

B.C. JR AIR TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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INTRODUCTION

To promote Air Rifle and Air Pistol competition in British Columbia the British Columbia Target Sports Association (BCTSA) has implemented a Jr Development program for Air Rifle/Pistol Athletes in three parts.

1. Creation of a Club Development program based on the Shooting Federation of Canada's (SFC) Recreational Target Shooting Program (RTS) that will be used as one of the lead in criteria for;
2. A BC Jr Junior Development Team (BCDT) which will be formed each year to provide support for, and to incentivise, young athletes. The development team members will provide athletes to participate in, or replace vacancies for;
3. A BC Jr Junior Team (BCJT) which will be formed each year to provide support for, and to incentivise, young athletes. The team will provide coaching and competition opportunities for these athletes as they strive to reach National and International levels of proficiency.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

To participate in this program an athlete must:

- a. Be a member in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada and the BC Target Sports Association,
- b. Athletes must be fully eligible to represent British Columbia and Canada at the time of the trials, by citizenship or naturalisation.
- c. Complete a trials entry form and pay the applicable trials entry fee prior to the start of the competition sanctioned as the selection match(s).
- d. Not use or be in possession of, by medical prescription or otherwise unless approved by a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), any drug that is on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List or engage in any method or activity that would be in contravention to the World Anti-Doping Code.
- e. Sign a BCTSA Athlete Agreement and adhere to all its conditions including the requirement to prepare and follow an annual training plan.
- f. Pay in full, any outstanding accounts receivable owing the SFC, the BCTSA and their local club or team.
- g. Pay the applicable annual Team fee if required per published deadline parameters.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - RECREATIONAL TARGET SHOOTING PROGRAM

The Recreational Target Shooting Program (RTS) will be used by local clubs or organisations to track and reward their athletes' progress. Participation in the RTS will be one of the criteria used to determine an athlete's eligibility for the BCDT.

Where possible local coaches will administer the program and award levels as the athlete progresses. Athletes that wish to participate, but do not have club support, can participate by mail.

The intent of using the RTS program is to provide a common standard by which new Athletes can be recognised and awarded throughout the province. The program should be run as outlined on the SFC website. Additional rules and guidelines may be added from time to time by BCTSA to support the programs goals.

Primary considerations are:

1. you must use .177 cal. Air Rifle or Air Pistol
2. only aperture (peep) sights are allowed (telescopic or other optical sights are prohibited)
3. range length is 10 meters.
4. Slings are not permitted.

JR TEAM AND JR DEVELOPMENT TEAM QUALIFICATION RULES & STANDARDS.

Each year a Junior Team will be formed to provide support for, and to encourage, young athletes. The team will provide coaching and competition opportunities for these athletes as they strive to reach National and International levels of proficiency.

The BC Junior Team (BCJT) and BC Developmental Team (BCDT) for Air Rifle/Pistol will be formed under the following guidelines:

- Juniors are athletes who will be under the age of 21 on December 31st in the year of the Competitions / Championship and remain a resident of BC.
- There will be up to eight (8) members on the BC Junior Team and four (4) on the Developmental Team
- The Junior Team will consist of 2 male and 2 female each for Rifle and Pistol.
- The Developmental Team will consist of 2 males and 2 females.
- Members of the National Sr. Team will not be eligible for the BC Junior Team
- The top male and top female athletes will be chosen from the best results from two of three courses of fire. These will be taken from the 2018 BC Provincial Championships match, the 2018 Richmond Hibernation match and the 2019 Richmond Spring Air match.
- The next 2 male and female athletes below these scores will comprise the Developmental Team (BCDT).
- Membership on the BC Junior Team for 2018-19 will begin immediately following the March 2019 Richmond Match and extend through to the 2020 Spring Air Match.
- Funding for BCJT members may be available to help offset travel costs to various events.
- BCDT members will not be funded.
- To maintain Team eligibility, BCJT and BCDT members must attend all training camps, submit monthly progress reports to the provincial coach and outshoot Developmental Team members at matches designated as "Team Trials".
- If a Developmental Team member outperforms a Junior Team member during the trials matches, the Developmental Team member will replace the Junior Team member and will be eligible for subsequent funding.

The Head Coach may remove team members for non-compliance of these conditions; or for any behaviour deemed to be unsupportive of the team's goals.

QUALIFYING EVENTS, COURSE OF FIRE & QUALIFYING SCORES

The 2018-2019 BC Jr Air Team selection will be held in conjunction with the BC Provincials, the 2018 Hibernation match and the 2019 Spring Air match. To be eligible for selection to the BCJT, athletes must:

- a. Attend both Richmond matches and at least two upcoming training camps. The first training camp will be held at Abbotsford on the weekend of 02-03 Feb 2019. The following training camps will be announced at a later date.
- b. Minimum Qualifying Scores (MQS) may be applied for the 2019 season.
- c. Have been participating in the RTS program for a minimum of six months if these programs are available at their local clubs (this criterion will not be in effect until the 2019 season), and;
- d. Completed at a minimum of three levels (to Gold) in the Beginner section of the RTS program in prone and two levels (to Silver) in the intermediate part of the RTS if these programs are available at their local clubs (these criteria will not be in effect until the 2019 season).

The top 8 ranked finalists who meet the above criteria are eligible for nomination to BCJT.

IDENTIFIED ATHLETES

Athletes who achieve MQS, suitable ranking and are nominated by the BCJT Head Coach shall, shall become team members provided they:

- a. Remain in good standing as an athlete eligible to compete and represent BC and Canada, and;

- b. provide a signed athlete agreement and small-bore team agreement.

Nominations will be confirmed by the BCTS board.

BYES & ADDITIONS

On the recommendation of the Team Head Coach and approval of the BCTS board, additional members may be added to the BCJT for the following reasons:

- a. Competition Exemption: By application in advance, those athletes who were named to the BCJT in the year prior to the Trials who have met the requirements for team membership, and who are scheduled to represent Canada or BC at other competitions that would directly interfere with participation in the trials.

Any persons added to the Team for Competition Exemption will not displace those who have met the requirements at the trials in the qualifying year.

- b. Medical Exemption: By application in advance, those athletes who: i) were named to the BCJT in the year prior to the Trials; ii) have competed with the Team at least once in the year prior to the Trials; iii) have met the requirements for Team membership and for medical reasons substantiated by a doctor's certificate, cannot compete at the trials; iv) The injury or illness for which medical exemption is made will be such that the athlete is able to compete for the Team in the year of qualification.

Any persons added to the Team for Medical Exemption will not displace those who have met the requirements at the trials in the qualifying year.

CONFIRMATION

Membership on any team is subject to confirmation by the BCTSA Board and the signing of a BCTSA athlete agreement and a team agreement.

APPEALS

An appeal against a selection decision of the BCJT may be made to the BCTSA board of directors. Board decisions on appeals are final.

FUNDING

Funding to BCJT Programs is to be reviewed and determined on an annual basis, and approved by the BCTSA board of directors.