

Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

June 2025 Newsletter

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The July/August NCCP schedule is now available on the [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#). Register early as these modules fill up quickly.

The [NCCP Fundamental Movement Skills \(FMS\)](#) module has been updated. This module supports coaches, educators, high school teachers, and recreation leaders to build the foundations of physical activity. The module is also available in a High School Kit format for teachers to deliver as part of their lesson plan. Please email abcoach@gov.ab.ca for more information.

2024 Alberta Sport Recognition Awards Winners

Congratulations to the 2024 Alberta Sport Recognition Awards winners! The 2024 Alberta Sport Awards will be presented at the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Red Deer on June 7, 2025.

These high-performance athletes, coaches and officials have demonstrated great achievements in International and National competitions. They are all well deserving of this acknowledgement.

- Junior Male Athlete of the Year:
 - Aiden Norman – Swimming
- Junior Female Athlete of the Year:
 - Dianna Proctor – Athletics
- Junior Team of the Year:
 - U22 Female Box Lacrosse Team – Lacrosse
- Open Male Athlete of the Year:
 - Marco Arop – Athletics
- Open Female Athlete of the Year:
 - Hallie Clarke – Skeleton
- Open Team of the Year:
 - Team Canada Women's Sitting Volleyball Team – Volleyball
- Coaching Recognition Award:
 - Joe Cecchini – Skeleton
 - Alex Dawson – Swimming
 - Ron Thompson – Athletics
- Don Watts Coach Developer Award:
 - Jackie Cool – Swimming
- Technical Official Recognition Award:
 - Louise Buskas – Athletics
 - Drew Fischer – Soccer
 - Jeff Verhoevan – Boxing
- Sport Volunteer Recognition Award
 - Blair Carbert – Speedskating
 - Virginia Dilger – Water Polo

Congratulations again to all the award recipients. We wish you continued success as you work toward your goals and dreams!

Check out the [Alberta Sport Recognition Awards website](#) for more information on the award recipients

Active Communities Initiative Grant - Application Deadline: June 30, 2025

The Active Communities Initiative (ACI) is open to eligible community groups, non-profit organizations, societies, and First Nations and Métis Settlements wishing 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 and program guidelines.

Every Kid Can Play – Application Deadline: June 30, 2025

The Every Kid Can Play (EKCP) Grant Program is designed to address affordability and accessibility challenges to sport, physical activity, and recreation (SPAR) programs for Alberta youth and their families.

Provincial Scope Non-Profit Organization Grant

- Funding is available to reduce costs associated with the delivery, expansion, or enhancement of existing community-level programs.
- The maximum grant amount available to apply for is \$100,000 per year for up to two years.
- Project/programs may span more than one year but must be completed within 24 months after receiving funding.

Community-Level Non-Profit Organization Grant

- Funding is available to reduce costs associated with the delivery, expansion, or enhancement of existing community-level programs.
- The maximum grant amount available to apply for is \$25,000 for one year.
- Project/programs must be completed within 12 months after receiving funding.

Please visit the [EKCP website](#) for complete guidelines and application links.

June is Recreation and Parks Month

Get ready and start your planning! [June is Recreation & Parks Month](#) (JRPM) and highlights the many benefits that recreation and parks bring to our communities and acknowledges the strong foundation of parks and recreation facilities and programs in Alberta.

June is the perfect opportunity to get active, explore the many benefits of Recreation and Parks while celebrating the ability to spend time with family and friends! We encourage you to #CelebrateJRPM by experiencing all the benefits that Recreation & Parks have to offer!

Visit your local municipal or community league website and check out what is happening in your community!

Concussion Awareness

Access information on concussion in sport at the [Sport Information Resource Centre](#). You will find feature resources and Quick Facts to increase your awareness.

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