

BCSSA Technical Director 2017-2018

Report to the BCSSA Membership for the 2018 BCSSA AGM

The 2017-2018 season was very busy for BCSSA skaters, coaches, officials and staff, who participated in events ranging from local Interclubs, to the 2018 BC Winter Games in Kamloops, to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. A special congratulations to BCSSA skaters Jamie MacDonald, Josie Morrison and Denny Morrison who all competed in PyeongChang.

I worked with the Athlete Development Committee (ADC), Coaching Development Committee (CDC), Awards Committee and Academy Working Group this season. Following Keara's departure at the end of the season, I also worked with the Sport Development Committee (formerly Club & Membership Development Committee) and Competitions Committee. Thank you to Keara for all her contributions over the past two seasons, and to the volunteer committee members who work tirelessly to improve the experience for all BCSSA members.

Highlights of the season included:

- Successful hosting of Academy Year 3, with over 80 unique participants in 5 locations province-wide
- Production of Cutting Edge (pin program) resource videos
- Completion of a standardized fee structure for NCCP Coaching Courses delivered in BC
- Hosting a R2RD (Racing to Red Deer) short track camp in Richmond in December 2017
- Processing mid-season upgrades to the Provincial Performance Program (PPP) and Canadian Sport Institute Targeted Athlete List (formerly Integrated Performance System (IPS) carding)
- Creation of Team BCSSA branding (crest and clothing) for PPP skaters and those representing Team BCSSA at national competitions
- Development of the BCST/BCLT Minimum Coaching Standards Policy
- Receiving confirmation of our status as a Core Sport in the 2020 BC Winter Games in Fort St John, with short track and long track events being offered
- Receiving confirmation of renewed Enhanced Excellence funding (through viaSport and Canadian Sport Institute) to subsidize our Performance Programming, including the Academy and R2RD

I look forward to another busy and successful season in 2018-2019, which will see many changes for the association as we say goodbye to longtime Executive Director Ted Houghton and welcome a new Executive Director, and a new Sport Administrator to pick up where Keara left off. I am excited to move forward with my new colleagues and look forward to special projects and events such as the 2019 Canada Winter Games.

Respectfully Submitted,



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