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**LEGION NATIONALS 6-8 AUGUST SEES – YOUTH AND LEGION RECORDS  
BROKEN OR SMASHED**

**Events at the Terry Fox Athletic Facility included open category athletes**

(Ottawa, Ontario) – The premier track and field event for all Canadian youth between the ages of 12 and 17 saw 17 records broken or smashed.

The records set will have to be sanctioned by Athletics Canada in due course but event organizer Danny Martin says to have this many records broken at the meet held annually is “phenomenal – a record of records”.

The records were set in both track and field events.

“It goes to show how good our up and coming athletes really are,” says Martin, “especially when some of the athletes broke national youth records.”

He went on to say that it is a credit to the Legion for its tenacity in hosting these games for 34 years in a row. It was also noted that the majority of the records were set by Legion teams.

“We started having an open category three years ago to let those who are not picked for a Legion team from a provincial command compete. It has worked but it is a credit to the athletes chosen by the Legion that they did so well,” he adds.

With the new “open” concept in place for the third year it is expected that more athletes will compete at this event than ever before. It is now, officially, the largest national track and field meet in Canada with more than 800 competitors.

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**A list of the record setters is attached. Media wishing clarification should call Bob Butt during normal working hours at Dominion Command in Ottawa (613)-591-3335.**

## **OVERVIEW OF RECORDS SET AT THE 34<sup>TH</sup> LEGION NATIONALS**

### Records:

Girls 1600m Medley	U16	(Legion Team Ontario – Christian Brennan, Alexis Marsh, Ashley Taylor, Christina Kyritsis – 4:06.8)
Girls 2000m Steeplechase	U18	(Legion Team BC/Yukon – Katelyn Hayward – 7:01.37)
Girls Discus	U18	(Legion Team Ontario – Rayann Chin – 44.81m)
Boys 1600m Sprint Medley	U16	(Legion Team Ontario – Aaron Stemmler, Jordan Sherwood, Yazin Joseph, Alex Freemantle – 3:35.30)
Boys 3000m	U18	(Phoenix Athletics Association – Eamonn Kichuk – 8:25.99)
Boys 2000m Steeplechase	U18	(Legion Team Ontario – Xavier King – 5:53.17)
Boys Discus	U18	(Windsor Legion – Jordan Young – 60.74m)
Girls 4x100m	U18	(Legion Team Alberta/NWT – Nicky Charlesworth, Jennifer Fetaz, Isatu Fofanah, Leah Walkeden – 47.79)
Girls 4x400m	U18	(Legion Team Alberta/NWT – Leah Walkeden, Alexa Hrycun, Jenna Westaway, Nicole Bauer – 3:55.90)
Girls Pole Vault	U18	(Legion Team Ontario – Alysha Newman – 3.91m)
Girls Heptathlon	U18	(Legion Team BC/Yukon – Zarria Storm – 5006 pts)
Girls 300m Hurdles	U18	(Legion Team Alberta/NWT – Sage Watson – 43.28)
Boys 4x100m	U18	(Legion Team Ontario – Devon Rettinger, Brandon McBride, Nienkel Paljola, Marion Laidlaw-Allen – 42.45)
Boys 4x400m	U18	(Legion Team BC/Yukon – Keefer Joyce, Keffri Neal Sean Keane, Brendon Restall – 3:22.16)
Boys Discus	U18	(Legion Team BC/Yukon – Adam Keenan – 57.44m)

Boys Octathlon U18 (Legion Team BC/Yukon – James Turner – 6006 pts)

Boys 100m Hurdles U16 (Legion Team Ontario – Jordan Sherwood – 13.62)