

INTRODUCTION

Since the adoption of the Fitness and Amateur Sport Act in 1981, the structure of the Canadian sports system has reached a level of sophistication and technical expertise adjustment to the modern environment. In response to demands from the sports community, the federal government has, during the last 30 years, adopted various policies reflecting both the expertise of groups and individuals involved in sport and government priorities. The Task Force Report, published in 1988, and more recently, the O'Brien Report, indicated that some policy changes will be necessary to increase the efficiency and the efficacy of programs affecting various sports disciplines.

Considering that many people are directly concerned with the formulation of sports policy, the members of the Sub-Committee on Fitness and Amateur Sport, comprising on leaders in the organizations of the Task Force, and the O'Brien Report, and particularly on committees on the present sports system. The Sub-Committee Report reflects the essential contribution of the states, NSOs, multi-sport and service agencies, coaches, volunteers, and other groups or individuals, concerned about the future of amateur sport. The first section discusses the structure of Canada's sports system and focuses on various issues that have an impact on the development and the central role of the athlete in the present system. The second section examines some key components of management and decisions affecting the sports sector. Following comments on the Sub-Committee by organizations and agencies, the third section examines the role of government in sport at the national and international levels, particularly its involvement in public funding and other strategic areas.