

BC Summer Games Report

2012 BC Summer Games	Surrey	July 19 – 22, 2012
2014 BC Summer Games	Nanaimo	July 17 – 20, 2014

Planning is under way for the 2012 BC Summer Games in Surrey. The venue for Athletics, chosen by Surrey, is Bear Creek Park. This is the home of the South Fraser Track Club who will host the Games assisted by other Surrey track and field clubs. The Bear Creek facility will undergo renovation beginning October 2011, to be finished in spring 2012. This should bring the facility up to current IAAF facility standards. Bear Creek Park last hosted the BC Summer Games in 1989 with 4,000 athletes from all over the province. That was also the year that the old Lafarge gravel pit in Coquitlam opened as a new 100 acre recreation complex called Town Centre Park.

The BC Summer Games Host Community Sport Meeting is set for November 5th in Cloverdale. This is a critical planning meeting between the BC Summer Games staff, Surrey Competitions Chair, Surrey Director of Sport, Sport Provincial Advisors and Surrey Sport Chairs. The many of the details required to make the Games a success will be finalized for each sport at this meeting.

One of the many challenges anticipated in 2012 is athlete participation. Most sports have experienced low athlete participation rates from several zones in the Province, specifically the North and East. The 2010 Langley Summer Games report for Athletics indicates the following for participation: Kootenay (12 athletes); Thompson Okanagan (31); Fraser Valley (49); Fraser River Delta (23); Vancouver-Squamish (33); Vancouver Island Central Coast (52); North West (19); Cariboo North East (24). It is feasible that a concentration of population, the number of track and field clubs and a temperate climate in the southwestern zones accounts for their high participation rate while the opposite may be said about the poor showing for the northern and eastern zones. An additional pressure for next year may be the effect of the current labour dispute in schools. Many zones rely on the schools to actively attract and engage students to participate in sports and the BC Summer Games.

The BC Games provides a new upgraded facility in the community and a fun way to gain experience and help out and meet new friends in the community. But the recruitment of volunteers is always a challenge for the Summer Games. The Athletics competition requires a large crew of volunteers and technical officials.

Your help is wanted and we value your input. We would appreciate hearing your views regarding the BC Summer Games.

Do you have suggestions/observations on how the BC Summer Games can be improved?

Do you have any ideas regarding improving participation?

Please contact the Provincial Advisor, Dale Loewen.

Can you help in one of the zones, as a volunteer, coach or chaperon?

Please contact the Zone Rep from your zone in the following list.

Can you help by being a volunteer at the Surrey Summer Games?

Please contact Sport Chair, Lesley Woodman.

Would like to be a technical official or mentor others during the Surrey Summer Games?

Please contact the Chair of the Officials Committee, John Cull.

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