### Leadership Pillar

Insights and Opportunities

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### Insights

### **Mission**

To develop the current and future capacity of sport leaders, including the coaches, officials, classifiers, volunteers and administrators who lead parasport in Ontario

#### Priority Focus Areas:

- Resources and inventories
- Training and Professional Development

### Legacy

### **Key Pillar Leaders**







Ontario Parasport Games Jeux Parasport de l'Ontario

































### **Leadership Pillar Projects**

#### 11 major projects over 5 years

- 2018 Coaches and Classifiers Survey
- Championing Parasport Coaches Project
- Creating Quality Classification
   Experiences: A Knowledge Exchange
- Volunteer Training Program
- Coach2Coach Parasport Mentorship Programs (4 Cohorts)
- NCCP Coaching Athletes with a Disability eLearning

- Blind Soccer Coaches and Officials
   Training
- 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Apprentice Program (Coach)
- Classification Study and Resources for Sport Administrators
- 2023 Coaches and Classifiers Survey
- Ontario Adapted Physical Activity and Sport Summit (AII)

# 665

Volunteers trained at the 2019 & 2023 Ontario Parasport Games Durham Region

# First Braille Soccer Coaching Manual in the World

"Things are going VERY well! The mentorship program provided a huge push for me. I began coaching my first para athlete a few weeks ago and my NSO is sending me internationally next week, to the World Camp, to take a course to become a certifier! I've also found another coach who is overseeing my coaching of my Para athlete, and they will sign my coaching log so I'll be able to complete my 100 hours, and become fully certified."

Coach2Coach Parasport Apprentice Coach

## 792

Sport Leaders have accessed NCCP Coaching Athletes with a Disability eLearning

# Positive trends in Capability, Opportunity and Motivation to Coach in Parasport

"Need for sport organizations to be very clear and explicit about what role they see classification playing in an athlete's development so that messaging and resources dedicated to classification are dispersed accordingly"

Notable Classification Study Finding

### Opportunities

### What's Happened at the Summit

Take the information presented back to your communities and utilize it to enhance your coach, volunteer and classifier supports and trainings

- November 7<sup>th</sup>— Insights on Coach Mentorship in Parasport (Recorded)
- November 7<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Training and Management for Disability Sport Events
- November 8<sup>th</sup> Recommendations for Para Sport Classification in Ontario
- November 8<sup>th</sup> Investigations of Coaches' and Classifiers' Perceptions of Working with Athletes with a Disability

### What's Next

#### Projects and Work

- Future Coach2Coach Parasport Mentorship Program cohorts
- Canadian Disability Participation Project (CDPP) volunteer trainings and resources
- NCCP Coaching Athletes with a Disability eLearning
- Implementation of classification recommendations
- Future focus on officials development
- Ongoing national level support and collaboration

### What's Next

### **Knowledge Translation**



### **Impact Story**

John Azlen, President & Head Coach, Rose City Parasports Club

Started playing wheelchair basketball in 2012. Became and administrator in 2018 when he took over as president of his club and they re-branded as the Rose City Riot Parasports Club.

In 2020, John was selected to participate in the Changing the Game Parasport Mentorship Pilot for coaching in parasport. After completing the mentorship program in 2021, John began coaching at the club and absolutely loves it!

