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ABOUT US

Sask Sport Inc. is a volunteer-led non-profit organization and the federation for amateur sport in Saskatchewan. Its membership of more than 70 provincial organizations provide opportunities for Saskatchewan residents to participate at introductory, recreational, competitive and high performance levels. The sport federation contributes to more than 300,000 registered participants in the province as well as 26,000 trained coaches and 15,000 certified officials.

Sask Sport Inc. operates Saskatchewan Lotteries as a fundraiser and through an agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan, proceeds from Saskatchewan Lotteries are dedicated to sport, culture and recreation organizations to benefit communities throughout the province. Proceeds from the sale of Saskatchewan Lotteries products are placed in the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation (The Trust Fund). Applications to the Trust Fund by eligible organizations are adjudicated by volunteers from their respective communities.

Volunteer Board of Directors



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SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Sport is an essential part of the Saskatchewan way of life. It teaches skills and values like perseverance, determination, goal-setting, and hard work. It helps build healthier people, fosters economic growth and tourism, and instills community pride. It is important for all aspects of the sport community to work together to ensure that all Saskatchewan people can receive these tremendous benefits.

Membership Contribution

In 2016, the 65 provincial sport governing bodies (PSGBs) and 9 Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation supported the development of more than 6,000 local teams, clubs, leagues and communities. The total number of registered members as reported from PSGBs in their annual funding reports was 314,208.

The Districts take a community development approach towards supporting Saskatchewan communities and residents with their sport, culture and recreation goals. This year the Districts achieved impressive results. More than 600 community consultations and over 1,500 connections to sport, culture and recreation were facilitated by the Districts.

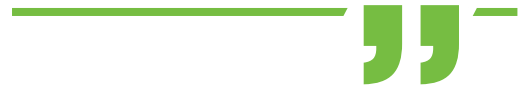
Saskatchewan boasts a highly skilled core of more than 26,000 coaches and 15,000 officials that help make broad participation possible. Many have achieved qualifications to serve and support athlete goals at local, provincial, national and international levels. This year, more than 10,000 Saskatchewan coaches and officials pursued additional training and development opportunities.

The Respect in Sport program provides coaches and sport leaders with the training to contribute to a safer environment for all children and youth participating in sport. The on-line training was completed by 4,887 coaches, an increase of 974 over the previous year. Since the program began in 2006, 33,694 coaches and leaders have taken the training and we thank them for their commitment.



The district has been open to consultation and willing to work together to create effective programming for our clientele.

- COMMUNITY RECREATION DIRECTOR -



“Without coaches and volunteers sport doesn’t happen. Sport allows so many people to be active. For some individuals it actually helps in keeping them out of trouble. Coaches are mentors and coaches aid people in not only becoming better athletes but better people. I truly believe that sport influences people for their future.”

Jason Schneider, 2016 Male Coach Dedication Award Recipient



The Saskatchewan Soccer Association serves 64 member organizations across the province. We have over 43,000 registered participants in soccer and futsal programs supported by thousands of volunteers and coaches. Lottery proceeds allow us to build quality programs that help volunteers make a difference in the lives of athletes and communities across Saskatchewan.

- DOUG PEDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SSA -





First Nations and Métis Participation

The Saskatchewan landscape continues to change, and with the growing demographic, Aboriginal sport development continues to be a key priority for the sport federation. The Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council, comprised of community volunteers, advises the sport federation on strategies aimed at furthering First Nations and Métis participation in sport. This council acknowledges the importance of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) “Calls to Action” and strives to continue to address items 87-91 which pertain specifically to sport and recreation.

In 2016-17, the number of PSGBs with Aboriginal voluntary self-declaration reached 61%, and the number of First Nations and Métis individuals registered as members of provincial sport organizations grew to 14,206, an increase of 30%. Both capacity and leadership within the sport delivery system has been strengthened by recruiting and retaining many dedicated First Nations and Métis volunteers and employees.

The Aboriginal Coaches and Officials Program supported training opportunities for 664 coaches and 146 officials in a variety of sports. The Aboriginal Community Sport Development Grant supported 76 programs and helped over 3,500 First Nations and Métis children and youth participate in structured sport programs across the province.

The Coaches Association of Saskatchewan (CAS) and the Aboriginal Coaches and Officials Program (ACOP) hosted a successful 2017 Team Sask – NAIG Coaches Summit in Saskatoon with more than 50 coaches and sport coordinators from 13 sports attending the event.

Annual funding continues to be provided to First Nations and Métis initiatives in collaboration with key partners to ensure there is alignment with the TRC Calls. Stable funding for community sport programs that reflect the diverse cultures



The ‘CALLS TO ACTION” for sport are in place to engage and support the sport community in enhancing relationships with First Nations and Métis peoples. Blending Indigenous and colonial world views is vital as we move into the future.

- EUGENE ARCAND, GOVERNING CIRCLE MEMBER
NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION -



and traditional sporting activities of Aboriginal peoples was provided to the Dream Brokers program, employed 22 Northern Community and Schools Recreation Coordinators, and 14 Tribal Council Coordinators, supported Métis priority initiatives, and provided funding to the First Nations Games in Onion Lake. More than 5,000 people participate in the Saskatchewan First Nations Games each year including over 3,500 athletes, coaches and volunteers, as well as 1,500 community members.

Increasing Accessibility

The sport community recognizes that proactive measures are required to reduce barriers to participation such as geography, socio-economic status, age, ability and gender. By working together, we continue to develop and implement programs designed to increase accessibility and participation. As reported in PSGB funding reports, the total number of programs/participants targeted for under-represented population groups increased from 92 programs for 8,787 participants in 2012 to 101 programs for 9,177 participants at the end of 2016.

Give Kids a Chance Charity Inc. (GKACCI) helps address barriers to participation for children living in poverty. In 2016, GKACCI provided positive opportunities for over 57,000 children and youth and contributed approximately \$2.7 million in funding through KidSport, Dream Brokers, Northern Community and Schools Recreation Coordinator Program, and the JumpStart Afterschool Program. More information on Give Kids a Chance Charity Inc. can be found in its annual report.

Increasing participation for Girls and Women in Sport continues to be a priority. Programs, such as “Active like a Girl” workshops were hosted by provincial and regional partners. These programs provide female children and youth the opportunity to experience sport. This year the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) Leadership Workshops were delivered in Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, North Battleford and Meadow Lake. These workshops contain five components: effective communication, effective networking, conflict management, influencing change and life balance. A total of 146 women attended the workshops this year.

Sport has a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities but many face challenges to getting involved. The sport federation has developed programs to assist overcoming those challenges to become active in sport, which improves

quality of life for many. The Parasport Grant Programs provided more than \$170,000 to support 11 equipment grants and 10 club development grants.

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Adaptive para swim class has been excellent for our daughter. She is 12 with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. With the low instructor to student ratio, she has been able to improve her swimming in a safe environment. Each child in this program is getting the instruction they need specific to their abilities. Our daughter has gone from swimming with water wings or a life jacket to independently navigating the full length of the pool.

- PARENT -

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The children love to stay for the after school program because they often have nothing else to do at home in the evening or afterschool.

- JUMPSTART AFTERSCHOOL COORDINATOR -

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Enhancing Resources to Support System Capacity

Although Saskatchewan Lotteries provides essential base funding for amateur sport, there is still a need for additional fundraising by groups to meet increasing needs, to provide system supports to allow members to improve efficiencies, and meet the needs of changing demographics. There is also the need to ensure that lottery dollars are being used to help leverage additional funding from the federal government, foundations and individual donors.

Every three years an extensive review of the PSGBs is conducted as part of the Annual Funding Assessment. The review assesses overall effectiveness of the PSGBs by identifying good practices and indicating where growth and improvement is needed. The process ensures evaluation, transparency and accountability, and provides the basis for adjudicating adjustments to PSGB annual funding levels. Sask Sport Inc. thanks all members for their time and effort in this process.



The Annual Funding Assessment Process was a great opportunity for our volunteers to provide Sask Sport Inc. with information on the programs and events we have delivered that we are proud of. It also allows them to gain a better understanding of the priorities coming from Sask Sport Inc.

- KLARA MILLER -



The Sport Legacy Fund continues to create a lasting sports legacy in Saskatchewan through donations from former athletes, coaches and other individuals. Over the past year, donations for immediate development priorities totalled approximately \$780,000 and were distributed between 20 projects. Donations of \$1.2 million were received this year for long-term development priorities. This brings the current cumulative amount in the Fund to \$9.4 million committed to 139 projects.

The Administration Centres for Sport, Culture and Recreation continue to provide affordable business services to non-profit sport, culture and recreation organizations throughout the province. Office space in four Regina and Saskatoon buildings allow member organizations to meet their contemporaries and share best practices in an affordable, professional environment. Fifty-six organizations consisting of 175 employees accessed 50,000 square feet of office and storage space within these facilities. A total of 227 non-profit

sport, culture and recreation user groups accessed services from the Administration Centres in 2016.

Sask Sport Inc. is a founding member of the Saskatchewan Partners for Physical Literacy which works collaboratively to improve movement competence, confidence and motivation of children to lead healthy, active lives, including sport participation. Members of the Partners for Physical Literacy include Sask Sport Inc., Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc., Saskatchewan *in motion*; University of Saskatchewan; University of Regina, Saskatchewan Physical Educators Association, Saskatchewan Health Promotions Coalition, and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

The four-year Canada Saskatchewan Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation exists to leverage provincial sport investments that have a high impact on sport participation. Sask Sport Inc. partners with the Government of Saskatchewan to manage the Agreement. Over the past year, over \$450,000 was contributed by the federal government to impact programs such as Dream Brokers, the Aboriginal Community Sport Development Grant, Team Saskatchewan North American Indigenous Games Transportation, and the Aboriginal Coaches and Officials Program.

PSGBs can apply for a hosting grant on behalf of the host community or organization to bring sporting events to Saskatchewan. This year there were 41 hosting grants administered for 26 regional, 13 national, and two international events, helping once again to bring visitors to communities across the province, fuel Saskatchewan pride and impact the economy.



As adults, it is our job to help children love movement! And become skilled, motivated, confident, life-long movers.

- SPORT FOR LIFE SOCIETY -



Supporting Athletic Performance

Many athletes have a desire for increased competition that will help them develop their skills and achieve success. Supporting excellence in athletes promotes community pride, inspires others, raises the profile of the province and creates role models. Achieving this success does not come easily. Athletes require access to top quality coaches and training programs, enhanced science and medicine services, and other life services, as they progress in their sporting careers and afterwards.

The Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan (CSCS) helps athletes and coaches reach their high performance goals including success at the national and international levels. The Centre provides a multi-sport training environment for registered athletes and coaches including performance services, such as enhanced sport science and medicine services, and the Game Plan, which supports national team athletes in living better lives both during their high-performance careers and beyond.

The costs of being a high performance athlete are significant. Training, competition, equipment and other fees are necessary to compete. In addition to the support provided by their respective PSGBs, the Saskatchewan Program for Athletic Excellence (SPAEE) provided financial support to 45 athletes who have been carded by Sport Canada. The Future Best program identified 114 athletes with potential to reach their respective national team and provided financial assistance.

Celebrating and promoting excellence in sport is a tool to increase participation and establish role models for young people. It inspires the next generation of athletes to believe in themselves, and to set and achieve their own goals. Sask Sport Inc. has developed several programs to recognize outstanding teams and individuals for their accomplishments. The annual Saskatchewan Sport Awards profiles the accomplishments of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers and celebrates the many benefits of sport. Award finalists and recipients were promoted leading into and at an awards event, which was held in Saskatoon this year. The Athlete of the Month program recognizes accomplishments during a specific month. Athletes are nominated for the award and an overall recipient is announced.



“One of the biggest things speed skating has taught me is the importance of teamwork. It’s good to learn how to skate as a team and work together. I’ve also learned leadership. I have coached younger athletes in Moose Jaw in the past and it’s good to see kids listening to you and trying to focus on what you tell them to do. I have definitely tried to be a role model.”

Graeme Fish
2016 Youth Male Athlete of the Year

RYLAN WIENS
2016 Sport Award Finalist & 2017 Future Best Recipient

The first athlete in Diving Canada history to receive a perfect “10” from the judges for a platform dive.

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Supporting Athletic Performance

The Aboriginal Sport Enhancement Program is in place to raise the performance level and capacity of First Nations and Métis athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers. This program helps ensure athletes are prepared for numerous competitions including the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), and national championships such as the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, and the Six Nations Football Challenge. In 2016-17 the program supported 15 sports that aligned with national and international multisport games and Team Saskatchewan development. Over 1,600 youth had an opportunity to participate in team development to prepare for the 2017 NAIG.



Darian Sunshine from Fishing Lake First Nation will be representing Saskatchewan in badminton at this summer's North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Toronto. Sunshine, a Grade 12 student at Wadena Composite School, has played badminton competitively for five years.

"I played in NAIG back in 2014 in Regina. I liked everything about it; it was an amazing experience. I am looking forward to meeting new people and the competition in the sport. If you train hard and put your heart into it, good things will come."

Excerpt from *Eagle Feather News*



Coaching Development

The High Performance Coach Capacity Grant supports Saskatchewan coaches who work with high performance athletes and are committed to upgrading their coaching skills and abilities through education, training, and certification. Funds from this program supported 36 coaches in 22 different sports, at various provincial team and high performance club levels. The program helps prepare Saskatchewan athletes and coaches for success along national team pathways and podium success. Seven Saskatchewan coaches are currently completing the Advanced Coach Diploma, which is the pinnacle of a coaches' education in the National Coaching Certification Program. Graduates of this program are recognized as being among the most qualified coaches and leaders of athletes and sport programs provincially, nationally and internationally.



Lisa Thomaidis is the 2016 Sask Sport Coach of the Year. She coached the University of Saskatchewan Huskies Women's Basketball Team to win the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Women's Basketball Championship for the first time in team history. During the regular season, the Huskies finished first in the Pioneer Division with an 18-2 record, starting the season on a 16-game winning streak. She also guided the Canadian Women's National Basketball Team to a 3-2 record in round robin play and seventh overall at the Rio Olympics.

Saskatchewan Lotteries

Saskatchewan Lotteries is the main fundraiser for more than 12,000 sport, culture, recreation and community groups in Saskatchewan.

It is the marketing organization for Western Canada Lottery Corporation (WCLC) products in Saskatchewan such as LOTTO 6/49, LOTTO MAX and SCRATCH 'N WIN. Tickets are sold through a vast network of retailers in the province. This year the Lottery Ticket Centre network increased to 919 terminals.

Lottery sales in fiscal 2016-17 reached \$206.8 million. To enhance sales and provide convenience for players, the Lottery sales and validation window was extended to 23 hours a day at retail locations. DAILY GRAND, a new national online game, and POKER LOTTO, a new Watch & Win game, were introduced. The work of our retailers contributed to the success of both game launches, as well as to the sales total reached this year, and we thank them for their efforts on behalf of all beneficiaries.

Saskatchewan prize offices supported 128 major prize winners of \$10,000 or more this year, eight of which won prizes of \$1 million or more. The largest prize won was \$60 million, a record-breaking win in Saskatchewan and in the WCLC region.

WHERE DOES THE LOTTERY DOLLAR GO?



Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Lottery proceeds are distributed to eligible sport, culture and recreation organizations in the province including provincial organizations, Tribal Councils, Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation, First Nations communities and municipalities. Funds are also used to support strategies that reduce barriers to sport, culture and recreation. There are more than 1,200 groups which receive direct funding and through them, more than 12,000 sport, culture and recreation beneficiaries.

The lottery-funded system is delivered to the people of Saskatchewan through three “global” organizations – Sask Sport Inc., SaskCulture Inc. and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc.

By entrusting the voluntary sector to develop and deliver programs in these areas, a cost-efficient delivery system has

been developed. Administration costs for lottery funding have been kept to a minimum. More importantly, by empowering volunteer groups that care passionately about improving their communities, policies and programs in these sectors have widespread support at the grassroots level.

Information on Saskatchewan Lotteries and the Trust Fund is available at sasklotteries.ca.



You help fund over 12,000 sport, culture & recreation groups.



Prairie Fire Photography by Craig Hilts





FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Operating figures for year ended March 31, 2017

The following selected financial information is derived from the annual audited financial statements of the following entities:

- Western Canada Lottery - Saskatchewan Division Inc.
- Sask Sport Distributors Inc.
- Sask Sport Inc.
- Administration Centres for Sport, Culture and Recreation (1989) Inc.

The external auditors of the organization have, as part of their responsibilities, reviewed this information to ensure its consistency with the audited financial statements.

REVENUES

Ticket sales	\$206,876,907
Rent & service income	1,653,748
Interest	2,357,284
Grant and contract revenue	7,546,371
Other	350,722
	<u>\$218,785,032</u>

EXPENSES

Net profits to Trust	\$ 66,483,757
Prizes & retail commissions	116,843,790
Federal/Provincial taxes	1,563,345
Ticket printing & operating expenses	18,695,320
Provincial operating expenses	8,431,586
Program and project expenses	5,720,442
	<u>\$217,738,240</u>
Net operating revenue	<u>\$1,046,792</u>

Membership

Sask Sport Inc. is the federation for amateur sport in Saskatchewan, with a membership of 67 active and 9 affiliate members. These non-profit, volunteer-led provincial organizations and a combined network of passionate and skilled professionals and volunteers form the sport delivery system in Saskatchewan. Together, we represent and support more than 300,000 registered participants, and impact many more people and communities across the province. We thank and acknowledge the dedication and work of the membership as we strive to deliver quality sport programs and achieve our vision that all Saskatchewan residents can benefit from participation in sport to the level of their choice.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Saskatchewan Archery Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Athletics
 Saskatchewan Badminton Association Inc.
 Baseball Sask Inc.
 Basketball Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Blind Sports Association
 Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan
 Bowls Saskatchewan Inc.
 Boxing Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Broomball Association
 Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Cheerleading Association Inc.
 Coaches Association Saskatchewan Inc.
 CurlSask
 Saskatchewan Cycling Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Darts Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Deaf Sports Association Inc.
 Dive Sask Inc.
 Saskatchewan Fencing Association
 Football Saskatchewan
 Saskatchewan Games Council Inc.
 Golf Saskatchewan
 Gymnastics Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association
 Saskatchewan Hockey Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Horse Federation Inc.
 Horseshoe Saskatchewan Inc.
 Judo Saskatchewan
 Saskatchewan Karate Association
 Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association Corp.
 Saskatchewan Racquetball Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association
 Ringette Association of Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Rowing Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Rugby Union Inc.
 Saskatchewan Sailing Clubs Association
 Skate Canada-Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Skeet Shooting Corp.

Saskatchewan Ski Association
 Soaring Association of Saskatchewan
 Saskatchewan Soccer Association Inc.
 Softball Saskatchewan
 Special Olympics Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association
 Sport Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
 Sport Parachute Association of Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Inc.
 Saskatchewan Squash Inc.
 Swim Saskatchewan Inc.
 Synchron Saskatchewan
 Saskatchewan Table Tennis Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Tae-Kwon-Do Inc.
 Saskatchewan Target Shooting Association
 Saskatchewan Team Handball Federation Inc.
 Saskatchewan Tennis Association
 Saskatchewan Amateur Trapshooting Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Triathlon Association Corp.
 University of Regina, Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies
 University of Saskatchewan, College of Kinesiology
 Saskatchewan Volleyball Association
 Water Polo Saskatchewan Inc.
 Water Ski and Wakeboard Saskatchewan Inc.
 Saskatchewan Weightlifting Association Inc.
 Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association
 Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Lakeland District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
 Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District Inc.
 Parkland Valley Sport, Culture and Recreation District Inc.
 Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
 ReginaSport District Inc.
 Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
 Saskatoon District Sports Council Inc.
 Southeast Connection Sport, Culture and Recreation District Inc.
 South West District for Culture, Recreation and Sport Inc.

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