

TEAM BC 2019 Canada Winter Games Story Leads

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Hometown	Role	Week	Top Results	Interesting Facts
Hannah	McDonagh-Proud	Artistic Swimming	Nanaimo	Athlete	One	2016 National Championships Junior Solo - 8th Junior Duet - 8th Combo - 8th 2018 National Championships Solo Technical - 8th Solo Free - 5th Team Technical - 7th Combo - 7th 2019 Qualified and selected to compete in the Solo and Duet events at the Canada Winter Games in addition to the Team event. Qualified to represent Canada at the 2019 Junior World Championships, represented Canada on the IBU Junior Cup for the past two seasons and finished 5th and 7th respectively at the Canadian Biathlon Championships.	In 2015, Hannah made the decision to move from her home club, the Nanaimo Diamonds, to her current club, Victoria Synchro. This change meant spending 2-3 days a week away from home in pursuit of her dream
Larissa	Black	Biathlon	Brackendale	Athlete	One	Johnathan has had over 35 matches, has won the Junior Golden Gloves and won Gold at the Canadian Winter Games test event in Medicine Hat early 2018	She is an Ambassador with Fast and Female and has participated in two "Champ Chats". Champ chats allow hundreds of girls to come together for a day of inspiration and new friendships. I lead groups of 30-40 girls as we discover new sports and connect with each other through sport.
Jonathan	Hannah	Boxing	North Vancouver	Athlete	One	Johnathan has had over 35 matches, has won the Junior Golden Gloves and won Gold at the Canadian Winter Games test event in Medicine Hat early 2018	Jonathan volunteers to coach several hours a week teaching kids and adults his love of boxing and how to box. He also volunteers weekly at his church and every summer at a kids camp running games and clean up crew. He has also spent time in Mexico building a school and has been publicly recognized for his efforts by receiving the Norm Gautreau Belt for mentoring and leadership in sport and community.
Kai	Smart	Freestyle Skiing	Whistler	Athlete	One	Won back to back "best overall" of BC and won two golds and a silver at the 2016 BC Winter Games. At the most recent Junior Nationals he won two silvers for Big Air and Slopestyle.	Raised money for school supplies for Nepali children in the Everest region. This year he is aiming to help build houses in South Africa for those in need. Currently holds a 94% average in school and hopes to study business at UBC Sauder.
Finlay	Williams	Hockey - Men's	North Vancouver	Athlete	One	Team BC Flag Bearer. Drafted 54th overall in 2018 Western Hockey League entry draft. Currently assistant captain on Midget team ranked 5th overall in Canada	Captain of Peewee (PCAHA) NSWC A1 team - 2015-2016 Captain of Bantam Prep (CSSHL) BWC Academy - 2017-2018 Assistant Captain Midget Prep (CSSHL) BWC Academy Freshman year 2018-2019. VOLUNTEER:. He volunteers at Covenant House helping organize donations for kids at risk in Vancouver.
Alyssa	Racine	Ringette	Coldstream	Athlete	One	Currently the captain on Team BC; Captain of Thompson Okanagan ringette team and working towards her teaching degree. Was on the Provincial gold medal teams in 2016 and 2017 and won silver medals in 2015 and 2018.	A coach for the Vernon Minor Baseball Association. She participates in the Coldest Night Walk (raising money for the less fortunate), collect food for the Salvation Army food bank and serves meals at local homeless shelter.
Jane	Green	Short Track Speed Skating	Mission	Athlete	One	At the national level, she has attended the Canadian Western Championships from 2012 to 2015 where she placed 2nd overall three times and 1st overall in 2016.	Jane and Anabelle Green are sisters who will be competing in short track speed skating. Their Mother and Father were both Olympians in short track – Eden Donatelli Green (Canadian) and Julian Green (Great Britain). They met through speed skating and they both coach the Ridge Meadows Club. Eden was the Sport Director for the 2014 BC Winter Games in Mission.
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Lucas	MacDonald	Speed Skating	Vancouver	Athlete	One	Transitioned to speed skating from hockey and figure skating. He played rep hockey until midget playing for Vancouver Thunderbirds, Victoria Racquet Club and AAA spring hockey. He was an alternate captain on my bantam and peewee team. In figure skating he was on the Vancouver Island Regional team and skated out of Oak Bay Figure Skating club and Killarney Skating Club.	Volunteered as an assistant hockey coach for the 2007 BC Selects. Hopes to study biomedical or biochemistry in university.
Sherilyn	Chung	Speed Skating	Coquitlam	Athlete	One	Ranked the top short track speed skater in the Province for the past few years and one of the top three Canadian Junior Women named to Speed Skating Canada's NextGen Team. An inductee into the Coquitlam Sports Wall of Fame in 2016 and 2018.	For One More Time Charity, she prepared food for the homeless. She also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and took part in the YWCA mentorship program where girls are able to shadow women who have a job they are interested in pursuing. Plans to go into sport psychology and physiotherapy to make a strong support system for athletes to further benefit their endeavours.
Brook	Braun	Speed Skating	Fort St. John	Athlete	One	Both the Provincial and National Champion in the 14 year age category for long track and third overall at both the provincial and Canadian Western Championships for short track.	When the forest fire tragedy affected Fort McMurray, she helped the community of Fort St. John load trucks of items that people donated to ship to the survivors who lost everything.
Ben "Fred"	Hagkull	Wheelchair Basketball	Chilliwack	Athlete	One	U23 Junior National Team player, currently playing with the U23 Junior National Team, most recently returned from Japan (Nov 2018) with a silver medal at the 15th Kitakyushu Champions Cup U-23 Men	Currently studying Digital Production, Writing and Design @ Camosun College, Victoria
Joel	Ewert	Wheelchair Basketball	Prince George	Athlete	One	5th Place, 2018 Junior National Championships, Wheelchair Basketball 2nd Place, 2018 Canadian National Championships, Wheelchair Rugby	Joel is currently enrolled in pre-med at the University of Northern BC.
Gabriel	Harrison	Wheelchair Basketball	Pender Island	Athlete	One	Has played both wheelchair basketball and stand up basketball. Was the MVP on his high school basketball team. Won a gold medal at the 2018 BC Winter Games in wheelchair basketball and represented BC at the Junior Nationals in Montreal.	Volunteered over 3,000 hours at the Pender Island Community Hall Association programming summer camps for children aged 6-12. Worked on a team to design and build a new playground for children on Pender Island and also worked to enhance salmon habitat as a Salmon Enhancement Crew member.
Fiona	McInnes	Alpine/Para Alpine	North Vancouver	Athlete	Two	Finished 3rd in Giant Slalom at the Apex Tech Open and finished the Sun Peaks Tech open with 2nd and 5th place finishes in Giant Slalom.	Is attending an Outdoor Education Academy which gives her the opportunity to combine her love of being outdoors with her love of learning. Had the opportunity to work with a UBC professor on the future of nanotechnologies and presented her work to her school and the general public. Raised \$2000 with her work with Covent House Vancouver for homeless youth. Went to the downtown east side and lived on only two dollars for 24 hours to see what it was like to be a homeless youth. Last year completed her Master Works project on the Future of Nanotechnologies and finished the International Baccalaureate middle years program.
Emma	Chylinski	Archery	North Vancouver	Athlete	Two	She's won around a dozen provincial and national medals, has set both provincial and national records and competed at the BC Winter Games in Penticton. She was also a finalist for the 2017 Youth World Championship team and was an alternate for the 2018 Indoor World Championship team.	Additionally she's also NCCP certified at the Instructional Beginner level and is very involved with instruction the junior program at our local club.

Molly	Miller	Cross Country Skiing	Kimberley	Athlete	Two	At the age of 15, I became aware that millions of people in the world do not own a pair of shoes. This inspired me to start a charity that I named "Walk a Mile in Someone's Shoes"- a mission that raised funds and awareness for people who do not have proper footwear.- Since June 2016, Walk a Mile in Someone's Shoes has been dedicated to outfitting people in need of shoes both locally here in my hometown and overseas in Haiti and India.	She recently received the Governor General Sovereign's Award for volunteers. To be chosen for this prestigious Canadian award was affirmation for her that the role of a humanitarian comes with great responsibility.
Troy	Chong	Curling	Burnaby	Athlete	Two	Silver medallist at the 2018 BC Junior Provincials and a gold medal at the 2018 U18 BC Provincials. Silver medal in mixed doubles at the 2018 U18 Canadian Nationals.	Chairperson of the Make a Difference club which is an organization that assists society in implementing a recycling program of his entire school. He is also the Grad Chair at school and part of the Tech Easy organization which assists seniors with technological inquiries. He also volunteers with young avid curlers teaching the fundamentals of the sport. All this with a consistent 97% average in school.
Ian	Ryder	Judo	Richmond	Athlete	Two	Top achievement in sport is being ranked 4th in the world for U18 in 2018. He also claimed 1st at the 2018 Judo Pan Ams in the U18 category and placed 3rd in the U21 category. In 2017, He placed 3rd at the Judo Pan Ams in U18.	Volunteers for an international humanitarian organization called Embracing the World and has his NCCP Level 1 coaching athletes at his club
Sam	Scivier	Squash	Vancouver	Athlete	Two	Moved to Birmingham, England for university primarily because of the depth and breadth of opportunities to train and compete in squash. He is a four-time provincial junior squash champion and is consistently ranked either number one or two in Squash BC rankings.	In grade 11 he was tasked with creating a 200+ page book to be entered in a North American yearbook competition. Over the past three years he has volunteered as the official photographer for various events at his squash club. This year he was awarded the University of Birmingham School of Physics and Astronomy Academic Scholarship and in 2018 won the Canadian Governor General's Academic Medal 2017/18 as the graduating student from a Canadian high school with the highest GPA.
Cynthia	Cao	Squash	Richmond	Athlete	Two	Highest ranking was #1 in BC for GU19 in 2018. Came 4th at the Canadian Junior Nationals in 2016 and 2018 for both GU17 and GU19. Was part of the Canadian National Team in the 2016 Battle of the Borders defeating the United States.	Is the Vice President of the Connect LALS club which works with students with special needs. Is the co-president for the World Vision Club which organizes fundraisers throughout the school year for a sponsor child in South Africa. Hopes to study biology and work on problems with human health and the environment.