

2025 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting

Recommendation from the Board of Directors

2025-2026 Audit Partner & Change of Financial Year End

Following a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the BC Athletics Board of Directors is recommending to the members a new audit partner – **Tompkins Wozny** – beginning in 2026. BC Athletics has simultaneously made a request to the Canada Revenue Agency to adjust our financial year end to August 31, effective immediately.

<u>About Tompkins Wozny – Chartered Professional Accountants</u>

Tompkins Wozny LLP is an unaffiliated firm of independent Chartered Professional Accountants with vast experience with not-for-profit organizations and small/medium sized businesses. Together, the incorporated partners of Tompkins Wozny LLP have over 90 years of experience in the accounting industry, having been partners at Yada, Tompkins, Humphries, Palmer & Co. and later at Ernst & Young before founding their current firm in 1994.

Why are we recommending this change of audit partner?

- Tompkins Wozny offers highly competitive and inclusive pricing that will provide significant cost savings to BC Athletics in comparison to our previous audit partner.
- Tompkins Wozny is a local firm and highly experienced in working with provincial sport organizations (PSOs) and other not-for-profit organizations and they have robust understanding of our reporting requirements.
- Highly recommended by Pace Accounting (our accounting partner).

Why are we adjusting our financial year end to August 31?

- This financial period is better aligned with the Athletics calendar and the cadence of revenue and expenses.
- This moves the audit to November, which takes this time-consuming task out of "event season".
- An August year end will mean our annual AGM can be hosted in January/February. We have heard from Club Leaders that August/September is challenging as people take well deserved rest during this time.
- The Board of Directors note that the March 31, 2025 financial year audit has already been conducted by our previous audit partner, BDO. The first audit conducted by Tompkins Wozny will take place following August 31, 2026 and will include an extended period, with audited statements from April 1 August 31, 2025 and September 1 August 31, 2026.

Thank you for your support on this matter.