



Powering Podiums

Parasport Synergies | Nov 16, 2017



The Current Landscape

National



Provincial



Synergies

- Athletics Competitions
- Coaching Education
- Officials Training & Development
- Annual Awards
- Equipment & Coach Education Grants
- Talent ID Camps In Partnership with Athletics Canada
- Run Jump Throw Wheel Program
- Personnel Collaboration
 - Athletics Canada's Western Canada Recruiter Uses BCA Office Space
 - 2 Para Representatives sit on our Track & Field Committee



GIVE PARA TRACK & FIELD A TRY!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN PARA-ATHLETICS?

Athletics Canada offers opportunities for athletes across all disability groups to train and compete in track and field events. We need your help to identify these individuals.

- ATHLETES WHO COMPETE IN A WHEELCHAIR**
Athletes who compete using a wheelchair including athletes with spinal cord injuries and some amputees amongst other neuromuscular disabilities.
- ATHLETES WITH LIMB DEFICIENCIES**
Athletes with upper and lower limb deficiencies such as amputations or similar disabilities related to limb length including short stature.
- ATHLETES WITH ATHEIOSIS, ATAXIA AND/OR HYPERTONIA**
Athletes may have Cerebral Palsy or similar disabilities as a result of stroke, brain injury or other neurological disorders. Athletes can compete from a standing position or a wheelchair.
- ATHLETES WITH A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**
Athletes with varying degrees of visual impairment.

Contact Taylry Dickinson for more information:
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* Athletes with an intellectual impairment may compete in select track and field events within the framework of the sport.

Existing Gaps

BC Athletics is not able to support BC Para-Athletics athletes with direct funding (AAP and BC Team support) without taking funding from other programs/athletes.

27 different Para Athletics Classifications

- Only 7 of these fall under BCWCS
- Athletes with other impairments lack any support unless they can make the jump to AC's Development Program

Vision

Resolve the disconnect at the PSO level in BC relative to the integration of the Para component of the sport into one PSO responsible for both the Olympic and Paralympic Streams.

Mandated integration at the Provincial level in BC would provide for:

- a more effective aligned sport system in BC like that at the National level
- Increased funding to the PSO so as to provide for the programs and services for the para-athlete within the PSO
- More effective community-based club integration which is essential for an effective sport system

Not feasible without mandated integration



Support & Advocacy to the PSO & LSO



- Track & Field Clubs
- Secondary Schools
- Post Secondary Schools



Thank You