



Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

December 2022 Newsletter

Sport Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) Donation - Matching Campaign deadline: Dec. 31

Many Albertans rely on sport, physical activity and recreation programs to support their physical and mental health. Through the SPAR Donation-Matching Campaign, the Alberta government uses donation-matching funding to support an environment where Alberta's non-profit sector can thrive.

Up to \$350,000 in donation-matching funds have been made available for this campaign through to Dec. 31, 2022. All Albertans can contribute to the donation-matching funding. This program helps build on donor support for sector programs and helps renew sector programs across the province.

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

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The NCCP multi-sport schedule has been updated to include January 2023. Be sure to check the schedule often as courses in demand may be added.

Congratulations to Grande Prairie's Renee Sonnenberg who was awarded the [2022 National Indigenous Coaching Award \(www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca/coaching-awards\)](#) at the 2022 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership Awards Gala in November.

DID YOU KNOW: [Maintenance of Certification \(https://coach.ca/maintenance-certification\)](https://coach.ca/maintenance-certification) is a NCCP policy requiring NCCP coaches to maintain their certification through Professional Development (PD) and training opportunities over a predetermined time period. Coaches are encouraged to view their Maintenance of Certification requirements in 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. A coach must complete the required PD points for their certification to be in good standing. Once PD points are achieved, their maintenance cycle will be reset on January 1 of the following calendar year.

PD points are earned automatically or by self-reporting any approved NCCP activity (sport-specific or multi-sport). Non-NCCP activity is recognized as PD by a sport, formal learning, non-formal learning, and seasons of coaching.

2023 Arctic Winter Games: January 29-February 4, 2023

Team Alberta North will participate in the 2023 Arctic Winter Games in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo from January 29 to February 4, 2023. More than 350 athletes and coaches will take part in 19 different sports.

The Arctic Winter Games (AWG) is the world's largest multi-sport and cultural event for young people in the circumpolar north. The AWG, known as the Friendly Games, leaves a lasting legacy throughout the north. These games provide opportunities for northern athletes, who live above the 55th parallel, to experience high-level sport and interaction with other cultures. The AWG contributes to creating an awareness of cultural diversity and develops athletes to participate in the competitions with the focus on fair play.

Visit the [Team Alberta North webpage](#) for more information.

2023 Alberta Summer Games: July 20-23, 2023

The 2023 Alberta Summer Games will take place in Okotoks and Black Diamond July 20 to 23, 2023. Over 2,800 athletes, coaches and officials will take part in 14 different sports during the games.

The complete list of the 14 approved sports and the technical packages are now available on the [Alberta Summer Games website](#).

It takes over 1,500 volunteers to make the games happen. Get involved today as a volunteer and help the athletes reach their goals and make memories for a lifetime. Visit the [Alberta Summer Games volunteer webpage](#) for more information about participating as a volunteer.

2023 Alberta Adapted Physical Activity Symposium

The 2023 Alberta Adapted Physical Activity (AAPA) Symposium will take place on March 3 - 4, 2023 in Calgary, Alberta. This multidisciplinary symposium aims to foster community and enhance inclusivity of physical activity and sport across the province, for all Albertans experiencing disability. The AAPA is inviting interested presenters (researchers, students, practitioners and community members) for the 2023 Symposium. Presenters are needed for the following areas: symposia, workshops, and scientific abstract presentations. When preparing your proposal, please ensure it aligns with one of the four themes:

1. Accessibility and intersectionality
2. Pathways to participation: Grassroots through elite performance
3. Solutions to participation barriers
4. Novel approaches to adapted physical activity program delivery

For more details please visit the [AAPA website](#), or email apasymposium2023@gmail.com for more information.

2023 Alberta Association for Recreation Facility Personnel (AARFP) Conference and Tradeshow

The AARFP is hosting its 44th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Red Deer from April 23 to 26, 2023.

The 2023 AARFP conference theme is "Re-Connecting in Recreation". The conference program will provide attendees with opportunities to learn and share from industry professionals who face similar challenges and successes.

With over 30 education sessions, numerous tradeshow exhibitors and inspiring keynote speakers, recreation professionals will take away information that will help them support and re-connect with their communities.

Save the date and visit the [AARFP website](#) for more information.

Alberta Non-profit Learning Centre

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

Visit the [Alberta Non-profit Learning Centre website](#) for more information.

Healthy Canadians and Communities Fund

The Healthy Canadians and Communities Fund (HCCF) is a Public Health Agency of Canada funding program.

The HCCF supports healthy living among Canadians who face health inequalities and are at greater risk of developing the main chronic diseases of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. It does this by funding interventions that address behavioural risk factors (i.e., physical inactivity, unhealthy eating and tobacco use) for chronic disease, and aims to create physical and social environments that are known to support better health among Canadians.

Eligible organizations can submit an application for the implementation of an intervention. Details about the implementation phase solicitation and eligibility requirements can be found on the [HCCF Website](#). Please note the deadline for the first stage of this solicitation is **Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time**.

The submission of applications will be available through the HCCF online portal. Please visit the [applicant guide](#), [apply](#) and [contact us](#) sections of the website to learn more.



Er TempIConcussion 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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