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## JD Pentathlon Championships

The JD and Midget Pentathlon Championships took place on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Maple Ridge and were hosted by Golden Ears Athletics. It was a well run meet with 91 girls and 67 boys taking part in the event; the largest fields coming in the 10 year olds and 12 year olds; a trend similar to the previous year. While overall numbers were down from the previous year (112 girls and 78 boys in 2013); the previous year was up significantly from the year before. Participation at the 14/15 level was almost exactly the same as the previous year (19 in 2014 to 18 in 2013). This initiative fit both the objectives of creating celebratory events and systems to promote the sport and recognize the achievements of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers and provision of effective competition schedule with appropriate opportunities for athletes to maximize their potential

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The 2014 BCJD Championships were held in July 25-27 in Surrey BC, hosted by Universal Athletics Club. The Friday night events were held at South Surrey Park to accommodate the Pole Vault, the Saturday and Sunday events were held at Bear Creek Park. The meet had 432 athletes registered, 339 of which actually attended and competed. This compares to 300 athletes that competed in Nanaimo in the 2013 championships. 32 Clubs sent athletes to the championships, and there were also unattached members of BCA competing. The Championships were supported by 24 BC Athletics Officials. The meet ran on schedule, with medal ceremonies first on Friday evening, then mid-day (during breaks on the track) and at the end of competition on both Saturday and Sunday. The meet organizers provided excellent feedback in their post event report and this has been reviewed by the JD Committee with the following suggestions adopted: This initiative fit both the objectives of creating celebratory events and systems to promote the sport and recognize the achievements of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers and provision of effective competition schedule with appropriate opportunities for athletes to maximize their potential

## JD Cross-Country Championships:

The JD Cross-Country Championships took place on Sat, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the main championships. Overall numbers were down from the previous year, although last year's numbers were up in relation to 2012. Breakdown over the past years has been: All / Girls / Boys – 2014: 175 /99 / 76 – 2013: 224 / 116/108 – 2012: 195 / 97 /98. It is unclear why 2013 was such a good year numbers wise, or why the number of boys participating dropped off so dramatically. However, the lack of participation by private schools in the boys' events in 2014 explains a drop of 14 entrants and there were a substantial number of unattached entrants in 2013 (29) compared to 2014 (12).

## JD Banquet Survey

The JD Committee undertook a survey to gauge support for the Awards banquet. The survey showed strong support for the continuation of the banquet and both the JD awards and crest programs. This initiative fits into the strategy for creating celebratory events and systems to promote the sport and recognize the achievements of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

JD Awards: The JD Awards Banquet was held at the Croatian Cultural Center on Sunday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, following the BC JD Cross Country Championships the day before. Rachel Cliff and Chris Winter were in attendance to speak as guests of honour. Greg White (BCA Executive Chair) attended the banquet at which ninety-seven athletes received awards.

#### JD Survey:

The JD Committee published a survey to elicit feedback from athletes, coaches, parents and officials on their experiences at JD Track Meets. The results will be used to identify any areas of concern that would impact athlete/parent enjoyment and potentially harm or inhibit athlete retention and recruitment in our sport. This survey fits within the objective of exploring participant retention and attrition, and addressing of the findings.

#### Meet Feedback:

The JD Committee has begun to institute a feedback mechanism to provide suggestions on how JD meets can be improved. This initiative fits within the objective of providing an effective competition schedule with appropriate opportunities for athletes to maximize their potential and the ensuring that events of the highest quality in all parts are provided throughout the province and in all disciplines.