

Athlete Development Committee Report for 2023-2024

Committee Chair: Kerry Haaheim

Committee Members:

Shadi Salehi, Grace Cheng, Karen Benn

Number of Meetings:4

All meeting minutes are included in the Committee Folder? Yes /No-NO

What do you feel were the major issues faced by your committee this year?

Provincial Bulletins not aligning with SSC Bulletins.

Lack of clarity in 2024 BCWG selection in dealing with how positions were to be assigned per region for the 15U age bracket.

What do you feel is your committee's greatest accomplishment this year?
Assisting in aligning SSBC awards with current age categories as set out by SSC.

What issues has your committee identified as areas for development next year? Assisting in the development of competition bulletins that align with SSCs in regards to age, distance, and type of race. Increase inclusivity by reviewing time standards for BCLT to allow for more participation of skaters in all categories.

Ensuring in the future that BC Cup ST, regardless of where it is hosted, has more incentive to attend to increase participation in all gender and age categories leading to more meaningful racing and accomplishment.

Ultimately the ADC would like to see increased participation at all provincial meets in all gender and age categories. We are hopeful that an organized progression of scheduled races in each region can lead to more participation at mini-meets and regional meets, and ultimately lead to full categories at provincial meets.

How do you feel your committee met the objectives of our Strategic Plan?

Builder:Provide input on race bulletins that lead to more inclusion for participation in provincial events.

Innovator: Promote and ensure fairness for competitions that require a selection process.

Champion: The ADC provided reasoning to have SSBC Skater Awards align with SSC age categories rather than their CSI development category. This helps ensure our skaters are recognized for their achievements in a clear and meaningful way.

Link to the Strategic Plan document - https://speedskatingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2023-2027-Strategic-Plan-1.pdf