



RE.sport – Terms of Reference

Purpose

RE.sport exists to reshape youth sport and physical activity in Canada by connecting research with practice to address systemic barriers and unlock more inclusive, accessible, and meaningful experiences. RE.sport recognizes that meaningful change requires coordinated action across research, policy, and practice, and is committed to working with partners to drive system-level impact. Grounded in collaboration, evidence, and youth voice, RE.sport works to ensure that all young people, especially those who have been historically underserved, have the opportunity to explore, grow, and thrive, and to find meaningful belonging through movement and sport.

Scope of the Initiative

RE.sport is a national, multi-sector partnership that brings together researchers, community organizations, sport leaders, and system partners to collaboratively transform the youth sport landscape in Canada.

The work of RE.sport is focused on:

- Understanding how intersecting identities shape youth sport experiences
- Developing a National Sport Data System to better understand participation, access, and quality of experience
- Co-creating and evaluating tools, resources, and supports for youth, coaches, and community leaders
- Mobilizing knowledge through open-access resources, partnerships, and shared learning
- Building a sustainable model for collaboration between research and practice

How We Work

RE.sport operates through a collaborative partnership model that integrates research, practice, and lived experience.

Our work is guided by:

- Youth-centred approaches that prioritize voice, agency, and belonging
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) as foundational to participation and experience
- Evidence-informed decision-making, grounded in both research and practice
- Collaboration and reciprocity across partners and sectors
- Innovation and adaptability, recognizing that solutions must evolve

Partnership and Governance

RE.sport includes a network of partners who contribute in different ways, including research, implementation, advisory, and knowledge mobilization roles.

Governance is supported through:

- Research leadership and coordination
- Advisory and working groups
- Collaborative decision-making processes that reflect the perspectives of partners



Specific structures and processes may evolve over time to reflect the needs of the project and its partners.

Rules of Engagement

All RE.sport partners commit to working together in ways that reflect shared values of trust, respect, and collaboration.

Partners agree to:

- Foster open communication, transparent dialogue, and timely information sharing
- Contribute to a collaborative environment grounded in mutual respect and shared purpose
- Recognize and value the unique expertise and contributions of all partners
- Participate in decision-making processes related to research, activities, and outcomes
- Support the sharing, promotion, and implementation of knowledge across diverse audiences
- Contribute to the goal of making knowledge accessible and useful to the broader community
- Remain open to new approaches to knowledge mobilization, including emerging technologies and platforms
- Fulfill agreed-upon roles and responsibilities, and communicate proactively about challenges or changes
- Work in good faith to support the collective success of the initiative

Knowledge Sharing and Impact

RE.sport is committed to ensuring that knowledge generated through this work is:

- Accessible to communities, organizations, and decision-makers
- Relevant and actionable for practice and policy
- Shared widely across sectors and audiences
- Responsive to emerging needs and opportunities

Commitment to Continuous Learning

RE.sport is an evolving initiative. As the partnership grows, we are committed to ongoing reflection, learning, and adaptation.

We recognize that transforming systems requires:

- Time
- Trust
- Collaboration
- A willingness to challenge existing structures

Contact

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