



Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch – SPAR –

March 2025 Newsletter

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Updates

The [NCCP Multi-Sport Calendar](#) has been updated to include March and April, with the May schedule to be posted soon. It is recommended to register early as modules will fill up quickly.

National Volunteer Week is April 27 to May 3, 2025 in Canada! To celebrate all the great volunteer coaches in Alberta, SPAR will be offering a 50 per cent discount on all multi-sport modules during the month of April. Be sure to thank a volunteer and take advantage of the discounted rates!

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

The MSE 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 who 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 close on April 1, 2025. For the 2025 MSE grant guidelines and application form please go to the [SPAR website](#).

2026 Team Alberta North Mission Staff Applications Now Open

Be a part of a great Mission Staff Team with 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.

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 Vivo for Healthier Generations.

The AHCS 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 the 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.

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 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.

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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