

# Female Athlete Director Report

August 2021

- **Tokyo '2020' Olympic Games**
  - Congratulations to the 18 BC athletes who represented Canada at the Olympics. What a fantastic accomplishment it is to make it to the world stage; especially after the trying year we all had. The challenges these athletes faced of having the games delayed by a year were astronomical. A big shoutout to Evan Dunfee and Jerome Blake who brought home medals to BC.
    - The '2020' Paralympic Games begins on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to cheering on our 4 athletes from BC!
  - Additionally, 5 BC athletes have been named to the 2021 World Athletics U20 Championship Team. This competition is currently running until August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Nairobi, Kenya.
    - A huge congratulations to all these talented BC athletes who are, or have, competed on the international stage!
- **Universities**
  - Another big congratulations goes out to all high-school graduating athletes who are continuing to pursue athletics at the university level. Unfortunately, the Grade 12's did not have the opportunity to compete at the BC High School Championships again this year. However, looking forward to next season, competition opportunities seem promising for university and high school athletes in their respective leagues for the first time in two years.
- **Competitions**
  - Currently, all competition types are permitted according to BC's Restart Plan. It has been exciting and endearing to watch BC athletes participate in competitions again and reap the impact of their hard work and dedication to continual training after many months of limited competition opportunities. Some highlights include the BC Event Group Challenges, the JD Regional Challenges, and the BC Masters Track and Field Championships hosted by various clubs across the province.
    - Reconnecting, cheering on others, and achieving personal bests at these events is incredibly motivating and rewarding. It has been great to see athletes able to post official results after going so long without formal measures and competitions.

Overall, the gradual return to normalcy is very uplifting. Reflecting on how much has changed this past year, it has been amazing how far we have come. BC athletes have shown incredible dedication to training coupled with perseverance in times of uncertainty.

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