

## **Event Season is Upon Us!**

Spring has arrived and events are in full swing at the track, on the road and on the trails. I wanted to take an opportunity to provide a quarterly update.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT**

Last month, the BC Athletics Board of Directors and I attended a weekend retreat to discuss the path forward for BC Athletics. We explored innovative ways in which athletics can enrich our communities and how we can enhance support for our members. In the upcoming months, we're excited to unveil these initiatives and invite member input.

## **PARA ATHLETICS**

Last month, I also had the opportunity to attend an Athletics Canada Para Development Camp in Victoria to build key relationships with Athletics Canada and learn about ways we can expand our support for the development of para athletics in BC.

## **ATHLETICS FOR ALL GRANT**

BC Athletics is a recent recipient of the Athletics Canada "Athletics for All Grant", funded by the Government of Canada. We will use these funds to enhance our community Run Jump Throw Wheel programs, with a focus on inviting newcomers to Canada to get involved with Athletics throughout the province. As part of this grant, we recently hosted a "FREE" Run Jump Throw Wheel Instructor course, where we had more than 35 participants register to be trained in facilitating Run Jump Throw Wheel programs in their clubs, communities, and schools.

Additionally, we have received grant funding for Athletics in Canada Day, funded by the Government of Canada. This event will promote and celebrate Athletics in Canada. We will host activations on June 12, 2024 in Victoria, as part of the Victoria Track Classic and June 15 in Burnaby, as part of the Harry Jerome Track Classic.

## **WE'RE HIRING!**

BC Athletics is recruiting for our summer program assistant roles. These roles are integral to our summer programming and supporting our BC Teams programs! We invite all eligible applicants to apply.

## **OFFICIALS**

To facilitate hundreds of events across the province, we continue to roll out the Officials Management System. This system is designed to foster officials' development and manage assignments efficiently. We extend our gratitude to our officials for their dedication in embracing this new system and adapting to a fresh approach. If you are interested in volunteering as an official, you can find more information [here](#). We are always looking to build our officials' roster!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April, May and June will be jam-packed months for our members, with many exciting events on the horizon, including the 2024 Bell Olympic and Paralympic Trials in Montreal, Quebec at the end of

June! Be sure to check out the [BC Athletics Calendar](#) for all the BC Athletics sanctioned events coming to BC this spring and summer.

Thank you for being a part of the BC Athletics community and I look forward to seeing you at an event this spring!

Yours in Sport,

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