

## OTHER PROPOSALS

### Scholarships and Academic Exchanges

Scholarships and academic exchanges primarily in physical education and sport are the long-term tools to foster improvements in the sport infrastructure of developing countries of the Commonwealth. Often physical education and sport are overlooked or neglected in existing scholarship and academic exchange programmes. They need a special emphasis and a place of their own in the Commonwealth Sport Proposals.

Scholarships would be established to allow promising candidates to study subjects such as sport administration, kinesiology, sport psychology, sport history and exercise rehabilitation at Universities and Institutes of higher learning throughout the Commonwealth. The scope of the scholarships should be extended into the related and important fields of management, administration, communications, business, and accounting.

Similarly, academic exchanges in the same sport fields and disciplines should receive regular financial support. In this way, advances in the sport sciences will be shared and academic knowledge enhanced. The Commonwealth as a whole will be the beneficiary.

### Regional Commonwealth Competitions

The Commonwealth Games last for ten days every four years. Apart from this brief period, no opportunity now exists whereby the skills that are honed and the bonds of friendship that are forged can be fostered through competition. Athletes, coaches and other team members disperse -- often never to meet again.

Canada proposes that funds be allocated to establish and assist interim regional competitions. These competitions might be focused in one competitive area - such as athletics - or in broader areas which might include sports of regional origin that might some day be contested at the Games.