



Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

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National Coaches Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The January NCCP multi-sport schedule has been posted on the [NCCP multi-sport calendar](#). Register early, as these modules fill up quickly.

Maintenance of Certification is the NCCP policy that requires NCCP coaches to maintain their certification status through Professional Development (PD) and training opportunities over a predetermined period. Coaches are encouraged to view their Maintenance of Certification requirements within their Locker account.

A coach with a 'Not Renewed' status has not completed the required PD credits by the expiry date of their maintenance cycle. All coaches must complete the required PD points for their certification to be in good standing. PD points are earned through many activities, including:

- automatically through any approved NCCP activity (sport-specific or multi-sport),
- self-reported for any non-NCCP activity recognized as PD by a sport,
- formal learning,
- non-formal learning, and
- seasons of coaching.

The NCCP Advanced Coaching Diploma (ACD) helps Competition Development Certified or Trained coaches prepare for podium success at the Provincial, National and International Level. This one-year program allows coaches to connect and learn from experienced mentors, content experts, fellow coaches, and respected sport partners across Canada.

The application deadline for the Canadian Sport Institute – Calgary cohort is January 31. For more information on this program, contact CSI – Calgary or register through the [Locker](#).

Alberta Athletes success at the Pan American and Para Pan American Games

Congratulations to all our Alberta athletes that represented Team Canada at the 2023 Pan American Games and Para Pan American Games in Santiago Chile.

Alberta athletes had very strong performances at the games. 50 athletes won 46 medals – 12 Gold, 14 Silver and 20 Bronze. 6 para-athletes also did great, winning 11 Medals – 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 7 Bronze.

Alberta supports our high-performance athletes with the Podium Alberta grant. In 2023, we are pleased to support 232 athletes in 38 sports for a total of \$700,470 in support. Since 2008, Podium Alberta has provided over 3,700 grants to 1,025 athletes, worth over \$13.9 million. We are proud of our athletes, and proud to support them as they achieve their highest potential.

Good luck to all our athletes as they pursue their goals and dreams to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games!

2023 Alberta Sport Recognition Awards: Nominations Now Open

Do you know an outstanding athlete, team, coach, or technical official? Nominate them today for an Alberta Sport Recognition Award.

Since 2002, the Alberta Sport Recognition Awards have been presented to honor the extraordinary athletic accomplishments of our high-performance Alberta athletes, teams, coaches, and officials.

The nomination deadline is January 15, 2024. Please visit the [Alberta Sport Recognition Award webpage](#) for a list of awards and nomination guidelines.

Concussion in Sport Symposium: Save the Date

The Concussion in Sport Symposium is taking place on January 31, 2024. This annual event showcases the latest research and best practices related to preventing and managing concussion in sport.

The symposium is a one-day virtual event, designed to bring together researchers, coaches, health care practitioners, sport leaders and athletes to learn and share knowledge about how to keep athletes safe and best use the tools to create safe sport environments. The event will include keynotes, presentations, and panel discussions.

Continued concussion education is essential to help make sure that clubs, coaches, and organizations are up to date with the latest research and to ensure their concussion-related programs and protocols are as effective as possible.

Please visit [Sport Information Resource Center \(SIRC\)](#) for more information.

New Online Tool for Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations

The Government of Alberta is proud to present a new online tool to help non-profit and voluntary sector organizations access supports and resources needed to help serve Albertans.

The new online resources provide a one-stop access to information to help start, manage, and build capacity in a non-profit or charitable organization, no matter what sector the organization serves.

Services and supports include:

- non-profit management
- supports and services for non-profits
- board member and governance training
- grant information and application support
 - resources to support preparing and applying for grants
 - a link to the Crowdfunding Alberta platform for Alberta non-profit organizations to share their ideas and seek community support.

The new online resources and additional information can be accessed at <https://www.alberta.ca/grants-funding-and-supports-for-non-profits>.

Concussion Awareness

The #Headstrong Canada 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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