

## BC Summer Games Debbie Foote

### OVERVIEW

The 2022 BC Summer Games took place July 22- 24 in Prince George unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, part of the Dakelh (Carrier) peoples' territory. Athletics was held at Masich Stadium. The Athletics facility was recently renovated in 2018. The atmosphere was electric with excitement. The Events were well contained yet allowed for spectators to get up close to the field events. The Athlete accommodation was short walk away at Prince George Senior Secondary.

The competition was run exceptionally well due to the efforts of Elena Thomas and Corine Masich who took on the roles of Co-Sport Chairs. Prince George Track & Field Club under the leadership of Elena and Corine pulled together an amazing crew of approximately 67 local volunteers who made sure that everything was in place at the right time. There was significant support in the field of play for the BC Athletics Officials responsible for judging the event.

Four new BC Summer Games records were achieved:

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| • 1200m      | 3:17.20 | Bernardo Sada       | Langley      |
| • 800m       | 2:10.90 | Alexa Dow           | Cowichan Bay |
| • 1200m      | 3:28.54 | Alexa Dow           | Cowichan Bay |
| • Pole Vault | 3.30m   | Mackenzie Hurtubise | Langley      |

BC Games Sports are required to compete on each day the Games or conduct workshops on the non-competition day. On Sunday morning, Athletics organized a program for the athletes and coaches of Athletics and Special Olympics. The program began with a talk from Olivia Lundman on her journey through the BC Games to her current status as a member of the Canadian Team. Then followed with the presentation of a commemorative medal to all coaches and adult supervisors to thank them for their efforts throughout the games. We ended with a presentation of various door prizes to the athletes.

The 2024 BC Summer Games is scheduled to take place in Maple Ridge at the Maple Ridge Secondary track facility, July 18-21, 2024. No Host club or Sport Chair has been assigned.

The 2026 BC Summer Games is scheduled to take place in Kelowna July 23 – 26, 2026

### 2022 BC SUMMER GAMES EVALUATION

Following is a summary of our 2022 successes:

#### 1. Athlete Development

- Brought athletes from 8 zones
- Utilized over 90% of athlete allocation
- Athlete workshop conducted at the Games on the non-competition day
- M:F gender ratio was 51:49 (134:127)

#### 2. Coaching Development

- Head Coach exemptions were required for 2 coaches. BC Games is more lenient this year due to getting back up and running after missing 2020 due to COVID
- All But three Assistant Coaches were Trained Club Coaches or Trained Sport Coaches
- 1 mentored coach was sent from Zone 2

#### 3. Officials' Development

- Number by Level: Level 1 (General) -8; Level 2 (General) -2; Level 3-6; Level 4-1; Level 5-6
- Officials were mentored for advancement to higher levels
- We brought 5 prospective officials down from Prince George for training at our 2022 Jamboree meet in Kamloops

- On line training modules provided to those registered into our class of 2022 Officials Recruitment group
  - Registered Officials were from 5 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
- Overall Performance (not yet reviewed).**

### **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 2023-2024 RELATING TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES**

In our last report, we identified key initiatives which are vital for our success:

1. 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 had several new Zone reps join as many stepped down between 2018 and 2022. 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, 7, and 8.
2. Improve trial selection processes, administrative processes for the games competition
  - We worked with Sam Collier to collect information in a manner that does not duplicate the process and will continue to better this process
  - We will work to provide a single declaration form for all zones to use that clearly outlines the selection process and expectations surrounding competing and attending the games
3. 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 anti-policies and to be vigilant in reporting cases of both.
4. Improve athlete, parent and coach knowledge of the rules of the Sport.
  - Ongoing.

### **MOVING FORWARD TO MAPLE RIDGE JULY 18 -21, 2024**

We wish to thank all who made Prince George an overwhelming success.

The BC Games is a developmental program for our midget 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 faithfully serving and volunteering your time in previous Games, we need you back.**

**There will be a need for NEW ZONE REPS: Zone 7 and possibly more.**

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

Further Information for the 2022 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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