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POLICY GOVERNING SPORT AND EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN CANADA

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Introduction

A supportive disability policy environment is one of the factors that has been identified as essential to full participation and community integration for people with disabilities. It is therefore necessary to understand the policy context within which people with disabilities operate and attempt to carve out a life for themselves in the community.

The **Canadian Disability Policy Alliance** is a national collaboration of disability researchers, community organizations, and federal and provincial policy-makers, aimed at creating and mobilizing knowledge to enhance disability policy in Canada, to promote equity and opportunity for disabled Canadians. The Alliance is a partner in the Canadian Disability Participation Partnership, led by Dr. Kathleen Martin-Ginis and funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Within this 7-year project, the CDPA has undertaken to provide assistance to the three research teams (Employment, Mobility and Sport/Recreation) on policy-related aspects of their work. This is the third of three cross-jurisdictional scans of legislation governing the provision of goods and services to people with disabilities in Canada. This scan focuses on **legislation governing sport and exercise for people with disabilities** across Canada. The previous two focused **legislation governing employment supports** and **assistive devices**. In addition, two major reports were produced summarizing disability policy in Canada across jurisdictions and across sectors (2008 and 2013). Finally, a report also exists comparing national sport policy in Canada and the Netherlands, which was the result of collaboration with Femke Hoekstra, a doctoral student from the Netherlands. All of these reports can be found on the CDPA website (www.disabilitypolicyalliance.ca).

For the purposes of this report, **policy** is defined as a purposeful set of actions by government aimed at addressing identified social problems (Boyce et al., 2001). Those actions can be formal, explicit, and (to a greater or lesser degree) enforceable, such as legislation, regulations and government programs. They can be moderately formal, such as election promises, throne speeches, position papers or policy reports. These are explicit statements of government intent, but they have not been authorized as law by parliament. At the other end of the spectrum, policy declarations can be informal expressions by political actors of where government is going and what ideals or values it embraces. In this document, we focus on formal policy; that is, legislation, regulations, and government programs.

Disability policy is defined by Bickenbach (1993) as policy that responds to the questions:

- What does it mean to have a disability in this society?
- What is society committed to doing for those who have a disability?

Disability policy may be enacted for a number of reasons; for example:

- To voluntarily provide service to others deemed less fortunate;
- To fulfil an acknowledged need;
- To compensate for a loss;
- To invest in anticipation of a return in the form of contribution to society;
- To redistribute wealth or capital (Bickenbach, 1993).

Typically, disability policy has at least one of the following three objectives:

- Equity – to prevent discrimination and to ensure equal opportunity;
- Access – to permit entry or access to venues, goods and services;
- Support – to provide material support, such as equipment, personal care, financial supports, therapy, counselling, service (McCull & Jongbloed, 2006).

We use the term “disability policy” as if it referred to an entity that was widely recognized and acknowledged as such. In fact, disability policy is perceived by people with disabilities as being impenetrable and unnecessarily complex, with little in the way of a coherent underlying ideology or policy framework (Boyce et al., 2001; McCull & Jongbloed, 2006). Policy of interest to people with disabilities ranges across jurisdictions, across sectors within government, and across programs within ministries. It is a patchwork of legislation, regulations, programs, providers and entitlements that requires considerable probing to reveal, and considerable patience to understand. Disability policy in Canada has been described as conflicting, fragmented, incoherent, not user-friendly, a “hit-or-miss” affair (Boyce et al., 2001; Prince, 2004; Cameron & Valentine 2001). According to Lande (1998), disability policy has been the victim of vague statutory definitions and capricious judicial opinions leading to flawed case law.

The disability policy environment in Canada is dominated by several major statutes and programs at the federal level. The federal government has taken a leadership role in setting standards and providing for the necessities of people with disabilities, beginnings as a system for injured workers and veterans (Crichton & Jongbloed, 1997; Torjman, 2001). Although legislation has been referred to as a “blunt tool” with which to remedy social problems, it is the skeleton of a system of policy. In Canada, statutes like the Constitution Act, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canada Health Act, the Employment Equity Act and the Human Rights Act form the basis upon which disability programs and entitlements rely (Cameron & Valentine 2001). Layered on top of those laws are a set of programs offered by government aimed at addressing the social and economic needs of people with disabilities. For example, the Canada Pension Plan Disability program provides a disability income benefit; Revenue Canada provides a disability tax credit; the Office of Disability Issues within Resource Development Canada provides standards and ideological guidance about disability; Statistics Canada collects information about disability; Employment Insurance provides benefits to disabled workers. These are just a few examples of the web of services and programs concerning disability at the federal level.

According to the Constitution Act in Canada (and before that the British North America Act of 1867), most services to individual citizens are delivered at the provincial level. Therefore in each province and territory, there are also laws and programs that have major implications for the lives of people with disabilities. Social security, health, education, housing, transportation, child care, adaptive equipment, personal care and vocational programs are all examples of provincial jurisdiction over issues affecting people with disabilities.

In the area of sport policy, the federal government focuses on national and international sport teams and events, elite athletes and coaches, and national standards for active lifestyle and sport participation. At the provincial level, bilateral agreements with the federal government provide funding toward programs of recreational sport, development of sport and “physical literacy”, and support of municipal sport initiatives.

The purpose of this research is to produce a comprehensive survey of policy related to sport and exercise for people with disabilities in Canada.

Methodology

The methodology for the scan was similar to a scoping review of academic literature (Arksey & O’Malley, 2005; Levac, Colquhoun, & O’Brien, 2010). The scoping review typically unfolds in five stages:

1. Identify the research question
2. Identify all relevant studies
3. Select the studies for detailed analysis
4. Chart the data according to key concepts
5. Collate and summarize the findings of the selected studies.

1. Identify the research question

The research question for this study was:

What policy exists at federal, provincial and territorial levels in Canada that explicitly addresses SPORT AND EXERCISE for people with disabilities?

2. Identify all relevant data

For each jurisdiction (federal, 10 provinces and 3 territories), the search began on the government home page with the search terms: **physical activity, exercise, sport, coaches/parents/peers, recreational sports, community based programming, disabled, athletics, fitness**. This approach typically revealed if there was a Sport and Recreation office or a similar department in government. If such an office existed, the search proceeded to identify programs, benefits and services that were available to citizens. In instances where searches did not yield results, broad searches using Google and the keywords above were used to confirm the absence of policy. Where questions arose from the search process, we attempted to contact the appropriate office or individual within government for further information.

The purpose of the search was to identify legislation, regulations and program descriptions (including eligibility criteria) for all policies directly related to disability. The second step of the methodology was to consult the *Canadian Legal Information Institute* (CanLII; <http://www.canlii.org/en/>). CanLII is a non-profit organization managed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, with the goal to make Canadian law accessible for free on the Internet.

3. Select data for detailed analysis

The next step was to begin to select information to populate tables for each of the ten provincial, three territorial, and the federal jurisdiction. All publicly-available information that was provided free-of-charge by the government was collected and archived for further analysis.

4. Chart the data according to key concepts

For each jurisdiction, an attempt was made to provide comprehensive information on:

- existing legislation, regulations or explicit policy statements
- bureaucracies or agencies charged with administering the policy
- a description of the service, program or entitlement
- contact information for further inquiries.

5. Collate and summarize the findings of the selected studies.

In order to fully exploit the data assembled, the next step would be detailed policy analyses and cross-jurisdictional comparisons of the policy context in Canada. These will be conducted as specific research projects dictate.

Results

The results are presented in tables representing the laws and policies explicitly governing sport and physical activity participation among people with disabilities in the federal and each of the 13 provincial and territorial jurisdictions in Canada. There are also appendices summarizing the non-disability-specific government programs to support sport, and the Ministries, offices and governmental organizations supporting sport in Canada. The Disability Policy Lens can also be found in the Appendix.

FEDERAL

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Physical Activity and Sport Act, 2003 c 2	Ministry of Canadian Heritage	Sport Canada	<p>The Government of Canada supports athletes and many of the national organizations through Sport Canada programs and policies. Sport Canada develops federal sport policy in Canada, provides funding in support of sport, and administers special projects related to sport. The mission of Sport Canada is to enhance opportunities for all Canadians to participate and excel in sport.</p>	http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/p-13-4/index.html
	Sport Canada	The Canadian Sport policy 2012-22	<p>The common thread between the governments, institutions and organizations that are part of our sport system is the Canadian Sport Policy. The policy sets out five broad objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to sport: Canadians have the fundamental skills, knowledge and attitudes to participate in organized and unorganized sport. • Recreational sport: Canadians have the opportunity to participate in sport for fun, health, social interaction and relaxation. • Competitive sport: Canadians have the opportunity to systematically improve and measure their performance against others in competition in a safe and ethical manner. • High-performance sport: Canadians are systematically achieving world-class results at the highest levels of international competition through fair and ethical means. • Sport for development: Sport is used as a tool for social and economic development, and the promotion of positive values at home and abroad. <p>Certain groups such as girls and women, people with a disability, Aboriginal peoples, and visible minorities continue to be under-represented in the Canadian sport system as athletes/ participants and as leaders. The Canadian Sport Policy calls for barriers to participation in sport to be identified and eliminated, making sport more accessible to all.</p>	http://sirc.ca/csp2012

	<i>Sport Canada: Sport Support Program</i>	<i>Bilateral Agreements with Provinces and Territories</i>	<p>The Government of Canada encourages sport participation and physical activity by supporting sport participation projects and activities through bilateral agreements with provinces and territories. There are two primary objectives of the bilateral agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to introduce sport through programming that supports physical literacy at the early stages of athlete development • to increase opportunities for under-represented groups (for examples: women and girls, persons with a disability and Aboriginal peoples) to actively participate in sport as athletes, coaches, officials or volunteers. 	http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414151622206/1414151862613
	<i>Sport Canada</i>	<i>Policy on Sport for Persons with a Disability</i>	<p>The Policy on Sport for Persons with a Disability (Policy) is intended to facilitate the full and active participation of persons with a disability in sport, and to contribute to social inclusion through these activities. The Policy builds on the commitments made under the Canadian Sport Policy and the Physical Activity and Sport Act to foster the participation in sport of under-represented groups.</p> <p>The Policy directs the work of Sport Canada with organizations involved in Paralympic, Special Olympic and Deaflympic sports, including National Sport Organizations, Multisport Service Organizations, other national not-for-profit organizations, Canadian Sport Centres and provincial/territorial governments.</p>	http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/14141513635858/14141513676681

	Sport Canada	Sport Support Program	<p>Sport Support Program (SSP) focuses on the development of Canadian athletes (programs and services that impact athletes, development, children and youth) and coaches. The Sport Support Program supports integrated National Sport Organizations (or Federations) – promoting disabled and non-disabled sports. There are several exceptions where specific disability sports organizations are funded because there is no non-disabled parallel sport organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Paralympic Committee is made up of 43 member sports organizations. It is responsible for creating an optimal environment for high-performance athletes to compete and win in the Paralympic and Parapan American Games. • Canadian Deaf Sports Association ensures quality Canadian representation at Deaflympics and Panamerican Deaf Games. • Canadian Cerebral Palsy Organization is funded for national and international competitions in Boccia. • Canadian Blind Sports governs the Paralympic Sport of Goalball, and advocates for Canadian athletes who are visually impaired or blind. • Wheelchair Basketball Canada is a national and international voice for Canadian wheelchair athletes, and wheelchair athletes and sports at all levels across the country. • Wheelchair Rugby Canada is a national and international voice for Canadian wheelchair rugby. 	http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414182650444/1414503792171 http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414183640626/1414503826032
	Sport Canada	Athlete Assistance Program	<p>Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a federal government grant program that provides direct financial assistance to Canadian high-performance athletes to help relieve some of the financial pressures associated with preparing for and participating in international sport, including living, training, tuition and special needs expenses. The Training and Competition Allowance for Athletes with a Disability provides supplemental AAP support to carded athletes with a disability. Funding is flowed to disabled athletes through integrated National Sport Associations, as well as those listed above.</p>	http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514385181

	Sport Canada	The Hosting Program	<p>The Hosting Program (HP) is a sport funding program and key instrument in the Government of Canada’s overall approach to sport development in Canada and aims to enhance the development of sport excellence and the international profile of sport organizations by assisting sport organizations to host the Canada Games and international sport events in Canada. These events are expected to produce significant sport, economic, social and cultural legacies.</p> <p>The Hosting Program offers Canada a planned and coordinated approach to realizing direct and significant benefits from bidding and hosting projects in the areas of sport development, economic, social, cultural, and community impacts, across a broad range of government priorities. The program is characterized by active liaison with partners/stakeholders and a diligent contribution system.</p>	http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414504474134
	Sport Canada	Own the Podium	<p>Own the Podium provides technical support to national sport organizations with the aim of delivering more Olympic and Paralympic medals for Canada. Disability sports are integrated with national sport organizations with the exceptions of: Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association, Cerebral Palsy Sports Association, and Wheelchair Basketball Canada. Own the Podium prioritizes investment strategies by making funding recommendations using evidenced based, expert driven, targeted and collaborative approach.</p>	http://www.ownthepodium.org/
	Canadian Olympic Committee/Coaching Association of Canada/Provincial Governments	Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Sport Centres and Institutes	<p>Canadian Sport Centres (CSC) were created in partnership with Sport Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Coaching Association of Canada and the provincial governments. The objective of the CSC is to support the achievement of high-performance sport excellence by Canadian athletes, including athletes with disabilities, through fair and ethical means, in a harassment-free environment. The network is composed of a CSC in Calgary and Montreal, in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan and a CSC in the Atlantic Canada and one for the Pacific Region.</p>	http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414174924855
	Sport Canada	Canadian Sport for Life	<p>Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) is a movement that promotes quality sport and physical activity. It is led by Sport for Life Society, a federal not for profit society that incorporated in September 2014, and comprises experts from sport, health, recreation and academia who are employed as independent contractors, yet work cooperatively to promote the movement’s goals. Program consider both able bodied athletes and athletes with disabilities.</p>	http://canadiansportforlife.ca/learn-about-canadian-sport-life/who-we-are

	Sport Canada	SSHRC Sport Participation Research Initiative	<p>The Sport Participation Research Initiative (SPRI) supports the goals of the Canadian Sport Policy by funding selected doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers and postsecondary institution-affiliated researchers to conduct research on matters related to enhancing participation in sport in Canada, including outreach to specific groups, such as women, persons with disabilities, Aboriginal Peoples, specific ethno-cultural communities, and official language minority communities.</p> <p>The Sport Participation Research Initiative:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aiming to promote Canadian research that will develop better understanding, of Canadians' participation in sport, to better inform programs and policies 2. to build Canada's capacity to conduct research on and related to participation in sport 	http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/sport_can-eng.aspx
	Canadian Parks and Recreation Association	A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015: Pathways to Wellbeing	<p>The Framework describes five goals and priorities for action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Active Living - Foster active living through physical recreation. 2: Inclusion and Access - Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation. 3: Connecting People and Nature - Help people connect to nature through recreation. 4: Supportive Environments - Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities. 5: Recreation Capacity - Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field. <p>Specifically, this Framework acts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide leadership, support, encouragement, information, policies and programs that facilitate full participation in recreation by people of all abilities across all settings; • work with persons with disabilities and special needs to create inclusive opportunities and build leadership capacity; • ensure that recreation environments are accessible and remove physical and emotional barriers to participation. 	http://lin.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/framework-for-recreation-in-canada-2016.pdf

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Active Canada 20/20</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A Physical Activity Strategy and Change Agenda for Canada</i></p>	<p>Active Canada 20/20 provides a clear vision and a change agenda to describe successful steps that, if implemented, will increase physical activity and reduce sedentary behaviour, thereby reducing health risks and achieving the many benefits of a society that is active and healthy. It demonstrates the actions that, if undertaken at multiple levels, will strengthen Canada by making physical activity an important cultural trademark. This strategy acts to increase access to physical activity for specific groups: Aboriginal people, children, and youth, people with disabilities, newcomers, girls and women, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered), lower socioeconomic groups and older adults.</p>	<p>https://docs.google.com/a/activecanada2020.ca/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=YN0aXZlY2FuYWRhMjAyMC5jYXxwYVWdIMXxneDozNjEyNjVjMjNkZmlwYTA</p>
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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
<i>Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada</i>	<i>Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador</i>	<i>Recreation and Sport for Persons with a Disability Funding Program</i>	<p>The Recreation and Sport for Persons with a Disability Funding Program administered by Recreation NL, is a strategic initiative supported by the provincial government's recreation and sport strategy, <i>Active Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador (2007)</i>. The program aims to increase support, remove barriers and develop actions to support individuals with physical disabilities to participate in recreation and compete in sport activities. This program is cost shared between the Federal Government, Sport Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development through a bilateral agreement.</p> <p>Funding is available to support the following: 1) Equipment 2) Travel Assistance 3) Recreation & Sport Development Projects/Initiatives The activities should focus on increasing the availability of recreation and sport programs, increasing physical activity levels of persons with physical disabilities, while bringing awareness to ALL individuals about opportunities that are available in recreation and sport in our province.</p>	http://www.schoolsportsnl.ca/article/funding-opportunities-in-recreation-and-sport-for-persons-with-a-disability/

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
<i>Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada</i>	<i>Department of Health and Wellness</i>	<i>Small Grants Program for Sports</i>	The Small Grants Program is intended to encourage and support organizations to look at new initiatives that will encourage greater sport participation and leadership in under-represented and marginalized populations, including individuals with a physical and/or intellectual disability. The program will encourage strategic partnerships.	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/small-grants-program-sports

NOVA SCOTIA

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Shared Strategy for Advancing Recreation in NS	Communities, Sport and Recreation Division	Provincial Recreation/Physical Activity Project Funding	<p>Project Funding is designed to support provincial organizations to undertake initiatives that address specific sport, recreation and physical activity priorities. Eligible activities are active transportation (AT), safety and injury prevention, children’s play, nature deficit, access for all (underserved populations-aboriginal, low- income, persons with disabilities, older adults and women and girls) and disparity reduction and gender equity. Priorities are determined annually and will include identified target groups, issues, risk factors, etc.</p>	http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/advocacy/shared_strateg yl
Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada	Sport Nova Scotia	Community Sport Development Program	<p>In 2010, the Community Sport Development Coordinator position was established as the result of a partnership with Sport Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and Sport Canada. The Community Sport Development Coordinators work in six regions across the province and strives to develop grassroots opportunities, specifically for underrepresented groups, such as those with a disability. The Community Sport Development Program sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess program needs, identify resources and establish new opportunities for sport participation. • Be open and supportive to community members who have an interest in the start up or development of a Community Sport Organization. • Provide support to strengthen established sports in the regions through program development, funding and fundraising. 	http://www.sportnovascotia.ca/SportDevelopment/CommunitySportDevelopment/tabid/891/Default.as px

NEW BRUNSWICK

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Sport Development Trust Fund Act, RSNB 2011, c 223	Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture	Sport Development Trust Fund	The Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities, after consultation with provincial sport organizations recognized as such by the Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities, may provide grants to individual athletes and sport organizations. The assets of the Sport Development Trust Fund shall be used to provide grants to individual athletes and sport organizations to promote leadership and excellence in sport.	http://canlii.ca/t/8pxz
Youth Assistance Act, SNB 1984	Healthy and Inclusive Communities	Sport and Recreation Organizations	The Sport and Recreation Organization program, under the Youth Assistance Act, provides funding, and/or consulting services to organizations whose mandate includes the development of sport, recreation or active living opportunities. One of the mechanisms through which this department provides financial support includes organizations that provide sport and recreation opportunities for persons with disabilities.	http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.201012.Sport_and_Recreation_Organizations_(Provincial_Grant).html
Youth Assistance Act, SNB 2014, c 137	Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture		The Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities may, in accordance with the regulations, provide financial assistance to an amateur sport body or a recreation body to aid and encourage the establishment or development of amateur sport and recreation in the Province.	http://canlii.ca/t/8tq5

	<p>Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture – Sport and Recreation Branch</p>	<p>Physical Activity – Active Communities Grant</p>	<p>This Program provides support for initiatives that raise awareness of the importance and enjoyment of physical activity and provide new or expanded opportunities for New Brunswickers to be active. The activity must correspond to a need identified in the “My Community at a Glance Profile”. The distribution of the Active Communities Grant Program (ACGP) helps to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of opportunities available for New Brunswickers to become and stay active every day • Encourage and support leadership in the community • Promote the benefits and enjoyment of continued involvement in physical activity • Address common barriers, such as physical and/or intellectual disabilities, to physical activity faced by New Brunswickers • Actively encourage those not already involved in participation to get active 	<p>http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.201013.Physical_Activity_-_Active_Communities_Grant_.html</p>
	<p>Government of New Brunswick-Recreation NB</p>	<p>Inclusive Recreation Activity Fund</p>	<p>The Inclusive Recreation Activity Fund exists to provide support and facilitate direct participation for those with disabilities. The intention is to reduce or eliminate barriers that hinder participation. This fund can help cover the costs of registration fees, transportation costs, and equipment needs of individuals who would not have been able to take part in physical activities without this program. A portion of the overall fund will be used as a one-time annual grant. This grant can be applied for via a municipality or organization and go towards inclusive recreation programming or inclusive upgrading of a facility.</p> <p>Individuals with a disability can apply for funding from the Inclusive Recreation Activity Fund to help cover activity related expenses. This can be used for gym or aqua size class, summer camp, after school program registration fees and some equipment and transportation needs. It covers expenses for just about anything, as long as the activity is “ACTIVE”, and not just a “one-time thing”.</p>	<p>https://www.recreationnb.ca/programs-and-initiatives</p>

Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada	Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture – Sport and Recreation Branch	Sport - Go NB (Grant)	<p>The Go NB grant is designed to strengthen physical literacy and reduce barriers to sport participation for children and youth, with a particular focus on under-represented populations.</p> <p>Eligibility</p> <p>Provincial and Local Sport organizations, municipalities, non-profits and First Nations are all eligible for this grant. Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to plan and implement programs that develop physical literacy and/or reduces barriers to sport participation. Applicants must also provide clear evidence that they have qualified leaders/instructors.</p> <p>Objective 1 – Physical Literacy (Active Start, FUNdamentals, and Learning to Train of the Canadian Sport for Life model).</p> <p>Objective 2 – Under-represented populations (Aboriginal youth, persons with a disability, women and girls, economically disadvantaged).</p>	http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderet.201310.Sport_-_Go_NB_(Grant).html
	Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture – Sport and Recreation Branch	Sport- Athlete Assistance Grant	<p>The New Brunswick Athlete Assistance Program (NBAAP) provides direct financial assistance to New Brunswick high performance athletes who have achieved significant results at the junior/senior national and/or international level in their pursuit of athletic excellence; or have demonstrated the potential to earn a place on a Canadian National Senior or Junior team in the near future. Funding of the NBAAP is provided by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture – Sport and Recreation Branch. The effective delivery of the NBAAP is based on a partnership between the New Brunswick Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture and the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic and relies heavily on input from the national and provincial sport organizations.</p>	http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderet.201010.Sport-__Athlete_Assistance_Grant.html

QUEBEC

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
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<p>exercise of their rights with a view to achieving social, school and workplace integration RIGHTS OF HANDICAPPED</p>	<p>Ministry of Education and Higher Education</p>	<p>Financial Assistance Program for the Leisure Activities of Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>This program aims to promote accessibility to recreation and sports for people with disabilities to increase their participation.</p> <p>The Disability Financial Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities supports organizations that provide recreational and sporting activities for persons with disabilities by contributing financially to their support services.</p> <p>The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has mandated the Regional Service Units (URS) to administer the program. These units may delegate this responsibility to the Regional Leisure Association for the Disabled (ARLPH).</p>	<p>http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/programme-assistance-loisir-handicapees.aspx</p>
<p>Act to secure handicapped persons in the exercise of their rights with a view to achieving social, school and workplace integration RIGHTS OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS 2004, c. 31, s. 1.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education and Higher Education</p>	<p>Financial Assistance Program for Accessibility to Holiday Camps</p>	<p>The Program for Financial Assistance for Accessibility to Holiday Camps supports camps that wish to promote the access of handicapped persons and those in poverty to the leisure and sport activities organized on their site.</p> <p>It has four components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Support component accessibility for people in poverty , helping to reduce the cost of accommodation for these people; • The support component for the accompaniment of the disabled , which helps the camps to offer these persons the services of an accompanist; • The Accessibility Special Projects Support component , which through projects, events, programs or studies, targets the social inclusion and participation of youth, disadvantaged people, newcomers, persons with disabilities and Aboriginal peoples in Leisure and sport activities in the camps; • The Capital Support and Outdoor Recreation component , which is designed to improve the quality and safety of facilities and equipment in the camps. 	<p>http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/programme-assistance-camps-vacances.aspx</p>

ONTARIO

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
<i>Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada</i>	<i>Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport</i>	<i>The Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF)</i>	<p>The Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF) is a grant program that is supported through Sport Canada with funding from the Bilateral Agreements with Provinces and Territories. They support a vision of getting and keeping Ontarians active in community sport, recreation and physical activity.</p> <p>Through the support of projects that deliver high-quality programs and policies, the OSRCF provides Ontarians with more opportunities to become physically active, including groups who experience barriers to participating and those who are traditionally less active. One of the target groups of the OSRCF is persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The program supports projects of one or two years in length, at both the Local/Regional and Provincial levels.</p>	http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR006918
<i>Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Act, RSO 1990, c M.35</i>	<i>Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport</i>	<i>Provincial Recreation Organizations</i>	<p>The Ministry shall,</p> <p>(d) ensure that adequate opportunities are available to all residents of Ontario to pursue recreational, sports and fitness activities appropriate to their needs and interests;</p> <p>(e) provide recreational, sports and fitness resources to municipalities and to provincial recreational and sports organizations; and</p> <p>(f) encourage and promote improvement in the standards of accommodation, facilities and services offered to the travelling and vacationing public.</p> <p>Provincial Recreation Organizations (PROs) are non-profit incorporated organizations with a mandate to provide recreation programs and/or leadership and skills training for the recreation sector. PROs provide a wide range of recreation opportunities throughout the province. They ensure that recreation activities and programs are available at reasonable cost, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly, safe, cost effective and meet the needs of Ontarians. PROs have a history of assisting the ministry to deliver its priorities.</p>	http://canlii.ca/t/2j8

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division</i></p>	<p>The Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division will continue to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the Pan/Parapan American Kids (PPAKids) program. In 2015-16 additional resources are being developed to support the use of PPAKids for children and youth with a physical or intellectual disability. 2. Develop a plan to enhance the delivery of Para-sport in Ontario with a goal to make the province a leader in providing provincial para-athletes with opportunities to participate in competitive and recreational sport. 3. Continue to provide assistance to Variety Village to ensure appropriate support for persons with disabilities, who are engaging in their programs for sports, fitness and wellness. 4. Continue to support the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario in their operations at the new Pan/Parapan American Games Aquatic Centre, including accessible facilities for para-athletes and support for the Canadian Wheelchair Academy. 	<p style="text-align: center;">http://canlii.ca/t/336</p>
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MANITOBA

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
<i>Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada</i>	<i>Sport Manitoba</i>	<i>Manitoba Sport for Life Program</i>	<p>Sport Manitoba provides funding for programming that strengthens physical literacy and children and youth participation that are compatible with the first three stages of the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Start – Learn fundamental movements and link them together into play • FUNdamentals – Learn fundamental movements and build overall motor skills • Learning to Train – Learn overall sport skills, general sport skill development <p>Funding is aimed at projects that provide opportunities for persons from under-represented and/or marginalized populations, including individuals with disabilities, to actively participate in sport including in roles such as athletes, coaches, officials and volunteer leaders.</p>	http://www.sportmanitoba.ca/increasing-participation-initiatives

SASKATCHEWAN

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Interprovincial Lotteries Act	Sask Sport Inc.	Parasport Equipment Grant	<p>The cost of specialized (adapted) equipment for athletes with a disability to participate in sport is a significant barrier to their participation. The purpose of the Parasport Equipment Grant is to assist in removing this barrier and provide financial assistance for the purchase of adapted equipment for people with a disability to participate in organized sport programs.</p> <p>The Parasport Equipment Grant is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.</p>	http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/parasport.php
Interprovincial Lotteries Act	Sask Sport Inc.	Parasport Sport Club Development Grant	<p>This program is designed to support new developmental programs in communities or the expansion/enhancement of existing programs. The goal is to increase participation opportunities for people with a disability. The grant can be used to offset barriers such as facility rental, coach development and transportation.</p> <p>The Parasport Club Development Grant is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.</p>	http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/parasport.php
Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada	Sask Sport Inc.	Children in Sport: A Fundamental Skill Development Program	<p>The Children in Sport provides opportunities for children from under-represented groups and/or marginalized populations, including individuals with a disability, to actively participate in sport. It is designed to ensure that children receive the most positive experience possible from sport. The focus of this program is on learning the fundamental skills before entering into more competitive sports and on providing an opportunity for children to have positive life-long experiences in sport.</p>	http://www.pcs.gov.sk.ca/FPT-Cooperation

ALBERTA

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Alberta Sport Connection Act, RSA 2000, Chapter A-34	Alberta Sport Connection	Association Development Program Grant	<p>The Association Development Program (ADP) Grant provides funding in order to achieve the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of Albertans participating in sport, including people with a disability. • Encourage physical literacy, long-term athlete and coach development and lifelong participation • Increase capacity across the sport system • Support and develop quality coaches and officials • Help Albertans strive for athletic excellence 	http://www.albertasport.ca/about-us/organizations-we-fund/association-development-program.aspx
Alberta Sport Connection Act, RSA 2000, Chapter A-34	Alberta Sport Connection	Above and Beyond Grant	<p>The purpose of the Above and Beyond grant is to provide support to coaches and officials to pursue educational or developmental opportunities. Specifically, this is intended for a coach or an official who is in a unique situation (apprenticing, geographically isolated, disadvantaged, disabled) and is experiencing extraordinary circumstances.</p>	http://www.albertasport.ca/grant-funding-programs/coaches-officials.aspx
Alberta Sport Connection Act, RSA 2000, Chapter A-34	Alberta Sport Connection	Provincial Sport Organization Coach & Official Education Grant	<p>The purpose of the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) Coach & Official Education grant is to improve access to coach and official education workshops. This grant will support an increase in the frequency of sport specific coach and official workshops delivered across Alberta.</p> <p>This grant is specifically for PSO's that are able to demonstrate significant needs and /or gaps as outlined within a detailed long term development strategy for coaches or officials. These needs should be in alignment with the Alberta Sport Action Plan. Priority will be given to strategies that address access and delivery in rural communities, and those that target under-represented and/or marginalized populations such as women and girls, persons with a disability, economically disadvantaged, new Canadians, and Aboriginal peoples.</p>	http://www.albertasport.ca/grant-funding-programs/coaches-officials.aspx

Bilateral funding agreement with Sport Canada	Alberta Sport Connection	Paralympic Sports Association (PSA) & Alberta Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (ACPSA)	<p>The Paralympic Sports Association is working with the Alberta Cerebral Palsy Sports Association to create a unique partnership. They want to expand their program Adapted Connections province wide.</p> <p>Adapted sports programming in cycling, sledge, boccia, curling and other activities aimed at providing adapted sports and recreation across all seasons and to all abilities and ages</p>	http://www.parasports.net/
Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada	Alberta Sport Connection	Alberta Sprint Racing Canoe Association	<p>The primary purpose of the Alberta Sprint Racing Canoe Association (ARCA) is to provide an opportunity for persons with a disability to participate in a new sport that is essentially a lifelong activity, paddling. The secondary purpose is to develop paddlers to the level at which they may compete in National and International competitions.</p> <p>Through 2016 ARCA has a program plan set out to coach their instructors in canoe and kayak specific to working with adaptive participants.</p>	http://www.asrca.com/page-911801

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada	Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	BC Sport Participation Program	<p>A sport participation funding program which is supported equally by the Province of BC and the Government of Canada, through viaSport British Columbia. This program supports province-wide projects that attract children and youth, Aboriginal people, seniors, and people with disabilities to lead active and healthy lifestyles through involvement in sport.</p> <p>The goal of the BC Sport Participation Program (BCSPP) is to fund organizations to support the expansion of existing sport participation programs or development of new programs that align with Canadian Sport for Life Fundamental, Learn to Train, and Active for Life stages, as well as the Awareness or First Contact stages. Programs will develop linkages with local sport service providers, clubs, and schools, to build community capacity and expand programming to attract new participants to sport and increase the number of individuals actively involved in organized sport on an ongoing basis.</p>	http://www.viasport.ca/grant/community-sport-program-development-fund
Income Tax Act [RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 215	Government of British Columbia	BC Children's Fitness Tax Credit	<p>Introduced by the BC 2012 Budget, these credits are applicable to the 2012 and later taxation years. Each credit will be a non-refundable tax credit of 5.06% (lowest tax rate) of eligible expenditures up to \$500 for each child, providing a tax credit of up to \$25 per child. These tax credits are not increased for indexation. The Child Fitness amount are increased to \$1,000 if the child is eligible for the disability tax credit.</p>	http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/fr_eeside/96215_01

YUKON

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Recreation Act	Department of Community Services	Sport Administration and Organizational Grant	<p>(1) The Sport Administration and Organizational Grant is designed to assist Yukon Sport Governing Body (YSGB) with the effective and efficient operation and development of their organization. Funding may be provided for the following areas: (a) structure and planning; (b) policy development; (c) human resources; (d) financial management; (e) membership services; (f) general services, and (g) general administration.</p> <p>(2) Any grant received under this section shall complement or supplement volunteer activity, not replace it, and be applied toward the development and implementation of any of the following objectives: (a) improved athletic performance at all levels within the sport continuum; (b) improved quality of administration and organizational development; (c) improved quality of coaching and officiating, and (d) improved access for all athletes and leaders, including those with a disability, throughout the Yukon.</p>	http://canlii.ca/t/8jc3
Recreation Act	Department of Community Services	Special Project and Community Development Grant	<p>(1) Funding provided under the Special Project and Community Development Grant is designed to enable the Yukon Sport Governing Body (YSGB) to work in partnership with its affiliates or a Yukon community or First Nation, on projects which promote and enhance the development of the sport at the community or regional levels within the Yukon.</p> <p>(2) Any grant received by a YSGB under this category shall be applied toward any of the following: (a) development of new or model projects or programs designed to increase participation and access to the sport; (b) development of new or model projects or programs designed to meet the needs of women, girls, Yukon aboriginal people and disabled persons; (c) special resource or promotional material; (d) hosting of Yukon, regional, national, or international events, and (e) other projects or programs on a case by case basis.</p>	http://canlii.ca/t/8jc3

<p style="text-align: center;">Recreation Act</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Department of Community Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Investment Fund</p>	<p>The Youth Investment Fund (YIF) allocates money for youth projects through an application process. The goal of the YIF is to provide healthy opportunities for marginalized youth in the territory. It is supported by the Departments of Community Services, Education, Executive Council Office (Youth Directorate), Health and Social Services, Justice, and the Women’s Directorate.</p> <p>This refers to youth who are typically afforded fewer opportunities or who experience a form of discrimination. This usually involves girls / boys or young women / men in one or more of the following groups: • Indigenous youth • Youth with disabilities • Youth from rural communities • Youth from a small ethnic or cultural group • Youth from a low social or economic background • Youth exposed to substance abuse, violence, conflict and/or the justice system • GBLTQ youth (Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgendered, Questioning)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">http://www.gov.yk.ca/forms/forms/5000/yg5719_e.pdf</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sport Yukon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kids Recreation Fund</p>	<p>Through sport bilateral agreements, funding directly benefits the Kids Recreation Fund (KRF). Approximately \$1.8 million in shared federal and territorial sport funding helps to increase participation by underrepresented populations, such as Aboriginal youth, females, and those with a disability, in the Yukon sport system. The KRF provides Yukon families with a lower income an opportunity to apply for funding for their children (aged 0 to 18 years) to participate in sport and recreational activities. Each child has up to \$400.00 for the year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">http://sportyukon.com/programs/kids-recreation-fund/</p>

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada	Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Territorial Sport Support Organization Program	<p>Sport organizations in the Northwest Territories are receiving a boost from the Government of the Northwest Territories' Territorial Sport Organization (TSO) Support Program. The TSO Support Program is co-funded by MACA and Sport Canada through the Canada – NWT Sport Bilateral Agreement. The program provides TSOs with funding to assist with program development and delivery, sport specific training, technical assistance, coach training and other activities. The Government of the Northwest Territories is working to promote healthy and active living and to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of all people.</p>	http://news.exec.gov.nt.ca/territorial-sport-organization-support-program/
Northwest Territories Societies Act	Sport North Federation		<p>Sport North represents the Territorial Sport Organizations of the Northwest Territories. We are dedicated to the development of sport at every level of participation in the Northwest Territories. Sport North Federation will be the recognized leader in sport development and will ensure that opportunities in sport, based on fair play, are accessible to all residents of the NWT.</p> <p>The objectives of the Federation are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To ensure that the NWT sport system, at all levels, is participant centered; b) To provide quality volunteer and professional leadership in sport; c) To strive to ensure that the sport system in the NWT is value-based and the practice of sport is based on fair play and ethical standards; d) To ensure that opportunities in sport are equitable and accessible to all NWT residents; e) To strive to ensure that all aspects of the development of sport at the community, regional, and territorial levels in the NWT are in place and working together in partnership; f) To strive to ensure the long term financial stability for sport, a broad base of financial support and efficient and effective management of resources. 	https://sportnorth.com/about-us/board-directors/constitution-bylaws

NUNAVUT

Statute	Governing Body	Regulation/ Program	Description	Website
<i>Cities, Towns and Villages Act</i>	<i>Sport Nunavut</i>		<p>Sport and Recreation is responsible for the promotion, development and delivery of amateur sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities for all Nunavummiut through its Head Office in Baker Lake, and additional staff that are located in Kugluktuk, and Iqaluit. Sport and Recreation's clients include registered territorial sport/recreation organizations, community sport clubs, volunteer organizations and municipal corporations. The Branch also coordinates and provides funding for Nunavut's participation in multi-sport games such as the Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter and Summer Games, Western Canada Summer Games and the North American Indigenous Games.</p> <p>The Sport Nunavut Code of Conduct sets out minimum requirements and standards for participant conduct, gender equity, harassment and discrimination and discipline. Participation in Amateur sport plays a key role in contributing to the well-being and quality of life of Nunavummiut and should also enhance the image of Nunavut nationally and internationally. All sport participants have the right to a sport environment that is supportive and secure and have a responsibility to understand and respect the rules and participate to the best of their abilities. All participants must respect and encourage one another's efforts and assist with one another's progress, regardless of age, culture, gender, religion, sexual orientation, social status, disability or pardoned conviction.</p>	http://cgs.gov.nu.ca/en/SportsIntro.aspx
<i>Bilateral agreement with Sport Canada</i>	<i>Sport Nunavut</i>	<i>Pan-Territorial Sport Strategy</i>	<p>The Pan Territorial Sport Strategy is a partnership between Sport Nunavut and Sport Canada to help foster a northern sport system that encourages participation, supports athletic excellence and stimulates pride for all, regardless of, regardless of age, culture, gender, religion, sexual orientation, social status, disability or pardoned conviction.</p> <p>The Nunavut Pan Territorial Bi-lateral Agreement has five components: The Nunavut Youth Olympic Academy, Atii-Aksut - Aim High, Community Sport Development, Coaching Development and Traditional Sport Manual Development.</p>	http://cgs.gov.nu.ca/en/EducationResource.aspx

Discussion

Funding for programs, training, facilities, events, transportation and equipment have been identified as the main factors at the policy level affecting participation by people with disabilities in sports and physical activity (Martin-Ginis et al., 2016). This review has shown that the governments of Canada – federal, provincial and territorial – all contribute funding and programming toward enhancing participation of Canadians with disabilities in physical activity. While the preceding tables summarize legislation in each jurisdiction governing sport, the information in Appendix B captures additional non-statutory, non-disability-specific programs that could also be beneficial for people with disabilities in the province or territory.

Funding from the federal government focuses on elite sports and national / international competition. Facilities and organizations supporting sport for people with disabilities are entirely integrated with those for non-disabled athletes, with a few historical exceptions. These include the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Canadian Association of Wheelchair Sports, Canadian Deaf Sports Association, Canadian Blind Sports Association, and Special Olympics. In each of these instances, the organization represents events or sports which have no counterpart in the world of non-disabled elite sport, such as goalball, sledge hockey or wheelchair rugby.

In recognition of geographical and cultural differences among provinces, the Government of Canada divests authority for governance of recreational sport to provincial governments. The federal government lends it support to recreational sports by entering into bilateral agreements with each of the provinces and territories. The provincial governments manage recreational sports differently across the country, even situating recreation and sport in different ministries and creating different structures to govern sport participation from province to province (see Appendix C). Support for disabled people to participate in sport and recreation is at least minimally available in each province and territory, although no province has a declared priority to promote disability sport and recreation, while several have an explicit priority for youth sport and aboriginal sport. Despite the known benefits of participation in recreational sports and physical activity, funding for disability sport for both adults and children is relatively difficult to obtain (Shikako-Thomas & Law, 2015).

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APPENDICES:

- A. The disability policy lens**
- B. Non-disability-specific government programs to support sport**
- C. List of Ministries, offices, governmental organizations that support sport in Canada**

Appendix A: The Disability Policy Lens

As a tool for policy analysis, these questions are intended to provide a quick, easy guide for analyzing disability policy. There are no correct or incorrect answers to these questions, but each has important implications for people with disabilities. For more information, please see www.disabilitypolicyalliance.ca or McColl & Jongbloed (2006) *Disability & social policy in Canada* (2nd ed.)

1. Does the policy specifically mention people with disabilities? Are there provisions pertaining specifically to disabled people?
2. If so, how is disability defined? Who is included / excluded from consideration under the policy? Who decides who qualifies as disabled? Does the definition conform with a particular model of disability (eg., biomedical, social, charitable)?
3. What does the policy aim to achieve?
 - a. Equity – freedom from discrimination
 - b. Access – ability to participate
 - c. Support – resources to address special needs
4. Does the policy aim to enforce individual rights or collective responsibilities?
5. Does the policy aim to provide for a special need associated with a disability, or does it aim to provide the same thing to all citizens? Does it aim to achieve:
 - a. Outcome equity – whatever it takes to achieve equal outcomes with non-disabled;
 - b. Vertical equity – special considerations to create equal opportunity for disabled people;
 - c. Horizontal equity – equal treatment; treating disabled people the same as everyone else.
6. Does the policy view disabled people collectively as a minority group, or does it aim to structure society so as to ensure universal access / coverage?
7. How does the policy relate to other policies (legislation, regulations, programs) in the jurisdiction – in the same Ministry, in other Ministries; including both disability-specific and non-disability-specific policy? What about other jurisdictions (national, provincial, regional, municipal)? (For a review of disability policy by jurisdiction across Canada, see: <http://www.disabilitypolicyalliance.ca/resources/reports/a-scoping-review-of-disability-policy-in-canada.html>; watch this space for the 2nd ed. (2013) in September)
8. Who wins and who loses when this policy is implemented? How is the allocation of scarce resources affected by this policy? What is the impact on: other disability groups; Business / private sector; Other minority groups; Other citizens generally / taxpayers; Other?
9. How did this policy come into effect? What is the history associated with it? Who were the champions / detractors? Where might one anticipate support / opposition?

Appendix B:

Non-disability-specific government programs

supporting sport in Canada

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Athletic Excellence Fund - The Athletic Excellence Fund is a strategic initiative supported by the Provincial Government's recreation and sport strategy, Active Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador. Funded by the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development in conjunction with Sport Newfoundland and Labrador, the Athletic Excellence Fund is designed to recognize athletic excellence of the province's athletes. The Athletic Excellence Fund encompasses the Premier's Athletic Awards, Elite Athlete Assistance Program, Team Gushue Awards and SportNL Scholarships in one application.

Active, Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador - A Recreation and Sport Strategy for Newfoundland and Labrador – The vision of this strategy is a vibrant and active population safely participating in physical activity, recreation and sport at all levels for quality of life, improved health, enhanced social interaction, personal fulfillment and excellence, all within a system that is safe, equitable, ethical, and accountable.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

SPORT PEI - Mission is to promote amateur sport for all Islanders by partnering to advance collective interests and to facilitate and support development.

Amateur Sport Funding Program - The Amateur Sport Funding Program provides funding to provincial sport organizations for activities that support the objectives of the Department of Health and Wellness (Division of Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity). These objectives are aligned with the Canadian Sport Policy 2012 and focus on; Introduction to Sport, Recreational Sport, Competitive Sport, High Performance Sport; and Sport for Development

Community Leadership Program - The Community Leadership Support Program provides sport, recreation, physical activity, and healthy living services to rural Prince Edward Island based on the three designated regional sport areas: Eastern, Central, and Western. The program is available to communities with existing recreation departments who have full-time recreation professional(s); and incorporated regional sport and recreation councils.

Elite Athlete Assistance Program - The Elite Athlete Assistance Program provides funding to Prince Edward Island athletes who have achieved success at the national and/or international level of competition, and been identified by a national sport organization as having the potential to perform at the national and/or international level.

NOVA SCOTIA

Amateur Sports Advisory Council Act, RSNS 1989, c 11 - The Council shall perform such functions and duties as are assigned to the Council by the Minister and shall advise and assist the Minister with respect to the following matters:

- (a) the promotion, development and improvement of amateur sports and athletics in the Province and provision for various sports activities and athletic events;
- (b) the promotion of sports activities and athletics among young people particularly in rural areas and in areas in which athletic facilities are inadequate;
- (c) the improvement of all amateur sports and athletics through the use of coaching clinics, training of officials, opportunities for competition and special assistance to athletes;
- (d) the promotion of community involvement in amateur sports and athletics by all members of the community by means of publicity and assistance to local organizations;
- (e) the financing of amateur sports and athletics. R.S., c. 11, s. 4.

QUEBEC

Fund for the development of the sport of physical activity - The Fund's revenues are used for financial support for the construction, renovation, upgrading and upgrading of sporting and recreational facilities and for the organization of international sports events. The Fund provides matching grants to municipalities, school boards and not-for-profit organizations.

Team Canada Program - In order to ensure that Quebec athletes and coaches receive the financial support and professional coaching required to promote their chances of success on the international stage, the Québec government set up the Team Québec Program. Coaches can receive up to \$20,000 annually and athletes up to \$6,000 annually.

Foundation of the Québec Athlete of Excellence - The mission of the Québec Athlete of Excellence Foundation is to provide financial support and support to student-athletes in their pursuit of academic and athletic excellence and to contribute to the promotion of models in Québec society.

Scientific and medical sports - Athletes recognized as "Excellence" are eligible for several scientific and medical-athletic services from the Institut national du sport du Québec (INS).

Athletes in Education - L'Alliance Sport-Études [This hyperlink will open in a new window.](#) Offers adapted pedagogical support services to high-level Quebec athletes pursuing a college or university degree.

Other Scholarship Programs - These financial assistance programs are aimed at the identified athletes: Excellence, Elite, Succession and Hope.

Support the development of sport excellence program - The program of support for the development of sporting excellence (CINOT) aims to financially support Quebec Régie sports federations in their efforts to reach the highest peaks of the performance in the disciplines they govern, in order to improve the performance of Quebec athletes on the Canadian and international sport scenes.

Revenue Quebec -An eligible individual resident in Québec at the end of 31 December of a taxation year who encloses the certificate issued to the eligible individual for the year by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports with the fiscal return the eligible individual is required to file under section 1000 for the year, or would be required to so file if tax were payable by the eligible individual for that year under this Part, is deemed to have paid to the Minister, on account of the eligible individual's tax payable for that taxation year under this Part, athletes receive a tax credit.

ONTARIO

Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP) - a funding program of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport that provides financial support to Ontario's amateur high performance athletes.

MANITOBA

Sport Manitoba Inc. - Sport Manitoba is the leading planning, programming, and funding agency for the development of amateur sport in Manitoba. The primary focus of Sport Manitoba is on the development of athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers. We believe that sport is a healthy and positive tool to build strong and vibrant citizens and communities.

Athlete Assistance - Manitoba athletes striving to pursue excellence at the highest level of national and international competition are eligible to receive Athlete Assistance funding. Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 are available to individual athletes and teams based on their performance at their sports' National Championship or their present status as a member of a National Team program.

Performance Enhancement Program - Sport Manitoba, the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba, Coaching Manitoba and the Sport Medicine Council of Manitoba partner in a provincial team program entitled the Performance Enhancement Program (PEP). The mission is to support Provincial Teams in pursuit of performance and personal excellence. PEP will assist teams to achieve optimal performance and personal development. PEP also provides financial support for provincial team programs that are building ongoing relationships with sport science and medicine service providers.

SASKATCHEWAN

Sask Sport Inc. – Since its inception in 1972, Sask Sport Inc. has strived to ensure Saskatchewan residents of all ages can participate in the sport of their choice at their own ability level. Sask Sport Inc. administers funding through the Sport Section of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund. These funds are made possible from the sale of lottery tickets in Saskatchewan. Sask Sport Inc. offers a wide range of funding opportunities that support the growth and development of amateur sport in Saskatchewan.

Active Families Benefit - As promised in the 2007 Provincial Election platform, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced the Active Families Benefit (AFB) to help Saskatchewan families with the costs

of their children's participation in cultural, recreational, and sports activities. This helps improve access and remove barriers to children and youth participation in culture, recreation and sports activities. A parent or legal guardian of a child under 18 years of age registered in cultural, recreational and sports activities is eligible for an annual refundable benefit of up to \$150 per child.

“Sport activity” means any game or physical activity that:

- involves large muscle groups;
- requires strategy, physical training and mental preparation;
- has an outcome determined by established rules and not by chance; and
- occurs in an organized and competitive environment.

Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan - dedicated to supporting the pursuit of excellence by high performance athletes and coaches in Saskatchewan and to assist more Canadians to reach podium performances at international competitions. A comprehensive range of services includes: Performance Enhancement, Support Services and Life Services.

Managed and administered by Sask Sport Inc., the centre is supported in partnership with Sask Sport Inc., Sport Canada, Coaching Association of Canada, Coaches Association of Saskatchewan, Sport Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan and the Province of Saskatchewan (Parks, Culture and Sport).

Saskatchewan Program for Athletic Excellence - provide additional direct financial assistance to Saskatchewan's High Performance Athletes who are carded at the national level by Sport Canada. Specific objectives of the program are:

- To help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition;
- To enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals;
- To increase athlete access to high performance coaching and sports science practitioners;
- To enhance training and competitive opportunities available to athletes.

Saskatchewan Program for Athletic Excellence will provide up to an additional 1/3 in funding over and above the funding received from Sport Canada's AAP, to a maximum of \$6,000.

Future Best - The purpose of this program is to support the developmental needs of Saskatchewan athletes who have been identified by the National Sport Organization (NSO) as clearly demonstrating the potential to become a national senior team member and those who are seriously committed to attain this status through intense training, technical development and competitive success.

Parasport Equipment Grant - The cost of specialized (adapted) equipment for athletes with a disability to participate in sport is a significant barrier to their participation. The purpose of the Parasport Equipment Grant is to assist in removing this barrier and provide financial assistance for the purchase of adapted equipment for people with a disability to participate in organized sport programs. The Parasport Equipment Grant is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

Parasport Club Development Grant - The costs of starting new sport clubs for people with a disability at the community level is high. This program is designed to support new developmental programs in communities or the expansion/enhancement of existing programs (e.g. integration of athletes with a disability in programming, new age categories). In either case the goal is to increase participation opportunities for people with a disability. The grant can be used to offset barriers such as facility rental, coach development and transportation.

High Performance Coach Development Grant - is funded by the Canadian Sport Center Saskatchewan and administered through a partnership with the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan.

As coaches strive to increase their knowledge, skills, abilities and certification, cost can be a barrier to successfully meeting their coaching career goals. The purpose of this grant is to support Saskatchewan coaches who work with high performance athletes and are committed to upgrading their coaching skills & abilities through education, training, and certification. This grant allows the coach to participate in coaching workshops or conferences, attend major competitions as a coach, mentor with a Master Coach, upgrade their NCCP certification, or consult with a recognized sport expert. This grant may also be used in combination with support from other cost-sharing partners to help coaches broaden the scope of their learning options.

Planning Community Sport - A Workbook for Communities is a tool to help communities build and maintain active sport programs for children and youth. Sport is a significant part of community unity and provides benefits such as healthy lifestyles, self-discipline, and positive self-esteem for individuals.

The workbook is designed to help communities determine, develop, provide, and evaluate their sport program need so that more children and youth are active in sport for life. The workbook follows a community development approach to assist with creating your community sport programs.

The workbook focuses on communities and helping build on their strength to offer quality sport programs for Aboriginal children and youth. The goals are to:

- Increase the number of Aboriginal children and youth playing sport.
- Increase the number of volunteers available to organize, coach, and assist with sport programs.
- Encourage a sport development trail (a continuum) of organized sport programs for participants/athletes to move through.

Encourage communities to work with partners in community and other communities to organize leagues, tournaments, and competitions.

Saskatchewan Gaming Act - The Saskatchewan *in motion* movement is supported by strategic partner organizations and a team of staff to help inspire action, provide tools and resources and keep us all connected. Saskatchewan *in motion* is supported by the Community Initiatives Fund as part of a commitment to a sustainable future for Saskatchewan people.

ALBERTA

Gaming and Liquor Act - The Alberta Lottery Fund is administered by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC). Through an appropriation, money from the Alberta Lottery Fund is transferred by the AGLC into the General Revenue Fund and distributed to departments as part of normal Government of Alberta budget allocations managed by the Treasury Board and Ministry of Finance. In 2015-16, \$22 million of the Alberta Lottery Fund was transferred to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

Podium Alberta - The Alberta High Performance Athlete Assistance Program grant supports Alberta's high performance athletes. The grant:

- Helps athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition
- Encourages athletes to stay in Alberta to live and train
- Enables athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals
- Increases athlete access to high performance coaching and sports science practitioners
- Enhances training and competitive opportunities available to athletes

Podium Alberta will provide up to an additional 1/3 in funding over and above the funding received from Sport Canada's AAP for the Year in Review – dependent on funding available, the number of athletes enrolled, and demonstration of eligible expenditures.

Alberta Sport Development Centres - Alberta Sport Connection has established a network of Alberta Sport Development Centres (ASDC) across the province. These centres enhance and coordinate services available to Alberta's emerging athletes and coaches.

ASDCs provide services to athletes and coaches residing in a defined geographical region, allowing athletes to develop and train at a high level without leaving home.

Examples of services that may be offered include:

- athlete testing
- strength and conditioning
- sport sciences (medicine, nutrition and psychology)
- National Coaching Certification Program courses
- scholarship opportunities
- parent workshops
- school programs

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The B.C. Physical Activity Strategy (the strategy) - is designed to guide and stimulate co-ordinated policies, practices and programs in physical activity that will improve the health and well-being of British Columbians, and the communities in which they live, learn, work and play. It aims to foster active people and active places. Population groups in B.C. (individuals and families) who face constraints to participating in physical activity include First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples, new Canadians, people living in rural and remote areas, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes and low levels of education. This strategy applies an equity lens to address the barriers and inequities faced by these groups of people

YUKON

Sport Yukon – Sport Yukon is a non-profit society run by a volunteer board of directors. Its member organizations are territorial sport governing bodies, clubs and associations who offer a variety of sport, recreation and other community based programs. Sport Yukon is an organization that enhances opportunities for all Yukoners in their pursuit of excellence and in their enjoyment of participation.

Appendix C:

List of Ministries, offices, governmental organizations that support sport in Canada

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
Telephone: (709) 729-0760
Fax: (709) 729-0870
Email: CSSDInfo@gov.nl.ca
Web: <http://www.cssd.gov.nl.ca/>

Sport NL
1296A Kenmount Road
Paradise, NL A1L 1N3
Phone: 709-576-4932
Fax: 709-576-7493
Email: sportnl@sportnl.ca
Web: www.sportnl.ca

Recreation NL
1296A Kenmount Road
Paradise, NL A1L 1N3
Phone: (709) 729-3892
Fax: (709) 729-3814
Email: info@recreationnl.com
Web: <http://www.recreationnl.com/>

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Department of Health and Wellness
4th Floor North, Shaw Building
105 Rochford Street
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8
Phone: (902) 368-6414
Fax: (902) 368-4121
Email: healthweb@gov.pe.ca
Web: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/health-and-wellness>

Sport PEI
40 Enman Crescent
Charlottetown, PE C1E 1E6
Email: sports@sportpei.pe.ca
Phone: 902-368-4110
Fax: 902-368-4548
Web: <http://www.sportpei.pe.ca/>

NOVA SCOTIA

Department of Community, Culture, and Heritage
1741 Brunswick St., 3rd Floor
P. O. Box 456, STN Central
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2R5
Email: cch@novascotia.ca(link sends e-mail)
Phone: (902) 424-2170
Web: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/>

Sport Nova Scotia
5516 Spring Garden Rd., 4th Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 1G6
Phone: (902) 425 - 5450
Fax: (902) 425 - 5606
Email: sportns@sportnovascotia.ca
Web: <http://www.sportnovascotia.ca/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

NEW BRUNSWICK

Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture
Marysville Place Floor: 4
P. O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1
Reception : (506) 453-3115
Fax : (506) 457-4984
Email : thctpcinfo@gnb.ca
Web: <http://www.gnb.ca/tourism>

Recreation NB
70 Melissa St.
Fredericton, NB E3A 6W1
Phone: (506) 459-1929
Fax: (506) 450-6066
Email: info@recreationnb.ca
Web: <https://www.recreationnb.ca>

QUEBEC

Ministry of Education and Higher Education
1035, rue De La Chevrotière
Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5
Telephone: 418-643-7095
Toll-free: 1-866-747-6626
Fax: 418-646-6561
Web: <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/>

Sports Quebec
4545 Pierre-De Coubertin Avenue
Montreal, Quebec H1V 0B2
Telephone: 514 252-3114
Fax: 514 254-9621
E-mail: sports@sportsquebec.com
Web: <http://www.sportsquebec.com/>

ONTARIO

Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport
Hearst Block, 9th Floor
900 Bay Street, Toronto, ON M7A 2E1
Phone: 416-326-9326
Fax: 416-314-7854
Email: internet.feedback.mtour@ontario.ca
Web: <http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/home.shtml>

MANITOBA

Department of Sport, Culture, and Heritage
Phone: 204-945-3729
Fax: 204-945-5223
Email: minsich@leg.gov.mb.ca
Web: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/index.html>

Sport Manitoba
145 Pacific Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3B 2Z6
Phone: 204-925-5600
Fax: 204-925-5916
Email: info@sportmanitoba.ca
Web: <http://www.sportmanitoba.ca/>

SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Parks, Culture, and Sport
1st Floor, 3211 Albert Street, Regina, SK, Canada, S4S 5W6
Phone: 306-787-5729
Fax: 306-798-0033
Email: pcs.info@gov.sk.ca
Web: <http://www.pcs.gov.sk.ca>

Sask Sport Inc.
1870 Lorne Street
Regina, SK S4P 2L7
Phone: (306) 780-9300
Fax: (306) 781-6021
Email: sasksport@sasksport.sk.ca
Web: <http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/>

ALBERTA

Alberta Sport Connection
Suite 500
10055 106 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 1G3
Phone: 780-415-1167
Fax: 780-415-0308
Web: <https://albertasport.ca/>

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Phone: 250 356-9005 (Victoria)
Fax: 250 356 2842 (Victoria)
5th Floor, 800 Johnson, Victoria, BC V8W 1N3
Email: sport@gov.bc.ca
Web: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/sports>

YUKON

Department of Community Services
4061 4th Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1H1
Phone: (867) 667-5254
Web: http://www.community.gov.yk.ca/cd/sport_rec.html

Sport Yukon
4061-4th Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1H1
Phone: (867) 668-4236
Fax: (867) 667-4237
Email: news@sportyukon.com
Web: <http://sportyukon.com/>

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9
Phone: (867) 767-9142 ext. 11124
Fax: (867) 873-0388
Email: caroline_cochrane@gov.nt.ca
Web: <http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/>

Sport North Federation
4908 - 49 Street, 1st Floor, Don Cooper Building Box 11089
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3X7
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0797
Tel: (867) 669-8326/TEAM
Fax: (867) 669-8327
Web: <https://sportnorth.com/>

NUNAVUT

Department of Community and Government Services – Sports and Recreation
Toll free: 1-888-765-5506
Phone: 1-867-793-3310
Fax: 1-867-793-3321
Email: SportandRecreationGrants@GOV.NU.CA
Web: <http://cgs.gov.nu.ca/en/SportsIntro.aspx>