



2022 Track and Field Event Congress (Zones 3,4,5)

Meeting:

Wednesday October 26, 2022 - 6:45-8:45pm – Christine Sinclair Community Centre

In Attendance:

Ian Coutts (Royal City), Carol Cull (Officials Committee), John Cull (Officials Committee), Dawn Copping (NorWesters), Birgit Weaver (NorWesters), Sue Kydd (Universal Athletics), Dawn Driver (Valley Royals), Tom Norton (Valley Royals), Edwin Liu (Greyhounds Masters), Phil Pitzy (Golden Ears), Doug Evans (Golden Ears), Tatjana Mece (Vancouver Olympic Club + New West Spartans), Besnick Mece (Vancouver Olympic Club + New West Spartans), Nigel Hole (Vancouver Thunderbirds + Achilles Society), Garrett Collier (Kajaks + UBC Thunderbirds), Karen Fisher Hagel (Kajaks), Maureen de St. Croix (Ocean Athletics), Jasmine Gill (BCA Zone 3/4/5 Director), Megann Vandervliett (BCA T&F Programs Manager), Sabrina Nettey (BCA Introductory Programs Coordinator), Darren Willis (BCA Board Chair)

1) Review of 2023 Championships Meets

Jasmine led a review of the 2023 Championship meets. It was noted that the 55+ Games and BC Masters Championships do not currently have a date and/or host. Megan shared that Athletics Canada has requested all provinces host their provincial championships on the 2nd weekend of July, so the Jamboree has moved to that date.

2) Discussion of Major Event Conflicts: Harry Jerome Track Classic + JD T&F Championship

It was noted that the Harry Jerome Track Classic and the JD Track & Field Championships are both scheduled for the July 15th weekend. Nigel explained that the Achilles Society had landed on that date due to the need to coordinate with/around the other Canadian High Performance Series meets, the NACAC Association (North American, Central American, and Caribbean), as well as the Diamond League Events. Discussion that the major issue is around Officials, with both meets requiring a large amount. Carol estimated that the Jerome would require a minimum of 15-20 Officials. Even more would be required for the JD T&F Champs, as they would have multiple horizontal jump runways and high jump pits running at the same time. Given the number of officials available and the level of officiating experience required, it isn't currently possible to staff both events at the same time.

Question was raised on whether there was an opportunity for the Harry Jerome to be held on the Friday night, with the JD T&F Champs then on Saturday and Sunday. Response that the JD T&F Championships typically begins on the Friday night due to the rule requiring the BC Athletics Championships not start before 11AM on the first day. Meet Directors will investigate scheduling options that may allow for the elimination of Friday events. However, would still face an officiating issue, as our top Officials will likely do both events, which is counter to the aim of trying to reduce the strain on Officials.

Question was raised on whether there was an opportunity to move the JD T&F Champs to the following weekend (July 22nd). Discussion that this with the heat waves that have been experienced in recent years, this date change would increase the likelihood of having young athletes competing in unsafe conditions. However, would still face an officiating issue, as it would be ideal for our Officials to have a weekend off prior to the 4 day National T&F Championships in Langley the following weekend (July 27-30th).



Conclusion: JD T&F Championships will stay on the July 15th weekend, with the Harry Jerome investigating either the Friday or Sunday night.

3) Discussion of New World Athletics Sanctioning Rule

Meggann explained that a new rule is being introduced next year that will require all meets that want to be part of the World Athletics Rankings to be World Athletics sanctioned. This sanctioning will require an additional fee of \$100 US to be paid to World Athletics. Sanctioning will need to occur 60 days in advance; the exception is January – March of 2023 (30 days in advance), as the rule will only be rolled out in January.

This rule will impact multiple age groups, not just senior athletes. For example, if a U20 athlete wants to compete at the U20 World Championships, they will have to compete at meets that are World Athletics Sanctioned. Meet Directors will need to reflect on whether this is required for their events. Coaches will also need to confirm which meets have applied for this sanctioning when their athletes are looking to achieve standards. Meggann will investigate adding a designation to the Calendar of Events to identify meets that have received this sanctioning.

Question was raised regarding whether tracks are required to be certified to be able to be World Athletics sanctioned. Response that this won't be required for 2023 but may be in the future.

Many more details to come on this new World Athletics policy as Athletics Canada and BC Athletics learns more.

4) Discussion of Club Event Conflicts

Jasmine led a review of other event conflicts that had been submitted. Clubs generally open to adjusting event offerings to minimize conflict.

A date conflict on the May 6th weekend led to a larger discussion about the need to work collaboratively to create a good competition schedule that meets the needs of the Zones 3/4/5 athletes. It was noted that while full two day meets have their place, having them every weekend is a barrier to participation for parents/athletes who want to have free time during the weekend. Some present shared that they saw very positive performance results during COVID, when meets had to adjust schedules to accommodate only having 50 individuals in the facility at a time.

John Cull suggested revisiting the "News Meets" format, in which only a few events were offered for each gender each week (ex. if girls long jump and boys triple jump was offered Week 1, then the reverse was offered Week 2). Nigel suggested a similar format called "Turbo Meets" in which one meet may offer the 100, 800, and Long Jump, and the next meet offers 200, 1500, and Shot Put. These types of formats would address scheduling issues and some of the Officials/Volunteer issues, due to shorter days.

Discussion that meets are frequently revenue generators for clubs. Particularly for clubs that don't have a sanctionable tracks within their own communities, larger meets with more events and athletes are needed to ensure that they can cover the expense of event hosting in addition to any profit they hope to generate. Suggestion that the group investigate a financial sharing model that would ensure that everyone brings in enough money to meet their needs. Darren shared that the Vancouver Island Athletic Association (VIAA) have adopted such a model. Currently made up of 9 member clubs from Zone 6, \$1 from each athlete's registration fee at each meet goes back to the VIAA. Also, based on the size of the club, each makes a financial donation to the VIAA with the funds going to support their meets collectively (ex. purchasing equipment). They also share volunteers, with each club volunteering at each meet, rather than a single club being solely responsible for the hosting of each meet. The VIAA meets 3 or 4 times a year to discuss issues impacting the association.



5) Discussion of High School Meets

Those present noted the shared calendar did not include the BC High School meets for May 2023. Discussion that the meets are typically on weekdays, so generally only retired officials are available to attend. Reminded that BC Athletics only provides support to events that sanction their meets.

6) Discussion of Next Steps

Meet directors are asked to submit their tentative event list for each meet to Megann so that group can begin to collaborate. Event list from previous season will work if not anticipating major changes. Megann will send out shareable Excel file to start adding events.

John requested that meets planning to host specialty events (ex. walks, pole vault, seated throws, etc.) inform them early to ensure they can assemble the best team to officiate those events. Additional request that group share contacts for important resources that are required at meets. (ex. Certified First Aid attendants).

Suggestion to create a series like the Lower Mainland Cross Country series, so that athletes & parents know where they should be competing each week.

Group agreed to meet in early 2023 to continue discussion.



2023 BC Athletics Calendar of Events (tentative)

*please note that this is a list of events that have been requested by Clubs as of November 18, 2022. Events will be added to the BC Athletics Calendar of Events on December 1, 2022.

Date:	Event:	Host Club:	Location:	Zone/Notes:
Feb 3-4	Gary Reed Invitational	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone2
Feb 4	Harry Jerome Indoor Games	Achilles & Kajaks	Richmond	Zone 5
Feb 24-26	Van Ryswyk Invitational	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
March 4-5				
March 11-12				
March 18	Oceans Spring Breaker Meet	Ocean Athletics	South Surrey	Zone 4
March 25-26	UBC Open	UBC	Vancouver	Zone 5
March 26- April 1	World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships		Torun	
April 1-2				
April 8	Emilie Mondor Invitational	SFU	Burnaby	Zone 4
April 15	Richmond Relays	Kajaks	Richmond	Zone 5
April 15-16	Ultra Throws Festival # 1	Ultra Throw Club		
April 19	Elementary School Relay Fest	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
April 21-22	VOC Elementary School Meet	Vancouver Olympic Club	Burnaby	Zone 4
April 26	Vancouver Elementary School Meet	UBC	Vancouver	Zone 5
April 29	Battle of the Borders	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
April 29	Jean Jacques Schmidt Memorial Meet	Kajaks	Richmond	Zone 5
May 5-6	Dylan Armstrong Track Classic	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
May 5-7	Jennifer Swan Rogers Memorial Meet	Valley Royals	Abbotsford	Zone 3
May 6-7	Sub Zero Meet	Prince George	Prince George	Zone 8
May 6-7	NorWesters Elementary Meet	NorWesters	Burnaby	Zone 4
May 9	North/West Zone Meet	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
May 13	Golden Ears Athletics Eagles Classic	Golden Ears	Maple Ridge	Zone 3
May 13-14	Dogwood Track and Field Meet	Athletics Victoria	Victoria	Zone 6
May 18	Okanagan Zone Championships	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
May 19-20	Richard Collier Big Kahuna ThrowsFest	Kajaks	Richmond	Zone 5
May 26-28	BC Elementary Track and Field Championships	Kajaks	Richmond	Zone 5
May 27	Fraser Valley High School Zone Championships		Langley	Zone 3
June 2-3	BC High School Combined Events Championships		Abbotsford	Zone 3
June 3-4	CVAC Garriock Track and Field Meet	CVAC	Cowichan	Zone 6
June 8-10	BC High School Championships		Langley	Zone 3
June 10	BC Elementary Interior Championship Meet	Kamloops	Kamloops	Zone 2
June 16-17	Langley Pacific Invitational	Langley Mustangs	Langley	Zone 3
June 17	Spruce Capital Meet	Prince George	Prince George	Zone 8
June 17	Moseley Jack Memorial JumpsFest	Kajaks	Richmond	Zone 5



June 23	2023 Pacific Distance Carnival and Canadian 10,000m Championships	BC Athletics/Mile 2 Marathon	Richmond	Zone 5
June 23-24	Island JD Championships and Comox Valley Solstice Meet	Comox Valley	Comox Valley	Zone 6
July 1-2	Jack Brow Memorial Meet	Okanagan Athletic Club	Kelowna	Zone 2
July 4	Oceans Tuesday Summer Nights # 1	Ocean Athletics	South Surrey	Zone 4
July 7-9	BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Jamboree	BC Athletics/ Nanaimo Track & Field Club	Nanaimo	Zone 6
July 8-9	Trevor Craven Memorial Meet	NorWesters	Burnaby	Zone 4
July 8-17	World Para Athletics Championships		Paris, France	
July 14-16	BC Athletics JD Track & Field Championships	BC Athletics /	TBA	
July 14	Harry Jerome Track Classic	Achilles	Langley	Zone 3
July 18	Victoria Track Classic	Runsport	Victoria	Zone 6
July 22-23				
July 25	Tuesday Summer Nights # 2	Ocean Athletics	South Surrey	Zone 4
July 26-30	Canadian National Track & Field Championships		Langley	Zone 3
August 5-6				
August 11-13	Canadian Masters Track and Field Championships	Greyhounds	Langley	Zone 3
August 11-13	Canadian Youth Legion Track & Field Championships		Sherbrooke, QC	
August 19-27	World Athletics Championships		Budapest, Hungary	
August 19-20				
August 26-27				
Sept 9-10	Greyhounds Multi Event Meet	Greyhounds	Surrey	Zone 4
Sept 16	Oceans Fall Colours # 1 Track and Field Meet	Ocean Athletics	South Surrey	Zone 4
Sept 16-17	Ultra Throws Festival # 2	Ultra Throw Club	Langley	
Sept 30-Oct 1	Ultra Throw Club Championships	Ultra Throw Club	Langley	
Oct 14	Oceans Fall Colours # 2 Track and Field Meet	Ocean Athletics	South Surrey	Zone 4
Oct 20-Nov 5	Pan Am Games		Santiago, Chile	
Nov 17-25	Para Pan Am Games		Santiago, Chile	