

About the 2018 Valley Royals Vaisakhi Festival Track & Field Meet



The Vaisakhi Meet is a fusion of western athletic track & field events and East-Indian/Punjabi athletic demonstrations and cultural events. This meet attracts track & field athletes from clubs across the Lower Mainland as well as novice athletes from the Abbotsford area who are interested in giving track & field a try. All athletic events will be provided for free (no registration cost) thanks to generous sponsors of the event. There will also be a traditional Vaisakhi Lunch provided for free. There will be special events such as "Bhangra Dance" on the Community Stage and a demonstration of the Indian-style martial art of "Gatka".

The Valley Royals has invited "Special Olympics" athletes to participate in this year's track & field events and have asked them to demonstrate a field event that is unique to "Special - O" which uses a Practice Javelin (which was originally designed to serve as a safely-tipped practice implement)

There will be some special guest dignitaries speaking briefly to welcome the diverse group of people who will be coming together to enjoy this event. Last year, this included the Mayor of Abbotsford, Henry Braun and several individuals who were running for seats in the BC Legislature.

All citizens of Abbotsford are welcome to come and enjoy viewing the athletic and cultural events provided and they are welcome to register as participants in a number of open events being offered throughout the day.