



## Sport Canada Supports KidSport So ALL Kids Can Play!

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Richmond – Sport Canada announced a contribution of \$200,000 in 2011 to KidSport™ Canada to provide funding for youth across Canada to get healthy and physically active by participating in organized sport. Pete Quevillon, Director of KidSport British Columbia and Chair of the KidSport Canada Operations Committee says, “This infusion of support will allow the national organization to provide leadership and support to our provincial and community chapters that is critical to the continued growth of KidSport.” Nationally, over 50,000 kids received grants ranging from \$200 to \$500 to pay for registrations fees or equipment in 2010. The Honourable Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport) made the announcement on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at the 2011 Vanier Cup Championship Breakfast in Vancouver.

“The Government of Canada is committed to providing all children with the chance to take part in organized sport and other physical activities,” said Minister of State Gosal. “This funding will ensure that even more young Canadians have the change to get involved in sport.”

KidSport, a grassroots organization, is enormously thankful for the federal government’s contribution which will further the organization’s mission to ensure that no child is left on the sidelines. With 11 provincial/territorial chapters and over 179 community-based chapters across the country, KidSport works closely with the thousands of local sport organizations to provide opportunities in over 60 different sports.

### **About KidSport™ Canada**

KidSport™ Canada is a national non-profit organization that provides support to kids in order to remove the financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport. We believe that no kid should be left on the sidelines and all should have the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of being healthy and physically active.

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