

BC Athletics
AGM Report
Coaching Education Report
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2009 was a busy year for Coaching Education.

It began with three BC coaches attending an Athletics Canada Club Coach Wheelchair Specialization Workshop held in Toronto in early February.

In connection with the Power of Sport Tour BC Athletics offered a Sport Coach course in White Rock on Feb. 21 and 22.

Other Sport Coach (old Level One) courses were offered at the following locations:

April 3, 4 and 5 in Port Alberni – 7 participants

April 24, 25 and 26 in Smithers – 14 participants

Sept. 18-20 in Nanaimo – 6 participants

Oct. 23-25 in Kelowna – 3 participants

As we have attempted to offer more regular Level 3 opportunities for our coaches in BC we held our third year in a row a Level 3 or Competition Development course in Victoria on March 20-22. There were 14 people participating in this course.

There was a decline of participation in the various coaching courses and it is difficult to determine the cause.

Athletics Canada in its transition of the Coaching Certification courses they have requested that the provinces hold off in offering Competition Development courses as the National Coaches will be offering these courses in the Fall of each year. There will be a clearer idea as to how and where these courses will be offered.

A second aspect of the Coaching Education which is different from previous years has to do with an evaluation process that coaches need to go through to become fully certified. Each province is responsible for the identification of the coaches who will be evaluators. Once a coach has taken the weekend courses for both or either Sport Coach and/or Club Coach they would be said to be trained and in order to become certified they would need to contact the office to be evaluated.

Courses will be continued to be offered in various locations around the province. As there has not been any courses offered in the Kootenay region of our province it is hoped to find a location and a host for a Sport Coach Course this Spring. With the BC Summer Games taking place in 2010 some zones may need to have some courses to ensure their coaches are properly qualified. Zone Reps should contact BC Athletics to set up a course in their area of the province.

Up-Coming courses planned for 2010 include the following:

Sport Coach Courses in various zones around the province

Club Coach Courses in the Lower Mainland in February

Club Coach Courses in the Okanagan in March

Competition Development courses being offered in September at a location to be determined.

Evaluations will be provided as requested.