CSPA AGM, March, 12, 2022 held virtually

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Committee Report

(reporting period – December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021)

Another skydiving season affected by COVID restrictions but a better season than 2020. Each year, the LTAD committee and the Women's Initiative committee (WIC) work together processing applications for the Athlete Development funding and the WIC funding. In 2021, twelve applications were received for the Athlete Development funding encompassing a variety of disciplines. With a budget of \$7500, nine applications were approved for funding support and while adjustments for two of the original approved AD plans were necessary, all nine approved applications made use of the funding. Following the 2022 AGM and confirmation of the Athlete Development budget available, the LTAD committee and WIC will be advertising the 2022 application process. The application form was revised for the 2021 application process with the intent to make it an easier applicants with the intent to make the process easy for all applicants and easy for the committees reviewing the applications.

Due to the COVID restrictions skills camps at the indoor tunnels were not possible for the 2021 budget year. As things evolve regarding COVID restrictions, tunnel availability/possibilities and LTAD budget limitations, time will tell what may be possible for 2022.

The LTAD committee is responsible for Flight Plan, the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) document for CSPA. Revisions to the original document were completed 2019/2020 and the revised document is posted on the CSPA website.

The CS4L Summit provides the opportunity for sport groups to learn about new developments, new ideas, best practices and information regarding long term athlete development and was again offered virtually. While no committee members participated in the summit, updates and new information will be monitored for application to our sport.

I want to thank the members of the LTAD committee (Richard Bisson, Mélanie L-Guérin, Andrea Greening) for their commitment to CSPA and the LTAD committee. I want to welcome Christine Kuizema to the LTAD committee who will join the committee following the AGM in March. We would welcome any CSPA member who may be interested in joining our committee and as I would like to step away from being the chairperson of this committee, I am hopeful that someone will come forward to steer the committee's future.

Sincerely,
Doreen West-Gemmell
LTAD chairperson

2021 - 12 applications were received for Athlete Development funding; 9 were approved with - continue collaboration with WIC to process 4 being jointly funded with WIC funding applications for Athlete Development funding - COVID restrictions impacted the wind tunnels and thus skills camps typically offered - monitor participant and coach feedback at the wind tunnels were not possible regarding skills camps and events that are supported by the LTAD committee - Positive feedback from participants is an indication that the AD funding is appreciated and beneficial to individuals/participants 2022 - finalize the criteria & 2022 application - continue collaboration with WIC to process following the AGM funding applications for Athlete Development funding - Feedback received regarding the application form will be incorporated into the 2022 - review the AD application form application - seek additional committee members - Plan for the future of the LTAD committee with a new chairperson