London 2012

There are 26 sports in the London 2012 Olympic Games programme and the BVI Olympic Committee has hopes for national representation in three disciplines in the two sports of Athletics and Sailing. These include the Women's 4x100m Relay, the Men's Javelin Throw and Laser racing in Sailing.

The BVI and Athletics

Founded in September 1970, the BVI Amateur Athletics Association became affiliated to the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) in March 1971 and became a BVI Olympic Committee (BVIOC) charter member in 1980. Athletics has represented the BVI since 1982 at each of the Games in which it participates including the Central American and Caribbean, Pan American, Commonwealth and Olympic games. The BVI has won medals at all levels of Athletics in the Central American and Caribbean region. The sport has also represented the BVI at every Olympics since 1984 and has had a semifinalist in the 19?? Olympic Games.

The BVI and Sailing

The beautiful waters of the British Virgin Islands have always been attractive to sailors. The establishment of several marinas throughout the Territory saw the advent of racing. The BVI Spring Regatta began in 1971 and eventually led to the formation of the BVI Yacht Club. From there, a Yachting federation emerged, which eventually gained membership in the International Yacht Racing Union in 1982. Yachtsmen were on the BVI's first Olympic Games team, in Los Angeles, in 1984. BVI sailors also competed in the Olympic Games of 1988, 1992 and 1996.

About the British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee

International Olympic Committee member since1982.
The British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (BVIOC) is a private, not-for-profit organization that brings together the territory's sport federations to form a common "team" to compete in both regional and international multi-sport games. The BVIOC performs this function at the senior

and youth level. The BVIOC also represents and promotes the Olympic Movement values in the BVI.

The BVIOC is responsible for securing funds and managing the financial disbursements to further the development of its member federations and the BVIs representation in global sporting events.