

CSPA AGM, March, 18, 2023 held in Ottawa, Ontario

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Committee Report

(reporting period – December 1, 2021 to November 30, 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 committee has not done any recent revisions. The current 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. The opportunity to attend the summit was extended to other CSPA committees. While no committee members participated in the summit, updates and new information will be monitored for application to our sport. CS4L LTAD document will be reviewed and provides the basis for any revision required for Flight Plan.

Due to changes at the indoor tunnels in Canada there were no CSPA supported skills camps offered in 2022. Discussions have taken place recently with tunnel personnel to explore the possibility of offering a CSPA supported skills camp at the Montreal and Calgary tunnels in 2023. Nothing has been confirmed as yet.

The LTAD committee and the Women's Initiative committee (WIC) work together processing applications for the Athlete Development funding and the WIC funding. The application form was revised for the 2022 application process creating two applications with the intent to make it a clearer application process. One application form is to be used for events/skills camps and the other application is for individuals/teams. There are a few formatting issues to be corrected for the 2023 application process but having two forms seems to be clearer for applicants.

In 2022, twelve applications which encompassed a variety of disciplines were received for the LTAD committee's review. Three of the applications were referred to WIC for funding. With an Athlete Development budget of \$7500, nine applications were approved for funding support although one was subsequently withdrawn. The remaining eight applications made use of the approved funding.

Following the 2023 AGM and confirmation of the Athlete Development budget available, the LTAD committee and WIC will be advertising the 2023 application process. An item to be reviewed for the application process is the deadline to submit an expense claim and receipts which are required for approved funds to be paid. There has been difficulty in finalizing payments close to the CSPA year end date which is November 30th. The deadline to submit the required paperwork for the AD funding may need to be October 31st.

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 also want to thank Christine Kuizema for her time with the LTAD committee but whose busy schedule prevents her from continuing to be a committee member at this time. Any CSPA member who may be interested in volunteering their time with CSPA please consider joining the long Term Athlete Development committee.

I will be leaving my position as the chairperson of this committee at the conclusion of the 2023 AGM. It has been an honour to work with many talented individuals creating Flight Plan and facilitating the process of supporting CSPA Participants in their pursuit of developing their skills. Best wishes to everyone who participates in this sport in whatever capacity.

Most Sincerely,
Doreen West-Gemmell
Long Term Athlete Development Committee Chairperson

