

Rivers West District

for Sport, Culture & Recreation



Who we are...

Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation Inc. (Rivers West DSCR) was formed through the amalgamation of Battlefords Regional Recreation Association, Wild Goose Recreation Association, River Junction Recreation Association and the Zone 7 Sport Council. The new District began operations on February 1st, 2009 and is a registered non-profit corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

The geographic area served by Rivers West DSCR is located in *West Central* Saskatchewan and encompasses the area from Pierceland and Dorintosh in the north, south to the South Saskatchewan River and from the Alberta Border in the west to Tessier, Hafford and Medstead in the east.

Rivers West DSCR is one of 9 Sport, Culture & Recreation Districts in the Province which were formed through the Building Better Communities (BBC) initiative driven by SaskSport, SaskCulture and Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. These Districts are an integral part of the Sport, Culture & Recreation delivery system in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Rivers West DSCR receives the bulk of its funding from revenue generated through the sale of lottery tickets in the Province. The Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation administers the lottery ticket revenue and this money funds over 12,000 Sport, Culture and Recreation groups.

What we do...

Through our District network, we use the community development approach in working with communities and groups to assist in meeting their sport, culture and recreation needs.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Rivers West District is a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitate and foster the development and delivery of sport, culture, and recreation programs and services.

OUR VISION FOR OUR DISTRICT

All residents of West Central Saskatchewan will live healthy, active lifestyles through community access to and participation in diverse sport, culture and recreation opportunities.

OUR VALUES

Respect
Participation
Leadership
Inclusion
Transparency

OUR WEBSITE

www.riverswestdistrict.ca



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Our Programs...

- ☆ **Mobile Playground Program:** Four trained playground leaders are hired each year to travel to communities in the District providing fun activities for children aged 5 – 11 years of age.
- ☆ **Indigenous Community Sport Development Program:** this program is administered through SaskSport with Rivers West implementing the program. The purpose of the Indigenous Community Sport Development Grant Program (ICSGP) is to provide greater sport participation and development opportunities for Aboriginal youth in Saskatchewan.
- ☆ **SSFA 55+ Rivers West Committee:** the District aids the promotion and participation of our residents aged 55 and over in various sporting and recreational activities through our financial support of this committee.
- ☆ **Saskatchewan Games Program:** coordination and administration of Team Rivers West.
- ☆ **Volunteer Recognition Awards Program:** each year, through nominations from our members, worthy volunteers are recognized by the District for their outstanding contributions made to the District in the areas of Sport, Recreation, Culture, and Heritage.
- ☆ **District Dream Broker:** Rivers West is one of two Districts in the Province which receives funding from SaskSport Inc. to hire a District Dream Broker. This Dream Broker identifies the barriers to participation in sport, identifies existing youth sport programming and leads a committee of volunteers who are dedicated to the elimination of those barriers for our youth in the Battlefords Area.
- ☆ **KidSport:** there are 10 different KidSport committees within the Rivers West District. These committees provide funding to children to help offset costs associated with participation in sports.
- ☆ **Creative Kids:** The Creative Kids program is an initiative to reduce financial barriers for children participating in the areas of arts and culture.
- ☆ **Sport, Culture & Recreation Event and Partnership Building Program:** this program was put in place to help communities offset the costs of hosting events, workshops, clinics and training sessions in their communities.
- ☆ **Facility Operator Support Program (FOSP):** this program was put in place to help communities offset costs associated with training and upgrading skills of employees who operate the various facilities in the community.
- ☆ **Coaching Assistance Program (CAP):** this program was developed to assist Rivers West District coaches with the costs involved in upgrading their skills and knowledge.
- ☆ **Recreation Networking Meetings:** Meetings which aim to provide learning and networking opportunities for volunteer and paid recreation practitioners in the District.
- ☆ **Cultural Networking Meetings:** Meetings which aim to provide learning and networking opportunities for volunteer and paid cultural practitioners in the District.
- ☆ **Community Visitations:** A Rivers West District Representative along with the District SPRA Field Consultant, travel to communities to introduce new programs and services and to gather feedback from our members on any issues/concerns/needs they may have.
- ☆ **Clinics/Workshops/Training Opportunities:** Grant Writing, Social Media, Board Governance, Financial Literacy for Boards, Event Planning, Marketing & Promotion, Leadership, Communities in Bloom workshops. If you have an idea on a workshop, we will try to facilitate for you.
- ☆ **Coaching Development:** Rivers West District works in partnership with the Sport Medicine Council of Saskatchewan, Canadian Women in Sport, and the Saskatchewan Coaches Association to provide workshops for developing coaching skills.
- ☆ **Training Opportunities:** we offer various Provincial and National training opportunities such as Take the Lead, Play Leadership, High Five.
- ☆ **Communications pieces:** website, newsletter and E-updates that our members can advertise their upcoming events and programming in, free of charge.
- ☆ **Resource and Information Centre:** do you have questions about the programs that SaskSport, SaskCulture and SPRA run? Do you need help finding grants for your project? Do you have specific sport, culture and recreation training needs? If we don't have the answer...we will find it for you!