



Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

February 2025 Newsletter

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The NCCP Multi-Sport calendar has been updated for March and April. It is recommended that coaches register early, as many modules fill up quickly.

National Volunteer Week in Canada is April 27 - May 3, 2025. To celebrate volunteer coaches in Alberta, SPAR will be offering a special promotion to all eligible coaches.

Watch the [SPAR Coaching webpage](#) for updates!.

Major Sport Events Grant Program (MSE) Applications open February 12, 2025

The Major Sport Events grant program builds on Alberta's reputation as an attractive destination with proven capacity for hosting a wide range of national and international caliber sport events. It recognizes the network of strong sport organizations that demonstrate the ability to collaborate and deliver high quality events.

The program provides an opportunity to build on Alberta's strengths that include diverse natural landscapes; existing sport and tourism-related facilities; and vibrant communities with quality services and amenities.

Applications for the 2025 Intake 1 open February 12, 2025. For the 2025 MSE grant guidelines and application form please visit the [SPAR website](#).

2026 Team Alberta North Mission Staff Applications Now Open

The Ministry of Tourism and Sport invites you to apply for volunteer positions of Mission Staff for Team Alberta North at the 2026 Arctic Winter Games, to be held March 8-15, 2026, in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Do you have what it takes to be a Team Alberta North Mission Staff member? Team Alberta North is looking for the following qualifications in an applicant:

- Interested applicants must reside north of the 55th parallel.
- A volunteer or paid employee with a provincial sport/recreation organization or related organization.
- Knowledge of the Alberta amateur sport system.
- Enthusiasm and interest for working in a multi-sport Games environment.
- Willingness and ability to commit time pre-Games, during Games, and post-Games.
- Ability to work both independently and in a team environment.
- Willingness to provide excellent service to assigned sports and to Team Alberta North.
- Strong interpersonal, communication and organizational skills.
- Possess high energy, a positive attitude and be multi-task oriented.

The application deadline is April 4, 2025. Please visit the [Team Alberta North Website](#) for more details.

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The Community Challenge is coming back in June 2025! Although it is still a few months away, it is never too early to contact your municipality and spread the word so that your community has the best chance of being named Canada's Most Active Community and winning \$100,000 to support local sport and physical activity initiatives!

As part of the 2025 Community Challenge, ParticipACTION will be providing grants of up to \$1,500 to community organizations to help them promote and deliver sport and physical activity opportunities to equity-denied groups, including Black, Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, low-income populations, newcomers to Canada and older adults. The deadline for grant applications is February 11, 2025.

Visit the [ParticipACTION website](#) for more information.

Sport Event Congress 2025 (SEC 25) March 18-20, 2025 - Calgary, Alberta

The 2025 Sport Events Congress (SEC) is taking place in Calgary March 18-20, 2025. This is Canada's largest gathering of organizations connected to the \$7.4 billion+ sport tourism industry in Canada.

The SEC25 program is interactive, educational, and offers opportunities for business-to-business networking and evening social events.

Register today for this exciting event where all of Canada's sport tourism stakeholders will gather to learn, network, and develop new business partnerships.

Please visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium – March 26-28, 2025

The Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium (AHCS) is back for 2025. This year's symposium will take place in Calgary at the Vivo for Healthier Generations.

The Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium is an opportunity for wellness champions to come together to network and build upon current community resources and programs which will allow them to build on roots of health and wellness. With this fundamental and holistic focus on wellness, participants will be inspired to begin, deepen, or evolve Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) initiatives in our communities.

Go to the [Communities ChooseWell Website](#) for more information. Registration is now open.

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

The Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel (AARFP) 46th annual conference and tradeshow will take place in the spring in Canmore. The theme for this year's conference is "Recreation at its Peak".

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

Please visit 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 key points in Concussion Awareness



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