



BC Athletics Board of Directors

October 29, 2025 Election

Nominee: Dwayne Legge

Region: Fort Nelson

Please outline any professional experience that you feel would be relevant to a position on BC Athletics Board of Directors:

While I have not previously served on a board of directors, I bring valuable experience and a strong commitment to athletics through my work as a coach, administrator, and community volunteer. Over the past four years, I have coached high school track and field, supporting the development of young athletes in both competitive and recreational settings. In addition, I've coached with Accelerate North Athletics, a community track club, for the past three years. Beyond coaching, I take on the majority of the club's administrative responsibilities in a fully volunteer capacity handling tasks such as registration, communication, scheduling, and general program coordination. This work has given me a comprehensive understanding of how grassroots sport organizations operate and the challenges they face. In 2024, I was proud to coach at the BC Summer Games, where I supported athletes from across the zone in a high-performance environment. These combined experiences have deepened my knowledge of athlete development pathways, event logistics, and the importance of fostering inclusive, safe, and welcoming environments for all participants. Through both my coaching and administrative work, I've developed strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills. I'm passionate about creating opportunities for athletes of all levels and backgrounds, and I'm eager to contribute to the strategic direction of BC Athletics. While I am new to board governance, I bring a hands-on understanding of the sport, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to learning and serving the broader athletics community.

Please outline any personal experience that you feel would be relevant to a position on the BC Athletics Board of Directors:

My personal connection to athletics began as a high school athlete, where I first discovered the sense of purpose, community, and resilience that sport can offer. That early experience inspired me to stay involved in track and field well beyond my school years. For the past several seasons, I've returned to the sport as a coach working with both high school teams and a local club, Accelerate North Athletics. What drives me is a belief in the power of sport to shape lives not just in terms of performance, but in building confidence, connection, and opportunity. I've seen how access to athletics can positively impact youth and strengthen community ties. I'm

committed to supporting that impact wherever I can, and I see a position on the BC Athletics Board of Directors as a way to contribute at a broader level. With hands-on experience and a personal passion for the sport, I'm ready to bring a grounded, people-focused perspective to the board.

Please provide a brief statement (max 250 words) outlining why you are interested in serving on the BC Athletics Board of Directors:

I am interested in serving on the BC Athletics Board of Directors because I am passionate about strengthening the sport of athletics across the province and ensuring that all athletes have the opportunity to reach their full potential. As a high school and community track coach, I have seen firsthand how participation in athletics can build confidence, discipline, and lifelong healthy habits. I want to contribute my experience at the grassroots level to help shape policies and programs that support athletes, coaches, and clubs throughout British Columbia. My years of coaching have given me a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our sport from athlete development and retention to accessibility and equity. I believe BC Athletics plays a vital role in promoting safe, inclusive, and inspiring environments for all participants, and I am eager to help strengthen that mission through thoughtful governance and collaboration. Serving on the Board would allow me to give back to a sport and community that have given so much to me. I would bring the perspective of an on-the-ground coach, a commitment to ethical leadership, and a passion for developing the next generation of athletes and leaders in our province.

How do your values and experiences reflect and support BC Athletics' vision and values of integrity, connection, accessibility, respect and excellence across all levels of the sport?

My values and experience as a high school and community track coach align strongly with BC Athletics' vision of "inspiring a lifelong passion for athletics" and its commitment to participation, excellence, and community. Integrity & Excellence In coaching, I emphasize consistency, fairness, and personal accountability values essential for athlete safety, trust, and long-term development. I continuously seek to improve my methods (through certification, continuing education, and feedback) to offer programs of high technical and ethical standard aligned with BC Athletics' mission to foster excellence. Accessibility & Participation I've worked to reduce barriers for students and community members who might otherwise feel excluded whether due to cost, experience, or confidence ensuring more people can engage with track and field in welcoming settings. This commitment reflects BC Athletics' focus on fostering participation across the province. Connection & Community I build bridges between school teams, local clubs, parents, and community groups to strengthen the athletics ecosystem. My goal is to deepen connection and continuity across levels—ensuring athletes can move smoothly between community, school, and provincial programs. This interconnectivity supports BC Athletics' role in nurturing supportive networks and innovative opportunities. Respect & Safe Sport I strive to ensure every athlete and coach feels valued and respected, regardless of background or ability, and I promote safe, inclusive environments. These practices uphold BC Athletics' commitment to respect, community, and integrity.

Safe Sport is a growing priority across amateur sport. From a governance perspective, how do you think BC Athletics can continue to strengthen policies and practices that ensure a sport environment that is safe, accessible, and inclusive for all participants?

From a governance perspective, BC Athletics can continue to strengthen Safe Sport by embedding safety, accessibility, and inclusion into every layer of decision making from policy development to day-to-day implementation. Ensuring a safe sport environment begins with clear, transparent standards and consistent accountability across all levels of the organization. First, the Board can reinforce Safe Sport through proactive education and prevention. This includes mandating ongoing training for coaches, officials, and volunteers on topics such as abuse prevention, equity, and inclusive coaching practices, supported by regular policy review and evaluation. Second, BC Athletics can enhance reporting and accountability systems. Strengthening independent reporting mechanisms, ensuring confidentiality, and providing timely responses to concerns are critical to building trust among members. The Board should regularly assess these processes to ensure fairness, accessibility, and transparency. Third, BC Athletics should continue fostering a culture of inclusion and respect by engaging underrepresented communities and amplifying diverse voices in leadership and program design. Representation at the governance level helps identify gaps and ensures that policy decisions reflect the experiences of all participants.

If elected to the Board of Directors, what do you see as the most significant contribution you can make to the organization?

If elected to the Board of Directors, I believe my most significant contribution would be bringing the on-the-ground perspective of a grassroots coach someone who works directly with athletes, schools, and community programs. This experience allows me to represent the voices of those who form the foundation of athletics in British Columbia: youth athletes, volunteers, and coaches who keep the sport growing at the local level. I understand the challenges that athletes and clubs face in accessing resources, maintaining engagement, and navigating Safe Sport policies. I can help bridge the gap between policy and practice—ensuring that Board decisions are informed by the realities of implementation on the track and in the community. In addition, I bring a strong commitment to collaboration, inclusion, and athlete development. I aim to contribute to initiatives that expand participation, strengthen coach education, and create supportive environments that nurture both performance and personal growth. Through thoughtful governance, open communication, and a focus on community connection, I would work to help BC Athletics continue advancing its mission of promoting participation, excellence, and integrity in athletics across the province. My goal is to contribute meaningfully to a sustainable and inclusive future for our sport.