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**Over Nine-Hundred Thousand in Sport and Recreation Grants Awarded**

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Archie Lang today announced \$907,250 in Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) grants are being awarded to Yukon sport and recreation groups for 2009-10.

“Annual YRAC funding to Yukon-wide sport and recreation organizations helps to support both healthy living programs and the efforts of thousands of volunteers who help to deliver sport and recreation programs across the territory,” Lang said. “The dedication and commitment of our volunteers, coaches and sporting officials create remarkable opportunities for our athletes and all Yukoners who strive to achieve their goals and to enjoy physically active lifestyles.”

Twenty-seven sport governing bodies will receive \$515,250 and seven recreation groups will receive \$192,000. The High Performance Athlete and Official Program will receive \$70,000 and \$130,000 will be allocated to Sport Yukon to support its core operations and program delivery.

“YRAC reviews applications from Yukon sport organizations on an annual basis,” YRAC Chair Geoff Scherer said. “The organizations we recommend to receive funding do outstanding work through their programs, which help improve our quality of life and provide numerous sports and recreation opportunities for youth and Yukoners of all ages.”

Funding for the annual YRAC grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between the Yukon Lottery Commission and the Government of Yukon. The grants are adjudicated by the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee and administered by the Department of Community Services’ Sport and Recreation branch.

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Attachment: A complete list of 2009-10 YRAC grant recipients

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## 2009-10 YRAC Grant Recipients

### YUKON SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

Alpine Skiing	\$15,050
Athletics Yukon	1,500
Basketball Yukon	30,000
Biathlon Yukon	9,000
Cross Country Yukon	89,500
Equine	3,000
Figure Skating	4,000
Freestyle Skiing	5,000
Judo Yukon	7,000
Snowboard Yukon Association	3,000
Softball Yukon	19,000
Squash Yukon	14,600
Swim Yukon	39,500
Synchro Yukon Association	4,000
Table Tennis	5,200
Tennis Yukon Association	4,500
Volleyball Yukon	30,000
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	68,500
Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association	11,500
Yukon Badminton Association	6,100
Yukon Curling Association	13,500
Yukon Cycling Association	4,300
Yukon Golf Association	4,000
Yukon Gymnastics Association	26,500
Yukon Orienteering Association	5,500
Yukon Shooting Federation	3,000
Yukon Soccer Association	<u>88,500</u>
Total Sport Bodies	\$515,250

### YUKON SPECIAL RECREATION GROUPS

ElderActive Recreation Association	\$10,000
Girl Guides – Yukon Council	14,000
Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon	61,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	61,000
Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle	19,000
Yukon Scout Council	9,000
Yukon Special Olympics	<u>18,000</u>
Total Recreation Groups	\$192,000