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Alberta Summer Games wrap-up in Grande Prairie

Grande Prairie, AB – The Alberta Summer Games, a province-wide summer sports competition for Albertans 11-17 years of age, came to a close on July 22. More than 2,800 participants from throughout Alberta attended the 20 sport, four-day competition.

“I am so proud of our amazing young athletes and the competition, sportsmanship and comradery on display over the last four days in Grande Prairie demonstrated once again that Alberta produces some of the best athletes in Canada,” said Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism. “Congratulations to all the athletes who participated in the 2018 Alberta Summer Games, and thank you to the organizers, volunteers and the City and County of Grande Prairie for their amazing hospitality.”

The Summer Games featured a wide variety of sports from athletics, cycling, baseball, swimming, triathlon, rugby, basketball, soccer, canoe/kayak and beach volleyball. For a full list of Summer Games sports and results see: [Alberta Games – Grande Prairie](#).

“Alberta Sport Connection is proud to support, encourage and develop young athletes through events like the Alberta Games”, said Kelly Blackshaw, Vice Chair of ASC. “These Games were everything we thought they’d be; a terrific example of community involvement and commitment, and the athletic competition was as impressive as the level of sportsmanship. We are so pleased with the exceptional job the City and County of Grande Prairie has done. These Games help reinforce the role that sport plays in enhancing the quality of life in our province.”

Besides medals for individual and team performances, three additional awards were presented at the closing ceremonies of the Games:

- Alberta Cup:** Zone achieving the most medal points: Zone 3, Calgary (defending);
Minister’s Cup: Zone showing the greatest improvement from one Alberta Games to the next: Zone 5 (Yellowhead Black Gold);
Spirit of Sport Award: Zone best demonstrating the spirit of fair play, sportsmanship, team spirit and cooperation on and off the field of play: Zone 8 (Peace Country).

[Alberta Games Zones](#) [Results](#)

The Alberta government provides \$420,000 in support of the 2018 Alberta Summer Games through Alberta Sport Connection (ASC), which includes a cultural grant of \$70,000. The Alberta Games generate about \$3 million in economic impact for host communities. For more about the Alberta Summer Games, visit: [Alberta Games – Grande Prairie](#).

The next Alberta Summer Games will be in Lethbridge in 2020.

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