



Policy Title

1.2 Organizational History

Established as the provincial arm of the Canadian Ski Association (est. 1920), the Alberta Division of the CSA had discipline members which represented the makeup of the International Ski Federation (FIS). These included alpine, cross country, freestyle, Nordic combined, ski jumping and snowboard, The Alpine Committee was responsible for the general conduct and administration of alpine ski competition within the Alberta Division of the Canadian Snowsports Association. In 1990 the CSA devolved the disciplines to be governed independently as National Sport Organizations within Canada, with this structure reflected at the provincial level.

Alberta Alpine Ski Association was incorporated under the Societies Act on August 23, 1990. We are a non-profit organization under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and exempt from income taxes.

As the provincial sport governing body for alpine ski racing, supported by over 250,000 recreational enthusiasts as well as 25,000 active and contributing members we provide programs for 4,178 athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials throughout the province. We manage programs from introductory levels to masters including the athletes of the Raymond James Alberta Ski Team.

Alberta Alpine receives an operating grant from Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation (formerly the Alberta Sport Council). This annual grant has been received since incorporation at varying levels of support.

This grant, while important to our operations is not the sole source of funds to fulfill our mandate. Alberta Alpine also applies for various grants available through AB Sport and Alberta Lotteries. We apply for other grants, when we qualify, like from Alberta Sport Development and Parks Foundation Calgary. We also run a raffle annually and operate a casino when we are awarded one (generally every 18 months). Other sources of funds are from donations. It is donations that support the Legends Club Program. These donations are tax receiptable through the Donation Program offered by AB Sport Rec Foundation. We also receive funds through the Calgary Foundation on behalf of Brent Marshall and Franklin Donald Bean supporting our scholarship program. There are numerous scholarships offered in addition to those from the Calgary Foundation. In addition to this community support we have numerous committed sponsors. These sponsors partner with us to help deliver the very best programs in all our disciplines from Nancy Greene to the Raymond James Alberta Ski Team including Banff Lodging Company K1 Race Series, CresaPartners K2 Series, the Sport Chek Regional Kinder Race Series and Miele Alberta Cup Provincial FIS Race Series.

Alberta Alpine Ski Association is here to serve its membership as it always has. Together with our membership including extraordinary athletes, families and volunteers we are inspiring the next generation of Canadian Champions.