

2026 EVENT SANCTIONING

UPDATES AND REMINDERS FOR EVENT DIRECTORS

All Event Directors for BC Athletics sanctioned events are please asked to review the updates below for 2026 event sanctioning. [BC Athletics has updated our BC Athletics Event Sanctioning Policies and Information manual that can be found on the Event Sanctioning webpage here.](#)

UPDATE: NON-MEMBER EVENT LICENSES

(Formerly known as “Day-of-Event” Memberships)

- Non-members are defined as any athlete participants who do not hold one of the following memberships only:
 - BC Athletics Annual Athlete Membership
 - BC Athletics Fall Athlete Membership
 - BC Athletics active Community Road and Trail Membership (non-stadia events only)
 - Other P/TSO Athlete Membership
- All non-Members participants who do not hold one of the above-mentioned membership types will now be required to purchase a “Non-Member Event License” prior to participating in any BC Athletics sanctioned track & field event when using BC Athletics Commercial General Liability coverage. The cost for a Non-Member Event License is:
 - \$3.00 per non-member athlete in 2026
 - \$5.00 per non-member athlete in 2027
- In addition to the non-member event license, each non-member is required to complete the BC Athletics Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims and Liability Agreement before participating in a sanctioned event. [Events can access the form here and must embed them into their event registration.](#)
- These policies also apply to all non-member school participants participating in a BC Athletics sanctioned event using BC Athletics General Commercial Liability. Please note BC Athletics has phased out School and School District memberships beginning in 2026.

WHY IS BC ATHLETICS MAKING THIS UPDATE?

BC Athletics is making these changes after consultation with our insurance broker and legal counsel to better protect participants, affiliated clubs, event hosting organizations and BC Athletics.

UPDATE: TRACK & FIELD SANCTION FEES

Except for fees associated with World Athletics sanctioning and extended coverage fees related to out-of-province training camps, all sanction fees will be collected upon receipt of the Post Event Report including the application fee.

WHY IS BC ATHLETICS MAKING THIS UPDATE?

BC Athletics is making these changes to streamline the sanctioning process and avoid the need for multiple invoices per event and provide an invoice for events once registration fees have been collected.

UPDATE: SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

For events after March 10, 2026, results must be submitted through the online Results Report form. This must be submitted by the Meet Secretary. The submission will include the following information:

- Results Database
- Participant Rosters (male and female)
- Start and End time for each competition day

WHY IS BC ATHLETICS MAKING THIS UPDATE?

BC Athletics is making these changes to streamline the results reporting process to ensure BC Athletics is collecting the proper information and keep better track of submitted results for historical database.

REMINDER: WORLD ATHLETICS SANCTIONING

Events are reminded of the following:

- Not every individual event needs to be World Athletics sanctioned. Events can pick and choose selected individual events.
- World Athletics sanctioning for Race Walk events requires the use of at least 3 Bronze level Race Walk judges. This will require BC Athletics to recruit judges from out-of-province which will mean additional costs for travel and accommodations at the expense of the event host.
- World Athletics sanction applications must be submitted to BC Athletics no later than 75 days before the starting date of your event (no exceptions).

- The World Athletics sanction application fee is \$50.00 CDN and is non-refundable event the requirements/standards are not met (see below)

UPDATE: WORLD ATHLETICS SANCTIONING

World Athletics sanctioning is required for athlete performances to be submitted to World Athletics for world rankings and National team eligibility (when required).

For an event to obtain World Athletics sanctioning, there are several important standards that must be met including:

- Review and certification of competition venue (with BC certified or World Athletics certified).
- The number of officials required for each event (via OMS). [Updated numbers can be found in the Event Sanction Policies and Information Manual here.](#)
- Verification of competition equipment, where all equipment meets WA standards (process TBD).

WHY IS BC ATHLETICS MAKING THIS UPDATE?

The standards for World Athletics sanctioned events are being enhanced to ensure fairness and integrity of results.

UPDATE: EVENT MEDICAL COVERAGE

BC Athletics is currently reviewing all medical and first aid requirements with industry professionals. As a result of this review process, BC Athletics has created the following mandatory policies:

- All sanctioned events must name a Medical Lead for their event. The Medical Lead cannot be the Event Director.
- All events must submit an Emergency Action Plan for their event. This plan must be unique to your event. [A template for an Emergency Action can be found on the Event Sanctioning webpage here.](#)
- Event medical coverage must be provided by an individual, or organization who is certified and insured to provide event first aid. These individuals must always be on site and must not be a participant in the event.

For more in-depth information and policies about medical and first aid coverage for sanctioned events, please review the [Event Sanctioning Policies and Information Manual here.](#)

WHY IS BC ATHLETICS MAKING THIS UPDATE?

Having qualified medical and first aid coverage at your event is an important risk management strategy to ensure the wellbeing of participants, volunteers, spectators and event staff. Incidents and accidents can happen quickly, and events must be prepared to act in a professional manner.

UPDATE: SANCTIONED EVENT FEEDBACK FORM

All sanctioned events must include a link to BC Athletics Sanctioned Event Participant Feedback Form on their registration site and include in your post event email to all participants. Meet Directors will receive all feedback submitted for their event. [A link to the online form can be found here.](#)

WHY IS BC ATHLETICS MAKING THIS UPDATE?

Receiving feedback from participants helps the entire BC Athletics ecosystem improve and enhance our participant experience at all events.

REMINDER: PARA INTEGRATION

BC Athletics encourages all events to integrate para events. Para ambulatory events can be integrated into all able body events, whereas seated throws and wheelchair events will require their own space in your event schedule. Para athlete results should be reflected in their own category in the final event results. [Please refer to the Athletics Canada Becoming Para Meet Ready here for more information.](#)

REMINDER: NON-CLUB SCHOOL MEETS

Non-Club School Meets are any meet that includes school only participants that is not owned or operated by a club (i.e. City or Zone High School Meets).

- Results from these events will not be certified for Athletics Canada or World Athletics Rankings.
- Events who would like to access BC Athletics Officials must have their event sanctioned with BC Athletics.