

# SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATION BRANCH - SPAR -



December 2021

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Start 2022 off by returning to the sport, physical activity and recreation activities that you love and enjoy. Getting and staying active is beneficial to our physical, mental and social well-being!

Whether it's through registered programs and facilities or unstructured activities (including cycling, running, walking and hiking), the SPAR Branch encourages Albertans to get involved in sport, physical activity and recreation activities.

## Crowdfunding Alberta platform launched

Culture and Status of Women has launched Crowdfunding Alberta, an online platform to encourage private donations to the non-profit sector.

We are re-imagining how non-profits can achieve the funding they require by diversifying their sources of revenue and by helping them attract and maintain support from donors and businesses.

This made-for-Alberta crowdfunding platform makes it easier for donors to find non-local profits and campaigns to support.

Non-profits in any community can use Crowdfunding Alberta to build a wider network of supporters and access timely revenue for responding to community or organizational needs.

For more information on the program, please go to the [Crowdfunding Alberta](#)

[page](#).

## National Coaching Certification (NCCP) Updates

December, January and February NCCP multi-sport module dates have been added to the [NCCPMulti-SportCalendar](#). Please continue to check back as additional courses are continually being added. Online modules have a maximum capacity of 12 coaches, so early registration is recommended as many courses sell out quickly.

The NCCP Delivery Team will be out of the office from December 24, 2021 to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Response to course/registration inquiries received during the time will be delayed until January 4, 2022.

The Coaching Association of Canada has updated the Coach Profile page in [TheLocker](#) to be more inclusive. This includes the demographic fields for Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Inuit, Métis), Persons with a Disability, and members of the Canadian Armed Forces. In addition, the gender identity fields have also been updated to provide the option for coaches to self-identify.

## Restrictions and Exemption Safety Training Program

This online, self-paced training will benefit recreation staff that are exposed to face-to-face customer interactions: lifeguards, frontline clerks, maintenance, instructors, programs staff, gym attendants and grounds staff.

The Restrictions and Exemption Program (REP) Safety Training is a 45-minute online course to help workers assess and manage challenging situations that may arise during their daily work. The training is available at no cost to all Alberta-based employers and employees.

For more information and to enroll for the program go to [alberta.ca](#).

## 2021 ParticipACTION Report Card

The Adult Report Card is the most comprehensive summary and assessment of adult physical activity in Canada. This year's edition examines the impact

COVID-19 has had on physical activity levels and highlights how Canada faces a physical inactivity crisis deepened by the pandemic.

Go to the [ParticipACTION](#) website to view the complete report.

## **Ever Active Schools Shaping the Future Conference - January 27-29, 2022**

Shaping the Future is an annual conference that brings together educators, health and wellness professionals and researchers to explore aspects of comprehensive school health through a variety of interactive learning formats.

The 2022 conference will take place in person in Lake Louise for three days of learning, wellness and connection. Registration is now open.

[Learn more about the conference and register today.](#)

## **Sport Events Congress 22 (SEC) Registration is Now Open**

Register today for this exciting event where all of Canada's sport tourism stakeholders will gather to learn, network and develop new business partnerships. SEC22 has been designed to help facilitate the recovery of sport hosting.

Sport Events Congress 22 will take place at the Edmonton Convention Centre & Westin Edmonton – March 22-23-24, 2022.

[Registration is now open.](#)

## **Sport Physical Activity and Recreation Collaborative webinar series**

SPARC Alberta is a collaborative Initiative bringing together key leaders from across the Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation (SPAR) sector with the goal of taking a province-wide approach to intentional positive youth development within grass-roots sport. They want to build on the commitment and dedication

within the SPAR sector to lead the way to intentional positive youth development for all!

Join SPARC for an amazing webinar series on SPARCing Conversations in Community Sport as we explore with PYD experts how positive youth development impacts children, youth, and communities across Alberta!

The next webinar, entitled Leveraging Resources, is January 6, 2022. Learn more at [sparcalberta.com](https://sparcalberta.com).

## Newcomer Integration Grants

Non-profit organizations supporting newcomers building a new life in Alberta can apply for Alberta's Supports for Newcomer Integration grants.

Through the grant, organizations help newcomers access public services such as health and education, learn English and settle into a new life, making Alberta a more diverse and prosperous place.

- Applications to the grant program will be open until January 4, 2022.
- The funding agreement spans two years- April 2022 to March 2024.
- 2022 to 2024 call for proposals include:
  - Settlement and community support service.
  - Language assessment and referral services.
  - Drop-in English as an additional language services.

For more information, go to the [SupportsforNewcomerIntegrationgrants webpage](#).



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7 days a week



## Concussion Awareness

The #HeadstrongCanada campaign is based on the Government of Canada's Concussion Framework and the ConcussionAwarenesstoolkit, 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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