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The BC Summer Games Athletics competition is a biennial event for midget (14-15) aged athletes occurring in different communities throughout British Columbia on even numbered years. 2017 has been a year of planning for the 2018 BC Summer Games which will be held in Cowichan July 19 – 22, 2018. The Athletics venue is the Cowichan Sportsplex located in Duncan and will be hosted by the Cowichan Valley Athletic Club. The 2018 Sport Chair for the event is Todd Blumel. Todd attended the 2016 Abbotsford BC Summer Games and is already in the process of planning the 2018 event.

The BC Summer Games Athletics competition is the largest event at the Games. It includes 304 athletes (including Special Olympics), 36+ head Coaches, assistant Coaches and managers, 40+ officials and more than 100 technical aids and volunteers.

## 2016 BC SUMMER GAMES EVALUATION

Following is a summary of our 2016 successes:

### 1. Athlete Development

- Brought athletes from 8 zones
- Utilized over 94% of athlete allocation
- Athlete workshop conducted at the Games on the non-competition day
- M:F gender ratio was 49:51

### 2. Coaching Development

- 4 Head Coach exemptions were utilized
- All Head Coaches were certified at the Club Coach level or received an exemption
- All Assistant Coaches had NCCP training

### 3. Officials' Development

- Core Sport Review form was not submitted at the time of this report so there is little information available (note: Officials were mentored and moved to higher levels)
- Registered Officials were from 5 different zones

### 4. BC Games Partnership

- Responsive to requests and proactive in addressing issues
- A good partner
- BC Athletics clearly values their inclusion in the Games

### 5. Canadian Sport for Life

- CSL plan indicates that the current ages of athletes and current level of Coaches and Officials included in the BC Games are a good fit

**Overall Performance was Partially to Fully Met all Criteria.**

## ORGANIZATION CAPACITY

The BC Summer Games relies heavily on having key personnel in place to effectively complete the BC Summer Games process. Key positions required are the Provincial Advisor, Assistant Provincial Advisor, Sport Chair, the 8 Zones Reps and the 8 Head Coaches. One of the most difficult tasks is attracting enthusiastic and competent people into these positions. We have been very fortunate to have had excellent volunteers but the pool is shallow.

## INITIATIVES FOR 2017-2018 RELATING TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

In our last report, we identified key initiatives which are vital for our success:

1. Develop a new Provincial Advisor for the future BC Summer Games.
  - We have identified Debbie Foote as the new Provincial Advisor to be mentored through the 2018 BC Summer Games to take over completely by the 2020 Maple Ridge BC Summer Games.
2. Develop a deeper pool of level 2 coaches willing to participate in the BC Summer Games.
  - This is a critical challenge for the BC Summer Games. We are not getting sufficient support throughout the Zones and 2018 does not look promising.
3. Work with BCHSTF Association to coordinate more zone trials in conjunction with the BCHSTF zone trials.
  - The BC High School Championships now include the Midget Age group. We will look to co-ordinate our Trials if possible.
4. Improve trial selection processes, administrative processes for the games competition and reduce duplication in reporting.
  - We will work with Sam Collier to improve the registration process. Unfortunately, the BC Summer Games requires their own process which is not compatible with our needs.
5. Improve athlete, coach, parent, and volunteer awareness of the policies regarding harassment and bullying.
  - The issue of harassment and bullying is a complex social morass which requires an extensive commitment by all to support anti-policies and to be vigilant in reporting cases of both.
6. Improve athlete, parent and coach knowledge of the rules of the Sport.
  - Ongoing.

### MOVING FORWARD TO COWICHAN JULY 19 – 22, 2018

We wish to thank all who made Abbotsford an overwhelming success. It was one of our best Games Competitions.

The BC Games is a developmental program for our midget aged athletes. It is their first opportunity to travel to a multi-sport Games, represent their region, be coached by zone coaches who they may not know, and stay away from home in Games accommodation.

The BC Games is a developmental program for zone reps, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, adult supervisors and officials.

**If you are new to coaching or want to become a team manager, this is a well organized, structured and good place for you to start and develop your skills. If you are a level 1- 3 official and need mentoring, this is the place for you. If you who have been faithfully serving and volunteering your time in previous Games, we need you back.**

**To be involved, please contact us at the Provincial Advisor Email address below.**

Further Information for the 2018 BC Summer Games will be posted on the BC Athletics website, BC Summer Games page.

BC Summer Games Athletics Email to Provincial Advisor: [2018bcsg@gmail.com](mailto:2018bcsg@gmail.com)

Also see the following Link: <https://www.bcgames.org/Games.aspx>

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