



[Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships](#)

Since the initiation of the Canada-wide Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships in 1975, BC Athletics (formerly the British Columbia Track & Field Association) has been a strong supporter and participating Athletics Association in the Championship.

The Annual [Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships](#) has evolved to become one of the Premier Track & Field Competitions in Canada. The Championships, linked to the U18 and U16 age groups, provides a important and critical entry point into the Athlete Performance Pathway for Canadian Track & Field athletes.

Support for the selection competition and participation by the BC/Yukon Team in the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships is made possible through the funding support provided by the [BC/Yukon Command](#) and the [Dominion Command](#), Royal Canadian Legion. This 47 year partnership has provided countless opportunities for the youth of British Columbia and the Yukon to have the opportunity to compete in this National Championship.

Over the almost [5 decade history](#) of the Championships athletes, coaches, chaperones, and managers from coast to coast to coast have had the opportunity to travel, compete, learn and develop many lifelong skills and friendships through the sport of Track & Field. In addition, the youth of Canada have had the opportunity to showcase their talent on a Canadian stage in front of a enthusiastic audience of family, friends and many university and national team coaches. The Championships have been and continue to be a catalyst for the development of athletes to Provincial, National and International/World levels, with many having gone on to compete at Pan American, Commonwealth, World University, Olympic Games and the World Athletics Track & Field Championships.

The value and benefits that come with hosting the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships extend well beyond the athletes, coaches, and chaperones/managers

experience at the Championships. The positive impact on Officials training and development, Coach and Athlete Education, the experience and confidence gained by the Host Organizing Committee, the Community Pride in hosting a National Championship, the economic impact for local business and the development/upgrading of Track & Field Facilities, Equipment and Infrastructure are all important outcomes that are foundational and critical components for the ongoing promotion and development of Athletics/Track & Field in Canada.

Support for this Championship through the Dominion Command, Provincial/Territorial Commands and Legion Branches, Auxiliaries and Legion Foundations is key to the ongoing success of the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships. This support has been unconditional and is greatly appreciated and recognized annually through Athletics Canada and the Provincial/Territorial Athletics Canada Branches.

BC Athletics continues to work with and acknowledge the Royal Canadian Legion through our:

- Provincial U18 and U16 Track & Field and Cross Country Championship Program.
- BC Athletics E-newsletter with program information, events and profiles.
- Annual Awards Banquet
- Sponsor/Partner recognition on the BC Athletics website and social media posts.
- Annual support of the BC/Yukon Command's "Military Service & Recognition Book".
- Management of the Legion Track & Field Team Selection processes and communication/information to athletes, coaches, chaperones/managers, clubs, and parent/guardians of the athlete team members.
- Management and financial support for all Team arrangements including:
 - Travel (air and ground) to and from to the assembly point for departure/return.
 - Needed meals and accommodation for athletes, coaches, and managers/chaperones for any necessary overnight stays on the outbound and/or inbound flights.
- Management and Discounts on the BC/Yukon Command Teams Warm-up Suits and Backpacks.
- Management and payment of the Dominion Commands' post-championship invoicing,
- Providing reports and follow-up post Championships to the BC/Yukon Command RCL and feedback to Dominion Command, RCL.
- Hosting Support – when the Championships are hosted in British Columbia through:
 - Letters of support for bidding cities, clubs, host organizing committees.
 - Representation on the Host Organization Committee.

- A BC Athletics hosting grant of \$5,000.00.
- Coordination of Track & Field Officials for the Championship.
- The provision of BC Athletics Officiating Equipment.
- Reimbursement of Officials Travel and as necessary, accommodation and meals.
- Assistance in applications for Provincial and Local Government Grants through Destination BC, viaSport Hosting BC and Sport Hosting in the host city/community.
- Assistance with Track & Field Equipment as may be required for the Championship.
- Provision of Sanctioning and Liability Insurance Coverage (\$5 million) for the Championship.

The value and benefit of the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships is timeless – measured through the achievements of the adults who have had the fortunate opportunity of being part of this great event. It is a foundational program in the development of athletes – an investment in the youth of today / the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you to the BC/Yukon and Dominion Commands for the ongoing leadership, management, and financial support of the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships.

Sincerely,

BC Athletics Members, Board of Directors, and Staff