

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is seeking expressions of interest from the sport, coaching, and research communities who are interested in contributing to the 2022-2024 Mental Health, Sport and COVID-19 Task Force assembled to provide input into the CAC and the Canadian Centre for Mental Health and Sport (CCMHS)'s project funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The Task Force's mandate, roles and responsibilities, and project timelines are outlined in the [Mental Health, Sport and COVID-19 Task Force Terms of Reference](#).

### **About the Task Force Positions**

Up to a maximum of 11 positions are available:

- One Provincial/Territorial Coaching Representative
- Up to a maximum of three coach representatives
- Up to a maximum of two athlete representatives
- Up to a maximum of three Subject Matter Experts with dual credentials: licensed mental health practitioner and mental performance consultant (professional member of the Canadian Sport Psychology Association)
- Up to a maximum of two representatives from community organizations, working in mental health and/or supporting one or more communities identified within the specific audiences.

**General Characteristics of Task Force Members:** In addition to specific representational requirements, the selection of candidates will be based on desired characteristics such as:

- specific knowledge and skills related to mental health, mental illness and mental performance;
- demonstrated capacity to think and act independently while contributing to the team;
- positive leadership experience in an organization in the midst of significant organizational and/or cultural change;
- sound research, professional and/or sport background; coaching and/or coach education background;
- excellent contacts within and outside of sport system, specifically with the project's target populations;
- a record of organizational accomplishment and community service;
- an understanding of the Canadian sport community and the contribution of coaching and sport leadership education.

**Skills and Experience:** You have a proven track record as a key leader in (a) coaching, coach development, coach education, and/or (b) research and evidence-based education, professional practice, and/or experience in the areas of mental health, mental illness and/or mental performance, and/or (c) understanding the needs of the project's target populations. Your network will support the CAC and the CCMHS in the achievement of its task force mandate. Positive leadership experience and coaching experience are definite assets.

**Term:** Beginning in November 2022, the task force members will serve a 17-month term. First conference call of the task force: **Week of November 28, 2022 or December 5, 2022**

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**Time Commitment:** The time commitment is up to eight meetings via conference call, including a kickoff meeting in November 2022 and a project closure meeting in March 2024. Review of materials, providing input during each phase of the project, and connecting with peers in your network is an additional expectation of the task force member.

**Acknowledgement:** The Coaching Association of Canada will publicly acknowledge all Task Force members' contributions to the Mental Health, Sport and COVID-19 project.

### **Application Process**

Please refer to the [Mental Health, Sport and COVID-19 Task Force Terms of Reference](#) and application information.

- Provide a maximum 1-page cover letter, which includes the following:
  - Name, address, daytime and evening phone numbers, email address, best contact time
  - Reason for expression of interest, what you feel you can contribute to the Task Force
  - Skills, education, certification, and experience related to the position
  - Social Programs/sport/community/research accomplishments
- A copy of your Curriculum Vitae
- For subject matter experts, please reference any research experience and deliverables (e.g., publications, reports) as well as credentials and governing bodies (e.g., Canadian Sport Psychology Association, College of Psychologists of Ontario)
- Two references

The CAC will consider bilingual proficiency, geographical representation, and diversity in assessing candidates for these positions. You can voluntarily indicate in your cover letter if you are a member of one or more of the following groups: women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, members of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression minorities, and members of visible minorities. It is not mandatory to provide this information.

The CAC is committed to ensuring that its nominations for potential appointments take into consideration the desire to achieve gender equity and reflect Canada's diversity, in terms of linguistic, regional and employment equity representation.

Applications to be submitted by **10:00 AM ET on November 21, 2022** by email to:

Andrea Johnson  
Manager, Projects  
Coaching Association of Canada  
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Nominees are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible. All those selected for the task force will be notified by **November 28, 2022**.



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### About the Coaching Association of Canada

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) unites stakeholders and partners in its commitment to raising the skills and stature of coaches, and ultimately expanding their reach and influence. Through its programs, the CAC empowers coaches with knowledge and skills, promotes ethics, fosters positive attitudes, builds competence, and increases the credibility and recognition of coaches. Visit [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca) for more information about coach education and training.