

2017 Track and Field Committee Annual Report

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2017 proved to be another successful season of track and field for the Province of British Columbia. Our athletes represented the province well across a number of competitions and events both nationally and internationally. BC had athlete representation at the following international competitions: IAAF World Championships - London, England, Summer Universiade Games (FISU) – Taipei, Taiwan, Jeux de la Francophonie (JDLF) – Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire, Pan American Junior Championships – Trujillo, Peru and the Commonwealth Youth Games – Nassau, Bahamas. With podium finishes at the Jeux de la Francophonie, FISU Games, Pan Am Junior Championships and the Commonwealth Youth Games, BC athletes proved that they were capable of performing at a high level in a number of challenging environments.

On home soil, BC had strong representation at Canadian National Championships having sent well-rounded provincial teams to the Canadian Senior and Junior National Championships in Ottawa, Ontario as well as the Canadian Youth and Midget National Championships in Brandon, Manitoba. BC athletes, both on and off our provincial teams, performed well and returned home with a significant number of medals. BC also sent a successful team to the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where medals and personal best were abundant.

2018 and Beyond

- To continue to provide competition that will allow our athletes to grow and flourish in track and field.
- Begin work on *Event Group Plans* (EGP) as a means of providing education and development to both coaches and athletes in order to create, promote and retain athletes in each area of track and field.
- Strategic planning within each event group will help to establish goals for each event group related to athlete performance, medal production at National Championships as well as increasing the number of BC athletes on National Teams leading to international medals.
- Create a BC Jamboree Competition Schedule Template – this template is to be provided to Host Clubs to ensure a smooth flowing competition. The template is to be adjustable based on the facility needs of the Host Club.
- Promote community involvement and outreach, we need to make track and field a sport that is not only thought of “after the fact” but is a sport that is considered important to all sport as running is such a basic skill.

- Increase funding in BC AAP through fundraising. More money directly to athletes.

The successes that occurred this past track and field season have shown that as a province we are more than capable of producing formidable athletes. With continued focus on athlete development and support, BC will continue to produce successful national and international athletes across event groups.