

2018 Track and Field Committee Annual Report

Tara Self - Chair

With representation by athletes from BC at a number of international competitions, the sport of track and field continues to thrive in our province. BC athletes represented Canada at the World Indoor Championships, Birmingham, United Kingdom, the Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia, IAAF World Race Walk Team Championship, Taicang, China, the Jamaican U18 Invitational, Kingston, Jamaica, the IAAF U20 Championships, Tampere, Finland and the NACAC Senior Championship in Toronto, Ontario. Our athletes achieved a number of personal bests and podium finishes in these competitions. BC Athletics also sent teams to the Canadian Senior/Junior National Championships in Ottawa, Ontario, the Legion Youth/Midget National Championships in Brandon, Manitoba and the Canadian 10000m Championships in Guelph, Ontario. Please refer to the Technical Manager – Track and Field Report for Performance Analysis.

Initiatives – 2019 and Beyond

In 2018, BC Athletics was able to begin to new event group projects, BC Throws Project and the BC Sprint/Hurdle Project. Both event groups were able to have successful Warm Weather Camps as a means of providing opportunity for coaching and athlete education and training. In 2019, the hope is to duplicate these opportunities and provide further support for athlete and coach development.

As the Competition Calendar at the International level continues to fluctuate, it is important to provide relevant competitions for our athletes. In 2019, our Provincial Championship Jamboree for Midget, Youth, Junior and Senior, will be moved earlier in the season to adjust for the change in the timing of the Canadian National Championships. Due to the change in schedule, we will be able to use the Jamboree as a selection meet for our BC Junior Team and BC Senior Team.

Promotion of community involvement and outreach continues to be a priority. 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.

There will continue to be a focus on increasing funding in BC AAP (Athlete Assistance Program). The aim is always to provide more help/aid to the athletes in pursuit of their goals. Also, increasing funding for BC Teams in order to support more athletes to National Championships.

Track and Field in BC continues to flourish, however, as a collective we need to continue to put forth athlete focused programs and support in order to continue being the strength that we are both in Canadian track and field and internationally.

