



Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

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Fairness and Safety in Sport Act

Alberta's government has been leading the country in our focus on increasing fairness and safety in sport. If passed, The *Fairness and Safety in Sport Act* will establish a balanced approach to protect the integrity of female athletic competitions while ensuring that all athletes are able to meaningfully compete.

With the introduction of Bill 29 - *Fairness and Safety in Sport Act* on October 31, 2024, government is taking a balanced, thoughtful approach to ensure safety, fairness and inclusivity in sport for all Albertans.

Please go to the [Fairness and Safety in Sport website](#) for more information.

2024 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 1987, the Alberta Sport Recognition Awards have been presented to honor the extraordinary athletic accomplishments of our high-performance Alberta athletes, teams, coaches, and officials.

The nomination deadline is January 15, 2025. Please visit the [Alberta Sport Recognition Awards webpage](#) for a list of awards and nomination guidelines.

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#) has been updated to December 31, 2024. 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 vary from sport to sport or from context to context. Be sure to browse 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](#).

Giving Tuesday – December 03, 2024

SPAR Donation Fund

This program is available to Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation branch operating grant recipients who offer sport, physical activity, and recreation programs throughout the province. Donors can receive an official donation receipt for their gift while support programs that are important to them.

For more information visit the [SPAR Donation Fund Program](#) or email 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. Fifty percent of donations made to crowdfunding campaigns, within 8-weeks of launching online, will be matched by government up to \$5,000 per organization per year (April 1 – March 31).

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

2023-2024 ParticipACTION Impact report – Moving Canada into Action

ParticipACTION has been inspiring people to get active through many different programs. Last year they engaged with more than twelve million people in Canada, helping improve their well-being. They provided over \$1 million to municipalities and organizations, to support communities and help provide equity-denied groups with high-quality physical activity opportunities.

Learn how they positively impacted individuals and communities in the past year and are working toward a vision of creating a Canada where physical activity is a vital part of everyday life for everyone.

The complete 2023-24 Impact Report is available on the ParticipACTION's website.

Alberta Non-Profit Learning Center

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.

For more information, please visit: Alberta non-profit learning centre.

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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