

# Sidelines

Sport & Recreation Community News

**SPRING  
2024**

## Important Dates

- [Take the Lead Grant](#)  
Deadline: April 30, 2024
- [Community Initiatives Program \(CIP\) Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: May 15, 2024
- [Community Facility Enhancement Grant Small-Scale Funding](#)  
Deadline: May 15, 2024
- [Community Facility Enhancement Grant Large-Scale Funding](#)  
Deadline: June 15, 2024
- [Facility Rentals & Bookings Available for Winter](#)  
Open now
- [Facility Rentals Fee Increase](#)  
September 1, 2024

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## News from The City of Red Deer

As spring breathes new life into our city, we are thrilled to see athletes in our community begin a new, or continue their journey, in sport. Whether you are stepping onto the field, court, diamond or track, your community is beside you, cheering you on as you grow and develop in sport.

In this edition of Sidelines, we are excited to bring you information on upcoming Xplore Sport 365 events, Rising Sport Star awards and the upcoming Digital Trophy Case.

With the upcoming spring season drawing near, our goal is to continue supporting your organizations to continue offering quality sport, recreation, and active living opportunities within our city. As always, we are here to support and help your groups and associations. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Yours in sport and recreation,  
PJ Swales, Matt Becker & Georgia Major.

## Facility News and Updates

### Digital Trophy Case

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of the digital trophy case. The City takes great pride in the accomplishments of our individual athletes and teams, and we are excited to provide a platform to recognize and celebrate your achievements on our digital trophy case. Through our online submission process, local sport organizations can share their individual athlete or team's trophies, awards, and accomplishments, showcasing them to our vibrant community in Red Deer.

All applications will be thoughtfully considered and evaluated for alignment with the City of Red Deer policy. Approved applications will be shown on select TV screens in city-owned recreation facilities.

Visit [reddeer.ca/DigitalTrophy](https://reddeer.ca/DigitalTrophy) today to learn more and submit!

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# Training & Professional Development

## Central Sport Opportunities

Central Sport is currently offering online courses tailored specifically for Non-Profit organizations. These comprehensive learning opportunities are designed to enhance your skills in grant writing and provide valuable insights into board development and training.

These courses are completely free for your organizations. Take advantage of this valuable resource to boost your organization's effectiveness and impact.

To enroll in these learning opportunities, simply visit Central Sport online [here](#).

# Upcoming Events

## Rising Sport Star Awards in conjunction with the Sunterra Sun Run:

The City of Red Deer is pleased to announce that the annual Rising Sport Stars awards program is open for nominations. Each year, numerous young athletes embark on their lifelong journey to active living and success through sport. Through this program, athletes aged 12 years and younger who participate in a Red Deer sport organization are honored for their passion, effort, or overcoming adversity to participate and develop skills, regardless of the outcome. Each organization can nominate up to 10 "Rising Sport Stars" to recognize their remarkable beginnings in sports.

Traditionally hosted at Xplore Sport events since 2016, this year's awards will be held in conjunction with the Bower-Kin Community Association's "Sunterra Fun Run" on May 11, 2024. For more information about the "Sun Run" and to register, please [click here](#).

The City of Red Deer wants to recognize as many athletes as possible and we encourage you to nominate your "Rising Stars" who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and passion in their sporting endeavors. [Submit your nominations here](#) by 4:30 pm on Monday April 29, 2024.

## Xplore Sport 365:

Central Sport has commenced planning for the new and improved Xplore Sport 365. Please stay tuned for updates in the coming months, The aim of Xplore Sport is to enhance exposure and awareness for our exceptional local sport organizations among Red Deerian's, fostering capacity building and ongoing program growth. The revamped format will feature multiple events throughout the year, aligning more closely with sport-specific seasons and registration dates to better cater to the needs of our LOS's.

If you have not already signed up to join Central Sport's Sport Directory, we highly encourage you to do so. For more information, [click here](#).



## Rising Sport Stars

Recognizing young athletes in our community