

EDI COMMITTEE INITIATIVE: BCSC'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT REQUEST



The BC Sport Cheer Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee is encouraging the addition of land acknowledgments on to gym websites and email signatures.

Acknowledging traditional lands shows recognition and respect for Indigenous Peoples across BC, establishes healthy relationships, and reflects BCSC's values of equity, diversity, and inclusion. It also honours legacies, stories, and relationships with the land, while showing your commitment to your Indigenous athletes.

WHERE SHOULD YOU BEGIN?

Find out what land your gym is on, and what specific nations should be acknowledged. We encourage you to add personal connections or stories from the land itself.

Here are some tools to help with this:

- <https://www.whose.land/en/list> (Search by address)
- <https://native-land.ca/> (Search by address)

So, now what? Here are **five ways** to meaningfully develop and represent land acknowledgements in your gym and community.

Reach Out to Local Nations:

Connect with the Indigenous Nations whose land your gym operates on. Building relationships and seeking guidance ensures your land acknowledgement is accurate, respectful, and honours local protocols.

Create and Share a Meaningful Acknowledgement:

Use what you learn from local Nations and the example on the [BC Sport Cheer website](#) to craft a land acknowledgement. Share yours on your gym's website and in email signatures to show ongoing respect for the land and its people.

Land Acknowledgements in Events:

We encourage all events in BC to start with a land acknowledgement. Even if you're not directly hosting, you can still share the information included in this email to help event organizers create meaningful acknowledgements.

Acknowledgements as Part of Gym Culture:

Talk to your athletes, staff, and families about why land acknowledgements matter. Promote larger conversations about reconciliation, cultural safety, and inclusion.

Keep Learning and Take Action:

Land acknowledgements are only the beginning. Continue your journey by learning more about Indigenous histories, rights, and ongoing relationships to the land - commit to action beyond words.

By acknowledging the traditional lands

where our gyms are located, we are taking an important step in our commitment toward **cultural safety, equity, diversity, and inclusion**; BCSC is here to support you during your gym's reconciliation journey.