



**BC Athletics Board of Directors Addendum – March 26, 2020
Held by Electronic Correspondence
Minutes**

Participating: Greg White, Chair; Jim Hinze, Vice Chair; Brian McC Calder, President/CEO; Ota Hally, Director Finance; Tyler Heisterman, Director Programs & Technical Development; Jasmine Gill, Director Zones 3, 4 & 5; Jacob Emerson, Director Zones 3, 4 & 5; Darren Willis, Director Zone 6; Cathy Johnson, Director Zone 7 & 8; Rebecca Dutchak, Athlete Director; Sam Collier, Manager Registration and Membership Services; Gerry Dragomir, BC Athletics Accountant

Regrets: Jordan Myers, Director Events & Promotion; Barb Drake, Director Zones 1 & 2; Nathan Reich, Athlete Director; John Gay, Athlete Director; Chris Winter, Technical Manager Track & Field; Clif Cunningham, Technical Manager Road and Cross Country Running; Sabrina Nettey, Run Jump Throw Wheel Coordinator; Jennifer Brown, Coaching Education Coordinator; Richard Lee, Coach, BC Endurance Project

1. Further to the decisions made at the Board of Directors Meeting March 19, 2020, due to the quickly changing situation of COVID-19, Brian asked the Board of Directors for their feedback on two further BC Athletics Updates to the members.
 - a. BC Athletics Update - Coronavirus (COVID 19) - #5 – March 23, 2020
 - i. Having received a report of non-social/physical distancing at the Club Track & Field practice and concerns raised by the Provincial Health Officer, BC Health Minister and Mayors of Cities and Districts, the public was not understanding the absolute need for Social/Physical Distancing. Staff wanted to immediately advise all BC Athletics members of the recommended and acceptable training protocols. The Board of Directors was consulted for their feedback on an update to the members and a final version was agreed upon.

SPECIAL BC Athletics Update - Coronavirus (COVID 19) - #5

March 23, 2020

PLEASE - Social/Physical Distance – Avoid Contact with Others

Based on the continuing escalation of COVID 19 and in discussion today with Greg White. Chair, BC Athletics Brd of Directors together with having received a report of non-social / physical distancing at a Club Track & Field practice and concerns raised by the Provincial Health Officer, BC Health Minister and Mayors of Cities and Districts that the public was not adhering to the absolute need for Social / Physical Distancing, the BC Athletics Board of Directors want to immediately advise all BC Athletics Individual Members, Member Clubs and Club Members of the following change to the Training Guidelines in the [BC Athletics Update – Coronavirus \(CPVID 19\) #4](#):

2020-03-23 - Until further notice, BC Athletics clubs are to suspend training sessions due to the COVID-19 health crisis. This notice extends to BC Athletics member coaches who are coaching outside of the normal club organized training session and coaches who are not members of a club.

Athletes wanting to train through this period can do so on their own, without a coach present. Coaches can offer support digitally but cannot be present when your athletes are training.

Athletes continuing to train and Coaches continuing to coach must be 2020 members of BC Athletics.

We expect all of our membership to conform with the spirit and letter of Government (Federal, Provincial, Local) mandates to help reduce the risk to our communities during this difficult time.

*Thank you for your attention and stay safe.
Board of Directors and Staff of BC Athletics.*

- b. BC Athletics Update - Coronavirus (COVID 19) - #6 – March 26, 2020
 - i. The Board of Directors was consulted for their feedback on information for update #6. BC Athletics Staff suggested the update speak to membership, specifically Clubs requesting refunds and not supporting the Board's previous suggestion to continue to register members, and Competitions. After some discussion a final version was agreed upon.

BC Athletics Update - Coronavirus (COVID 19) - #6

March 26, 2020

Physical Distance – Avoid Contact with Others – Stay Home – Train at Home

The BC Athletics Board of Directors and staff want to THANK all the BC Athletics Members and Clubs for their efforts to being vigilant and helping in reducing the spread of COVID 19 and protecting each other. Your

feedback, suggestions and recommendations are greatly appreciated and help us in addressing the challenges we all face as we navigate the current situation and provide information to all members.

Training Directive: see [BC Athletics Update - Coronavirus \(COVID 19\) - #5](#)

Membership:

- The previous encouragement for clubs to continue to register members was made at a date when it was still possible to gather in groups of 50 or less and to maintain physical distance of at least 2 metres. This was wrong and has proven to be wrong. We apologize for this advice.
- The Board of Directors will, on May 30th, 2020 (as announced previously), consider the questions concerning the BC Athletics Membership. This will allow the Board to consider all factors and determine the best way forward. The Board will respond as soon as possible following their review and consideration.

Competitions:

- With the announced event cancellations/postponements/rescheduling – see the [BC Athletics Calendar of Events](#) – the following order has been put in place:
 - **All Athletics competitions under the jurisdiction of BC Athletics will be suspended until further notice.** This includes: Track & Field, Road Running, Marathons & Ultras, X-Country & Trail Races and Race Walking.

BC Athletics staff continue their work to provide information and modify programs along with planning on how once we are allowed to gather, train, run jump throw wheel and compete – how quickly can we make this happen.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time. The Board of Directors and Staff are continuing to monitor Health Advisories and Govt Directives.

Keep well and stay safe.

Sincerely,
BC Athletics Board of Directors and Staff

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