

# The Aboriginal Coaches and Officials Program (ACOP)

*Leadership development is crucial for continued growth of Aboriginal people's participation in sport*

The ACOP is helping to create and enhance a dynamic and leading edge sport environment that enables Aboriginal peoples to experience and enjoy sport to the best extent of their abilities and interests. It is committed to increasing the number of qualified Aboriginal coaches and officials in Saskatchewan, who provide the foundation of the volunteer amateur sport system.

The ACOP aims to achieve this goal through the delivery of established programs including the **Introduction to Coaching Clinic Project** and the **Aboriginal Coaching Manual Clinic**.

The Introduction to Coaching Clinic Project consists of a three-hour workshop that informs beginner coaches about the most important issues involved in coaching and the role of the coach. The clinic is a good stepping stone for young people. It's also an introduction to the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

The Aboriginal Coaching Manual Clinic informs participants about how to apply Aboriginal culture to sport and coaching through the delivery of culturally relevant courses.

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