

December 2011

The committee members currently are:-

Ian Cameron – Sprints/Hurdles

Tara Self- Sprints/Hurdles

Open – Combined Events

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Barb Vida – Jumps

Byron Jack – Jumps

Richard Collier - throws

Harold Willers - throws

Al Johnston – walks

Gerry Swan – middle distance

Chris Johnston - middle distance

Sue Northey – distance

Jerry Tighe – distance

Ron Bunting – Chair

This committee met several times this past year. The committee meets and elects committee members at the AGM. At present there are a number of committee positions coming up for renewal. See the following link: <http://www.bcathletics.org/main/agm/agenda2012.htm>

Discussion on the composition of the committee itself has occurred and will in 2012 be reviewed by the Brd of Directors and Staff. It was decided to leave the composition of the committee as it was and further discussions would occur over the course of 2011.

BC Team Selection Criteria and Standards:

Each year the committee spends a great deal of time in looking at selection standards and criteria for our provincial teams. Discussions occur not only at our meetings but via email throughout the year as well. There is always healthy dialogue prior to any decision in regard to the selection standards.

BC continues to be one of the only provincial Athletics organization across Canada who sends a provincial team to the Nationals the Track and Field Committee looks at applications for Team staff to accompany these teams. Applications are reviewed by the committee and staffing is determined through the different event areas. An important role is that of Team Manager which is determined through applications along with input from BC Athletics staff. Levels of Certification are required as per the Team Staff application and as per BC Athletics Policy for Coach Membership a current (every 4 yrs) Criminal Records Check (CRC) is required. Team Staff are selected in 2 yr cycles with a call for staff every year.

BC Athlete Assistance:

Another focus of the committee each year is the Athlete Assistance Program. The committee reviews the Age Performance Standards and makes adjustments to the previous year's standards based on the performance levels in each event area. Funding is awarded to the athletes who have met the Age Performance Standards and our selection criteria. First of all we look at those who are nationally carded; the second category is for those athletes achieving the Age Performance Standards; thirdly the injury card requests are processed and then the fourth category is to provide the remaining funds to support those athletes who have achieved nearness to the age performance standards. A scorecard is created for each and every applicant. The dollar amount assigned to each applicant is determined mainly by their performances and their team selection along with other criteria as posted. For this coming year the funding available to the athletes applying for funding support is approximately \$40 000. Athletics has been reduced from approximately \$75000 to less than \$40000 over the past two years.

Athlete Assistance continues to be at approximately \$40 000 with a corresponding number of athletes funded in 2011-2012.

Awards:

Annual Award nominations are received and reviewed by the Track and Field Committee and recipients are selected based upon the performances of the athletes compared to the Age Performance Standards, Rankings, Championship Placing, Records and consistency of performances as reflected in the Prov/Nat'l/World rankings. It is always difficult in choosing between many talented individuals.

The Track and Field Committee is composed of two representatives from each event area with coaches located in many regions of our province. Discussions will once again occur about the composition of this committee at this year's AGM – Sunday meeting.

Submitted by Ron Bunting
Chair
BC Athletics Track & Field Committee