

2025 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting Staff Report

Portfolio: Coach Development **Report Prepared by:** Kala Stone and Amber Gilbert

2025 Priorities

- Coach Development Calendar: Establish a comprehensive annual coach education calendar to train coaches throughout British Columbia with a focus on brining coach education to communities that have not recently hosted courses.
- ➤ Learning Facilitators and Evaluators: Establish a formal selection and onboarding process for NCCP Learning Facilitators and Evaluators. Focus on increasing the number of qualified candidates for these roles.
- Accessibility: Ensure that the coach development pathway is accessible to new coaches. Added a staff position of Lead Coach Developer to support new and current coaches navigate the Coach Development Pathway.

2025 Highlights

- > Trained **196 coaches** across the province in all areas from RJTW to Club Coach. This is an increase of **83** coaches compared to 2024.
- Established annual contracts for Learning Facilitators.
- Hosted a Learning Facilitator onboarding session.
- ➤ Hired a part time Lead Coach Developer to focus on organizing and delivering NCCP Coach Education courses and support coaches in navigating the coach development pathway.
- Increased engagement with member coaches at provincial championship events through a "Coaches Lounge".
- ➤ Delivered **2** online "Track & Field for Teachers" webinars that introduced the basics of coaching track & field in a school setting and educating on the coach development pathway.
- Finalize the Run Jump Throw Wheel video project that will be provided as a resource to trained Run Jump Throw Wheel instructors.

2025 Challenges

- ➤ Encouraging clubs and coaches to adopt a proactive approach to coach education, rather than waiting until right before the season begins.
- > Establishing a cost model that allows coach education to remain financially accessible.
- > Engage and provide meaningful opportunities for coaches from remote or rural regions.
- > Communicate the value of continuous coach education and professional development.
- > Educating clubs and coaches about the difference between Sport Coach and Club Coach.
- Making a complicated system as simple as possible.

2026 Opportunities

- > Develop innovative coaching development opportunities outside of the standard NCCP courses.
- > Introduction of BC Athletics Coach Development Grant program for BC Athletics Coach members.
- Provide 1:1 information sessions with clubs and coaches to assist coaches in completing their full certification.
- ➤ Offer in person condensed Sport Coach Course for teachers during Pro-D days, in advance of the school Track & Field season.
- > Continue engaging with teachers to increase awareness of coaching education opportunities and the benefits of BC Athletics membership.
- ➤ Provide flexible delivery options for Sport Coach and Club Coach courses, reducing weekend time commitments and tailoring the format to better meet coaches' needs.
- ➤ Continue collaborating with Athletics Canada and other Provincial Branches on streamlining coach development.

Program Statistics

Courses and Evaluations January 1- September 30, 2025

Date	Course	Location	# of Participants
January 12 &19	Foundations of Coaching	Online	7
March 1	FREE RJTW	Richmond	7
March 1/2	Sport Coach	Nanaimo	7
March 8/9	Sport Coach	Surrey	15
March 9	Track and Field for Teachers Webinar	Online	35
March 16	Track and Field for Teachers Webinar #2	Online	11
April 5/6	Sport Coach	Richmond	14
April 5/6	Club Coach	Duncan	25
April 12/13	Sport Coach and RJTW	Kelowna	10
April 26/27	Sport Coach and RJTW	Trail	11
May 3/4	Sport Coach	Whitehorse	8
May 4	RJTW	Kamloops	7
May 25	Foundations of Coaching	Online	13
June 12	Coach Certification Webinar	Online	14
September 27/28	Sport and Club Coach Weekend	Langley	22
		Total Coaches Trained	196

Coach Evaluations

Evaluation	Portfolios	Observations
Sport Coach	3	3
Club Coach	5	5
Performance Coach	2	-
Run Jump Throw Wheel	2	-
Sport / Club / Performance in	3	2
Progress		