

BC ATHLETICS

2026 KELOWNA BC SUMMER GAMES

SELECTION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

1.0 BC SUMMER GAMES PROGRAM

The BC Summer Games are a key component of the athlete development pathway within BC Athletics, providing U16 athletes with a high-quality, multi-sport competition experience that bridges the gap between local competition and national-level championships. Held every two years, the Games bring together athletes from across the province, selected through zone-based qualification processes, to compete in a structured, team-oriented environment that emphasizes both participation and performance.

2.0 KELOWNA 2026 BC SUMMER GAMES

The Kelowna 2026 BC Summer Games will bring together the province’s top U16 athletes for a premier multi-sport experience in the Okanagan, showcasing the next generation of talent within BC Athletics. Set against the backdrop of Kelowna’s strong sport community and excellent facilities, the Games will feature zone-based team competition, emphasizing both participation and performance in a high-energy, team-oriented environment.

3.0 IMPORTANT DATES

DATE(S)	ITEM	NOTE(S)
April 1, 2026	Qualification Period Open	Events
June 7, 2026	Qualification Period Closes	Events
June 7, 2026	Athlete Declaration Due	CLICK HERE
June 8-10, 2026	Zone Team Selection	
June 12, 2026	Athlete Rosters submitted to Provincial Advisors	
June 22, 2026	BC Summer Games Registration Deadline	
July 22, 2026	Travel Day (to Kelowna)	
July 23-25, 2026	BC Summer Games Competition	
July 26, 2026	Travel Day (from Kelowna)	

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

For athletes to be eligible for BC Summer Games Zones Teams, they must:

- a. Hold a 2026 BC Athletics Annual U16 Membership or a 2026 BC Summer Games Participant Membership.
- b. Be 14 (born 2012) or 15 (born 2011) as of December 31, 2026.
- c. Complete a 2026 BC Summer Games Athlete Declaration by June 7, 2026 @ 11:59PM.
- d. Register a performance at a [BC Summer Games Qualifying event \(click here\)](#).

5.0 SELECTION CRITERIA

a. SELECTION OBJECTIVES

The 2026 BC Summer Games Selection Objectives are as follows:

- To provide a clear and accessible path for athlete selection to BC Zone Teams.
- To fill as many spots on BC Zone Teams as possible.
- To provide each zone with the best athletes living within their zone
- To provide as many athletes as possible with positive experiences through Track & Field.

b. SELECTION PROCESS

New in 2026 – BC Athletics will no longer use BC Games Zone Trials for selection to BC Zone Teams. Athletes will be selected to teams based on the following processes:

- i. Athletes within each zone will be ranked by performance within their events (athletes are encouraged and should declare for multiple events).
- ii. Athletes will be selected based on their performances during the published qualification window (see: Important Dates) until all team spots are full.
- iii. Wild Card spots will be used to select remaining athletes to All Zones based on their performances achieved during the published qualification window (see: Important Dates)

c. ELIGIBLE PERFORMANCES

Athletes may submit performance results achieved during the published qualification window from:

- Any 2026 BC Summer Games Qualifying meet ([click here](#)). Qualifying meets are any BC Athletics Sanctioned club meet; or
- Any 2026 BC School Sports Zone Championship Meet.

d. SUBMITTING RESULTS

Athletes may submit results by:

- For athletes who hold a **2026 BC Athletics Annual U16 Athlete Membership**, performances will be automatically updated on the Athletics Canada Rankings for any BC Athletics Sanctioned events except for BC School Sports Zone Championships (BC High School Championships in Langley will be eligible for Athletics Canada Rankings).
- **For all other athletes (non-Annual Membership)**, performances can be submitted from a BC Athletics Sanctioned event or BC School Sports Zone Championships via the 2026 BC Summer Games Athlete Declaration Form.
- If an athlete is selected and is NOT a 2026 BC Athletics Annual U16 Athlete Member, they must purchase a 2026 BC Summer Games Participant Membership to be eligible for participation at the BC Summer Games.