

January 2022 Track and Field Committee Report to BC Athletics Board

With the ongoing global pandemic, track and field has certainly had to make adjustments and continues to have to make adjustments to our programming and services for our members. Last season, clubs, athletes and coaches made adjustments to training circumstances and competition opportunities that allowed our athletes the chance to achieve their season goals and continue to allow the athletes to prepare for future success.

Initiatives/Plans 2022-2024

BC Sprints/Jumps/Hurdles Project

- Coach Education Scholarship Program - To advance coach development within the Sprints, Jumps and Hurdles event groups by supporting these coaches to pursue coach development opportunities that are relevant to advancing their coaching practice.
- Athlete/Coach Training Camp Travel Grant – A travel grant to support athletes and coaches in the Sprints, Jumps and Hurdles event groups to seek out opportunities that best suit their individual needs to prepare for their competitive season.

BC Throws Project

- Development Camp – To develop athletes in the Throws to achieve national and international performance standards. To increase coach and athlete support and develop a “BC Throws Development Pathway” to address recruitment and talent identification.
- BC Throws Summit – For professional development, future planning and coach/athlete presentations, roundtable discussion and practical tools for training sessions.

2022 Key Dates

- Pacific Distance Carnival & Canadian 10,000m Championships – May 14, Burnaby, BC
- 2022 Canadian Track & Field Championships – June 22-26, Langley, BC
- FISU World University Games – June 26-July 7, Chengdu, China
- 2022 BC Athletics Provincial Championship Jamboree – July 8-10, Kamloops, BC
- World Athletics Championships – July 15-24, Eugene, Oregon USA
- Commonwealth Games – July 27-Aug 7, Birmingham, England
- World Athletics U20 Championships – Aug 2-7, Cali, Columbia
- Legion Youth National Track & Field Championships – Aug 5-7, Sherbrooke, QC
- Canada Summer Games – Aug 15-21, Niagara, Ont
- NACAC Championships – Aug 19-21, Nassau, Bahamas

BC Athletics Athlete Assistance Program

- Maintain or increase level of funding available to those high performance athletes who meet the performance criteria
- Continue to evaluate the performance criteria annually
- Implement criteria that is inclusive of para athletes

BC Athletics High Performance Program

- Increase awareness of the Programs and Services available as part of the High Performance Program – especially to U16-U20 athletes (high school recruitment)
- Use YOY retention as a metric to evaluate the success of this program
- Continue to work with CSI-P in making the program as accessible as possible, with more athletes registering with CSI-P
- Identify and support coaches in professional development and in the coaching certification pathway