

BC Athletics Director - Zones 7 and 8

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Summary

Over the last 2 months I have contacted several clubs in our zones to inquire about their challenges and goals for the upcoming season. I have faced challenges in connecting in some areas as their track clubs are strictly run through the school district (for students) or have dissolved. Outlined below are challenges, goals, and needs.

Challenges:

- Connection with the JD committee in terms of JD dates. Zone 7 and 8 clubs would like to see JD championship and JD jamboree dates switched (earlier). They support a shorter season for younger athletes as many athlete's families have expressed to the club that they would like to support their kids by spending quality family time and giving them a break from sports they do all year. They believe breaking for summer (like soccer up north) promotes the long term athlete development model.
- Connecting clubs and athletes together. Putting together a directory.

- Travel with our zones. They would like to see championships do the rounds and come up to our zones every 3- 4 years.
- Officials training. There is a shortage of officials.

Goals:

- Reaching out to different sports to promote extra training throughout track.
- Working in collaboration with local groups (Engage Sport North) to emphasize benefits of participating in track.
- Host major championships every 3 -4 years.
- Coordinating transportation within the region for coaching clinics, officials training, and track meets.

Needs:

- Officials, officials, and officials.