

RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK

DEFINITIONS

Affiliated - identified as an organization serving a demonstrated need of a particular demographic, region, sport or group of sports that other organizations do not, or are not able to meet

Recognized - recognized as the entity responsible for the organization and development of a sport, sports or group of sport disciplines in British Columbia

Accredited - accredited as the authoritative body for a sport, sports or group of sport disciplines in British Columbia, also responsible for the sport's organization, growth and development.

CRITERIA

Criteria	Affiliated	Recognized	Accredited
Is a registered society in good standing with the BC Societies Act	Yes	Yes	Yes
Able to demonstrate integration of LTAD in organizational implementation plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Has a NCCP coaching pathway or equivalent	Yes	Yes	Yes
Has a verifiable annual membership *	n/a	At least 1,000 members	At least 1,000 members
Has demonstrated a base membership in a minimum # of BC Games Zones*	n/a	At least 3 zones	At least 5 zones
Serves as the exclusive provincial organizing body of the sport in B.C.	n/a	Yes	Yes
Is designated by the NSO as the provincial organizing body	Yes	Yes	Yes
Has a publicly available criminal record screening policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Received an evaluation matrix score	n/a	n/a	Yes

*Disability Sport Organizations are only required to have annual membership of 100 members and participation in at least 3 BC Games Zones.

BENEFITS

	Affiliated	Recognized	Accredited
Project Grant Funding	Yes	Yes	Yes
Annual Contribution Funding	No	No	Yes
PSO Communications	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logo on viaSport website	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSO education	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dispute resolution support	Yes	Yes	Yes

APPLICATION

Step 1) If your organization meets the above criteria then you can apply by filling out the [eligibility application](#).

You will be asked to submit the following supporting documentation:

- Valid certificate of good standing
- Membership data
- Copy of your Criminal Record Screening Policy
- LTAD implementation plan
- NCCP materials
- Letter from NSO

Should there be sufficient evidence that the organization meets the criteria outlined above, the organization will be granted either Affiliated or Recognized Status.

Step 2) Recognized organizations will qualify to participate in a full organizational assessment to be evaluated against a matrix of questions related to Sport 4 Life, Coaching & Officiating, Excellence and Organizational Readiness during the next funding review cycle. Timing for the review will be determined by the government.

Step 3) Should your organization receive satisfactory results during the assessment, a recommendation will be made by viaSport to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport for the organization to receive Accredited status. Results of the review do not guarantee funding, all funding allocations are subject to availability of funding provided by the Ministry.

*If your sport is governed by the BC Athletic Commission, their approval will be required before you can proceed with the viaSport recognition process. Please provide evidence in writing.