

SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATION BRANCH - SPAR -

April 2022



Donation Fund Program Matching Campaign runs from April 1 - August 30, 2022

The Alberta government will match Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) Donation Fund Program donations beginning April 1, 2022. Up to \$350,000 in matching funds are being made available to support sport, physical activity and recreation in the province.

Alberta's sport, physical activity and recreation programs provide many essential services on which Albertans rely for their physical and mental health, and valued quality of life. This donation-matching campaign builds on donor support of sector programs Albertans enjoy. This support will assist in building the renewed capacity and resiliency of programming in Alberta.

Go to the [SPAR Donation Fund Program website](#) for more information on the program.

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The [NCCP Multi-Sport Module Calendar](#) has been updated until the end of May 2022. Coaches are recommended to register early as these courses fill up quickly.

Looking for NCCP Online Evaluations for Make Ethical Decisions and Managing Conflict? You can find these on [The Locker](#) under the eLearning

Multi-Sport tab.

The Coaching Association of Canada has launched its newest eLearning module, [Understanding the Rule of 2](#). Coaches who are maintaining their Trained or Certified status will earn one professional development point after completing the module.

Apprentice coaches selected for Canada Games

Alberta has selected two women and two indigenous coaches to the Canada Games in apprenticeship roles through the Canada Games Apprenticeship Program. This program is a partnership between the Alberta government, the Canada Games Council, the Coaching Association of Canada, Aboriginal Sport Circle and provincial sport organizations.

The program aims to increase coaching capacity of both women and indigenous coaches in sport through exposure to high performance experiences and participation at domestic multi-sport Games. Apprentice coaches are also provided the opportunity to increase their NCCP coach training and certification, and attend other professional development events leading up to the Games. Fully accredited as Team Alberta members, the apprentice coaches are given a meaningful role at the Games, under the guidance and support of their mentor coach. Congratulations to the Alberta coaches selected to participate in the program for the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

Women in Coaching

- Emily Rendell-Watson (Speed Skating) Mentor: Cristina Lazarescu
- Shanya Shwetz (Hockey) Mentor: Barry Medori

Aboriginal Apprentice Coach

- Robert Sibbeston (Curling) Mentor: Renee Sonnenberg
- Alison Desmarais (Speed Skating) Mentor: Cristina Lazarescu

Happy Retirement, Don

Don McGavern, former Canadian National Technical Director/Coaching Coordinator and Level 4 National Sport Coach/Learning Facilitator, has announced his retirement from his roles in sport training (specifically diving) and National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) coach development as of December 31, 2021. The SPAR Branch wishes to thank “Coach Don” for his dedication, passion and enthusiasm for sport in Alberta, and extends a sincere

congratulations to him on his retirement.

Innovative E-learning Course for Board of Director Training

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) and Sport Law are proud to announce the launch of Governance Essentials – a comprehensive new e-learning course designed to enhance the knowledge of directors who volunteer on Boards. The three-hour self-directed course offers new and current directors the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and feel more confident in their role as fiduciaries of a sport organization.

The sport governance landscape is complex and challenging for even the most experienced Board of Directors. This may be a barrier for enthusiastic but inexperienced volunteers who wish to serve as a director but do not feel entirely qualified for the role. The Governance Essentials course equips participants with an understanding of their legal and fiduciary duties and provides practical tips about sport governance so they can act with confidence to bring the positive impact of sport to individuals and communities.

Visit the [CCES website](#) to learn more about the course.

Maltreatment in Sport Sanctions Council is taking nominations for volunteers

The Maltreatment in Sport Sanctions Council (“Council”) is a new volunteer body, constituted independently from the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner to oversee the role of the Director of Sanctions and Outcomes as part of the independent safe sport mechanism.

The Council is made up of volunteers and reports discipline and sanction trends, issues an Annual Report of Activities and recommends the resourcing and servicing of the independent safe sport mechanism, including determining financial contributions required from Program Signatories to maintain expected service levels.

The Council is accountable to the Canadian sports community to address discipline and sanctions when maltreatment in sport occurs. It is an

independent, risk-focused public interest council.

Visit the [Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada \(SDRCC\) website](#) for more details on how to apply.

The Sport for Life and SPARC Alberta Summit: Creating a Bright Future for Community Grassroots Sports in Alberta - May 11-12,2022

The Sport for Life and SPARC Alberta Summit collaboration will foster connection, understanding, creativity and progress among communities across Alberta (and Canada) to build a more collaborative and resilient system whereby sport, recreation, health and education sectors are aligned and working together to address barriers and strive towards quality sport programming and physical literacy development that is equitably available to everyone.

This two-day event will include national and local plenary sessions with leading researchers, practitioners, policy developers, and political leaders from across the sport, physical activity, and recreation (SPAR) sector and beyond as well as facilitated conversation opportunities to share key learnings, strategies, and policy implications within Alberta.

Register today for the [Sport for Life and SPARC Alberta Summit](#).

Fit Rendezvous Virtual Conference - May 26 - June 1, 2022

Hosted by Fitness Alberta® and powered by the Alberta Fitness Leadership Certification Association (AFLCA), The Fit Rendezvous Virtual Conference takes place from May 26 to June 1.

It is a learning-packed week offering nine sessions geared specifically for physical activity and exercise professionals. Choose the full conference, a five-session bundle or an aquatic only session on June 11.

Visit the conference [website](#) for more details.

Try out Para Track and Field

The Steadward Centre is partnering with the Edmonton Track & Field Council and Athletics Alberta to host a *Para Track & Field Try it* event on May 4 and 6.

This event is open to anyone experiencing disability aged 14 to 36 years who might be interested in para track and field events. It will include wheeling, running, jumping, and throwing. This program is also open to any teachers, parents, coaches (or potential coaches!) who would like to learn more about para athletics.

[Registration is now open](#). Please contact tsparatrack@ualberta.ca for more info.



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7 days a week

info@abuse-free-sport.ca
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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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