



# Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

September 2022 Newsletter

## National Coaches Week – September 17-25

National Coaches Week is here! It is the time to celebrate the positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Canada. Take the time to say #ThanksCoach for their time, effort, and generosity both on and off the field of play.

In celebration of National Coaches Week, and to support coaches in their return to play, National Coaches Certification Program (NCCP) Multi-Sport modules are being discounted in September. Limited spaces are still available – check the NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar for available dates and register today! Coaches can also log into [The Locker](#) to access all of the free eLearning modules available from September 17 - 25, 2022.

## National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The October NCCP schedule is now posted on the [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#). It is recommended that coaches register in advance, as modules fill up quickly.

The Anti-Racism in Coaching eLearning module is now being offered free, through the Locker, until March 31, 2023. Log into [the Locker](#) to access this and other eLearning modules.

The Coaching Association of Canada and Petro-Canada are excited to host the [Petro-Canada Sport Leadership conference](#), November 10-12, 2022 in a hybrid format this year. Delegates can choose to attend the event in-person at the Westin Ottawa or access conference sessions and activities remotely. Registration is open with early bird rates available until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Team Alberta wins Centennial Cup at the 2022 Canada Summer Games

Team Alberta was thrilled to receive the Centennial Cup at the 2022 Canada Summer Games. The Cup is presented to the province showing the greatest improvement in the final standings compared to the previous Canada Games (summer-to-summer and winter to winter).

Alberta also won this award at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer.

Team Alberta finished fourth overall at the 2022 Canada Summer Games with 111 medals: 35 Gold, 33 Silver and 43 Bronze. Leading the team to this impressive finish was swimming with 42 medals and Athletics with 33 medals.

Congratulations to Team Alberta athletes, coaches and managers. [Please visit the Team Alberta Website for a complete list of the Canada Summer Games results.](#)

Team Alberta North selection activities are underway. Athletes will compete at the 2023 Arctic Winter Games January 29-February 4 in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in 20 different sports.

The 2023 Canada Winter Games take place in Prince Edward Island February 18 - March 5, 2023.

## Sport Participation Support Program Grant Program now accepting applications

The Sport Participation Support Program provides financial assistance to not-for-profit organizations in support of increased sport opportunities for athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteer leaders from under-represented and marginalized populations.

This grant will help the development and operation of projects or programs that support projects strengthening physical literacy in children and youth participation that are compatible with the first three stages of the long-term development framework.

Please visit the [program webpage](#) for more information on the eligibility requirements. [Applications](#) are now being accepted for this grant program until October 30, 2022

*The Sport Participation Support Program is funded by the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta through the Sport Participation Bilateral Agreement.*

## Safe Sport Learning Opportunities

In partnership with the Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch, the InMotion Network will be hosting a variety of complimentary webinar learning opportunities. All sessions will be free of charge and open to the sport sector as well as any member of partner organization that wishes to participate.

*Women and Sport Leadership in Alberta* - How is your organization advancing gender equity on your board and in leadership roles? This webinar will provide opportunities and resources that might support your organization in their gender equity goals.

Date: September 21, 2022

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

*Understanding Equity Diversity and Inclusion by Exploring the Past*. This webinar will challenge our assumptions about the practices of the past, and in doing so, act as a starting point for creating more equitable, diverse and inclusive sporting futures.

Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 10:00am-11:30am.

Visit the [InMotion website](#) for more details on speakers and registration information for the webinars.

## COVID-19 Labour Implications for the Alberta Recreation and Parks Sector

The Alberta Recreation and Parks Industry Labour Market Project has recently been released, with the purpose of this project providing Alberta Recreation and Parks 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.

For more information on the report, findings and recommendations please go to the [ARPA website](#).

## Inclusive Play Leadership Certificate

The newly launched Inclusive Play Leadership Certificate program is part of the Promoting Inclusive Play in Alberta (PIPA) project, developed by the Steward Centre for Personal and Physical Achievement and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, and supported by the Government of Alberta.

This certificate program is an online resource that helps leaders in children's physical activity and recreation create and lead inclusive play experiences for kids of all abilities!

This is an educational opportunity that provides coaches and youth leaders with practical information and tools to ensure their sport, activity, and community are inclusive, so every child has a chance to fulfil their dreams.

The Inclusive Play Leadership Certificate comprises five modules:

- Program introduction
- Introduction to play
- Inclusion and inclusive play
- Providing support
- Examining play areas

For more information about the Inclusive Play Leadership Certificate, please visit the [Jumpstart resource page](#). Organizations are encouraged to contact [the Steadward Centre](#) for a free code to access the resource. The code is available until September 30, 2022.

## Canadian Women & Sport – Same Game Challenge

[Same Game Challenge](#) is for sport leaders who are inspired to reimagine how women and girls access their sport but have been frustrated in their ability to make efficient and effective change. Sport leaders will be provided with a step-by-step process that guides them on how to connect with their members to identify gender inequities.

Canadian Women & Sport and Canadian Tire Jumpstart are partnering to deliver five cohorts to reach 240 organizations for the Same Game Challenge, which will offer sport, physical activity, and recreation organizations across Canada more opportunities to participate.

Applications for this first cohort are open from Thursday, September 1 until end of day Sunday, October 2. Same Game Challenge will officially begin in January 2023 and will run until July 2023.

Please go to the Same Game Challenge [website](#) for more information and to apply to the challenge.

## Registration is Now Open for the 2022 ARPA Conference and Energize Workshop

The 2022 Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) conference will take place at the Jasper Park Lodge October 27-29.

The theme for the 2022 ARPA Conference and Energize Workshop is “People, Purpose & Passion”. This year’s conference will focus on the human side of recreation and parks. It will explore different perspectives including those from the customer and client perspective as well as from an employee point-of-view. It is a chance to reconnect with our people, rediscover your purpose for recreation and parks, and come away from the conference with a reignited passion for the sector.

Visit the ARPA website to [register](#) for the conference

## Sport Events Congress 2022 (SEC 22) November 2-4

SEC 22 is Canada’s largest gathering of organizations connected to the \$7.4 billion+ sport tourism industry in Canada. It takes place on November 2-4 in Edmonton.

The congress has been designed to help facilitate the recovery of sport hosting. The SEC22 program is interactive, educational, offers opportunities for business-to-business networking, and evening social events.

Registration is now open. Visit the [Sport Tourism Canada website](#) for more information on registration, schedules and speaker lineup.

## Fitness Alberta Perspectives in Health and Fitness Conference October 21-22, 2022

The Perspectives in Exercise Health & Fitness Conference is a professional development opportunity for exercise practitioners, personal trainers and group exercise professionals from all backgrounds.

The in person conference takes place in Kananaskis October 21-22, 2022. The virtual conference from October 25 - November 2. Registration options are as follows:

**Option 1:** An in-person conference with more than 15 hours of professional development, 3 Keynote sessions, dinner and a networking reception to reconnect with your peers.

**Option 2:** A virtual conference with daily sessions running from October 25 - November 2. This provides 12 hours of applied learning from leading national and international experts.

**Option 3:** Take part in both sessions for a total of more than 30 hours of Professional Development

For full details and purchase options, visit the [conference website](#).

## Alberta's Community Development Unit announces Online Learning Center for Non-profits

The Government of Alberta's Non-Profit Learning Centre is an online hub where Alberta's non-profit and voluntary sector can access timely services, materials, information, resources and self-directed learning about board governance and other specific and unique sector questions and challenges.

Visit and sign up today to access high quality learning anytime and at your own convenience at <https://alberta.ca/NonProfitLearning>.

## Natural Infrastructure Fund

On July 14, 2022, Infrastructure Canada launched the Natural Infrastructure Fund – Small Projects Stream. Applications for this stream will be accepted until September 27, 2022.

The Natural Infrastructure Fund is open to the following recipients:

- municipalities, local, or regional governments; provinces and territories; Indigenous recipients (Indigenous governing bodies, not-for-profits whose primary mandate is to serve Indigenous Peoples, and not-for-profit Indigenous development corporations);
- public sector bodies established by a provincial or territorial statute, a regulation, or wholly owned by a provincial, territorial, municipal, or regional government;
- not-for-profit organizations federally or provincially incorporated; and
- private for-profit organizations working in collaboration with another eligible public recipient.

Information on the application process may be found in the [Applicant Guide](#).

## 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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