



# Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

February 2024 Newsletter

## National Coaches Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The March calendar has now been posted on the [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#). Register early as modules fill up quickly!

National Volunteer Week is April 21-27, 2024. As a thank you to all the volunteer coaches who support Alberta athletes, SPAR will be offering discounted NCCP Competition Introduction modules during the month of April. Registration for these discounted modules will open the week of March 4. Check the [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#) for schedule details.

## 2024 Alberta Winter Games: February 16-19, 2024- Grande Prairie, Alberta

The 2024 Alberta Winter Games were a tremendous success! Thank you to the City of Grande Prairie and the host society for hosting the games and providing an amazing experience to our athletes, coaches, and managers.

Congratulations to **Zone 3 Calgary**, for achieving the most medal points and winning the **Alberta Cup!**

**Zone 8 – Peace Country** wins the **Minister’s Cup** showing the greatest improvement from the last Alberta Winter Games. Well done!

**The Spirit of Sport Award** was presented to **Zone 8 – Peace Country** for demonstrating the best spirit of fair play, sportsmanship, team spirit and co-operation on and off the field.

Please go to the [Alberta Games website](#) to see the results and medal winners. The next Alberta Winter Games will take place in February 2026.

## 2026 Alberta Winter Games Host Community Announcement

Congratulations to Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Glendon, and the MD of Bonnyville who have been chosen to host the 25th Alberta Winter Games in 2026! Bonnyville / Cold Lake previously hosted the 2010 Alberta Winter Games.

The Winter Games have been part of Alberta’s sport community for almost 50 years, bringing young athletes ages 11-16 together to compete in a variety of sports.

An \$820,000 operating grant will be provided to the host society to support the 2026 event.

Please go to the [Alberta Games Website](#) for more information.

## 2024 Arctic Winter Games: March 10-16, 2024

The Countdown is on for Team Alberta North! They are getting ready to wear Alberta blue and march into the Opening Ceremonies for the 2024 Arctic Winter Games in the Mat-Su Borough, Alaska.

Théa Thompson from Peace River, representing Women's Hockey, will lead Team Alberta North and carry the Alberta Flag into the Opening Ceremonies. Théa has competed internationally, bringing home a bronze medal from the Lions Cup in Finland in 2022. She also won gold with Team Alberta North at the 2023 Arctic Winter Games and gives back to her community through volunteering.

The Team Alberta banner will be carried by two more outstanding athletes, Isabella Scheers, a figure skater from Fort McMurray, and wrestler Nikita Tsyruk from Grande Prairie. Isabella won three medals at the 2023 Arctic Winter Games and competed at the 2024 Alberta Winter games last month. Nikita has exemplified great leadership, sportsmanship, and athletic abilities in his sport.

The Arctic Winter Games begin March 10 with the Opening Ceremonies and competitions kicking off on March 11.

Follow us on Facebook at TeamAB on Instagram and on X @GoTeamAB. Don't forget to visit the [Team Alberta North webpage](#) for more information and the most up to date results. #GoTeamAB #AWG2024!

## 2025 Canada Summer Games Team Alberta Mission Staff Applications Open in March

Do you have what it takes to be a Team Alberta Mission Staff member? Do you work well in a team environment, like Multisport games, possess high energy and a positive attitude? Mission staff may be the right position for you!

The Ministry of Tourism and Sport invites you to apply for volunteer positions for Team Alberta's Mission Staff at the 2025 Canada Summer Games. They will be held August 8-24, 2025, in St John's Newfoundland and Labrador.

Please go to the [Team Alberta Website](#) for more details on how to apply for this exciting opportunity. Online applications open on **March 15, 2024**.

## Alberta Recreation Facility Personnel Conference: April 21-24, Lethbridge Alberta

The Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel (AARFP) annual conference and tradeshow will take place in Lethbridge. The theme for this year's conference is "The Bridge to Recreation".

The event is designed for all recreation managers, directors, operators, coordinators, foremen, administrative assistants, and all professionals who want to strengthen our recreation community.

Registration is now open. Please go to the [conference web page](#) for more details.

## 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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