

SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATION BRANCH - SPAR -



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Alberta Athletes compete at the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games

Congratulations to the Alberta athletes that were named to Team Canada for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (July 23-Aug 8) and the Paralympic Summer Games (Aug 24-Sept 5).

- **Team Alberta Alumni** – eight athletes, two coaches, eight sports.
- **Alberta Games Alumni** – 14 athletes, two coaches – 16 sports.
- **Podium Alberta Recipients** – 42 athletes, 22 sports.

Canada sent 370 athletes, of which 54 were Alberta athletes, to compete at the Olympic Games. Canada won 24 medals at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Albertan athletes won five medals, including four gold medals in Rowing, Soccer, and Cycling.

For the Paralympic Games, Canada will send 128 athletes to the games. Alberta is proud to have 20 athletes on the team.

Okotoks/Black Diamond named as the host of the 2023 Alberta Summer Games

On August 9, 2021, Minister of Culture, the Honourable Ron Orr announced Okotoks/Black Diamond as the next host community for the Alberta Summer Games, which will be held in the summer of 2023.

It is expected that 2,800 athletes, coaches, and officials from across the province will attend the games and participate in 14 sports. Events will take place in both communities, and over 1,000 volunteers from both towns will help host successful games.

The Alberta Games program is proud to have 56 alumni that have gone on to compete at the Olympic Games.

Community Grants Information Session

Community Grants will be hosting online Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Operating Grant information sessions. All sessions include a presentation by a Community Grants Advisor and an opportunity to ask questions.

The information sessions have limited space; however, a recording of the presentation will be posted on the program webpage for those who are not able to attend.

Budget and Community Fundraising Worksheet Session – August 19, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- This session will feature an in-depth conversation and walk-through of the CIP Operating budget and Community.
- Fundraising Eligibility Worksheet templates.
- Please [register here](#) for these sessions.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Community Grants Office at 1-800-642-3855 or by email communitygrants@gov.ab.ca.

Exciting New Changes coming to SPAR Social Media

As we move forward in 2021, we have some exciting updates coming to our SPAR social media channels.

These changes will help us better serve our stakeholders and help inform Albertans of the role of the SPAR branch.

Stay tuned for more details.

National Coaches Week - September 18-26

National Coaches Week takes place September 18-26. A time to celebrate the positive impact coaches have on athletes and their communities across Canada.

The annual campaign is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by taking the time to say **#ThanksCoach**.

Alberta is pleased to announce National Coaches Week will see a return to in person *NCCP* modules in Alberta!

[Go to the website](#) and find out the different ways you and your organization can participate.

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Coaching Update

The September / October NCCP schedule is now available on the [NCCP MultiSport Module Calendar](#). Register early as many modules fill up quickly.

The full complement of NCCP Competition Introduction, Competition Development, Core Training for Learning Facilitators and Core Training for Coach Evaluator's modules are being offered.

Coaches who are maintaining their training or certification status will receive one (1) Professional Development (PD) point upon completing each e learning module.

- Leading a Return to Sport Participation.
- Mental Health in Sport.
- Support through Sport.

Coaches can access registration for the new free eLearning modules through [The Locker](#).

Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards

The Stars of Alberta Awards recognize extraordinary Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their community and fellow community members.

Tell Alberta about a remarkable volunteer in your organization. The deadline for nominations is September 15, 2021.

[Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer Today!](#)

New Independent Safe Sport Mechanism

On July 6, the Honorable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced that the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) has been selected to establish and deliver a new Independent Safe Sport Mechanism.

The main objective of this new mechanism will be to oversee the implementation of the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) for federally funded sport organizations. The Government of Canada will provide up to \$2.1 million to the SDRCC in 2021–2022 to establish and begin the delivery of this new mechanism.

This is a significant step forward in providing Canadian athletes, sport organizations and other sport stakeholders with trusted and fair processes for preventing and responding to future cases of harassment, abuse, discrimination and harmful behavior.

Once up and running, it will be a safe and independent place for victims to report incidents. It will provide support and guidance to victims, conduct independent investigations of reported incidents, identify appropriate penalties, and conduct fair and transparent hearings and appeals.

Visit the www.commissaireintegritesport.ca for more information. It will be managed by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada.

ParticipACTION - Alberta's Most Active Community

Congratulations to Vulcan for winning ParticipACTION Most Active Community in Alberta. They tracked over 2.1 million minutes of physical activity during the month of June. This win comes with a \$15,000 prize!

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge was a national physical activity initiative that encouraged Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community.

North Grenville, Ontario was announced as Canada's Most Active Community.

Go to the [ParticipACTION Active Community website](#) for the complete list of community winners.

The 2021 Sport Canada Research Initiative (SCRI) virtual conference is coming this Fall!

Join the Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC) on October 28 and 29, 2021 for Canada's leading sport participation research conference. The 15th annual Sport Canada Research Initiative (SCRI) **virtual** conference is **free** to everyone. The conference takes place on **October 28 and 29**, 2021.

Canada's leading sport research conference is focused on sport participation, and will engage delegates on the future of sport. Topics include:

- **Session 1:** *The Future of Sport.*
- **Session 2:** *Inclusive Sport Practices.*
- **Session 3:** *Gender Equity in Sport.*
- **Session 4:** *Canadian Sport Policy 3.0.*

[Registration is now open.](#)

Shaping the Future Conference

Shaping the Future is an annual conference that brings together educators, physical activity leaders, coaches, recreation leaders and wellness professionals and researchers to explore aspects of Comprehensive School Health through a variety of interactive learning formats.

In 2022, the conference will take place in Lake Louise and will offer both INPERSON and VIRTUAL options to give you the best of both worlds.

The sessions will include relevant research in the education, health and

community sectors; and practical, useful knowledge and skills that delegates can use; and will be presented within a comprehensive school health framework.

Content areas include mental well-being, active living, healthy eating, student leadership, staff wellness, activity permissive learning environments, resiliency and more.

True Sport Experience

The True Sport Experience – Volume 1: FUNdamentals is a resource for educators of children aged 6 to 9 consisting of a series of physical activities that facilitate learning the True Sport Principles.

Whether you are a teacher, coach or recreational leader, The True Sport Experience offers a balanced and intentional approach to physical activity by focusing on the development of both ethical and physical literacy.

The activities can be applied in and out of the classroom, as well as in the community and align with current Canadian physical education curriculum. Children aged 6 to 9 are in the FUNdamentals Stage of the Long-Term Development framework.

[Visit the website](#) for more information.





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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