

BC Summer Games  
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## **OVERVIEW**

The 2024 BC Summer Games are to take place July 18 – 24 2024 in Maple Ridge, BC on the in Prince George unceded traditional territory of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary. 21911 122 Avenue, Maple Ridge BC

Planning of the 2024 Games have begun and our Sport Chair is being selected.

Information sheets are being worked on in order to have clear expectations laid out for Team Selection, Coaches, Athletes and Adult supervisors.

BC Games Sports are required to compete on each day the Games or conduct workshops on the non-competition day. On Sunday morning, Athletics organizes a program for the athletes and coaches of Athletics and Special Olympics. The program will entail a talk from a past BC Games Athlete on their journey through the BC Games to her current status as a member of the Canadian Team, Olympian or whatever status they may have. This is also when we present a gift to all coaches and adult supervisors to thank them for their efforts throughout the games.

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

## **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.

An open application process through BC Athletics will be put into place to help attract Coaches, Zone Reps, and Adult Supervisors.

## **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.
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**

The BC Games is a developmental program for our U16 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.**

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

Further Information for the 2024 BC Summer Games will be posted on the BC Athletics website, BC Summer Games page.

BC Summer Games Athletics Email to Provincial Advisor: [debbieandabresia@hotmail.com](mailto:debbieandabresia@hotmail.com)

Also see the following Link: <https://www.bcgames.org/Games.aspx>

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