



Saskatchewan Parks
and Recreation
Association



TRI-GLOBAL UPDATE 2025



Since 1974, lottery sales in Saskatchewan have been used to provide more than \$1.4 billion to support athletes from the grassroots level to the international stage, connect youth to artistic experiences, help residents experience the beauty of the parks that cover the province and much more.

The funding is made possible thanks to a longstanding agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan to direct proceeds from the sale of lottery products to sport, culture and recreation organizations.

Throughout the year, Sask Lotteries celebrates its rich history in the province and shares the stories of the beneficiaries of this fundraiser on its website and social media. [Visit the Sask Lotteries website to learn more.](#)

How can you help share the message?

Engage and interact with @sasklotteries on Facebook, Instagram or X, or order Sask Lotteries-branded folders, lanyards or signage for use by your organization at an event by filing out the [beneficiary materials order form](#).

Sask Lotteries is the main fundraiser for more than 12,000 sport, culture and recreation groups, offering a real and honest chance at winning and a guarantee of supporting your community. Learn more at sasklotteries.ca.

Saskatchewan Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Sask Sport, SaskCulture and SPRA are partners in the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Together they help support a thriving District system that enriches communities through sport, culture and recreation.

- South East Sport, Culture & Recreation District
- South West District for Culture, Recreation & Sport Inc.
- Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District
- Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
- Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation Inc.
- Lakeland District for Sport, Culture and Recreation
- Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District Inc.

Tri-Globally Supported Programs

Sask Sport, SaskCulture and SPRA work collaboratively to support key initiatives and programs that benefit the sport, culture and recreation system and people and communities within Saskatchewan. The initiatives supported include the Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program, the Dream Broker Program and the Northern Community and School Recreation Coordinator Program.

For more information, please contact District staff or a member of the District Coordination Committee.

Dream Brokers Program

The Dream Brokers program is dedicated to sustaining the involvement and participation of children and youth in new and existing sports, culture and recreation activities and programs. The program employs 11 staff in partnership with 19 select public and catholic schools in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, Yorkton, and North Battleford.

The Dream Brokers program is participant driven. Dream Brokers work directly within the schools and connect children to available programming through equipment, transportation, and registration support. Dream Brokers work one-on-one with kids and their families to give them the best opportunity to succeed and try a wide variety of enriching sport, culture and recreation activities.

2024-25 Dream Broker Statistics:

- o 1 on 1 consultations with children – **6,245**
- o Consultations with caregiver – **3,613**
- o Consultations with service provider – **1,694**
- o Registrations for programs successfully completed – **3,140** (some kids access more than one program, accounting for variance in total number of programs accessed)
- o Total participants – **2,357**
- Male – **1,198 (51%)**, Female – **1,159 (49%)**
- o New participants **707 (30%)**
- o Participants that have self-identified as Indigenous – **1,595 (68%)**; Visible Minority - **333 (14%)**; and New Canadian - **347 (15%)**
- o In-school promotions by Dream Broker– **1,489**
- o Out-of-school promotions by Dream Broker – **479**

SASK SPORT UPDATE

Sask Sport Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Sask Sport AGM will be held on June 19, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually on the Zoom webinar platform. To attend, please register on the [Sask Sport website](#).

Multi-sport Games 2024

Lloydminster played host to over 2,000 athletes, coaches, officials and support staff for the **2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games**.

Athletes from the province's nine districts and 221 communities were welcomed by over 800 local volunteers in the border city, from July 24-27.

Regina's district team finished the weeklong event at the top of medal standings after tallying an outstanding 111 medals becoming the overall champions. They accumulated 28 gold, 29 silver and 54 bronze medals with the highest medal total of 39 claimed in swimming.

The next Saskatchewan Games (Winter) are scheduled for February 15-21, 2026, hosted by Flying Dust First Nation and the City of Meadow Lake.

Thousands of athletes gathered at Lac La Ronge Indian Band from August 10-16 for the Tony Cote Summer Games. The Games are a biennial multi-sport event.

To mark the commencement of the Games, 10 youth from James Smith Cree Nation – hosts of the 2022 Games – participated in a traditional lance run. The group travelled by foot from Saskatoon to La Ronge, clearing a path for the 2024 athletes in a symbolic gesture as the previous hosts.

The Woodland Team claimed 100 medals, 44 of which were gold, and finished top of the Games' standings. In addition, the team brought home 32 silver and 24 bronze medals.

Events took place in archery, canoe, golf, soccer, softball, volleyball and athletics, with three different age categories (13U, 15U and 17U).

The 2025 Tony Cote Winter Games were also recently held April 19-25 in Saskatoon and hosted by Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. Athlete competed in six sports (badminton, basketball, curling, hockey table tennis and volleyball) with File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council topping the standings with 66 points.

Paris 2024 - Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games

Between the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games in Paris, 37 individuals with ties to Saskatchewan represented the province and Canada on amateur sport's largest stage. That includes 25 athletes, nine coaches and three members of the support staff.

Across the two games, Saskatchewan athletes captured five medals, while several others had impressive performances.

Waldheim's Carissa Norsten helped the Canadian women's sevens rugby team to their best-ever finish, a silver medal, while Pike Lake's Rylan Wiens and Melfort's Julie Kozun both earned historic bronze medals for Canada. Wiens captured the country's first-ever medal in men's 10-metre synchronized diving, while Kozun did the same with the women's sitting volleyball team. Completing the medal tally for Saskatchewan athletes was Midale Para cyclist Keely Shaw, who repeated as the bronze medallist in the women's C4 individual pursuit, and Saskatoon Para swimmer Shelby Newkirk, who won bronze in the women's S6 100-m backstroke.

Full results of the 2024 Summer Games in Paris, visit cheeronsask.ca, created in partnership with Sask Sport, Sask Lotteries and Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan.

The website now also features information for the 2026 Winter Games in Milano Cortina. Leading up to the Games, Cheer on Sask will have information on the Saskatchewan hopefuls as they work to qualify and earn their spot on the Canadian rosters, including stories, bios and athlete blogs. During the Games, the website will feature individual schedules and result round ups for each member of the Saskatchewan contingent.

You can also follow @SaskSport and @CSCSaskatchewan on social media for updates and using the hashtag #SaskProud.

Future Sport Summit

Over 150 sport leaders from Provincial Sport Organizations, Districts, Tribal Councils, Metis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) and communities across the province attended the Indigenous Sport Summit from March 5-6 in Saskatoon. During the two-day event, attendees heard from keynote speakers J.R. Larose and Tyler Latu'ila, as well as panelists on a variety of topics, all with the goal of boosting Indigenous participation in sport and building relationships between networks. On the evening of March 5, attendees and community members were also invited to participate in a round dance co-hosted by Sask Sport, FSIN and MN-S.

See the below link for more:

https://www.sasksport.ca/news/five-quotes-from-the-indigenous-sport-development-summit/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJAQLBleHRuA2FibQixMAABHWjxOrkLEVgV1ZIHhrDuKU0_MKJCx3y50L_pN4rJDWz-wA8IP_N12OhsNw_aem_IzPU1mPm6e3Tj0BCeHRIBA

Future Sport Program

Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program – Sport Development Camp

This past year we asked PSO's and their partners to start thinking about building development opportunities for the upcoming age eligible NAIG athletes. Over three months sports and volunteer coordinators worked together to provide a total 10 camps. The camps featured sport specific training, general athletic development, nutrition information, motivational and inspirational speakers and more.

Development Camps

Sport	Date	Location	Athletes
Softball	Jan 14-15 2025	Saskatoon	44
Basketball	Jan 19 2025	Saskatoon	45
Archery	Feb 8-9 2025	Battleford	5
Soccer	Feb 18-19 2025	Saskatoon	70
Badminton	Mar 8-9 2025	Prince Albert	21
Lacrosse	Mar 15 - 16 2025	Regina	5
Golf	Mar 15 - 16 2025	Saskatoon	22
Volleyball	Mar 22 -23 2025	OLCN	60
Swimming	Mar 22 -23 2025	Meadow Lake	41
Wrestling	Mar 28 -29	Prince Albert	
Total			313

Sport It's More Than A Game Speakers

It's no secret that sport can change lives and build better people. But even those who participate can be inspired by the right message from athletes who came before them. Sask Sport is proud to present the Sport. It's More Than A Game speakers lineup.

We've partnered with elite Saskatchewan athletes — including Olympians and Paralympians — who are sharing their own stories about the positive impact of sport through speaking engagements with teams and organizations across the province.

[Visit Sask Sport website](#) for more information, or to book your speaker.

SASKCULTURE UPDATE

SaskCulture Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Member Session

SaskCulture's 2025 AGM and Member Session will be held in-person and online on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Conexus Arts Centre, Jacqui Shumiatcher Room, 200 Lakeshore Drive, Regina

Member Session: Consultation Outcomes- 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (lunch included)

You can [register online here \(for in-person or virtual\)](#). The registration deadline is June 16, 2025.

Annual General Meeting - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend and participate in the Annual General Meeting; however, only voting members are eligible to vote. The meeting will include a constitutional change, regular business, and board elections.

Details on the constitutional change can be found attached. The AGM package will be posted no less than 15 days before the AGM [here](#).

Online Events Calendar

The Online Events Calendar, found at saskculture.ca/events, lists cultural activities happening in the province. SaskCulture promotes the Events Calendar through social media, paid Facebook and print advertising, and encourages the network to use and promote the calendar.

Funding Programs:

All programs can be accessed on our website: saskculture.ca.

Culture Days 2025 will take place September 19 - October 12

<https://culturedays.ca/en/sk>

Creative Kids 2024 [Progress Report](#) is now available. Deadlines for applications in 2025 are May 23, August 13, September 24, and December 3.

creativekidssask.ca

Grants- All funding deadlines for 2025 are posted.

<https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/our-grants>. Some additional fall deadlines for project grants may be added to the calendar pending the availability of funds after this current round of Spring funding assessments.

Funding Program Renewal Project

SaskCulture is currently engaged in a multi-year Funding Program Renewal Project in order to:

- Ensure that its funding model is sustainable, accessible and adaptive to changing needs in order to support relevant cultural programming and services in Saskatchewan.
- Ensure that funding is supporting cultural programs, activities and experiences that are more inclusive, diverse, equitable and accessible (IDEA).

The project is reaching a milestone in 2025 with the completion of two phases: Research and Evaluation, and Consultation. SaskCulture appreciates the contributions of Districts in this process by supporting community engagement and participating in the consultation process. In 2024-2025, SaskCulture hired Ivy and Dean, Common Ground and LML Consulting to conduct SaskCulture's largest consultation in its history as part of the overall Funding Renewal Project. The consultations engaged people from 2SLGBTQIA+, Disability, multicultural, mainstream, and Indigenous communities. These talks will help shape SaskCulture's Funding Program Renewal outcomes. The findings will be shared at the member session in June. More information on the consultation process can be found [here](#).

We will share the outcomes of the consultations phase at SaskCulture's 2025 AGM on June 20th (see details above) as we move into the next phase: *Analysis and Recommendations*. More information about the Funding Program Renewal can be found on our website: <https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/funding-program-renewal-project>

***New Program launched! The Accessibility Fund**

The [Accessibility Fund](#) was launched in early 2025 to provide financial support to grant applicants who face barriers in the granting process. It covers costs for hiring someone to help with the application or follow-up report. The program is now open and can receive applications on an ongoing basis. Support will be paid directly to providers.

Staff Transitions in SaskCulture's Communications Team

SaskCulture's Communications team saw several transitions in early 2025. In February 2025, Busayo Osobade, previously Communications Consultant, stepped into the role of Incoming Communications Manager. She worked alongside longtime Communications Manager Diane Ell before officially assuming full responsibilities in April following Diane's retirement. Busayo's extensive experience includes prior roles as Communications Coordinator and Assistant, bringing deep organizational knowledge and expertise.

Jackie Ledingham, previously Communications Coordinator, has moved into the role of Communications Consultant, overseeing Culture Days SK and other communication channels. Ana Cristina Camacho transitions from Communications Assistant to Communications Coordinator, responsible for SaskCulture's publications and Creative Kids communications.

SaskCulture also welcomed Hannah Williams as the new Communications Assistant. Hannah, bilingual in English and French, joined in April. She brings valuable communications experience from her role at the Saskatchewan Horse Federation.

Partnerships and Network Opportunities:

District and ECO network meetings

SaskCulture appreciates District attendance at ECO network meetings in the past year. SaskCulture encourages ongoing District participation with the ECO's and will continue to send invitations to the Districts for future meetings. The AGM is the next opportunity for District and ECO groups to network, with virtual meetings planned later in the year (dates to be determined). If there are topics or opportunities for future meetings that Districts would like to explore, please contact Alex Rogalski at arogalski@saskculture.ca.

Listen to Dis (LTD) District Engagement

Listen to Dis is a disability-led arts organization in Saskatchewan that has developed relationships with many Sport Culture and Recreation Districts in Saskatchewan over the past few years. Both LTD and SaskCulture appreciate the District's contributions towards enabling engagement and awareness on disability and disability culture through the lens of accessibility. In early 2025, LTD and SaskCulture have been discussing ways to reduce barriers and financial burdens for LTD outreach to communities outside of Regina and Saskatoon. Initial plans are in a formative stage, but LTD and SaskCulture plan on reaching out to Districts for inquiry and dialogue in the Spring 2025. An LTD survey will be sent for District feedback on LTD's past work

with Districts, and a meeting request will be sent for Districts available to engage and discuss future opportunities for LTD engagement in your area.

Sask Arts

Sask Arts and SaskCulture have a sustained partnership and funding agreement towards the support of arts activity throughout the province. Numerous Sask Arts grant programs and initiatives available throughout Saskatchewan are supported through the contributions of SaskLotteries. As Districts may be aware, Sask Arts has recently undergone substantial changes to its staff following the retirements of several key positions in the organization including new leadership, management and consultant positions. SaskCulture would like to encourage Districts to include and invite Sask Arts staff when possible in making connections within your Districts.

Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC)- Thriving Together

For the past three years, SaskCulture has provided funding support and staff outreach to an OTC gathering called *Thriving Together*. This event brought together reconciliation circles from across the province to network and share ideas on advancing Truth and Reconciliation in Saskatchewan. Recently, the OTC has undergone leadership changes with new staff in key positions. As a result, a new opportunity for community engagement and Treaty education will occur through the OTC in the fall of 2025 with support from SaskCulture. The tentative dates are **October 16th to 17th** with the location to be determined. Once more details are confirmed, SaskCulture will ensure Districts are informed on this opportunity for engagement, education and networking.

SASKATCHEWAN PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) makes it a priority to have representation at each of the Sport, Culture and Recreation District Annual General Meetings across the province. The SPRA staff person in attendance will be available to share information, answer questions and network with delegates at each District Annual General Meeting.

Further information related to programs, services and funding is available on our website at:
spra.sk.ca