

2017 – 18 Year-end Report

Athletic Development & Coaching Committee



The 2017-2018 has been a busy season for Athletic Development & Coaching Committee. With the Canada Winter Games fast approaching, the committee has been continuing the work involved with creating a fair selection process for all involved. We have also continued to update other policies pertaining to our athletes and coaches.

2017-19 Provincial Team Policy

In July of 2017, the committee approved Canada East attendance standards to be added to the PTP. The creation of these standards was approved at the 2016 SSNB AGM, and the time standard suggestions presented to the committee were drafted by Scott. At the end of the season these were reviewed in and the same standards were approved to be in place again for the 2018-19 season.

Also added to the PTP last year were new 100-111m track movement standards, now with separate standards for male and female skaters instead of just a single cut-off time.

CWG Coaches and Managers

In December, the committee reviewed the applications and selected the two coaches and two managers who will lead our Canada Winter Games team to Red Deer. They are:

Short Track Head Coach: Derrick MacLeod
Short Track Manager: Sarah Gilbert
Long Track Head Coach: Miriam Verschoor
Long Track Manager: Scott Beamish

I'd like to thank all the applicants for their interest. The team we've selected are incredibly qualified to lead this team and we look forward to supporting them and our athletes on the road to the games.

Competition funding for NB athletes living out-of-province

In December, the committee approved a policy to assist with registration and travel cost of elite level competitions for New Brunswick athletes who are training out of province. These include Canada Cups (long track), and Western Elite (short track) competitions which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and funding assistance provided if it is feasible.

SSNB also continues to offer funding assistance for athletes to Quebec EST, Elite, and SSC national competitions.

Wider invitation to CWG training camps

Two policies were recently approved by the committee. One of these policies allows some additional skaters from within our Canada East group (who are not currently eligible for CWG) to attend CWG training camps, and the other will allow for athletes from the other Atlantic provinces (who must

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provide a coach if sending 4 or more athletes) to attend CWG training camps. These two changes will hopefully create an even more competitive training environment, especially at camps where attendance is going to be lower from among CWG eligible athletes from NB.

New regional exemption policy for CWG training camps

While the CWG Guide has only made references to allowing athletes to apply for sport-specific exemptions for provincial or national championships, recently, the committee approved a possible one-time 0.5 attendance mark for athletes to attend regional sporting events. This will allow athletes to take part in events that may help them attend future provincial championships, and not unfairly punish them for having done so.

Coach travel policies

The committee has approved two frameworks for coaching travel to events. This will ensure there is clearer guidance for our coaches as they travel to events in and outside of the province to support our athletes.

Committee Members: Dominique Byram (Caraquet), Ed Wasson (Codiac), Kevin Gough (Fredericton), Andy Magee (Hampton), Jérémy Martin (Restigouche), David Wolfe (Saint John), Sarah Groom (St. Croix), Scott Beamish (SSNB - Technical Director), Derrick MacLeod (SSNB - HP Coach), Devin Patterson (Chair)

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Patterson, Chair – SSNB Athletic Development & Coaching Committee