

# Committee Report 2025 for the Coach Development Committee

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## 2024-2025 Committee Members:

Barb Beck (Chair)  
Dianne Raymond

Diane Silzer  
Sandi Vyse

The Coach Development Committee is pleased to share the following successes from the 2024-2025 season:

- The Coaches' Retreat which had an amazing keynote speaker, Adam Herps, and was well attended from all BC regions and demographics.
- Successfully facilitating the Women in Sport Mentorship Program application (Taryn Vansickle and Sylvia Masich as successful candidates).
- The CDC appreciates the initiative by Jodi Roberts to have so many Coaching courses available. The CDC consequently has tightened up the Coaching Exemption process to be initiated this coming season.

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## Builder

- We facilitated Lunch and Learn sessions, Coaching Clinics and the Coaches' Retreat.
- Mentorship programs.
- Coaches attended Academies.
- The CDC paired experienced coaches with less experienced coaches when we selected the Coaching teams for the Canadian Youth Championships.

## Innovator

- We encouraged training and mentorship by supporting 2 coaches for the Women in Sports Coaching program.

## Champion

- Lunch and Learn sessions

#### Opportunities for the Future

- The CDC will support the timely and earlier release of the Coaching Selection Bulletin.
- Increase communication to coaches regarding provincial programs such as Gen BC.

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## 2024-2025 Committee Members:

Alex Laut

Karen Mason-Bennett

The Sport Development Committee is pleased to share the following successes from the 2024-2025 season:

- brainstormed marketing ideas to get speed skating more well received in local communities.
- Put out ideas to engage youth to speed skating. identified challenges we have internally to support current skaters and parents concerns.
- "Revisiting try it's in a way that supports clubs at all levels and really tries to build strong relationships within communities.
- Setting some exciting goals to share the really awesome things that happen within speed skating in BC. "

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## Builder

- Reviewing programming annually to ensure quality both in organization and club level.
- SDC focused on developing clubs (including the PSO) with our work this year. We focused on supporting clubs to recruit new members and share the word about speed skating within their community utilizing resources developed by SSBC and connecting the dots to media and success stories (hint: there are lots!).

## Innovator

- Encourage growth, training and participations all members, officials and skaters.
- SDC really focused on barriers to participation and ways that SSBC can help clubs be the strongest they can be through a package of resources designed to support them as they shared what their clubs have to offer their communities. This included media packages for Speed Skate Week, try-it information, and the framework for participating in coordinated provincial initiatives.

## Champion

- Recognition to all active members that goes beyond.
- SDC's work on try-it programs and Speed Skating Week was all centred around sharing the great opportunity that speed skating presents for everyone in the province.

#### Opportunities for the Future

- involved club representatives to hear out what can we collaborate with our plan
- We had a lot of trouble getting people to attend regularly. I understand life is busy but we could have achieved more if everyone showed up