

Speed Skating BC Coaching Development Committee (CDC)
Annual Report for 2023-2024
May 10, 2024

1. Structure of the CDC:

- 4 elected members: Sandi Vyse, Barb Beck, Dianne Raymond, Diane Silzer
- Co-chairs: Sandi Vyse & Barb Beck
- Occasional Guests: Jodi Roberts – Speed Skating BC (SSBC) Sport Technical Coordinator & Maxime Thibault – SSBC Provincial Coaching Coordinator
- Meetings: held virtually on a monthly basis, usually at 8:00 am on the first Friday of the month, unless circumstances warranted otherwise (9 meetings held to date).
- All meeting minutes are included in the Committee Folder

2. Summary of the 2023-2024 Season:

- Both Maxime Thibault and Jodi Roberts shared information regarding their roles and responsibilities
- Approval of a number of coaching exemptions for provincial competitions
- Approval of a number of Individual Coaching Development Plans
- Selection of Assistant Coaches for National Youth events
- Selection of Team Managers for National Youth events
- Selection of two ‘Coach of the Year’ Awards – Grassroots and Performance
- Nomination of the same two individuals from the previous bullet to ViaSport for their Coaching Awards program
- Representation at two of the three Operational Planning Meetings

3. Greatest Accomplishments this year:

- Establishment of ‘Lunch and Learn’ Sessions, the first two of which are planned for July and August 2024
- Establishing positive and beneficial connections with both Maxime Thibault and Jodi Roberts

4. Major Issues Faced By the CDC this year:

- Periodic lack of clarity regarding our role in the approval process for the Individual Coaching Plans
- There were two new members on the Committee this year. It has taken time for both individuals to understand their role and responsibilities on the CDC Committee.
- Lack of clarity re the funding that is available to the Committee and the uses to which the dollars can be directed.
- Lack of identification and the training process for Learning Facilitators

5. Strategic Plan:

- Builder - this season the CDC has advocated for:
 - an increased number of Facilitators to support coaching training
 - increased opportunities for coaching training and PD points
- Innovator - this season the CDC has given approval for:
 - Coaches in training to gain coaching experience at provincial events
 - Coaches to work as assistant coaches at National Youth events
 - Individuals to act as Team Managers at National Youth events
- Champion– this season the CDC has advocated for the full implementation of the Junior Coach Leadership program, including having the pins available for the program

6. Aspirations for the upcoming 2024-2025 Season:

- To reinstitute an Annual Coaching Retreat to be held at the end of each season
- To encourage more Coaches to be involved in Regional Training through the new Community Academy Program, both with attendance at the Academy, and through outreach by the Provincial Coach to some nearby Clubs in each region.
- To improve communication and sharing of ideas to all Coaches, in part, by using the Speed Skating BC Coaches App
- We would like to invite another coach to our committee meetings, (in a non-voting capacity), to be mentored as a potential committee member to ensure knowledgeable succession when a voting position becomes available
- To encourage Clubs to celebrate National Coaches' Week

