

## **2020 - JD Committee Report to the BC Athletics AGM**

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### **The JD Pentathlon Championships/ JD Track and Field Championship/ JD Cross Country Championships**

In 2020 the Pentathlon Championships were awarded to the Okanagan Athletics Club in Kelowna, the Track and Field Championships to Ocean Athletics in White Rock and the JD Cross Country Championships to the Prairie Inn Harriers in Victoria for their second year.

The Pentathlon and Track and Field Championships were cancelled because of COVID 19 restrictions. The Clubs who had been awarded these championships will have first right of refusal to hold them in 2021

The 2019 Cross Country Championships were held in Victoria with a good number of keen cross country runners travelling from the lower mainland. It is not known yet whether the 2020 meet will be held and in what form.

### **JD Awards Banquet**

The JD Awards Banquet will not be held in 2020 as athletes did not have the opportunity to compete at the approved meets in 2020. It is not expected that any JD Awards will be given out this year,. All meets on the JD Schedule for 2020 were cancelled in 2020 because of the COVID 19 regulations The Banquet had been scheduled for October with the Riverside Banquet Hall in Richmond as the venue for the sixth year in succession. Many thanks to Tom Dingle for the huge amount of work that he undertakes to collate results and provide standards for awards and crests as well as keep track of the lists of athlete results for the BC Athletics web site. The committee continues to pursue the idea that JD Award winners should be given a free Banquet ticket. Meal prices continue to increase. In future Clubs will not be expected to provide door prizes for the award winner's draw.

### **Graduation Certificates**

In future graduation certificate packages for 13 year olds will be available at the JD Track and Field Championships.

### **Crests**

Many thanks are due to Tom Dingle for producing the crest standards. Clubs continue to order the BC Athletics crests and honour athletes at their Club Banquets. Unattached athletes may order as individuals.

### **Annual Planning**

Darren Willis assisted the JD Committee in putting together documents that the committee could use to know what and when they should be tackling projects. At the first meeting of each year this planning document will help new members to know what to expect. This session will not only identify the Committee's work for the year, but will help build agendas for the year's meetings.

This planning work will also:

- Build a sense of ownership on the part of committee members for the work to be done.

- Give everyone a clear context for the work they're doing.
- Help Committee members build skills.

### **JD Coach Training**

It has been identified that the present training provided under the NCCP courses does not meet the needs of JD Coaches. More emphases need to be placed on how to coach and how to introduce events rather than what to coach. It would be great if BC Athletics could host workshops and clinics geared to the needs of JD coaches as well as one-on-one mentorship during practices.

In conclusion, the JD Committee would like to see the following continue in 2021:

- Growth of coaches and volunteers in all clubs
- Expansion of clubs across the province
- Encouragement for all athletes to compete not just train
- Adequate facilities

Respectfully submitted,

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