

2021 Track and Field Committee Annual Report

Tara Self – Chair

Track and Field Committee

Track and Field Committee is responsible for but not limited to:

- Setting selection standards for BC Teams in Track and Field Competitions
- Selecting the athletes for BC Teams
- Selecting the coaching staff for the BC Teams
- Selecting athletes for the BC Athletics Annual Awards for Excellence for U16, U18, U20 and Senior categories
- Selecting athletes for the BC AAP – BC Athlete Assistance Program
- Selecting BC Athletics Championships hosts, date sites for U16, U18, U20 and Senior age groups

There are vacant committee positions for which the Technical Manager is working with the Chair of the Track and Field Committee to fill. All interested coaches/athletes are asked to contact the Track and Field Technical Manager to put names forward. The Track and Field Committee did not meet in person this past year however, we did meet virtually and will get back to more regular meetings as things return to normal.

2020/2021 Committee:

1. Tyler Heisterman (Board Liaison)
2. Tara Self (Chair - Sprints/Hurdles)
3. Nicholas Ayin (Male Athlete Rep - Sprints/Hurdles)
4. Jessica Smith (Female Athlete Rep - Middle Distance)
5. Mark Bomba (Middle Distance)
6. Laurie Willett (Throws)
7. Sheldan Gmitroksi (Throws)
8. Open (Jumps)
9. Open (Jumps)
10. Ana Karanovic (Para)
11. Pat Sima-Ledding (Combined Events)
12. Barb Vida (Combined Events)

Year in Review

2021, as a mid-global pandemic season, did allow for a return to some forms of competition. Many clubs were able to hold “in-house” trials meets that allowed their athletes a chance to compete. With a lessening of health restrictions in June, cross-club competitions were able to resume and BC Athletics with the help of host clubs was able to have modified provincial championships.

Kamloops Track and Field Club hosted the Throws Provincials, the Prairie Inn Harriers of Victoria hosted the Endurance Provincials and the Langley Mustangs Track and Field Club hosted the Sprints/Jumps/Hurdles Provincials. There were a number of personal bests at all the meets proving that our track and field clubs weathered the pandemic well and were able to provide continued high level programming for our BC athletes.

BC Teams/National Team

Due to the pandemic, the 2021 Canadian Nationals/Olympic Trials in Montreal, Quebec was an invitation only event. BC sent 25 able-bodied and one para athlete to compete in Montreal.

With the 2020 Tokyo Olympics being pushed back to July 2021, BC was still able to put 16 athletes on the Canadian Olympic Team.

BC also has five U20 athletes selected for the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi, Kenya, August 17-22, 2021.

2022 Key Dates

- Pacific Distance Carnival & 10,000m Championships – June 17-18 – Burnaby, BC
- Canadian U20/SR Championships – June 23-26 – Langley, BC
- FISU World University Games – June 26-July 7 – Chengdu, CHN
- BC Jamboree Championships – July 8-10 – Kamloops, BC
- World Athletics Championships – July 15-24, Eugene, OR, USA
- BC Summer Games – July 22-24 – Prince George, BC
- Commonwealth Games – July 27-Aug 7 – Birmingham, ENG
- Legion National Championships – Aug 5-7 – Sherbrooke, QC
- Canada Summer Games – Aug 15-21 – Niagara, ON
- NACAC Championships – Aug 19-21 – Nassau, BAH

BC athletes continue to impress across event groups and age groups. With continued support and opportunity, our athletes will achieve success and continue to represent our province and country proudly.