



REGIONAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Sport Manitoba has seven volunteer-based Regional Sport Councils and offices throughout the province each with a Regional Manager and a part-time Administrative Assistant. Collectively the Regions provide a province-wide bridge between their community-based partners (including local/regional sport associations, municipal recreation departments, community centres and schools) and the Provincial Sport Organizations.

Role of the Regional Sport Councils

Each Council supports regional delivery system by:

- Developing the plans that reflect their region's needs and "uniqueness"
- Establishing standing committees including: a Grants Committee to review grants approvals including allocation of bingos and special initiatives; a Regional/Manitoba Games Committee and a Regional KidSport Committee
- Organizing and hosting an annual Regional Sport Conference
- Being the voice of community-based sport by promoting the values and benefits of amateur sport through liaison with its sport partners.

Role of the Regional Managers

Each Manager works closely with provincial, regional and community partners in supporting planning and assisting with the development of both community and school based sport in their Region. Managers also play the key role in the management and delivery of Sport Manitoba's initiatives within their region; including the following grants, programs and services:

REGIONAL-COMMUNITY SPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Over \$250,000 is available in grants and bingos to community-based sport clubs, organizations and schools to promote participation and support coaches and officials development at the grass roots and developmental levels including:

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a) Hosting Grants:

- [*Hosting Community/Regional Athlete Skill Development Clinics/Camps*](#)
- [*Hosting Regional Championships*](#)

b) Travel Grants:

- *Athlete/Team Travel Assistance*
- *Coach/Officials Travel Assistance*

c) Regional and Community Development Grants

- *Introduction of a New Sport to a Community*
- *Bingo Grants*
- *Sport Special Initiatives*

Quick Facts: Only community based, not for profit, sport-recreation groups that are affiliated with provincial sport organizations and are recognized by Sport Manitoba may apply.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Regions provide the hands-on-delivery of a number of Sport Manitoba's programs including the Manitoba Games, KidSport™ and Regional Sport Conferences.

a) Manitoba Games:

The *Power Smart Manitoba Games* are the province's largest ongoing multi-sport program bringing together participants from across the province. The Games are held every two years and alternate between summer and winter sports events. Each set of Games involve upwards of 10,000 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Each Manager plays a leading role in planning, promoting and implementing the bi-annual Manitoba Games within their regions. While the Managers are mainly responsible for providing guidance and support to their Regional Games host society/community(s); they work closely with their Games Committees in preparing their Regional Teams to participate in the provincial finals.

b) KidSport:

KidSport is national charity administered by Sport Manitoba that helps to remove barriers and assist less fortunate children participate in sport - so all kids can play

While working together with their Regional KidSport Committee in both fundraising and allocating grants; Managers continually promote KidSport and process applications for both financial and equipment assistance from disadvantaged families, so their child can play sport.

c) Regional-Sport Manitoba Conferences:

Working with their Regional Councils, Managers plan, promote and run annual Regional Conferences. While maintaining a regional flavor, each conference brings their community and regional partners in sport together to share information, celebrate successes and discuss relevant challenges.

A major focus of our Conferences in October-November, 2006 will be on how Sport Manitoba can and will support the establishment of Community Sport Alliances in communities throughout Manitoba.

d) Sport Manitoba's Regional Awards:

Help the Regions to celebrate their youth and volunteer achievements in amateur sport with a number of Regional awards that are presented annually.

These Regional Awards compliment and lead up the Provincial Awards including the:

<i>Great-West Life</i> Volunteer, Official and Sport Administrator of the Year	<i>Great-West Life</i> Youth Athletes and Volunteer of the Year
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HOW CAN YOUR PSO WORK WITH OUR REGIONAL SYSTEM?

In most communities, only a handful of people do the bulk of the work in organizing and running their sport. Many organizations spend too much time and lose their energies resolving organizational issues and problems. This takes valuable time away from their focusing on the development of more and better athletes and coaches as well as on improving their volunteer base.

Sport Manitoba wants to work with your Provincial Sport Organizations in helping your local organizations to prevent and, if necessary, to successfully deal with these challenges. By doing so together we believe that we can strengthen community-based sport throughout Manitoba. Our PSO Consultants and Regional Managers are available to offer planning tools and organizational resources, as well as limited consultative services, to help you to build stronger, more effective and efficient community-based organizations.

If you would like to speak to a Regional Manager, click on the link below for their contact information:

[The members of Sport Manitoba's Community Development Unit](#)

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