

**BC Athletics Return to Sport – 2021 Membership Variance for BC Athletics
Sanctioned Event Entry
And
BC Athletics Support for Regional and Event Group Challenges and BC Athletics
Cross Country and Road Running Championships – Valid to December 31, 2021**

Rationale:

1. With 18 months of restricted competition opportunities and as result reduced participation in Track & Field, opening up Track & Field, Road and Cross Country Competitions through modified and interim membership requirements is a means to:
 - a. Encourage a return to T&F, Road and Cross Country for those who did not rejoin in 2020 or 2021;
 - b. Support opportunities for increased participation and physical activity;
 - c. Reduce Financial Barriers to participation inasmuch as many families are experiencing reduced income during the Pandemic;
 - d. Welcome and encourage participation from marginalized communities, new families and children to Canada;
 - e. Find new ways and innovations to attract new participants to Athletics/Track & Field, Road and Cross Country Running;
 - f. Enable Clubs and Host Organizing Committees, for the remaining months of 2021 to:
 - i. Host competitions with increased participation;
 - ii. Earn revenue from increased participation and help off-set the reduced revenues due to cancelled events in 2020 and 2021
 - iii. Market and Promote their Club programs and services that could result in more individuals wanting to join their club and/or participate in the events they host.

All of the above are steps and initiatives for Clubs, HOC's and BC Athletics to contribute to a **RETURN TO SPORT in British Columbia and Canada.**

We understand that some Clubs have had increased numbers of people looking to join their club during the past 18 months and have had to create waiting lists and/or turn people away because of the capacity of the club to provide quality coaching and programs. Hopefully these interim modifications to membership requirements for BC Athletics sanctioned competitions can provide the participation opportunities that many are looking for.