

BC ATHLETICS ADVISORY COUNCILS

ABOUT

BC Athletics Advisory Councils exists to **advise and support** BC Athletics staff by bringing forward informed perspectives from their respective membership groups. Each Council acts in service to BC Athletics, and in alignment with the BC Athletics vision, mission and values. As per the BC Athletics Constitution and Bylaws, the Advisory Councils are eligible to designate a voting member or members to participate in BC Athletics member meetings.

WHAT ADVISORY COUNCILS DO

- **Provide advice and feedback** to the Lead Executive and staff on Officials-related matters, when requested.
- **Serve as a listening body**, helping staff understand issues, trends, opportunities, and concerns affecting the respective Members.
- **Facilitate dialogue** and the exchange of ideas, experiences, and perspectives among Members.
- **Support a positive, inclusive, and respectful culture** within the BC Athletics community.
- **Identify emerging needs and priorities** related to respective member development, engagement, and retention.
- **Work collaboratively with staff**, respecting staff roles, expertise, and accountability.
- **Act through its Lead Advisor** as the primary liaison with the Lead Executive.
- **Operate within the BC Athletics Vision, Mission, Values, and policies.**

WHAT ADVISORY COUNCILS DO NOT DO

- **Make decisions** on behalf of BC Athletics.
- **Set policy**, approve programs, or determine strategic direction.
- **Direct or supervise staff** or volunteers.
- **Manage operations**, events, assignments, or certification processes.
- **Commit BC Athletics resources**, including financial or human resources.
- **Represent BC Athletics publicly** unless expressly authorized by the Lead Executive.
- **Act as a grievance or disciplinary body.**
- **Replace or bypass established communication, complaint, or appeal processes.**
- **Speak on behalf of the respective Member group** but rather shares perspectives and themes.

HOW ADVISORY COUNCILS ADD VALUE TO BC ATHLETICS

- By offering **informed insight**, not operational control.
- By strengthening **communication and trust** between members and staff.
- By supporting **better-informed staff decisions** through lived experience.
- By reinforcing **good governance through disciplined advisory practice**.

Each Advisory Council is accountable to the **Lead Executive**, who remains accountable to the **Board of Directors**. All recommendations are non-binding and subject to staff discretion and Board oversight.

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