

Coaching Development Annual Report

Prepared for the SSBC Annual General Meeting



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Our fearless leaders, Nicole Garrido and Ariana Van der Starre, Team BC coaches at WCYST 2022

2021 - 2022 Committee Members

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The Coaching Development Committee met at least monthly through the year to discuss and work on speed skating matters affecting the coaches in BC.

Some of the things we worked on this year

- Junior Leadership program was handed on to the SSBC staff to be released when appropriate
- Supporting the release of the Facebook group 'Speed Skating BC Sport Technical Community of Practice' in conjunction with the OCD and SSBC staff. Katharine was the delegated 'posting' person from our committee
- Implications of the 'Rule of 2' and other aspects of Safe Sport and the responsible coaching movement
- We completed our Safe Sport training and encouraged others to do so
- Planning for Coaching retreats was started but Covid-19 put those plans on the back burner-again
- Provided coaches with links and suggestions for pro-D certification credits
- Selection of coaches and managers for Short and Long Track competitions at the national/western levels
- Valerie Linton joined us for a meeting in the fall to discuss the budget process.
- Nominating of coaches for the ViaSport Coach of the year awards. ***Congratulations to Taryn Vansickle on being awarded the 2021 ViaSport Community Coach of the Year Award!***
- Sandi joined the Speed Skating Canada Culture Review Working Group which gave a voice to flow provincial matters up to the national level.
- Sandi represented the committee at SSBC planning meetings
- We offered feedback and support to the FFF and PACK programs.
- We supported a letter of concern that was brought to our committee by Sylvie Lloyd that expressed her observations as a skater and coach citing our lack of team spirit and visual presence at non SSBC designated out-of-province competitions and our definition of who a BC Team member is.

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Concerns that we have identified through the year

- We believe mandates for provincial coaches should be more clear so that everyone is aware of their roles and responsibilities. We should know when they are being an SSBC coach, when they are being a club coach or when they are just volunteering their time.
- More two-way communication with SSC would be appreciated. Having Sandi doing some committee work with SSC and Valerie and Chris's updates are helpful, but we don't feel a direct path of communication between provincial coaching committees and SSC.
- Having an up to date coaches register from which the CDC can easily reach out to encourage/communicate etc would be useful
- There are still a large number of coaches that have not completed their training but the online delivery has really helped with getting those modules completed.
- We feel discussion is needed regarding clarification of the purpose and mandate of the performance program at the Richmond oval, and how their programming is affecting the clubs, coaches and skaters, not only from the local region, but in the entire province. *(Please don't misinterpret this paragraph to read anything negative about the coaches at the performance program, this concern is about the mechanics, the purpose and the effect.)* Concerns have been raised with us by several different coaches from different clubs so our feeling is that discussion about private skating programs in general would be productive.

Currently we are working on:

- Ways to deliver education to coaches through the summer camps that are currently on offer.
- Developing a way for coaches to be aware of orphan skaters at events and supporting those skaters.

Thank you to all of our awesome speed skating coaches for all you give to the skaters in the name of fun and fast times. We are happy to be your voice in SSBC, so please always feel free to talk to us about anything coaching.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi, Kate, Barb and Keven

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