

## **2022 - JD Committee Report to the BC Athletics AGM**

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2022 saw the return of regular competition and a more typical track season. With the high turn over JD athletes for many of the athletes and their parents this was their first experiences with track meets. It required many clubs to re-build corporate knowledge to get back into the flow of training and competitions.

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

In 2022 the Pentathlon Championships were hosted by the Okanagan Athletics Club in Kelowna on July 1 long weekend in conjunction with the annual Jack Brow track meet. A low number of athletes entered the event compared to typical past years. Scheduling, cost of travel and accommodations and lack of promotion by the clubs (not the hosts), were considered factors for the low turn out. The consensus of the JD committee that the optimal time to schedule the JD Pentathlon Championships is mid-late June before school ends.

The Track and Field Championships were hosted by Ocean Athletics in White Rock 15-17 July. The event had strong participation numbers comparable to 2019 when Ocean's also hosted the event.

### **JD Awards Banquet / Awards of Excellence/ Crests**

The JD Awards Banquet was last held in 2019 and after a two year break the JD Committee decided to discontinue the Awards Banquet. It was felt the cost and effort could be better spent on crest and awards that could be presented at the club level.

JD Awards of Excellence will be given out this year, Athletes who achieved JD Award Standards at sanctioned meets will be presented awards and their achievements will be promoted online.

Clubs can continue to order the BC Athletics crests based on sanctioned meet results to honour their athletes. Unattached athletes may order as individuals. The JD Committee is considering some changes for the standards for the crest program and potentially having it as a default program where the crest is presented to all athletes who achieve the crest standard. The program remains unchanged for this year.

### **Town Hall**

A town hall was hosted at the JD Championship to give clubs an opportunity to raise any points of concern or interest to the JD committee. Items brought up for discussion included – the medley relay distances at the JD Championship, whether Championship hosts should be required to have the 13 -old pole vault event, a review of JD hurdle spacing and scheduling of club meets in general. All will be discussed further by the committee.

Thank you to Dawn Copping outgoing Chair of the JD Committee and Birgit Weaver outgoing Vice Chair for their hard work and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Evans