

2021 - 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. All these 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 2022

Many Clubs were able to hold in club competitions that were sanctioned. When the provincial health organization opened up sport to regular competition the Zones very quickly organized Zone Challenges which proved to be very successful. For the first time JD athletes were able to compete outside their club's memberships. It was interesting to see how much athletes want to compete and how much they enjoy trying to improve their PB's. Clubs are encouraged to give out club awards based on their own in club meet results. I observed that athletes who compete are able to understand why they train and attitude, focus and performances improve.

JD Awards Banquet

The JD Awards Banquet was not held in 2021 as athletes did not have the opportunity to compete at approved meets. JD Awards of Excellence will not be given out this year, Athletes who achieved All Time Top 10 results at sanctioned meets will be considered by the JD Committee for inclusion on these lists..

Graduation Certificates

This year Clubs who would like to hand out Graduation Certificates should contact Dawn Copping.

Crests

Many thanks are due to Tom Dingle for producing the crest and award standards. Clubs can continue to order the BC Athletics crests based on sanctioned meet results to honour their athletes. Unattached athletes may order as individuals.

Sprint Timer App.

With the help of the Officials Committee a Sprint Timer App was investigated in the hope of finding a cheap way for clubs to time in club meets. However, this app did not meet the necessary standards for accurate results.

JD Differences to World Athletics Rules

A list of these differences was compiled with Birgit Weaver's help, discussed by the Committee and sent by Darren Willis to Brian MCCalder for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval. These differences are now part of the JD Handbook and a list has been received by the Officials Committee.

JD Budget

Brian McC Calder provided a detailed report as to how the funds for JD programs are spent. The Committee is studying this report and may in the future suggest adjustments.

JD Coach Training

It was great to see BC Athletics host on line clinics geared to the needs of coaches. One to one mentorship during practices is in the works now that Covid regulations are more relaxed.

In conclusion, the JD Committee would like to see the following happen in 2022:

- Return to normal operation within clubs
- Return to regular competitions
- Growth of coaches and volunteers in all clubs
- Expansion of clubs across the province
- Adequate facilities built

Respectfully submitted,

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