

2019 Track and Field Committee Annual Report
Tara Self – Chair

Track and Field Committee

Track and Field Committee is responsible for but not limited to:

- Setting selection standards for BC Teams in Track and Field Competitions
- Selecting the athletes for BC Teams
- Selecting the coaching staff for the BC Teams
- Selecting athletes for the BC Athletics Annual Awards for Excellence for U16, U18, U20 and Senior categories
- Selecting athletes for the BC AAP – BC Athlete Assistance Program
- Selecting BC Athletics Championships hosts, date sites for U16, U18, U20 and Senior age groups

There are vacant committee positions for which the Technical Manager is working with the Chair of the Track and Field Committee to fill. All interested coaches/athletes are asked to contact the Track and Field Technical Manager to put names forward.

Current Committee

1. Tara Self (Chair)
2. Open (Male Athlete Rep)
3. Jessica Smith (Female Athlete Rep)
4. Open (Middle Distance)
5. Mark Bomba (Middle Distance)
6. Open (Endurance)
7. Laurie Willett (Throws)
8. Byron Jack (Jumps)
9. Ana Karanovic (Para)
10. Taylyr Dickenson (Para)
11. Pat Sima-Ledding (Combined Events)
12. Barb Vida (Combined Events)
13. Elena Voloshin (Sprints/Hurdles)
14. Open (Sprints/Hurdles)

British Columbia continues to produce a significant number of athletes that represent Canada at international events. This year, BC athletes represented Canada at the World Relays in Yokohama, Japan, the Pan Am Race Walking Cup in Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, the Summer Universiade Games (FISU) in Napoli, Italy, the NACAC U18/U23 Championships in Queretaro, Mexico, the Pan American U20 Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica, the Pan American Championships in Lima, Peru and the IAAF World Championships in Doha, Qatar. With podium finishes and personal bests, BC athletes shine around the world when given the chance. BC Athletics named and sent BC Teams to the following Canadian National Championships; Canadian Junior/Senior National Championships in Montreal, Quebec, the Legion U18/U16 National Championships in Sydney, Nova Scotia, the 10000m Championships in Burnaby, BC and the Combined

Events Championships in Toronto, Ontario. Please refer to the Technical Manager – Track and Field Report for Performance Analysis.

Year in Review

This year the committee dealt with the following items:

- a. BC Athletics Athlete Assistance Program Criteria Development and Nominations
- b. BC Athletics High Performance Program Criteria Development and Nominations
- c. BC Team Staff Selection Policy Updates and Approvals
- d. BC Athletics Annual Award Winners Nominations
- e. SportBC Award Nominees
- f. U16/U18/U20/Senior and Para BC Track and Field Selection Criteria

Initiatives – 2020 and beyond

The Track and Field Committee continues to work on providing ideas to improve funding for our BC athletes. This past year, U23 standards were added to the BC High Performance Targeted Athlete Program to help athletes bridge the gap between being U20 athletes and Senior level athletes. These U23 standards will allow more athletes access to services and support as they continue their athletic endeavours.

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.

Both the BC Throws Project and the BC Sprints/Hurdles Project were active for a second year in 2018/2019. The BC Throws Project had a successful Throws Summit in November of 2018 at the Richmond Oval and will host the BC Throws Project Development Camp in Kamloops this September. The BC Sprints/Hurdles Project held a Warm Weather Training Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada, which was attended by 28 athletes and coaches. With additional funding, these Projects will continue to provide opportunities for many BC athletes.

Going into the 2020 season, our competition calendar continues to be in flux. The committee's wish is to use the BC Jamboree as a selection meet for the Canadian National U20/Senior Championships whenever possible and in 2019 we were able to do just that with strong results. However, in 2020 due to the National Championship being moved earlier in the season to accommodate the 2020 Olympic Games, the competition calendar does not allow us to host a selection meet and will revert to selection for those teams based on rankings. The 2020 BC Jamboree will continue to be used as a selection meet for the Legion U18/U16 Nationals.

BC athletes continue to impress across event groups and age groups. With continued support and opportunity, our athletes will achieve success and continue to represent our province and country proudly.