

Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

July 2023 Newsletter

Meet Our New Minister



Minister of Tourism and Sport – Honourable Joseph Schow

A new Ministry of Tourism and Sport was announced by the Government of Alberta on June 9, 2023, led by the Honourable Joseph Schow. The new ministry includes the Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch of the former Ministry of Culture as well as the Tourism team of the former Ministry of Forestry, Parks and Tourism.

Minister Schow's biography is available at [Minister of Tourism and Sport | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/minister-of-tourism-and-sport)

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The July multi-sport schedule is posted on the NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar. It is recommended to register for modules in advance as many fill up before the registration deadline. Please check the calendar on a regular basis to see all of the updates.

The Coaching Association of Canada's (CAC) [Mental Health and Sport Resource Hub](#) launched in February 2023. It is a free online portal with various mental health resources from subject matter experts. New information and resources are added regularly, including eLearning modules, infographics, activities, research papers, videos and workshops on various topics related to mental health.

As part of the [CAC Mental Health and Sport Project](#), watch for FREE NCCP in person modules, focused on mental health, being offered across the province this summer!

National Coaches Week: September 16-24, 2023

A time to celebrate the positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Alberta.

In order to say #ThanksCoach, all NCCP multisport modules will be offered at a discounted rate for the month of September. Check out the NCCP Multisport Calendar for schedule information.

Registration for discounted modules will open on July 31.

2023 Alberta Summer Games – July 20-23, 2023

The 2023 Alberta Summer games are taking place in Okotoks/Black Diamond (Diamond Valley) July 20-23, 2023.

2,800 athletes and coaches from across Alberta will come to the community and participate in 14 different sports representing 8 different zones. Over 1,500 volunteers will help to make this event a memory of a lifetime for the athletes.

Opening Ceremonies take place on Thursday July 20 at Seaman Stadium in Okotoks. [Admission tickets](#) to watch the games are now available.

Go to the [Alberta Summer Games website](#) for sport schedules and venue locations.

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Conference and Energize Workshop

This year's theme of the ARPA Conference and Energize Workshop is "Inspiring Creativity and Community." The conference will be held at the Chateau Lake Louise October 26-28, 2023.

Recreation and parks are the heartbeat of our communities, and spaces have the power to inspire creativity and bring people together in meaningful ways. This conference is a platform for recreation, culture and park professionals, elected officials and others within the sector to come together and share their experiences, knowledge and ideas.

The education program will cover the diversity of the recreation and parks sector, art, culture, and community development, and will include content that connects to a broad range of focus areas.

Registration opens in July. The [ARPA website](#) provides information and early bird pricing.

Alberta Non-profit Learning Center

The [Alberta Non-profit Learning Centre](#) provides resources on important concepts in governance of non-profits to support their role in the delivery of their programs and services in their communities.

These learning resources are intended to:

- empower non-profits, board members and volunteers through training.
- provide educational and training support in governance of non-profits.
- make it easier to find and access various types of resources that meet the specific needs of individual learners.

Mark your Calendars!

2023 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership Conference: November 2-3, 2023 in Calgary

The Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif conference (#SLS23) is Canada's largest conference for coaches, researchers, sport executives and administrators. It consists of learning, professional development, and networking with the top minds and leaders of the Canadian sport, business, and education communities.

The theme of the 2023 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership conference is: MENTAL HEALTH IS OUR SPORT.

For more information, visit the conference website (<https://coach.ca/petro-canada-sport-leadership-sportif-conference>).

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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