



**The Provincial Sport Organization  
For  
Track & Field, Road and Cross Country Running, Race Walking,  
Marathon & Ultra Running, Trail & Mountain Running**

[BC Athletics](#) is a Member Provincial/Territorial Branch of [Athletics Canada](#) – the National Sport Organization for Athletics. The purpose of the BC Athletics is to promote, encourage and develop the widest participation and the highest proficiency in the sport of Athletics, which includes Track & Field, Road and Cross Country Running, Race Walking, Marathon and Ultra Running, Trail and Mountain Running.

About [BC Athletics](#)

Working to that purpose, BC Athletics and Member Clubs provide programs and services to individual members so they can achieve their highest proficiency in Athletics – whether that be fun and fitness, introductory programs, or local, regional, provincial, national or international success in Athletics. The Club programs are a foundation of Athletics and offer a social network of age group friendships that for many last a lifetime.

**An Individual Membership with BC Athletics Provides the Benefits of:**

- An individual member of both BC Athletics and Athletics Canada
- [Liability insurance](#) – relating only to Athletics activities – i.e. a resulting lawsuit when the actions of an individual BC Athletics member result in: i.e. injury, accident, damage when involved in an Athletics Event.
- [Sport Accident Insurance](#) – which includes physiotherapy up to \$300.00 per yr. (Does not include coverage for overuse injury)
- Eligible for Individual [Membership Benefits](#)
- Eligibility for Rankings and Records – as provided by the Individual [Membership Type](#)
- Eligible for entry fee discounts – as provided by the individual membership type – See [Membership](#)
- As an individual member, you help, through your membership fees to:
  - Support the programs and services provided through BC Athletics and Member Clubs:
    - Masters (35 plus); Senior; U20; U18; U16; Jnr Development (9 to 13 yrs); Track Rascals (6 to 8 yrs)
    - Road & Cross Country Running
    - Track & Field
    - Marathons & Ultras

- Trail & Mountain Running
  - Coaching Education
  - Officials Training and Development
  - Race Directors Conferences
  - Athlete workshops
  - BC Team Programs
  - Annual Awards – BC Athletics; Provincial; National
  - Insurance – Liability and Sport Accident
  - Event Sanctioning and Risk Management
  - Social and Operational Policies – Access; Equity; Fair Play; Anti-Doping; Inclusion; Codes of Conduct; Policy on Harassment; Complaints and Appeals Process – See: [Governance](#) for details
- Individual Members help to establish BC Athletics as a leader in Canada in Athletics – which includes:
    - Having the largest Prov/Terr membership in Athletics in Canada;
    - Having representation on Canada’s National and Olympic Games Teams of 25 to 35% each year;
    - Insuring the British Columbia has a voice and leadership roles as appropriate, in the direction of Athletics Canada and Athletics in Canada;
    - Insuring the ongoing provision of programs and services that meet the needs of the BC Athletics Membership – Clubs and Individuals; and
    - Insuring the ongoing development of young athletes as they pursue their goal of representing BC and Canada.

**A Member Club of BC Athletics Provides the Benefits of:**

- A voice in the direction of the Association through membership engagement as part of:
  - The Annual General Meeting
  - The Quadrennial Strategic Plan Development (see the [2017-2020 BC Athletics Strategic Plan](#))
  - Election of BC Athletics Board of Directors
  - Opportunities to be part of BC Athletics Committees – Operational and Advisory
  - Opportunities to be part of Zone/Regional Committees or Associations that help in the delivery of programs like the Regional Road Running and Cross Country Series – each supported financially by BC Athletics.
  - A recognized Club of Athletics Canada

**For Each Individual Club - Annual Membership Includes:**

- [Liability Insurance](#) (full policy) [Liability Insurance Master Certificate](#) (includes Member Clubs) for the day to day operations of the Member Club - \$5 million limit
- Errors and Omissions (Directors and Officers) Liability Insurance - \$2 million limit
- Non-owned automobile (rented vehicles used to transport Club Members to an Athletics Competition or Approved Event - \$5 million limit

- Facility Owners - [Liability Insurance](#) (includes Member Clubs, Cities and School Districts) – relating to where the club trains or holds a competition) – when requested by the facility owner.
  - **Note:** As per the Insurance Company’s Coverage, **Cyber Risk Extension and Legal Defence Expenses** relate only to BC Athletics (the Provincial Sport Organization).
- Club Member Fee for the Sanctioning of Competitions (Non-Member Clubs/Organizations pay double the fee) – which includes Liability Insurance coverage for the: Event; the Event Organizing Committee; the facility owners where the event is taking place; all volunteers on the day of the event; all Officials; all participants in the event (all participants in a BC Athletics sanctioned event must be Annual or Day of Event members of BC Athletics or another Prov/Terr or National Athletics Association.
  - All sanctioned events are noted/identified on the [BC Athletics Calendar of Events](#)
- Liability Insurance Coverage for Club Social Events – including the serving of alcohol. (Detailed information – as requested by the insurance company - regarding security and serving it right to be provided).
- Eligibility for Club Discounts on Goods and Services as provided through Partnership Agreements with BC Athletics – See [Membership Benefits](#)
- Eligible to access the [National Sport Trust Fund](#) – BC Chapter through Sport BC and BC Athletics, for the issuing of Tax Receipts for donations to the Club – i.e. West Vancouver Foundation; North Shore Community Foundation; Private and Corporate donations – where tax receipts are required/requested by the donor.

For more information contact BC Athletics at:

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