



Representing the needs of athletes with a disability

Recent research on sport participation has shown that >25% of athletes with a disability report negative experiences in sport, and a disproportionate number report being subjected to abuse and discrimination at the hands of organizers, coaches and other athletes. Our partners on the Sport & Exercise team, in collaboration with the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability, recently met with Katherine Schlosser, Senior Policy Analyst in the Sport System Development Unit of Sport Canada. The purpose was to introduce their definition of *Quality Sport Experience*, and to advocate for adoption of that definition in policy and funding decisions at Sport Canada. According to their research, *Quality Sport Experience* cannot be assured with a checklist of objective standards, but must also take account of the athlete's experience in 6 important domains: *Autonomy, Belonging, Challenge, Engagement, Mastery and Meaning*. [Click here](#) to see the briefing note used to facilitate this consultation.