

BC Athletics Junior Development Committee - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 8pm by Teleconference

1. Attendance

Doug Evans (Chair), Caitlin Reed, Christine Dela Cruz, Lee Hunter, Kyndrie Malmquist, Dawn Copping, Birgit Weaver, Tatjana Mece, Ross Browne, Darren Willis (BOD Committee Liaison), Sabrina Nettey (Introductory Programs Coordinator)

Regrets: Kylie Lakevold

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Sabrina requested that 2023 JD Track & Field Championships and recognition of Tom Dingle be added to the agenda.

Motion to accept agenda (Christine Dela Cruz/Tatjana Mece). Accepted.

3. Acceptance of minutes of meeting

Motion to accept minutes (Lee Hunter/Dawn Copping). Accepted.

4. Items arising from last meeting.

Darren shared that the Board of Directors had reviewed and supported the JD Committees proposal to not host the JD Awards Banquet in 2022.

5. Report from Darren

Greg White has stepped down from his role as Chair of the BC Athletics Board of Directors after 10 years. Darren has been elected as the new Chair to the Board and will continue to serve as liaison to this committee. Brian McCalder has announced that he will retire in March of 2023 after nearly 50 years with the organization. He acknowledged again the passing of Tom Dingle and the significant role he's played both on our committee and within the greater BC Athletics community; he will be a sad loss. Cristi Lundman has stepped down from her role as Vice Chair of the JD Committee as she has been nominated as the Zone 6 Director on the Board of Directors. Mikayla Mitchell has been nominated by the VIAA to represent Zone 6 on the JD Committee. Clifton Cunningham has also stepped down from his role as the BC Athletics Manager of Road & Cross Country. An additional position of Officials and Coach Education Assistant has been created. BC Athletics will be looking to fill both positions.

6. Approval of 2022 JD Awards Recipients

The Committee reviewed the list of JD Award Recipients. 27 athletes achieved award standard, however only 15 met all award criteria. A question was raised if this number was less than usual. Sabrina explained that it was significantly less, but that there had been a consistent downward trend in recent years with only 57 athletes earned crests in 2019, 64 in 2018, and 71 in 2017. She noted that, while adjusted, the standards are still based around the all-time top 10 performances. Committee will have to revisit what how difficult they will want the standards to be moving forward.

Sabrina will post list of recipients to BC Athletics website and in the upcoming newsletter. Committee had originally discussed including photos of recipients but will be unable to due to BC Athletics policy. Plaques will be ordered and set to clubs to present to athletes at the individual award banquets.

Motion to approve the 2022 JD Awards Recipients (Dawn Copping/Tatjana Mece). Approved.

7. Approval of 2022 JD Crest Recipients

547 athletes have qualified for JD Crests. List will be posted to the BC Athletics newsletter and in the upcoming newsletter. Clubs will also be contacted and asked if they would like to order. Dawn confirmed that she'd still be fulfill Crest Orders. A question was asked if individuals could submit individual orders if their club chose not to order for their athletes. Dawn confirmed yes but noted the difficulty in dealing with individual orders and requested that, if a club chooses not to purchase them for their athletes, that they be asked to have a parent coordinate individual orders for their athletes.

Motion to approve the 2022 JD Crest Recipients (Lee Hunter/Kyndrie Malmquist). Approved.

8. Proposal for 2022 JD Para Awards & JD Para Crests Criteria

At the Committees direction, Sabrina reached out to Athletics Canada's Manager of Para Development for recommendations regarding creating JD Awards and JD Crest criteria that are inclusive of para athletes. Determined that it would difficult to create JD Para Awards criteria for 2022 as there is no historical results to pull from, as compared to able-bodied athletes. As the Crest program is intended to be more participation focused, proposed criteria is that athletes who meet all of the following criteria should be awarded a JD Crest:

- Hold a competitive JD membership with BC Athletics
- Registered with BC Athletics as having a disability
- Have competed in 3 different events during the season
- Have competed in at least 1 track and 1 field event during the season

Committee supported the proposal as it allowed for inclusion of JD para members. Question was raised regarding what colour crest para athletes would be awarded. Committee discussed creating a para crest but ultimately decided to award para athletes a Gold Crest, as it represent being the best in their category, which they will typically be due being the para participant in their age group.

Motion to approve the proposed JD Para Crest Criteria for implementation in 2022 (Dawn Copping / Christine dela Cruz). Approved.

9. 2023 JD Crest Criteria and Potential Revisions

Sabrina explained the difficulty in determining crest recipients based on current criteria and that, at present, there isn't any BC Athletics staff member with the skill/ability to process the data to determine recipients. As the criteria does not need to be published until next spring, Committee was asked to begin reflecting on the purpose of the crests so that, if needed, criteria can be modified to both reflect those values of the crest program while also allowing for a more streamlined process in determining recipients. Dawn noted that the Statistician role is a paid position and so it could be worthwhile to advertise for potential statisticians before revising criteria.

10. 2022 JD Committee Annual Open Forum Meeting

Question was raised regarding the reason of the name change from "JD Committee AGM" to "JD Committee Annual Open Forum Meeting". Darren explained that the purpose of that meeting is create an opportunity to hear from the JD community but it has also created an obligation to create and vote on policy, separate from the BC Athletics AGM. BC Athletics would like for such votes to occur within the greater organization, with the

name change intended to help manage expectations regarding what will happen at this meeting. While this is an open forum, ultimately everything will be pushed to the Board of Directors.

Date of JD Committee Annual Open Forum Meeting: Sunday, November 20th, 2022 @ 2pm.

11. 2022 BC Athletics Annual Award Nominations for Jane Swan & JD Coaching Excellence (F/M)

The JD Committee was reminded that they are responsible for selecting recipients for each of the above awards. Nominations can be submitted by the membership to the Committee, however, in case nominations are not received, Committee is asked to start brainstorming potential recipients. Nominations will close November 30th. Sabrina will send out list of past recipients to help Committee determine potential nominees, as individuals may only receive the award once.

12. Election of Vice Chair

Darren noted that, with Cristi Lundman stepping down from the JD Committee, a new Vice Chair is needed.

Motion to elect Lee Hunter as Vice Chair of the BC Athletics JD Committee (Dawn Copping/ Birgit Weaver).
Elected by Acclamation.

13. 2023 JD T&F Champions

Sabrina shared that there is a potential date conflict between the JD Track & Field Championships and the Harry Jerome, with both interested in the July 15th weekend. If the JD T&F Championships is held in the Lower Mainland, this could potentially result in a lack of officials available for both events. She explained that while traditionally BC Athletics Championships take priority over member meets in terms of date selection, the new qualification system for International Meets makes Harry Jerome an important opportunity for our senior athletes to qualify for the national team. She asked for the Committees position on changing the date of the JD T&F Championships. Committee determined that they would like to remain on the July 15th weekend, as they view it as a stable date that allows for the greatest participation by our JD members, while the Harry Jerome frequently varies it's date.

Discussion that the JD Pentathlon Championships should ideally return to the last weekend in June, as the long weekend prices for accommodations made it prohibitive for many athletes to travel to the event.

Question was raised regarding whether having the JD Championships earlier than in the past may have contributed to the lower number of athletes qualifying for Awards due to reduced training. Discussion that the Championships was only moved up a week so athletes likely didn't miss more than two or three practices, which shouldn't have impacted overall performance. Members in attendance noted that the event was very well attended, meeting the goal of having the Championships as one of the largest meets of the year to cap off the season.

14. Recognizing Tom Dingle

Darren shared that again that Tom Dingle had passed away in August. His contributions to his sport were plentiful and he'll be missed. Dawn & Birgit recounted some of their memories of Tom and his various roles with BC Athletics including their attendance at the pentathlon meets he used to host in Saanich.

15. Any Other Business

Dawn noted that the Calendar Congress will be October 26th. It's important to ensure that there are enough meets to allow for sufficient JD competition and development. Caitlin shared that the Kamloops track (Rotary Stadium) would be closed as of June 11th for renovations. Kamloops TFC will be hosting a BC Interior Elementary Championships on June 10th to encourage participation in the region prior to the tracks closure.

16. Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm

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