

WHAT GOVERNMENTS DO FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

In our system, different levels of government have different responsibilities and powers. This is particularly true for matters of shared jurisdiction, such as sport and health. For instance, the federal government is responsible for international sport while provincial governments are responsible for community sport and physical education. Below is a list of some of the major sport files and the level of government responsible for that file. Note that in some cases, such as tax rebates, more than one level of government can contribute to the initiative. In your letter to candidates in the federal election, try to make sure that what you are asking for is within the realm of powers of the federal government.

The federal government has authority to invest in...

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| § Infrastructure and sport facilities | § Aboriginal sport initiatives |
| § Tax rebates for sport fees | § Athlete assistance and coaches' salaries |
| § High performance sport | § Public and private partnership in sport tourism and event hosting |
| § National sport and multi-sport organizations | § National games like the Canada Games |
| § Support for Canadian Sport Centres | § Access and equity programs |
| § International sport competitions | § Partnerships with provinces and territories for community sport and education |
| § International development through sport initiatives | § Sport research |
| § Sport development programs | |

Provincial/territorial governments have the authority to invest in ...

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| § Physical education in schools | § Funding provincial sport and recreation organizations |
| § Sport development programs | § Public and private partnership in sport tourism and event hosting |
| § Athlete assistance and coaches' salaries | § Partnerships with provincial sport organizations and municipalities for community recreation (including sport) and education |
| § Provincial Games programs | § Tax rebates for sport fees |
| § Public and private partnership (especially around building and operating facilities) | § Sport development programs |
| § Support for Canadian Sport Centres | § Policy setting and coordination in recreation and sport |
| § Preparation for the teams to Canada Games | |
| § Access and equity programs within provincial and community sport and recreation | |

Municipal governments are responsible for ...

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| § Determining local priorities for recreation and sport infrastructure and facilities | § Developing/funding local sport development programs |
| § Developing community parks and open spaces | § Developing/funding local physical activity/recreation programs |
| § Funding local recreation and sport infrastructure and facilities (usually in partnership with p/t or federal government) | |