

"I believe in the  
power of sport to..."

Federal Election Campaign for Sport - 2008



## **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...***

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

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

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

### ***Municipal governments are responsible for ...***

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

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