



Programs and Services Guide



Our Role

The most important role that we have as a district is to assist northern communities with their sport, culture, and recreation development. All the staff at the NSCRD are available to support the communities' needs in the sport, culture, recreation, physical activity, or youth leadership areas. We are here to help connect communities with other organizations such as provincial sport governing bodies or recreational and/or cultural organizations. See the back page for the listing of NSCRD staff and contact information.

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Communication

NSCRD Website www.nscrd.com

NSCRD Northern Exposure [Monthly e-newsletter](#)

Annual Report and Annual General Meeting [June](#)

Funding Programs

Community Grant Program [April 1 & October 1](#)

The Community Grant Program assists in the development of sport, culture, and recreation programs in the community. Funds are distributed through local governments (funding based on population).

Indigenous Community Sport Development Grant [April 30 & October 30](#)

Communities, clubs or schools access funds to build capacity to offer quality, organized sport programs for Indigenous youth. Funding for sports equipment, fees, travel and much more.

Northern Youth Cultural Fund (NYCF) [May 14 & October 15](#)

Provides funding to cultural organizations, schools, libraries, Friendship Centres, First Nations, Tribal Councils, Métis Locals/Regions, and municipalities for cultural, artistic, or creative interactive activities for children and youth up to age 19 in Northern Saskatchewan.

Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund (NPIDF) [Ongoing](#)

The intent of the Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund (NPIDF) is to support Communities to deliver physical fitness programs; communities are empowered to assess for themselves the training and development they most need. This funding will build and/or enhance community capacity by developing physical fitness instructors in Northern communities in Saskatchewan.

NSCRD IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility) Grant [Ongoing](#)

NSCRD will provide funding to community organizations and non-profit groups to enhance and develop their equity, diversity and inclusion programming.

Sport

Coaches/Officials Clinics and Long-Term Sport Development [Year Round](#)

Coaches and Officials clinics give coaches the training and tools needed to succeed in coaching and in life. The Coaches Association of Saskatchewan provides NCCP training, as well as professional development and certification maintenance for all levels of coaching.

Saskatchewan Summer Games [2028 Weyburn](#)

The Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District partners with the Saskatchewan Games Council, host community and selected Provincial Sport Organizations to host the Saskatchewan Games program every two years. 2028 Summer Sports: Archery, Athletics, Baseball (M), Basketball (M & F), Canoe Kayak, Soccer (M & F), Softball (F), Special Olympics - Bocce, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball (M & F), and Rowing, which is returning to the Saskatchewan Games program after last being featured in 1996.

Athlete Development [Year Round](#)

NSCRD will support northern communities to access sport development opportunities specific for athlete, coaches and officials' development in a multi-sport setting, including Women in Sport opportunities

Northern Club and Athlete Showcase

[Year Round](#)

NSCRD looks to showcase northern athletes who work to pursue their athletic careers both amateur and professional.



Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program

Annual Agreement [September - October](#)

Community and school program sites are empowered through a funding partnership to hire a Community and School Recreation Coordinator (CSRC) to facilitate the delivery of community-based sport, culture and recreation programs after school, evenings, weekends and at special events, upon the guidance and direction of a local Steering Committee.

Training [October – Fall Orientation](#)

May – Spring Training
August - Sport, Culture and Recreation Training
October - Fall Orientation
Bi-weekly - Zoom Meetings
NSCRD hosts training opportunities to support the work of CSRCs, Supervisors, their Steering Committee members and Community Partners.

Tools & Templates

A variety of tools, samples and templates are available to support communities in the successful delivery of sport, culture & recreation programs: Administration & Human Resources, Steering Committee Development, Programming and NC&SRCP Documents.

Culture

National Indigenous History month

June

June is Canada's National Indigenous History Month, celebrating the rich history and culture of the Indigenous peoples of Canada. NSCRD in partnership with MBC Radio highlighted the history and stories of Northern Saskatchewan in a special radio campaign.

Culture Days

September – October

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts, culture and creativity that takes place each fall. Its aim is to raise awareness, accessibility, participation, and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation occurs on September 30. Culture Days is committed to marking and honouring this important day.

Northern Artist & Cultural Leaders

Ongoing

NSCRD supports the development of Cultural Leaders, by promoting leaders on website and Facebook, gathering their contact information to build capacity.

Arts & Culture Mentorship

Ongoing

NSCRD is working with artists, cultural leaders and organizations to provide access to creative development for all ages within the district. NSCRD is currently supporting Hip Hop artist mentors ZHE the Free, Big Tones and Catfish the Wizard Youth to engage in culturally-responsive hip hop workshops and after-school/weekend recording sessions for youth to record original music.

Recreation

Rec Café

Communities meeting virtually; sharing with one another, gaining valuable information, resources and professional development

Community Recreation Handbook

A practical comprehensive guide for member communities to help recreation professionals formalize their programs and services.

Collaboration with Spirit North

Ongoing

Programs promote health, wellness, connection to the land, development of essential life skills and inspire Indigenous youth to build a brighter future for themselves and their community. Programs include cross-country skiing, canoeing, cross-country running, mountain biking, land-based activities, and multi-community festival days.

Grant Writing Workshops

Ongoing

Facilitated by NSCRD staff is a 1.5-2.5 hour long interactive workshop for beginner grant writers. Participants will have a basic understanding of who can apply for grants, how to prepare for grant writing, parts of a grant, and how grants are selected.

Professional Development Courses

Ongoing

Upon request or interest expressed from community NSCRD will work to support professional development opportunities such as Ball Maintenance, Communities in Bloom, Managing Safe Play spaces, Arena Operator Level 1 & 2, Building Maintenance Level 1 & 2, Air Quality, Curling Ice Technician, Play Leadership and the Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund.

Community Planning Workshops & Community Capacity Building

Upon request or interest expressed from community NSCRD will work to support Community Planning Workshops bringing community organizations together to collaborate in a planning session.

Northern Active Living Library (NALL)

The NALL program aims to enhance equitable access to sport, culture and recreation material for all northern residents and communities. Under the NALL partnership, NSCRD provides the active living lending material and PNLS provides the distribution, storage, and usage tracking. The NALL program is available to all PNLS library cardholders in good standing. For a complete list of items to borrow, go to: <https://pahkisimon.ca/NALL>



Steering Committee Support

Ongoing – Upon need and request

NSCRD facilitate workshops & meetings on a variety of topics based on program and community development needs, including: community input; program planning; governance; problem solving; training needs identification; and program evaluation.



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 Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District

Our Vision

Healthy individuals and communities through increased capacity to deliver sport, culture and recreation.

Our Mission

To facilitate and foster the development and delivery of sport, culture, recreation and leadership programs and services which are responsible to and benefit people and communities within the northern administrative district.

Partnership Development

The NSCRD continues to work with our global organizations Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, SaskSport Inc., SaskCulture Inc. and Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. Furthermore, promoting community capacity building by proudly working in partnership with affiliated members, as well as:

- Northern Tribal and Grand Councils,
- Northern School Divisions,
- Sask Games Council,
- Provincial Sport, Culture and Recreation Organizations,
- CIF and other funding organizations,
- La Ronge Ice Wolves (SJHL),
- Flin Flon Bombers (SJHL),
- Spirit North,
- Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System (PNLS),
- MBC Radio,
- Listen to Dis',
- Fitness 2J2,
- Other clubs and volunteer led committees.

Building partnerships that support sport, culture, recreation, physical activity, and youth leadership development in Northern Saskatchewan. Committee participation and/or partnerships will be formalized where appropriate.

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