

2019 BOB DAILEY MEET - SAFETY UPDATE

OVERVIEW

The City of Port Alberni has been working on the installation of an expanded irrigation system at Bob Dailey Stadium. The project, frustratingly, has taken them much longer to complete than planned. Bob Dailey Stadium will be something of a construction site during this weekend's (April 27-28) competition.

The project is adding new irrigation infrastructure to all grass areas of the venue that surround the running oval. There will be metal fencing installed by the City of Port Alberni to limit access to the very worst of areas still under construction, but some areas will still have open trenches (approximately 6 inches wide and up to 2ft deep), safety cones and plywood that will need to be navigated.

Please let your teams (athletes, coaches, parents, siblings) know to take extra care when moving around the venue.

AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN

South End of Stadium - There will be no pedestrian access to the venue from Roger Street to the south. If walking is an issue, please find parking along Vimy Street (West side of venue) or in the Alberni Multiplex parking on the East side of the venue.

Metal fencing will be a significant part of the scenery along the south corner of the track. In the area near the finish line for track events and through the first third of the corner the fencing should be set at about tree line distance from the running surface, leaving about 15m of space to watch events and travel through that part of the venue. There will be an open, fenced path leading down to the Shot Put Circle, but you may need to cross temporary plywood bridges placed over as yet unfilled trenches.

The fencing will be within a half meter of the track surface near the Javelin Runway and intrude about the same into the Runway near the south end scoreboard. This will mean pedestrian traffic at this spot will need to intrude onto the track itself. **BE CAREFUL THAT YOU ONLY STEP ONTO THE TRACK BETWEEN RACES!!!**

East Side of Oval - Long Jump/Triple Jump - There will be two long, open ditches (again, about 6 inches wide and up to 2ft deep) along the length of the Long Jump/Triple Jump complex. One of these will be about 1.5m off the runway on the east side. The other will be along the fence line at the top of the hill.

Instruct your competing athletes to stay on the grassy area between the Long/Triple Jump Runway and the Running Oval. We will be instructing officials to have athletes exit the Jump Pits on the West side.

Spectators are still welcome on the small hill from the fence line down the the Jump Runways to watch the events, but take care.

If you are accessing the stadium from the East, through the Alberni Multiplex parking lot, be careful while you enter the venue and negotiate the path down to the track.

Hammer Cage - An open trench has been dug right up against the Hammer Cage fencing where officials will be overseeing the event. This is also where athletes will be congregating during the event. Take care to watch from a short distance away from the cage this year (About 1.5m back from the cage should be OK).

AREAS OF NORMALCY

West Grand Stands - The Grand Stands on the west side of the venue are open as usual and in good condition. Traffic patterns and use will be normal and there is plenty of parking in the area.

If you are setting up tents for your teams, we recommend the grassy area outside of the fence line between the Grand Stand and the start of the 100m/110mH.

North End of Venue - At the North end of the venue there is not yet any groundworks for the irrigation project going on. The grassy areas adjacent to the North corner of the oval will be the best place to move from East/West inside the venue. It is also another area for setting up team tents.

If you are travelling along the outside of the fence line on the North end, be mindful that you will come upon the Hammer Throw cage and sector. Be careful!

SUMMARY

As a club, we are deeply frustrated that this project is conflicting with our event. The competition surfaces are all in good condition, but we need everyone to be extra vigilant so that we don't have any unfortunate accidents or injuries throughout the weekend.

First Aid will be located at the North end of the venue outside Glenwood Centre near the Concession. Take note of its location.

Be safe and let us know of any incidents.

Sincerely,
Darren Willis
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