

2023 Zone 6 Report for the BC Athletics AGM

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Island Series Meets

Our Zone 6 clubs collaborated and displayed excellent teamwork, resulting in a very successful 2023 Island Series. Our Island Series meet registration totals were up over the 2022 season, with significant increases in JD event entries.

MEET	DATE	TOTAL ENTRIES	EVENT ENTRIES	JD	U16-Sr	Masters
Comox Ice Breaker (unsanctioned)	Apri 15	Not Counted	-	-	-	-
Bob Dailey, Port Alberni	April 22-33	246 *205	1024 *815	661 *550	334	29
Dogwood, Victoria	May 13-14	327 *266	1099 *899	712 *579	341	46
Elwood Wylie, Nanaimo	May 27-28	347 *348	1474 *1350	1009 *897	365	100
Garriock, Duncan	June 3-4	228 *207	991 *938	698 *674	233	60
Comox Valley Solstice and Island JD Champs	April 22-23	300 *212	1474 *959	1126 *699	295	53

*2022 numbers in red

Clubs

In general, Zone 6 clubs experienced excellent 2023 membership numbers. JD participation was high. The Powell River Track and Field Club has reemerged, which is great news for our zone. They had a record number of enthusiastic JD

athletes competing at the JD Island Championships and Comox Valley Solstice Meet in June.

Officiating

The Island pilot of the Officials' Management System (OMS) rollout went very well. From what we learned, we are optimistically anticipating a smooth implementation province-wide for the 2024 track and field season. A direct result of the OMS pilot was a record number of Island officials completing their levels two and three this season. This is attributable to improved tracking, transparency, and assignments through the OMS. As our officials' pool ages, we are encouraged by the progress we made, advancing this number of officials in 2023.

Facilities

The Oceanside six-lane track project in Parksville is progressing well. Funding of \$234,400 was approved during the RDN's board meeting on Tuesday, July 11. The City of Parksville increased their contribution by \$500,000 earlier this year, committing \$750,000 towards the project. Contributions from the RDN, School District 69, and the Town of Qualicum Beach have moved the project close to its fundraising goal.

Nanaimo Track and Field Club is working with the City Of Nanaimo on significant facility upgrades. Victoria is facing a shortage of a hammer-throwing venue as the Lambrick Park facility is no longer safe or sanctioned and is working on a solution for this.

Provincial and National Level Meets

With support from all Island clubs, the 2023 BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Championship Jamboree was a success in Nanaimo and will return in 2024. Nanaimo Track and Field Club (NTFC) will host the 2024 BC High School Track and Field Championships in June. NTFC has submitted a bid to host the 2026 and 2027 Legion National Track and Field Championships.