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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE SPORTS AND PRIORITY SPORTS

2010 Legacies Now and PacificSport are pleased to provide members of the sport community with an update on the Integrated Performance System (IPS). More specifically, this note provides an information update related to the "performance sports" as part of the Targeted Sport Strategy for British Columbia, based on the work conducted by the Integrated Performance Plan Working Group (IPPWG) facilitated by PacificSport.

The Integrated Performance System (IPS) vertically and horizontally integrates sport performance systems at the national, provincial and regional levels. The IPS offers training and development pathways for athletes, coaches and sport science / sport medicine practitioners while targeting sports that have a potential for success. The goal of the IPS is a British Columbia sport system that develops more BC athletes on national teams with the potential to reach the podium and win medals for Canada.

"The Working Group deserves congratulations for its comprehensive work in developing the Integrated Performance System and identifying the 10 Performance Sports for BC," said Provincial Minister for Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Olga Ilich, "It is initiatives such as this that keep British Columbia at the leading edge of sport development as we prepare for 2010 and beyond."

"2010 Legacies Now is delighted to support the implementation of the new Integrated Performance System led by PacificSport in cooperation with 30 Provincial Sport Organizations. A major focus of this system is coaching and, thanks to the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, a total of \$2 million dollars per year will increase support to 150 performance coaches throughout the province," said Marion Lay, President, 2010 Legacies Now.

The selection process for the ten "Performance Sports" (provincially targeted sports) has recently been completed and we are pleased to formally announce that they are:

### 10 Performance Sports for BC: BC Targeted Sports

Badminton	Basketball
Canoe / Kayak ( <i>flatwater</i> )	Field Hockey
Gymnastics	Rugby
Synchronized Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball

"We are pleased that British Columbia is now one step further in the development and implementation of an Integrated Performance System. PacificSport is honoured to have played a lead role in working with the sport partners at the local, regional, provincial and national levels to ensure the further development of BC athletes and their coaches," said Wendy Pattenden, COO of PacificSport.

"2010 Legacies Now and PacificSport have taken a truly collaborative approach in the development of the Integrated Performance System. By involving members of BC's sport community and representatives from our Provincial Sport Organizations in decisions throughout this process, we are

now seeing the implementation of a new system over which we all have ownership," explains Sandra Stevenson, CEO of Sport BC.

In addition to the performance sports listed above, there are 12 "Priority Sports" targeted nationally by Own the Podium and the Canadian Sport Review Panel (CSRP). These sports currently have a National Training Centre (NTC) in British Columbia. Furthermore, 8 winter sports targeted as part of Game Plan BC (Winter) are designated as Priority Sports, bringing the total to 20.

**20 Priority Sports for BC:**

12 nationally targeted sports in BC

Athletics  
Cycling  
Diving  
Freestyle Skiing  
Rowing  
Sailing  
Snowboard  
Swimming  
Triathlon  
Wheelchair Basketball  
Wheelchair Sports (*Athletics, Rugby, Tennis*)  
Wrestling

8 Game Plan BC targeted winter sports

Alpine Skiing  
Alpine Skiing (*disability*)  
Biathlon  
Cross Country Skiing  
Curling  
Figure Skating  
Hockey (*women's*)  
Speed Skating

The Targeted Sport Strategy for British Columbia has been developed initially using the framework of sports targeted at the national level and broadening that slightly to include key sports in British Columbia. The targeting of sports is new to British Columbia and to Canada, however is a widely accepted international best practice. Countries such as Australia, Great Britain, France and Japan were using a targeted sport strategy as early as 1993.

The next phase of the IPS Targeted Sport Strategy for British Columbia is another application and selection opportunity for the 52 sports that meet the MEC (Minimum Eligibility Criteria) for core funding, to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to receive support for 1 or more of 12 Regional Coach Wildcards. This is in addition to the 80 Regional Coach positions supported for the Priority and Performance Sports.

2010 Legacies Now is a not-for-profit society that works in partnership with community organizations, non-government organizations (NGOs), the private sector and all levels of government to develop sustainable legacies in sport & recreation, arts, literacy, and volunteerism.

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