



For the second year in a row, Row Ontario is a recipient of The Next Play Grant from the Canadian Women & Sport Foundation. The Next Play Grant program aims to address challenges faced by girls and gender-diverse participants in sport and recreation by empowering sport leaders from Ontario-based organizations with the tools and resources needed to design sport opportunities with girls and gender-diverse youth in mind.

The Next Play Grant will provide financial support for current and prospective Ontario-based female and gender diverse rowing coaches and umpires to access professional development and training, reducing barriers for female and gender diverse individuals to begin coaching/umpiring and/or elevate their training and education. Most of the funding is available only to those who identify as female/gender diverse, however, male-identifying coaches (including prospective coaches/umpires) are eligible to apply for funding to access the Keeping Girls in Sport e-learning module.

Funding is available to cover specific costs associated with coach development and gender-diversity based training and education. Eligible trainings include:

- Keeping Girls in Sport E-learning module (all coaches/umpires eligible)
- Coach Initiation in Sport E-learning module (Female/Gender-Diverse coaches/umpires only)
- Rowing Essentials E-learning module (Female/Gender-Diverse coaches/umpires only)
- Make Ethical Decisions module (Female/Gender-Diverse coaches/umpires only)
- RCA Learn to Row Coach Workshops/Evaluations run between June 1-August 31, 2024 (Female/Gender-Diverse coaches only)
- RCA Umpire Clinics/Exams run between June 1-August 31, 2024 (Female/Gender-Diverse Umpires only)

The application deadline is **Monday, August 12, 2024, at 11:59 PM**. Applicants can apply to receive funding to support full or partial costs associated with completing courses on the Coaching/Umpiring Pathway. The distribution of funds is dependent on the total number of applicants.

Applicant Information		
Full Name:	RCA #:	
Mailing Address:	NCCP# (If applicable):	
City:		
Email:	Province: ON	Postal Code:
<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Genderqueer/Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<b>Do you currently support/coach/work with females and gender-diverse participants?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

PD Opportunity Information: <i>Please complete the following regarding the training opportunity you would like to participate in.</i>
<b>How long have you been coaching?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <1 year/have not yet started <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 10+ years  <b>Which club(s) do you coach with/are you associated with?</b>  <b>If you are not yet a coach, what has made you interested in getting involved in coaching/umpiring?</b>

**Were you involved in the Next Play Coach Development Program last year? If so, to what extent?**

**What interests you the most about this opportunity?**

**What other professional development have you previously completed, or hope to complete soon? (NCCP courses, Locker courses, Safe Sport, etc.)**

**Describe how attending this PD opportunity will benefit your development as a Coach/Umpire.**

**Please check which opportunities you would like to access funding/access code(s) for:**

- Keeping Girls in Sport E-Learning\*
- Coach Initiation in Sport E-Learning\*
- Rowing Essentials E-Learning\*
- Make Ethical Decisions Module\*\*
- Learn to Row Coach Workshop/Evaluation\*\*
- RCA Umpire Clinic/Exam\*\*
- Virtual Guest Speaker Session: Supporting Females & Gender-Diverse Participants (Date TBC)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Access Code    \*\*Reimbursement of funds

Please note, access codes will be provided to selected applicants for E-Learning modules, as identified above. Reimbursement of funds is not available for E-Learning modules noted above (\*).

**What is the biggest barrier to you pursuing more training opportunities targeting diversity, inclusion, and accessibility?**

- Cost
- Scheduling conflicts
- Awareness of opportunities
- Access to/reliability of technology
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there an individual in your community who has shown leadership in supporting the development of female and/or gender diverse athletes/coaches?**

**Are there any areas of support that Row Ontario can provide to you/your club to increase engagement and retention of athletes, coaches, and other members of the Row Ontario community?**

**Would you be interested in exploring additional opportunities for involvement in Rowing in the future? (Does not have to be immediately). Please select all that apply.**

- No.
- Yes – Umpiring.
- Yes – Learning Facilitator (delivering coach workshops)
- Yes – Coach Evaluator (evaluate coaches ready for certification)
- Yes – Club Board Member or similar role
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I acknowledge and understand the following:

- If my application is approved for funding, I am committed to attending the PD opportunity described above.
- If my application is approved for funding, e-learning costs will covered by use of an electronic code provided by Row Ontario.
- Being approved for funding does not guarantee that the expenses outlined above will be covered in full, thus I am prepared to cover any costs not covered by the program.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

**Applications can be submitted by email to [lily@rowontario.ca](mailto:lily@rowontario.ca).**

**Applications to the ROWONTARIO The Next Play will be accepted until August 12, 2024. Funds incurred between June 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 will be eligible for coverage. As funds are limited, interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to take advantage of this opportunity for support.**