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Yukon Sport for Life Funding Announced

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Archie Lang announced today at an awards ceremony \$329,000 in Yukon Sport for Life funding for 2009-10.

“The Yukon Sport for Life initiative promotes physical activity as a life-long endeavour that contributes to a better quality of life for all Yukoners,” Lang said. “From childhood to our senior years, regular exercise improves our physical ability and well-being, and good health allows us to enjoy life more fully. Increased physical activity is especially important in helping youth make healthy lifestyle choices.”

Twenty-four Yukon sport governing bodies will share \$329,000. The Yukon Sport for Life initiative funds athlete and coaching development in Yukon from grassroots to elite levels. The program also creates opportunities for rural, aboriginal and female participation in sports and recreation and helps support coach skills development and coaching salaries.

The Elite Athlete program will be given \$50,000. This program provides funding for athletes who represent Canada in international events and are designated as carded athletes by Sport Canada.

A further \$20,000 for in-territory travel helps ensure that athletes from across Yukon can participate in try-outs for Yukon representative teams and Yukon championships.

Grants are funded by Yukon government and determined by a jury of members from the sport community and the Yukon government.

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Attachment: List of sport governing bodies funded by the 2009-10 Yukon Sport for Life program

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**2009-10 Yukon Sport for Life Funding
to
Yukon Sport Governing Bodies**

Sport Governing Body	Amount (\$)
Alpine Skiing	\$ 1,500
Athletics	2,000
Badminton	10,000
Basketball	16,000
Biathlon	4,000
Cross Country Skiing	52,000
Curling	7,000
Cycling	8,500
Figure Skating	20,000
Freestyle Skiing	28,500
Golf	16,000
Gymnastics	21,500
Hockey	27,000
Orienteering	6,000
Shooting	6,500
Snowboarding	6,500
Soccer	20,000
Speed Skating	9,000
Squash	1,800
Swimming	38,000
Synchronized Swimming	2,000
Table Tennis	5,000
Tennis	7,700
Volleyball	<u>12,500</u>
Total	\$ 329,000