

2018 RUGBY ALBERTA SUMMIT

GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD PLACES, GOOD PROGRAMS



DECEMBER 1, 2018 | HOLIDAY INN & SUITES CALGARY AIRPORT NORTH

GOALS: Leaders are learners. Talk leadership. Make best practise common practise.
Address challenges & opportunities. Create a sense of community.

SPEAKERS:

JENNIFER KONOPAKI, WinSport Canada Olympic Park

WAYNE MCNEIL, Respect in Sport Group

ASHLEY STEACY, Olympic Athlete

BRYAN WILSON, Rugby Canada

MATTHEW PARRISH, The Athlete Academy

GRAEME MOFFAT, Rugby Alberta

ALANNA FITTES, University of Alberta

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS
10:00 AM	Coffee & Introductions
10:30 AM – 10:40 AM	Introductions and Welcome <i>Sean Hofstetter</i>
10:40 AM – 11:20 AM	A Mom's Perspective <i>Jennifer Konopaki</i> Jennifer has built strong and instrumental relationships within the Sport Sector and has had the great opportunity of overseeing sport programming at a grassroots, development and performance level.
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM	Respect in Sport <i>Wayne McNeil</i> Wayne co-founded Respect Group; Canada's first, on-line, bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination prevention training program for community/sport organizations, schools and corporations.
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	The Athlete Academy <i>Matthew Parrish</i> Matt has coached 20 seasons with the University of Alberta Pandas, leading the Pandas to five Canada West Championship titles (2005, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2015), and one U SPORTS Championship (2014). He will touch on the successes of his program <i>The Athlete Academy</i> .
12:30 PM – 1:10 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:15 PM – 1:50 PM	My Journey <i>Ashley Steacy</i> Steacy is well decorated when it comes to rugby accolades. As three-time Canadian Interuniversity Sport champion, national Team member in both 7's and 15's and Olympic Bronze Medalist, Ashley is excited to share her incredible story.
1:50 PM – 2:25 PM	First Impressions <i>Bryan Wilson</i> Bryan is the recently appointed Chief Operating Officer at Rugby Canada. He will share his first impressions and observations of rugby operations in Canada.
2:25 PM – 2:40 PM	Coffee Break
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Good People, Good Places, Good Programs <i>Graeme Moffat</i> Graeme will share on key learnings of 2018, outline priorities for 2019 and facilitate an interactive quiz around optimizing the experience for players, coaches, match officials, parents and partners.
3: PM – 3:45 PM	Age Grade Law Variations <i>Alanna Fittes</i> Alanna is currently in the Masters of Coaching program at the University of Alberta where she is researching coach experience and non-linear pedagogy. She will be presenting her research on the recent changes to the Age Grade Law Variations from this past season, and how it can facilitate player development.
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks

JENNIFER KONOPAKI WINSPORT, CANADA OLYMPIC PARK



Jennifer Konopaki is the Director of Sport Leadership at WinSport, Canada Olympic Park in Calgary. During her career Jennifer has gained an intimate understanding of the Canadian sport system and sport excellence at its best. She has built strong and instrumental relationships within the Sport Sector and has had the great opportunity of overseeing sport programming at a grassroots, development and performance level.

Today, Jennifer is committed to her team and building a strong, empowered, and capable unit with the ability to constantly overcome obstacles and challenge status quo thinking. The team has accomplished tremendous results at WinSport over the past few years and continue to explore ways they can be progressive, dynamic and in a position to lead new results for the community at large.

WAYNE MCNEIL RESPECT GROUP INC.



Wayne McNeil was Trustee and Vice-Chairman of the Rocky View School Division, volunteer President of the Sheldon Kennedy Foundation, which raised over \$ 1.2 Million during the 1998 Cross-Canada Skate to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse and served as Chairman of the Alberta Gymnastics Federation for six years. These volunteer roles and his commitment to child advocacy lead Wayne to co-found Respect Group; Canada's first, on-line, bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination prevention training program for community/sport organizations, schools and corporations.

In 2007, Wayne was awarded the Canadian Red Cross Caring Award for his leadership in the promotion of violence and abuse prevention education. Wayne is a member of the Board of the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre and serves on the Education Committee.

BRYAN WILSON RUGBY CANADA



Recently appointed Chief Operating Officer at Rugby Canada, prior to this Bryan worked at Own The Podium as a High Performance Adviser working with Winter Sport supporting National Sporting Organizations in their pursuit of World Cup, World Championship and Olympic medals.

Before arriving in Canada, Bryan was based in Italy as the Director of Australian Institute of Sport - European Training Centre in Northern Italy - a purpose-built high-performance training facility for Australian athletes in Europe. In addition to these roles, Bryan was appointed the Adviser to the Federal Minister of Sport and has held a variety of roles within National Sporting Organizations within Australia and the United Kingdom.

ASHLEY STEACY OLYMPIC ATHLETE



Ashley Steacy began playing rugby in grade 10 and went on to graduate from Lethbridge Collegiate Institute in Lethbridge, Alberta. Steacy is well decorated when it comes to rugby accolades. A three-time Canadian Interuniversity Sport champion, she was also a two-time CIS Player of the Year after earning her undergrad at the University of Lethbridge. In 2007, Steacy received her first cap with both Canada's Women's Sevens and Fifteens Teams. Since then, she has performed on some of the biggest stages in rugby. In 2009, she was named to Canada's team for the Women's Rugby World Cup Sevens. In 2010, she was with the fifteens team participating in the Women's Rugby World Cup and in 2013 she won a silver medal playing in her second Women's Rugby World Cup Sevens.

After coming back from shoulder surgery in 2014, Steacy was named to the 2014-15 World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series Dream Team and was named Rugby Canada's Women's Sevens Player of the Year for 2014. Steacy went on to help Canada win gold at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto where she recorded two tries and nine of 13 conversion attempts for 28 points in the tournament.

GRAEME MOFFAT RUGBY ALBERTA



Graeme Moffat is Rugby Alberta's Director of Rugby. Originally from Edinburgh Scotland, as a player he represented Scotland at age grade level whilst playing for Currie Rugby Club. Graeme earned a Sports Science degree at Napier University and gained his Teaching Qualification for Further Education at Aberdeen University. Graeme worked as a Rugby Development Officer before taking a role as a Sport and Fitness Lecturer at Edinburgh College.

He moved to Canada in 2010 to work with the Calgary Hornets as Director of Rugby, leading the club to 3 consecutive Alberta Championships. Graeme was also Head Coach to the Prairie Wolf Pack team from 2013-2016 leading them to their first ever Canadian Rugby Championship Title in 2015 resulting in him being the Canadian Male Coach of the Year.

Graeme was an Assistant Coach with Rugby Canada from 2011 to 2018. He coached with the U20 Men's team from 2011-2014 and the Canada A team from 2013 to 2015.

Graeme joined the Senior Men's team staff in 2015 where he held various roles, 2015 Skills Coach at the Rugby World Cup, 2016 Attack coach and Backs coach for the 2017/2018 season.

MATTHEW PARRISH THE ATHLETE ACADEMY



Matt Parrish was born in Newcastle, England and graduated from Northumbria University with a Bachelor's in Sports Development & Coaching.

Matt moved to Canada in 1997 and coached 20 seasons with the University of Alberta Pandas, leading the Pandas to five Canada West Championship titles (2005, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2015), and one U SPORTS Championship (2014).

Matt was named 2005 & 2008 Canada West Rugby Coach of the Year, and has coached with Rugby Canada (15's [2006 World Cup] & 7's [USA 7's])

ALANNA FITTES UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



Alanna is currently in the Masters of Coaching program at the University of Alberta where she is researching coach experience and non-linear pedagogy. She is an active member of the rugby community as a player, coach and administrator. She was the ERU Junior Development Coordinator for the past three years and has represented Canada - playing for the Maple Leafs 15s as well as with Canada Ravens Rugby League at the Commonwealth 9s Championship.

Currently, she plays for the Leprechaun-Tigers and is a member of the Senior Women's Wolfpack team. Unable to play due to an ACL injury in 2017, Alanna coached the LT Sr. Women to a provincial title. This experience motivated her to pursue coaching more seriously. She has coached various high schools, multiple Gold teams, and also coached U16, U18 and U20 Wolfpack teams.