremonies.
- The pentathlon will be held for both female and male athletes and all of their events will be scheduled for Friday and Saturday [moved from Saturday and Sunday] due to the time constraints listed above.

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