

BC Summer Games Report 2019 AGM Debbie Foote 1.7j

OVERVIEW

The BC Summer Games Athletics competition is a biennial event for U16 (14-15) aged athletes. The BC Games take place in different communities on even numbers years. The 2018 BC Summer Games took place July 19-22, 2018 in Cowichan (Quw'utsun'), held in Duncan at the Cowichan Sportplex. The atmosphere was close knit and enjoyable.

2019 /2020 has been and is currently spent planning for the next games, which will be held at Maple Ridge Secondary School July 23 – 26, 2020. Hosted by Golden Ears Athletics Club. The 2020 Sport Chair being Derrick Stevenson.

The 2022 BC Summer Games will take place at the new Masich Place Stadium track and field facility July 21-24, 2022 in Prince George, BC

The BC Summer Games Athletics competition includes 304 athletes (including Special Olympics), 36 + Coaches, Assistant Coaches and managers, 40+ officials and more than 100 Technical Aids and volunteers.

BC Games Sports are required to compete on each day the Games or conduct workshops on the non-competition day. Athletics competitions will take place on the Friday and Saturday with a development program held on the Sunday. This event is co-hosted by; BC Athletics, Special Olympics plus other Sports as determined prior to the Games. Guest speakers invited speak about their personal journeys in sport and why it is important to stay involved in sport.

2018 BC SUMMER GAMES EVALUATION

Following is a summary of our 2018 successes:

1. Athlete Development

- Brought athletes from 8 zones
- Utilized over 97% of athlete allocation
- Athlete workshop conducted at the Games on the non-competition day
- Podium Search development assessment
- M:F gender ratio was 50:50 (139:139)

2. Coaching Development

- Head Coach exemptions were not required
- All Head Coaches were Certified Club Coaches
- All Assistant Coaches were Trained Club Coaches or Trained Sport Coaches

3. Officials' Development

- Number by Level: ITO-1; NTO-1; Level 1-1; Level 2-7; Level 3-11; Level 4-6; Level 5-16
- Officials were mentored for advancement to higher levels
- One National Level Clinic – Photo-timing
- Several Level 1 and 2 clinics conducted in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island
- Registered Officials were from 4 different zones

4. BC Games Partnership

- Responsive to requests and proactive in addressing issues (assumed - under review)
- A good partner (assumed – under review)
- 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

ORGANIZATION CAPACITY

The BC Summer Games relies heavily on having key personnel in place to effectively complete the BC Summer Games process. These positions are all unpaid volunteers who commit hundreds of hours of their time to make the BC Summer Games a success. The key positions are the Provincial Advisor, Assistant Provincial Advisor, Sport Chair, eight Zones Reps and the eight 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 2019-2020 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.
 - Debbie Foote has been fully mentored and is the newly appointed Provincial Advisor to replace Dale Loewen for 2020 Maple Ridge BC Summer Games
 - Pamela (Dawn) Driver is the newly appointed Assistant Provincial Advisor assigned to work with Debbie Foote for 2020 Maple Ridge BC Summer Games.
2. Develop a deeper pool of Certified Club Coaches and Trained Sport Coaches willing to participate in the BC Summer Games.
 - This continues to be a critical challenge for the BC Summer Games. We were very fortunate to have been able to recruit Kathy Andrews and Braedon Dolfo to assume the Head coach roles for Zone 7 and 8. Within the Zones there are capable coaches, but they do not possess the required certification. Work needs to be done to develop coaches in Zones 1, 2, 7, and 8.
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 U16 (14/15) Age group. We will look to coordinate more BC Games Zone Trials if possible with the BCHSC area trials.
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 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 MAPLE RIDGE JULY 23 – 26, 2020

We wish to thank all who made Cowichan an overwhelming success.

The BC Games is a developmental program for our U16 (14/15) 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 serving and volunteering your time in previous Games, we need you back.

There will be a need for several NEW ZONE REPS.

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

Further Information for the 2020 BC Summer Games will be posted on the BC Athletics website, BC Summer Games page.

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

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