

Community Advisory Committee

August 14, 2025

Pursuit of Excellence & Sport Hosting

Pursuit of Excellence

Coach & Officials Development

- Funding Coach & Officials development and education is essential and a primary intention of the Pursuit of Excellence fund.
- Funding is available to assist coaches and officials in furthering their expertise in their chosen sport through educational opportunities, certification and training opportunities.
- Coaches and officials are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per year for coaching development. However, paid coaches and officials are eligible for only 50% of the requested funds while volunteers are eligible for 100% of requested funds. Coaches accepting honorariums are not considered paid coaches.
- Continuing contribution to amateur sport(s) in Grande Prairie should be considered when approving funding.
- The deadline for the applications are February 1st and August 1st

Pursuit of Excellence

Clinic Hosting

- Funding of up to \$1,000 is available to support local training, specialized courses targeting coach/official development.
- Application must include a clear description of the clinic, stating main objectives and expected outcomes of the clinic/training objective.
- Budgetary items which will be considered include facility rentals, honorariums, travel, subsistence and accommodation for presenters and clinicians

Coach Development

Gordon Nish – Judo Alberta

- Currently a Volunteer Coach with the Grande Prairie Martial Arts Clubhouse.
- Funding applied for to attend the Dojo Instructor course offered by Judo Alberta. This training took place from April 26-27, 2025 in Calgary, Alberta.
- This course is part of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and is designed to prepare judo coaches to lead and manage classes independently while promoting safe sport practices and long-term athlete development.
- This training provides the knowledge required to take on a greater leadership role within the club, improve the quality of instruction, and help foster a positive and inclusive environment for judoka of all ages.
- Funding being requested would be used to cover the registration and travel costs.
- Request & Recommendation: \$900.00

Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association

Level 1 & 2 NUCP Umpire Certification Clinics

- Level 1 Clinic (for officials 12 and older) offered March 15, 2025
- Level 2 Clinic offered March 16, 2025
- Both clinics were hosted at the JDA Sportsplex and involved both classroom and on-field instruction components.
- Funding would be used to cover the costs of Facility Rental.
- Request & Recommendation: \$1000.00

NCCP Baseball Coaching Clinics

- Hosted at the JDA Sportsplex from April 24-27, 2025
- Included 7 different coaching clinic sessions including: Teaching and Learning, Absolutes, Planning, Rally Cap, Initiation Coach, Pitching & Catching, Strategies & Skills open to competitive and grassroots coaches across the organization.
- Expected attendance of 68 head coaches, and 75 assistant coaches for the 2025 baseball season.
- Funding would be used to cover the costs of Facility Rental.
- Request & Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Grande Prairie Skating Club

- The Grande Prairie Skating Club will be offering a Synchronized Skating Clinic at Design Works Centre from September 12-13, 2025.
- This clinic will be led by renowned Synchronized Skating Coach Marta Pietrasik from the Canmore Skating Club.
- This clinic is in support of the Synchronized Skating program recently added by the club and will provide the opportunity to skaters and coaches to expand their knowledge and skills related to both on-ice and off-ice training, as well as improved choreography necessary to expand the program.
- Funding would be used to cover the costs of Facility Rental and Clinician Fees for the event.
- Request & Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Pursuit of Excellence

Coach/Officials Development and Clinic Hosting Funding Requests

*max \$1,000 per application

| Applicant(s) | Affiliation | Stream | Sport | Requested | Recommendation | Balance if Awarded \$13,200.00 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Gordon Nish | Judo Alberta | Coach Development | Judo | \$900.00 | \$900.00 | \$12,300.00 |
| Grande Prairie Minor Baseball | | Clinic Hosting | Baseball | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$11,300.00 |
| | | Clinic Hosting | Baseball | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$10,300.00 |
| Grande Prairie Skating Club | | Clinic Hosting | Figure Skating | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$9,300.00 |

Pursuit of Excellence

Athlete Travel & Development

- The Athlete Travel & Development fund is for assisting training, development, and travel opportunities for individual athletes and teams.
- Individual athletes are eligible for up to \$500 each year for training and development in the areas of clinics, specialized training, and membership fees.
- Athletes and teams representing the Province of Alberta who have qualified for National or Championship events are eligible for travel funding. Funding is limited to \$250 in province, \$500 out of province, and \$1,000 internationally per athlete each year.
- The deadline for the applications are February 1st and August 1st

Racquetball Canada

Athlete Travel Funding

Each of these athletes qualified to compete at the World Junior Racquetball Championships in the Dominican Republic in December, 2025.

Funding has been requested to cover travel costs. Recommendations reflect the limited funds remaining in the POE fund for 2025, and an attempt to ensure equal funding opportunities for the applications received.

Lelahni Buller

- Qualified by finishing 2nd in the 18U Division at the Canadian National Racquetball Championships.
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

Ariana Buller

- Qualified by finishing 2nd in the 16U Division at the Canadian National Racquetball Championships.
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

Nathan Buller

- The 14U Division is new for this event, but Nathan was endorsed by Racquetball Canada to compete based on results at both Provincial and National competitions.
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

WAKO Canada & Gladiators Martial Arts Academy

Athlete Travel Funding

Each of these athletes qualified to compete at the 2025 World Senior Championships in Abu Dhabi, UAE from November 21-30, 2025.

Funding has been requested to cover travel costs. Recommendations reflect the limited funds remaining in the POE fund for 2025, and an attempt to ensure equal funding opportunities for the applications received.

Marcus Hinton – U21

- Qualified through placements at previous Canadian National Championships and performance at Western National Team Training Camp.
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

Paola Elizabeth Stirling-Martinez - Senior Division

- 2025 National Champion, 3rd Place at 2024 Pan American Championship
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

Ashleigh Bartelds – U21

- 2nd Place at 2025 National Championships, 3rd Place at 2024 Pan American Championship
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

Yasna Aedo Tapia – Veteran Division

- 2025 & 2024 National Champion, 1st Place at 2024 Pan American Championship
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: \$720.00

The following athlete qualified to compete at the 2025 North American Century Cup in Toronto, Ontario from November 25-28, 2025.

Lukian Ternavshchenko – U13

- Qualified through performances at multiple Provincial level events in 2025.
- Request: \$500.00
- Recommendation: \$500.00

Oliver Dawson

Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club

Athlete Travel

Oliver is a U18 Swimmer with the Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club.

Oliver is the current Canadian Champion in the 50m/100m/200m Breaststroke.

- Oliver was selected to represent Canada at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore from July 27 to August 3, 2025 and the 2025 World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships in Romania from August 19-24, 2025.
- As a member of the Mixed 4x100m Medley Relay team Oliver earned a Bronze Medal at the World Aquatics Championships.

Athlete Travel - Request & Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Fay Boyd

Grande Prairie Tennis Club

Athlete Travel

Fay is a member of the Grande Prairie Tennis Club and is a level 4.0 Tennis Player.

Fay will be competing in the Alberta 55+ Summer Games in Leduc, Alberta from August 21-24, 2025 in the 70+ Division.

- Travel funding has been requested to cover travel costs including accommodations and registration.

Request: \$750.00

Recommendation: \$250.00

GPMBA 14U Girls Team

Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association

Travel Funding (Team)

U14 Baseball team that competes in the Baseball Alberta Girls League.

As one of the top 6 teams in the Province this team qualified to represent Grande Prairie at the inaugural BAGL Provincial Championships that took place in Beaumont, Alberta from June 28-29, 2025.

Funding was requested to support the travel costs for the athletes including accommodations, food and transportation for the weekend.

Request & Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Piper Goldberg

Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball Association

Athlete Travel

- A member of the Grande Prairie Pirates U13 Competitive Team.
- This team was selected to represent Zone 8 at the Softball Alberta Provincial Championships in Wainwright, Alberta from July 11-13, 2025.
- Funding being requested to cover travel costs including accommodations and transportation.

Request & Recommendation: \$250.00

Quinn Goldberg

Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball Association

Athlete Travel

- A member of the Grande Prairie Pirates U15A Competitive Team.
- This team is the only A level team in Zone 8, competing at the highest level of softball in Alberta.
- This team was selected to represent Zone 8 at the Softball Alberta U15A Provincial Championships in Blackfalds, Alberta from July 11-13, 2025.
- Funding being requested to cover travel costs including accommodations and transportation.

Request & Recommendation: \$250.00

Indy Dorscheid

Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton

Indy is a U20 Division Skeleton athlete with Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton.

Indy was selected as a recruit in summer of 2024 by BCS through RBC Training Ground. The sport was new to her and she is continuing to explore it. She has completed 3 weeks of off-season training camps in Calgary and 2 weeks of track training in Whistler and was invited to be a guest recruit participant at the Canadian Championships.

Athlete Travel:

- Indy will be competing at a North American Cup Circuit Race in Whistler, British Columbia from November 18-23, 2025. If she does well she would have the opportunity to compete in Park City, Utah later in November.
- Travel Funding is being requested to cover Accommodation and Transportation costs for these events.

Athlete Development:

- The Development funding applied for in this application will cover costs associated with specialized training required at the Learn to Train, Train to Train and Train to Complete athlete development levels for a new recruit. Training sessions take place in both Calgary and Whistler throughout the fall.

Athlete Travel - Request & Recommendation: \$500.00

Athlete Development - Request & Recommendation: \$500.00

Pursuit of Excellence

Athlete Travel & Development Funding Requests

| Applicant(s) | Affiliation | Sport | Stream | Requested | Recommendation | Balance if Awarded \$9,300.00 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lelahni Buller | Racquetball Canada | Racquetball | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$8,580.00 |
| Ariana Buller | Racquetball Canada | Racquetball | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$7,860.00 |
| Nathan Buller | Racquetball Canada | Racquetball | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$7,140.00 |
| Lukian Ternavshchenko | Gladiators Martial Arts Academy | Kickboxing | Travel | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$6,640.00 |
| Marcus Hinton | WAKO Canada | Kickboxing | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$5,920.00 |
| Paola Elizabeth Stirling-Martinez | WAKO Canada | Kickboxing | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$5,200.00 |
| Yasna Aedo Tapia | WAKO Canada | Kickboxing | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$4,480.00 |
| Ashleigh Bartelds | WAKO Canada | Kickboxing | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$720.00 | \$3,760.00 |
| Oliver Dawson | Grande Prairie Piranhas | Swimming | Travel | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,760.00 |
| Fay Boyd | Grande Prairie Tennis Club | Tennis | Travel | \$750.00 | \$250.00 | \$2,510.00 |
| GPMBA 14U Girls | Grande Prairie Minor Baseball | Baseball | Travel (Team) | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,510.00 |
| Piper Goldberg | Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball | Softball | Travel | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$1,260.00 |
| Quinn Goldberg | Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball | Softball | Travel | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$1,010.00 |
| Indy Dorscheid | Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton | Skeleton | Development | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$10.00 |
| | | | Travel | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | |

Sport Hosting Grant

- To help support and encourage the hosting of Provincial, Western Canadian, National, or International Sporting Events in Grande Prairie.
- Eligible events must be hosted within the City of Grande Prairie by non-profit organizations and take place over a minimum of two days.
- Organizations are eligible for up to a maximum of \$5,000 for large-scale events and \$1,000 for small-scale events which can be used for operating expenses such as facility rentals, marketing, communications, transportation, security, accommodations, and officials.
- No single sport shall receive more than 20% of the annual budget for the grant. For 2025 the maximum per sport is \$6,000.
- Considered twice per year, January 1st & July 1st

Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association

Montney League Showcase Tournament (Small Scale)

- This event took place from June 6-8, 2025.
- This event hosted 26 teams & coaches from across northern Alberta and BC estimating around 750 spectators for the event.
- Request: \$1,000.00
- Recommendation: Not recommended.

Baseball Alberta 18U A Provincial Championships (Large Scale)

- This event took place from July 18-20, 2025.
- This event hosted the top 8 teams at the 18U A division from across Alberta, bringing in approximately 400 athletes and spectators across the weekend.
- Request: \$4,000.00
- Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Baseball Alberta 18U AA Provincial Championships (Large Scale)

- This event took place from August 1-3, 2025.
- This event hosted the top 8 teams at the 18U AA division from across Alberta, bringing in approximately 1000 athletes and spectators across the weekend.
- Request: \$5,000.00
- Recommendation: \$1,000.00

*Recommendations are based on the total funds available in the Sport Hosting Grant budget, and prioritizing events hosted within the City of Grande Prairie. These events were hosted in the County of Grande Prairie.

3A Boys Volleyball Highschool Provincial Championships

Peace Wapiti Public School Division

- This event will be hosted at Peace Wapiti Academy from November 27-29, 2025.
- This event will see 12 Highschool Volleyball teams from across the Province compete, with an expected attendance of 1000 total including participants and spectators.
- In addition to the volleyball competition there will also be opening ceremonies and a breakfast banquet hosted at the Pomeroy Hotel.
- Funding requested to cover costs associated with facility expenses, official/volunteer expenses, and special event costs.
- Request: \$5,000.00
- Recommendation: \$3,000.00

*No single sport can receive more than 20% of the total budget. Volleyball is eligible for a maximum of \$6,000.00 total.

3A Girls Volleyball Highschool Provincial Championships

Grande Prairie and District Catholic School Division

- This event will be hosted at St. Joseph Catholic High School from November 26-29, 2025.
- This event will see 12 Highschool Volleyball teams from across the Province compete, with an expected attendance of 1000 total including participants and spectators.
- In addition to the volleyball competition there will also be opening ceremonies and a semi-formal banquet for all teams/coaches on the Thursday evening prior to competition.
- Funding requested to cover costs associated with facility expenses, official/volunteer expenses, and special event costs.
- Request: \$5,000.00
- Recommendation: \$3,000.00

*No single sport can receive more than 20% of the total budget. Volleyball is eligible for a maximum of \$6,000.00 total.

U11 Softball Alberta Provincials

Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball Association

- This event took place at South Bear Creek Park from July 4-6, 2025.
- 16 U11 Teams from across Alberta attended to compete in this Provincial Championship event with an estimated total attendance of 200 participants, 500 spectators and 50 volunteers.
- Funding was requested to cover costs associated with facility rental expenses and officials costs.
- Request & Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Inter-Town Basketball Tournament

Grande Prairie Filipino Basketball League

- This event took place from July 12-13, 2025.
- Games took place at the Grande Prairie Composite High School and Charles Spencer High School.
- Multiple divisions for competition were offered including the Open Age Division (8 Teams), 35+ Division (8 Teams), U15 Division (4 Teams), U13 Division (4 Teams) with 24 total teams competing throughout the weekend.
- Participants attended from across Alberta and Northern BC including Red Deer, Edmonton, Peace River, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek.
- Funding was requested to cover facility rental costs and official's costs.
- Request & Recommendation: \$1,000.00

ASSA Region A Regional Swim Meet

Grande Prairie Aquarians Swim Club

- This event took place from July 25-26, 2025.
- This event took place at the Eastlink Centre and included 250 swimmers, 400 spectators, and 100 officials/volunteers required for the event.
- This event is sanctioned by the Alberta Summer Swimming Association and provides athletes from across Northern Alberta (including Slave Lake, High Prairie, Valleyview, Peace River, High Level, amongst others) the opportunity to compete and achieve their fastest possible times in hopes of qualifying them to compete at Provincial Championships.
- This meet features both individual and team races in various stroke and distances.
- Funding was requested to cover facility rental costs.
- Request & Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Sport Hosting Grant

Funding Requests *max \$5,000 per application

| Applicant | Event | Requested | Recommendation | Balance if Awarded \$15,000.00 |
|--|---|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Peace Wapiti Public School Division | 3A Boys Volleyball Highschool Provincial Championships | \$5,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Grande Prairie and District Catholic School Division | 3A Girls Volleyball Highschool Provincial Championships | \$5,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association | Montney Showcase Tournament | \$1,000.00 | \$0 | \$7,000.00 |
| | Baseball Alberta 18U A Provincials | \$4,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | |
| | Baseball Alberta 18U AA Provincials | \$5,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | |
| Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball Association | U11 Softball Alberta Provincials | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Grande Prairie Filipino Basketball League | Inter-Town Basketball Tournament | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Grande Prairie Aquarians Swim Club | ASSA Region A Regional Swim Meet | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0 |

*\$1,500 reallocated from unused Arts & Culture Festival Funding budget.