

# SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATION BRANCH - SPAR -



September 15, 2020

## Covid 19 Update - Stage 2 - SPAR Guidelines Updates

Alberta Health released an updated version of Stage 2 [GUIDANCE FOR ORGANIZED SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATION](#) to further inform Albertans on what types of activities can be undertaken in Stage 2 of our reopening from COVID-19 restrictions.

**1. Tournaments, races and competitive events are permitted for sport, physical activity and recreational activities where participants are able to maintain 2 metre physical distancing at all times, or they are able to follow the mini-league model.**

**If 2 metres distance or the mini-league model are not feasible, the**

- **tournament/event is not permitted.**

**Tournaments/events that compel a new cohort team to be formed for**

- **a short period (e.g., a weekend) are not permitted at this time.**

**2. Where 2 metre physical distancing between individuals is maintained or the mini-league model is employed, travel for sport, physical and recreational activities is allowed.**

The complete guidance document provides clarity on how these activities should be done to ensure the safety of participants and those overseeing organized activities. This document and a related template to support return-to-play are available at [Alberta Biz Connect](#).

The Alberta government recognizes that each sport, physical activity, and recreation activity has unique considerations. That is why Alberta Culture,

Multiculturalism and Status of Women, is working with Alberta Health and the sector to better inform stakeholders on the safety component as we move through the stages of the relaunch strategy. Alberta Health continues to review best practices and emerging research on sport, physical activity and recreation in the COVID-19 context, as well as the impacts other jurisdictions are experiencing as they relaunch these types of activities.

Thank you to all the organizations that are working so hard to help ensure that, as Albertans return to play, it is done as safely and quickly as possible.

## Celebrate National Coaches Week! September 19-27

National Coaches Week celebrates the positive impact coaches have on athletes, participants, and communities across Canada. This week is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by saying #ThanksCoach. With celebratory virtual activities held across the country, National Coaches Week will give coaches the recognition they deserve ensuring Canadians live an active, healthy lifestyle.

National Coaches Week, also gives coaches a chance to diversify their knowledge with free or discounted National Coaching Certification Program education. Connect with the [Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation \(SPAR\)](#) Branch to learn more about our National Coaches Week events, or log into the [Locker](#) to access specific eLearning modules for free from September 19-27, 2020.

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## Team Alberta - Volunteer Mission Staff Application for the 2021 Canada Summer Games

Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women's Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch invites volunteer applications to be part of the mission staff for Team Alberta at the 2021 Canada Summer Games being held August 6-21, 2021 in Niagara Region, Ontario.

Please distribute this information to anyone within your sport community who may be qualified and interested. Applications including a resume and a letter of support must be received by **Friday, September 18, 2020**. [Team Alberta Application](#)

If you have any questions or require any additional information please contact Cam Berwald, Chef de Mission at [cam.berwald@gov.ab.ca](mailto:cam.berwald@gov.ab.ca) (780-422-7109).

## Nominate an Outstanding Community Volunteer Today!

Do you know an outstanding volunteer in the Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation sector? Help us to recognize the volunteers that help to bring sport and recreation opportunities to all Albertans. There is still time to submit nominations for the **Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards**.

*“Alberta’s 1.6 million volunteers are the driving force behind the recreational, social and cultural programs that make our province great. Stars of Alberta honours volunteers who bring us hope and happiness and keep us connected, especially during these challenging times. The new Breaking Barriers category also gives special recognition to leaders in our communities focusing on anti-racism, LGBTQ2S+ inclusion and fighting gender discrimination. If you know an extraordinary Albertan who gives their time, energy and talents to make a difference in their community, please nominate them for a Stars of Alberta award.”*

**Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women**

The Stars of Alberta Awards highlight and pay tribute to volunteers who give their time, energy and skills to make a difference in the lives of Albertans. Two awards will be given in each of the following categories:

- Youth (up to 24 years of age)
- Adult
- Senior

The new Breaking Barriers category will recognize exceptional volunteers who are working to create communities that are diverse and inclusive. Three awards will be presented in this category to individuals or groups who are addressing racism, advocating for LGBTQ2S+ inclusion and fighting gender discrimination in their communities.

The Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards are part of government’s commitment to recognize the contributions of Alberta’s volunteers and are handed out annually on or around International Volunteer Day. Since the inception of the these Awards in 2000, 127 volunteers from across the province have been honoured.

Albertans and all Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Stakeholders are encouraged to submit nominations online. The deadline for nominations is **September 15, 2020**.

## Sport Tourism Canada Resources

As sport events gradually return and plans for future activities rekindle, [Sport Tourism Canada](#) (formerly Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance) is an excellent resource for organizations and rights holders.

Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation's renewed partnership allows Alberta's sport organizations access to STC membership, tools and resources. Sport Tourism Canada continues to work hard to keep information flowing and resources available to its members for now and for the future, with a focus on recovery planning for events through their [COVID-19 Recovery Task Force](#).

You are able to receive the following membership benefits:

- Access to all of CSTA's tools and templates, including the Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model (STEAM 2.0).
- Webinars, workshops/training & education sessions
- Sport photo library
- Directories of national, multi-sport organizations and international sport federations
- Access to industry-related domestic and international market and academic research
- Networking opportunities among members, with industry-related organizations and within the sport community
- Regular alerts and electronic news blasts
- Access to co-operative marketing programs
- Opportunity to participate on CSTA planning committees and task forces.

These tools are provided to you free of charge and are designed to help you plan, organize and execute sporting events effectively and efficiently at all levels.

## Sport Participation Support Program - Deadline Extended

The deadline for application has been extended in order to give our

stakeholders more time to look at all options for your organization.

The Sport Participation Support Program's purpose is to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations for:

- The development and operation of projects and programs that increase sport opportunities for athletes, coaches, officials and volunteer leaders from under-represented and/or marginalized populations. This would include groups such as girls and women, Indigenous populations, children and youth from economically disadvantaged families, persons with a disability, new Canadians, and youth at risk; OR
- Projects that strengthen physical literacy in children and youth that are compatible with the first three stages of the [bng-term development framework](#).

#### Funding

- Grant amounts will range from \$15,000 - \$40,000 per year for the duration of the program.
- Matching funds are not required, however organizations must demonstrate a component of self-generated revenues, or other financial support in the grant application to demonstrate program/project sustainability.

#### Applications Process

- **Applications will be accepted from August 15, 2020 to September 22, 2020.**
- For complete program guidelines and to apply online follow this link; <https://albertasport.ca/sport-participation-support-program/>

For more information contact Julie Hurd, Sport Consultant, [julie.hurd@gov.ab.ca](mailto:julie.hurd@gov.ab.ca) or 780-427-5132.

## Alberta's Guide to Outdoor Recreation on Provincial Crown Land

The Alberta Government is taking action to ensure responsible, respectful and lawful recreation on provincial Crown land. The province's new online resource, Alberta's Guide to Outdoor Recreation on Provincial Crown Land, includes practical information on where to go and how to stay safe and be responsible while enjoying public lands and provincial parks.

Download a copy of the new outdoor recreation guide now at:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/alberta-s-guide-to-outdoor-recreation-on-provincial-crown-land>

## Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund

Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund – is an \$8M fund that will help community sport & recreation partners across Canada build back better and stronger programs as they return to play.

Through Jumpstart's consultation with community partners, participants and key stakeholders, it has become clear that return to play plans need help to address systemic barriers to sport & play for children with disabilities, girls and young women, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) children & youth, and families in financial need. The Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund will prioritize programs and activities that address these barriers.

The Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund has two streams:

- Program support: This stream will help community partners to eliminate systemic barriers to participation while keeping kids safe. This stream of funding is to help obtain more equipment, provide protective equipment and sanitization, and cover higher costs due to physical distancing,
- Operational support & capacity building: The Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund is also funding activities that will drive innovation and/or support basic operation to help organizations to help close the gaps exposed by COVID 19.

Applications for both funding streams opens on September 12th and close on September 30th, To learn more, please visit [www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca) .

## Jays Care Foundation's - Get Playing Fund

A fund to Support Programs and Services for Indigenous children, youth and communities

The Jays Care Foundation is introducing the Get Playing Fund, a one-time

grant designed to support organizations that offer programs and services to Indigenous children and youth, and that have been disrupted due to COVID-19.

The Jays Care Foundation recognizes that many longstanding programs and services that families rely on have been drastically affected by COVID-19. The Get Playing Fund is for communities and organizations looking to recover projects that have been reduced, or kickstart new ones.

The application process is now open and closes on September 16th, 2020. Organizations can apply to receive up to \$50,000 to support their initiatives..

To apply for the grant please [click here](#).



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## Concussion Awareness

The #HeadstrongCanada campaign is based on the Government of Canada's Concussion Framework and the Concussion Awareness toolkit, is designed to give every sport organization the resources they need to show they are concussion smart and to learn the key points in concussion awareness.

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