



P R E S S R E L E A S E

TORONTO (April 28, 2026) – The Canadian Olympic Committee and Canadian Paralympic Committee commend the Government of Canada for their landmark investment in sport outlined in today’s Spring Economic Update. Today marks an important turning point for sport in Canada and a meaningful recognition of its impact on communities across the country.

This generational investment of \$755M over five years in building Canada as a sporting nation represents a significant and necessary step toward strengthening Canada’s sport system. This funding includes \$118M in ongoing support for National Sport Organizations (NSOs) and athletes, and will drive grassroots participation, high-performance success, and international event hosting. This investment will ensure athletes have the resources they need to represent Canada on the world stage, and that more Canadians are able to experience the benefits of sport in communities across the country.

For years, Canada’s NSOs have delivered extraordinary impact with limited resources, forced to make difficult decisions impacting athlete development and accessibility. With this new and ongoing investment, the country now has the opportunity to rebuild a modern, aligned, and well-supported system, ensuring more resources flow directly to athletes from grassroots to high performance.

The COC and CPC, alongside Team Canada athletes and our many sport and commercial partners, have long championed the need for increased federal investment in sport. This milestone recognizes the value of a safe and inclusive sport system that is properly structured and properly resourced. It

also advances the vision outlined in the *Future of Sport in Canada Commission's* Final Report, which called urgently for renewed investment and long-term modernization. This investment meets the moment at a time when Canadians need the benefits of sport more than ever.

We extend our sincere thanks to Prime Minister Mark Carney and Minister of Finance and National Revenue François-Philippe Champagne for their belief in sport as a tool for building a stronger Canada.

We especially wish to thank Secretary of State (Sport) Adam van Koeverden, for his tireless efforts to strengthen the role sport plays as a driver of national pride, community connection, and a healthy Canada. As an Olympic champion himself, Secretary of State van Koeverden has long championed a safe, accessible sport system that gives more opportunities and access for all Canadians to participate in Sport, and offers more support for Canadian athletes as they inspire the nation. Today's announcement reflects his unwavering belief in the power and impact of sport from playground to podium.

We look forward to a continued partnership with the federal government and other members of the Canadian sport community to deliver on a modernized, strong and safe sport system that sees more Canadians inspired by the performances of Canadian athletes and experiencing the benefits of sport. This is a monumental day for a stronger Canada through sport.