

# Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) Branch

## November 2025 Newsletter

### National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#) has been updated to December 31, 2025. The Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation branch recommends registering in advance as the modules fill up quickly.

Maintenance of Certification is the NCCP policy that requires NCCP coaches to maintain their certification through Professional Development (PD) and training opportunities over a predetermined period.

The number of required PD points varies from sport to sport or from context to context. Be sure to review the list of [Maintenance of Certification Requirements by Sport](#). Coaches can view the number of points needed to maintain their certification on the Maintenance page of their coaching transcript on the [Locker](#).

### 2025 Alberta Sport Recognition Awards

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

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

The nomination deadline is January 30, 2026. Please visit the [Alberta Sport Recognition Awards webpage](#) for a list of awards and nomination guidelines. For any inquiries, please contact [sparawards@gov.ab.ca](mailto:sparawards@gov.ab.ca).

### Giving Tuesday – December 2, 2025

#### **SPAR Donation Fund**

Eligible SPAR Donation Fund Program participating organizations may encourage donations on Giving Tuesday. Donors will receive an official donation receipt for their gift while supporting SPAR programs that are important to them.

For more information visit the [Donation Fund Program webpage](#) or email [SPAR@gov.ab.ca](mailto:SPAR@gov.ab.ca). To donate today, go directly to our [online donation form](#).

#### **Crowdfunding Alberta**

Crowdfunding Alberta is an online fundraising program developed specifically for Alberta's non-profit/voluntary sector organizations and supported by the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women. 50 percent of donations made to crowdfunding campaigns, within eight-weeks of launching online, will be matched by government up to \$5,000 per organization per year (April 1 – March 31).

For more information, please visit [Crowdfunding Alberta](#) or email [crowdfundingalberta@gov.ab.ca](mailto:crowdfundingalberta@gov.ab.ca)

### Alberta Non-Profit Learning Centre

The Alberta non-profit learning centre provides resources on important concepts in governance of non-profit organizations 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.

For more information, please visit [Alberta non-profit learning center](#).

## Concussion Awareness

Access information on concussion in sport at the [Sport Information Resource Centre](#). You will find feature resources and quick facts to increase your awareness.

Our mailing address is:

Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch  
Suite 500, 10055 106 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1G3  
Canada