



## **Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action – BC Hockey’s Actions**

**Call to Action 87:** We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.

### **BC Hockey’s Actions:**

- Each year, BC Hockey awards the Indigenous Impact and Legacy Award, presented to an individual, team, league or association that has demonstrated a commitment to increase Indigenous inclusivity and participation in the sport of hockey.
- BC Hockey leaders have attended Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreational Council’s (ISPARC) Cultural Safety Training Course on five (5) occasions.
- Have published featured stories in the past, recognizing BC Hockey’s Indigenous participants on National Truth and Reconciliation Day.



**Call to Action 88:** We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel.

### **BC Hockey's Actions:**

- BC Hockey supports Aboriginal Team BC and hosting of events when applicable, including at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship, providing officiating support, along with logistical and communications assistance.
- BC Hockey registers all non-member participants to ensure proper insurance coverage for tryouts at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships.
- BC Hockey has worked with ISPARC to support and put forward an applicant for the Aboriginal Apprentice Coach for the 2027 Canada Winter Games in Quebec City.



**Call to Action 89:** We call upon the federal government to amend the Physical Activity and Sport Act to support reconciliation by ensuring that policies to promote physical activity as a fundamental element of health and well-being, reduce barriers to sports participation, increase the pursuit of excellence in sport, and build capacity in the Canadian sport system, are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples.

### **BC Hockey's Actions:**

- BC Hockey provides subsidies to members to host Try Hockey Events for players and officials, helping reduce barriers for entry into the sport.
- BC Hockey has an Indigenous Liaison, Ryneld Starr, who serves as a resource for Minor Hockey Associations throughout British Columbia and Yukon. The Indigenous Liaison supports engagement with Indigenous communities and helps guide initiatives that promote Indigenous participation in hockey.



**Call to Action 90:** We call upon the federal government to ensure that national sports policies, programs, and initiatives are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples, including, but not limited to, establishing:

- i. In collaboration with provincial and territorial governments, stable funding for, and access to, community sports programs that reflect the diverse cultures and traditional sporting activities of Aboriginal peoples.

### **BC Hockey's Actions:**

- BC Hockey provides subsidies to members to host Try Hockey Events for players and officials, helping reduce barriers for entry into the sport.
- BC Hockey promotes and amplifies grant opportunities, including those offered through viaSport.
- BC Hockey provides an honorarium for the Indigenous Liaison, which assists Minor Hockey Associations in developing initiatives that increase Indigenous participation and inclusion within hockey.
- In partnership with ISPARC, BC Hockey will cover all costs associated with the Aboriginal Apprentice Coach for the Program of Excellence Team BC in preparation for Canada Winter Games.



- ii. An elite athlete development program for Aboriginal athletes.

**BC Hockey's Actions:**

- Through partnership with ISPARC, BC Hockey helps facilitate opportunities for Indigenous Athlete to participate in elite development programs and competitive pathways.

- iii. Programs for coaches, trainers, and sports officials that are culturally relevant for Aboriginal peoples.

**BC Hockey's Actions:**

- BC Hockey has hosted two (2) Aboriginal Coaching Module (ACM) clinics, designed to support coaches working with Indigenous athletes and communities. These clinics also allow coaches to earn professional development (PD) points.
- BC Hockey supported an Aboriginal Apprentice Coach for the 2023 Canada Winter Games and is working in partnership with ISPARC to support another apprentice coach opportunity for the 2027 Canada Winter Games.



iv. Anti-racism awareness and training programs.

**BC Hockey's Actions:**

- Since 2019, BC Hockey has delivered cultural safety seminars in person and virtually in partnership with ISPARC.