

Sport Canada program activity is concentrated in the following areas:

*High performance sport:* encompasses those activities that have as their objective the attainment of the highest level of achievement for Canadian athletes in international competition. Sport Canada assists national sport organizations in such areas as national team program planning and evaluation, training camps, national and international competitions, coaching, sport sciences, sport medicine and international games missions operations. Projects such as the sport training centres located at selected Canadian universities are designed to help achieve Canada's sport objectives in the most economical fashion possible.

*Sport association management:* Sport Canada provides financial assistance to support the administrative headquarters, staff and organizational development of national sport organizations. Sport Canada staff are engaged in ongoing consultation with national associations to ensure the planning and operational functions as well as human resource development.

*Planning and evaluation:* Sport Canada also undertakes activities in the areas of planning, evaluation and departmental and central agency liaison, policy and special studies.

*Canada Games:* The Winter and Summer Canada Games aim to achieve the additional objectives of providing stimulus for the development of new and upgraded sports facilities, an opportunity for national competition in a sport festival environment for young athletes below the international level and an occasion to foster friendship and mutual understanding among participants.

*International games:* Canada continues to host not only major multi-sport games but a wide variety of single-sport world championships and international qualifying events.

*Athlete assistance:* Through the Athlete Assistance Program, Canadian athletes ranked 1 to 16 in the world and those who have been identified as having potential to advance to the top 16 are eligible to receive financial support from this Fitness and Amateur Sport Program.

*"Best ever":* As part of the federal government's over-all strategy for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta, a plan has been developed to provide special assistance to Canada's winter Olympic disciplines aimed at fielding the country's "best ever" team in 1988.