

## 2011



## BC BANTAM, NOVICE AND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## **WELCOME MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Province of B.C., I would like to welcome the athletes, coaches, officials and spectators to the <u>BC Bantam, Novice, Masters Championships</u>

The success of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games solidified B.C.'s reputation as an exceptional sport event host. With support from the Province, the Hosting BC program assists sport event organizers to maintain this profile and enhance their hosting skills and experiences.



Hosting sport events provides a significant economic boost to a host community, builds the volunteer base, and supports the sport development pathway.

I would like to thank the organizers of the *BC Bantam, Novice, Master Championships, CanoeKayak BC,* sponsors, volunteers and coaches for all of the hard work they have put into this event. I am confident the *City of Nanaimo* will benefit from the many economic, sport and social legacies this event will leave behind.

I wish the best of luck to all the athletes for a successful competition. Sincerely,

Ida Chong

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

"The Hosting BC program is helping B.C. sport event organizers stay at the top of their game by boosting support for local events," said Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Ida Chong. "B.C. sport events provide significant economic benefits to communities, build volunteer capacity, and give athletes a chance to compete at home. These investments will build on our unique hosting experience from the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games."





## **Dear Parents:**

For many of you this is your first BC Canoe/Kayak Championships. WELCOME! You are invited to join members of our CanoeKayak BC Board of Directors, staff and volunteers at a Meet and Greet this evening (Saturday) at the Inn on Long Lake at 7:30 pm. We would like to take this opportunity to answer any of your questions and provide you with information about our Provincial Sport Organization and our relationships with our clubs and the provincial government. We would also like to share our upcoming BC Games opportunities for yourselves as volunteers and your children as athletes.