

January 2020 Track and Field Committee  
Report to BC Athletics Board

Initiatives and Plans for 2020

BC Sprint and Hurdles Project Warm Weather Camps

- Las Vegas, Nevada, March 17th – 25th, 2020
- Tucson, Arizona, March 19th – 27th, 2020
- Targeted athletes to receive funding for the camp
- Chiropractor to attend camp to offer Sports Medicine support to attending athletes

BC Throws Project

- Development Camp – September 2020
- Throws Coaching Summit – November 2020
- Funding available for training camps, competition expenses

Targeted athletes camps/summits

- CSIP - targeted athlete testing and support
- 2020 Provincial Development Camp – Spring and Fall

Pacific Distance Carnival and Canadian 10000m Championships – May 31st, 2020

- 1500m, 5000m, 10000m
- Able-bodied and para-athletics

BC Jamboree – July 10th – 12th, 2020, Kamloops

- Selection for BC 15 year old Team and U18 Team to Legion Nationals
- Update rules registration fees for championships and registration deadlines

BC Team Program

- Selection of the BC U20 Team and the BC Senior Team to Canadian Nationals will be based on standards and rankings as of June 2020

BC High Performance Program

- Update the rules for eligibility for the BC Athlete Assistance Program to make more clear who can receive funding
- Update BC Track and Field Hosting Grant funding for current age group classifications and amounts for each championship

### Challenges and Opportunities

- Finding hosts for athlete camps/summits and encouraging athletes to attend.
- To host competitions that are valuable to athletes in terms of timing during the season and level of competition provided.
- Continuing to provide funding that allows athletes to attend training camps
- Event Calendar - balancing Provincial, National and International competitions

### The Quad – 2017 to 2020

#### "Areas of Emphasis"

- Athlete retention - keeping athletes after they finish University
- Find a means of making the transition from student-athlete to just athlete smoother and more affordable
- With additional BCAAP funding as a means to aid with athlete retention
- Competition access – making sure our targeted athletes have viable "in province" competitions

#### Factors that could influence initiatives

- High Performance Funding
- Finding and retaining committee members

### Sky-high Thinking

- Increase funding in AAP exponentially. More money directly to athletes.
- If the fear of not being able to afford rent/food/treatment were removed, more athletes would stay in sport at the time when they are moving into the height of their performance careers.
- Without the need to consider every dollar, athletes would be able to train and travel for competition opportunities that could produce better results.
- Hosting High Performance competitions in province annually
- BC Athletics athlete camps to bring athletes together in a social context as well as a means to network and foster beneficial relationships