



BC Athletics Board of Directors Meeting – January 26th, 2019

Age Group Names – alignment with Athletics Canada and IAAF

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Background:

- The current names for the age group membership types in BC Athletics are:
 - Track Rascals – 6 to 8
 - Tyke – 9
 - Pee Wee – 10, 11
 - Bantam – 12, 13
 - Midget – 14, 15
 - Youth – 16, 17
 - Junior – 18, 19
 - Senior – 20 to 34
 - Masters – 35 plus

With the issues raised in 2018 with the name “Midget” and it being viewed as a demeaning term for short people, the Canadian Sport Community has initiated a change to eliminate the term “Midget” as an age group.

The Provincial/Territorial Branch members of Athletics Canada at the 2018 AC Semi-Annual General Meeting held in Vancouver, unanimously passed a motion to adopt the following names for competition age groups:

- U16 from Midget
- U18 from Youth
- U20 from Junior

The term Senior and Master will remain.

The question to further explore is if the following BC Athletics age group names should be changed:

- Track Rascals – 6 to 8
- Tyke – 9
- Pee Wee – 10, 11
- Bantam – 12, 13

Motion:

- **Whereas** Athletics Canada (for all 3 age groups) and the IAAF (for U18 & U20) now use the following to designate age group competition categories:
 - U16, U18, U20
- **Be It Resolved That:**
 - BC Athletics change:
 - Midget age group to U16 – includes ages 14 & 15
 - Youth age group to U18 – includes ages 16 & 17
 - Junior age group to U20 – includes ages 18 & 19

Reference: BC Athletics Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations Manual – various sections.

Recommendation:

- That the BC Athletics Brd of Directors through the:
 - Junior Development Committee and Staff in consultation with identified BC Athletics member clubs (clubs that have Junior Development age group programs):
 - Initiate a review and recommendations to the BC Athletics Brd of Directors for the names of the age group names of:
 - Tyke – 9
 - Pee Wee – 10, 11
 - Bantam – 12, 13
- That BC Athletics staff, in consultation with identified BC Athletics members clubs (clubs that have Track Rascals programs) review and make recommendations to the BC Athletics Brd of Directors with regard to the age group name:
 - Track Rascals – ages 6 to 8