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March 2022

Congratulations to all of our Alberta athletes that attended the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Beijing, China

Congratulations to all of our athletes on their accomplishments at the games.
Here are a few highlights:

Seventy-six athletes from Alberta competed at the Olympic Games.

Seven Alberta athletes competed at the Paralympic Games.

- ♦ 54 athletes received funding from the Podium Alberta Program.
- ♦ 11 are Alberta Games Alumni athletes.
- ♦ 14 are Team Alberta Alumni athletes.
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Olympic Results

- ♦ Abi Strate, Matthew Soukup, and Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes won Bronze in the Ski Jumping Mixed Team Event, along with Alexandria Loutit. All four athletes are from Calgary.
- ♦ Christine de Bruin from Stony Plain/Calgary won Bronze in the first-ever Olympic Monobob event in Women's Bobsleigh.
- ♦ Scott Gow, from Canmore, finished fifth in the 20km Men's Biathlon event.
- ♦ Connor Howe, from Calgary, finished fifth in the Men's Speed Skating 1500m.
- ♦ Mixed Relay Luge team, made up of Trinity Ellis, Reid Watts, Justin Snith and Tristan Walker of Calgary finished sixth.

- Justin Snith and Tristan Walker of Calgary finished seventh in the Luge Men's Doubles.
- Ted Jan Bloeman of Calgary finished eighth in the 10000m Men's Speed Skating event, and 10th in the 5000m.
- 16 year old Brook D'Hondt of Calgary finished 10th in the Women's Snowboard Halfpipe.
- Justin Kripps of Calgary and Ryan Sommer of Calgary won Bronze on the Four-Man Bobsleigh
- Marc Kennedy of Calgary and Geoff Walker of Edmonton won Bronze in Mens Curling.

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Paralympic Results

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Brian McKeever won three Gold medals in the Para Nordic Cross Country events with his guide Russel Kennedy – Long Distance Visually Impaired, Sprint Visually Impaired, Middle Distance Visually Impaired. Brian has won 16 Gold medals at the Paralympics.

- Alana Ramsey of Calgary won two Bronze medals in Para Alpine and had a seventh place finish in Downhill-standing.
- Marc Arnedez of Canmore won four medals - Gold in Para Nordic Biathlon, Middle distance standing; Silver in 12.5km Individual Standing, Bronze in Para Nordic Biathlon Sprint; and Bronze in 4x2.5 Mixed Relay. Marc also finished fourth in the Long Distance Standing event, and seventh in the Middle Distance Standing event.
- Derek Zaplotinsky from Smokey Lake finished seventh in the Para Nordic Biathlon Middle distance Sitting, and 10th in the 12.5km Individual sitting.
- Adam Kingsmill and Zach Lavin of Calgary, and Branden Sison of Edmonton, won Silver medals in Para Ice Hockey.

COVID-19 Public Health Updates

The removal of public health measures is occurring in three steps. Alberta entered Step 2 on March 1, 2022.

Please go to the [Alberta Health COVID-19 website](#) for the most recent updates and public health direction.

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#) is updated to the end of May. Coaches are encouraged to register for courses early as they fill up quickly.

The Coaching Association of Canada has launched an updated awareness campaign on the [Responsible Coaching Movement \(RCM\)](#). New resources are now available to help sport organizations communicate and implement safe sport policies to their members.

Watch for a new Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning module, released in April 2022.

Sport Events Congress (SEC) 2022 - new dates

The Sports Events Congress 2022 is confirmed for November 2-4 in Edmonton. Your original registration for SEC22 is still valid and your spot at the event is secure. If you plan to attend SEC22 on Nov 2-4, there is nothing more for you to do other than to book your travel to Edmonton and keep an eye on your inbox for speaker announcements and other event info.

If the new dates in November no longer suit your schedule, please contact our SEC22 Registration Manager, Heather Harcott, to explore your options.

Please visit the [SEC website](#) for more details and a revised event schedule.

COVID-19 Labour Implications for the Alberta Recreation and Parks Industry

SWM Consulting Services completed an industry study funded through the Workforce Partnerships Program, a partnership between the Province of Alberta and the Government of Canada.

The purpose of this project was to provide Alberta Recreation and Park Association (ARPA) and its membership with a snapshot of the staffing situation for recreation and parks organizations in response to the restrictions experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lessons observed from the experiences of member organizations in this

sector can identify strategies and techniques used to support labour market flexibility, a resilient Alberta recreation and parks labour force, and informs future management of human resource decisions during crises.

Please visit the [ARPA website](#) to view the complete report.

Ever Active Schools SHAPING THE FUTURE 2022 Conference - April 21 – 23, 2022

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

Registration is now open. Both in person and virtual options are available.

[Go to the conference website for more information and registration options.](#)

43rd Annual Alberta ARFP Conference and Trade Show - April 24-26, 2022

The Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel (AARFP) is hosting their annual conference and tradeshow, Taking Charge of Change.

It is more important than ever to find new and innovative ways to reach our goals and contribute to active and healthy communities. This year's conference will take place in Red Deer. The program gives you the opportunity to connect with others who face similar challenges and gain knowledge that will benefit your communities.

With over 30 education sessions, numerous trade show exhibitors, and keynotes from DeeAnne Riendeau and Doreen von Gradulewski, recreation professionals will take away information that will help them take charge of the new world and continue the high standard of quality recreation provision that is Alberta's reputation.

[Visit the 2022 Conference and Trade Show website for more information.](#)

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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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