



Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

April 2025 Newsletter

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

April 27 – May 3, 2025, is National Volunteer Week!! To celebrate and thank our Alberta volunteer coaches, all NCCP multi-sport modules are being offered at a 50% discount for the month of April. Be sure to thank a volunteer coach and register for these discounted modules before they sell out!!

The April NCCP schedule has been posted on the [NCCP multi-sport calendar](#). It is recommended to register early as most modules will fill up quickly.

Active Community Initiatives Grant Opens Soon

The 2025 ACI will be available to eligible community groups, non-profit organizations, and societies, and First Nations and Métis Settlements, that wish to build or enhance active spaces that support sport and recreation in their communities.

ACI aims to fund capital projects that increase sport, physical activity, and recreation opportunities for Albertans. The initiative addresses sport and recreation infrastructure pressures by supporting eligible organizations to renew, expand, and/or build small to medium sized public-use community sport and recreation facilities.

Please visit the [Active Communities Initiative Grant Webpage](#) for more information including guidelines that will be posted soon.

New Changes to the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis' (AGLC) Charitable Gaming Policies

Alberta's government is cutting red tape for Alberta's charities by introducing changes that give charitable groups much broader discretion in determining how gaming proceeds are used to support their programs and services. This opens more options for how charities can spend their gaming revenue on delivering services, without delays or the need for additional approvals, so that they can better support Albertans.

The updates shift the focus of AGLC policy to the types of activities and programming a charity can use their gaming revenue for, rather than based on their organization type. The policy amendments will appear in AGLC Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook and will come into effect April 1, 2025.

Please go to the [Government of Alberta website](#) for more information.

Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel Conference: April 13-16, 2025, Canmore, Alberta

The AARFP 46th annual conference and tradeshow will take place on April 13-16, 2025, in Canmore. The theme for this year's conference is "Recreation at its Peak." The event will bring together 300 delegates from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories.

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

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

Non-profit Webinars

The Government of Alberta's Community Development Unit (CDU) is offering free webinars in grant writing, board development, governance, role of the board executives, and other courses for non-profits.

- Building Consensus
- Board Development Program
- Building Strong Teams and Effective Relationships
- Grant Writing 101

For general information about the webinars, please visit <https://AlbertaCDU.eventbrite.com>.

Concussion Awareness

[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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