BC Athletics Track & Field Committee Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

Wednesday, April 05, 2017 at 8:30pm – 9:15pm

Conference Call: Tara Self (chair), Chris Winter (Staff), Chris Johnson, Mark Bomba, Laurie Willett, Barb Vida, Jessica Smith (Athlete Rep), Evan Dunfee (Athlete Rep), Lisa Myers, Richard Lee, Elena Voloshin, Pat Sima-Ledding, Neal Currie

Regrets: Taylyr Dickinson, Byron Jack

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Percentage Age Performance Standard (PAPS)** – Standards to begin at age 18 using the IAAF world Junior Standard* and progress in a linear fashion to age 33 where we use the IAAF World/Olympic Standard**.

    o * note that in some cases the IAAF Junior Standard needed to be made tougher to match the standards in other events (ex. The junior men's 3000m S/C.)

    o ** note that we used either the Athletics Canada Carding Standard or the IAAF Senior Standard (whichever was harder).

3. **BC Championships Requirement –** athletes must fulfill their BC Championship Requirement, in the year they receive funding, by competing in a Championship (T&F, Road, XC) but will only receive Performance Points if they compete in the BC T&F Championships.

4. **Placing at BC Champs –** Athletes can only score performance points in the event for which they wish to be carded in. (Exceptions: For the 20km Walk, 50km Walk, 10,000m, & Combined Events in which there is no Provincial (BC) Championships conducted. Athletes in these events will score performance points based on their placing at National Championships among BC Athletes. Special consideration will be given for the ½ Marathon & Marathon whereby running in the Provincial Championships may not always fit in with the Athletes seasonal & long term development plans.)

5. **BC Championships Exemptions -** Exemptions are only provided to excuse an athlete from their obligation to compete in a BC Athletics Championships. Note however, that an athlete who receives an exemption will not receive performance points for "Placing at a Provincial Championships" (i.e. the athlete will score 0/8 points). An exception to this rule is for those athletes competing on an Athletics Canada, BC Athletics or TeamBC team. These athletes will score placing points based on their placing at National Championships among BC Athletes.

6. **Canadian Team Points** – Athletes will receive performance points if they make the following teams (i.e. T&F, Road, & Racewalk teams. No XC.). The decision to remove Cross Country teams

from this list was to provide equal opportunity for all event groups to score points for national teams. It was felt that XC team added an unfair number of events for the endurance group.

Senior - 10 Points

- Olympic Games

- IAAF World Championships (Indoor Track & Field & Outdoor Track & Field)

- Commonwealth Games

Senior Development / Junior - 5 Points

- IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships

- IAAF World Half Marathon Championships

- IAAF Continental Cup

- IAAF World U20 Track & Field Championships

- IAAF World Relays

- Pan American Games

- Pan American U20 Championships

- NACAC U23 Championships

- Les Jeux de la Francophonie

- FISU Summer Universiade

7. **Percentage of Performance Points (POPP) –** all athletes (Both Senior & Junior) will have their performance points total measured against a total of 82 points. (i.e. (Athlete Total Performance points / 82) * 100). If you count up all the points available the number comes to 88, however, it was felt that for Improvement Points, where the possible points to score is 9, it was unreasonable to punish athletes at the very elite level if they are not improving by 2% per year, a very lofty percentage. It was decided that we really just want our athletes to be showing improvement and as a result, an improvement of 0.01%-0.99% (worth 3 points) was a more reasonable expectation and that any other points achieved would be treated as bonus points.

8. **Total Score Ranking –** athletes will be ranked according to a "total score" achieved by adding 75% of their Percentage of Performance Points to 25% of their Percentage of Age Performance Standards.

9. **Meet adjourned** - no next meeting set