



BANDITS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Bandits Community Foundation is a registered charitable organization established in 2024 to increase life-time participation in the sport by providing more basketball for more people across British Columbia.

The Bandits Community Foundation's mission is centred on "uplifting communities, one bucket at a time."

To accomplish this, the Foundation has a decorated board of directors that collaborate to build programs and execute projects that help grow the game and provide more access to all here in BC.

INCLUSION



ACCESSIBILITY



EMPOWERMENT



BANDITS SCHOOL TOUR

The Bandits School Tour brings professional basketball directly into schools across British Columbia, inspiring students through mentorship, skill-building, and life lessons from Vancouver Bandits Head Coach Kyle Julius.

The Bandits School Tour empowers the next generation with confidence, teamwork, and a love for the game that strengthens both youth and community.

77

TEAMS VISITED IN THE
2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

12

COACHES CLINICS

16

CITIES



Basketball is the most participated sport among Canadian youth ages 12-18*

*Source: Canada Basketball, Vividata

CO-PRESENTED BY:

PRESTON
CHEVROLET • BUICK • GMC • CADILLAC



SUPPORTED BY:



COMMUNITY CHAMPION INITIATIVE

The Community Champion program turns your support into unforgettable game-day experiences for youth who might not otherwise afford to attend.

The Community Champion program removes financial barriers so kids can experience the excitement of a Vancouver Bandits game. These moments spark joy, inspire big dreams, and connect youth to their community through the power of sport.



7,432

tickets sponsored
for youth and
individuals in 2025

49

not-for-profit
organizations have
received donated
tickets since 2019

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THE TEAM HAS INSPIRED HIM TO JOIN THE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM AND PERSEVERE EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD TO BE COORDINATED AND KEEP HIS COOL SOMETIMES. HE'S GOT A DREAM NOW, AND THAT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE AS A PARENT.

PARENT OF CANUCKS AUTISM NETWORK TICKET
RECIPIENT VIA COMMUNITY CHAMPION INITIATIVE

COURT PROJECTS



The Court Projects program enhances and creates outdoor basketball courts to make them fun, productive and safe places for individuals to play.

Court Projects enhancements include net replacements, rim replacements, court refurbishments and complete court developments.

Learn more about Court Projects and its partners by clicking here



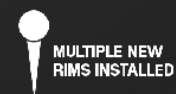
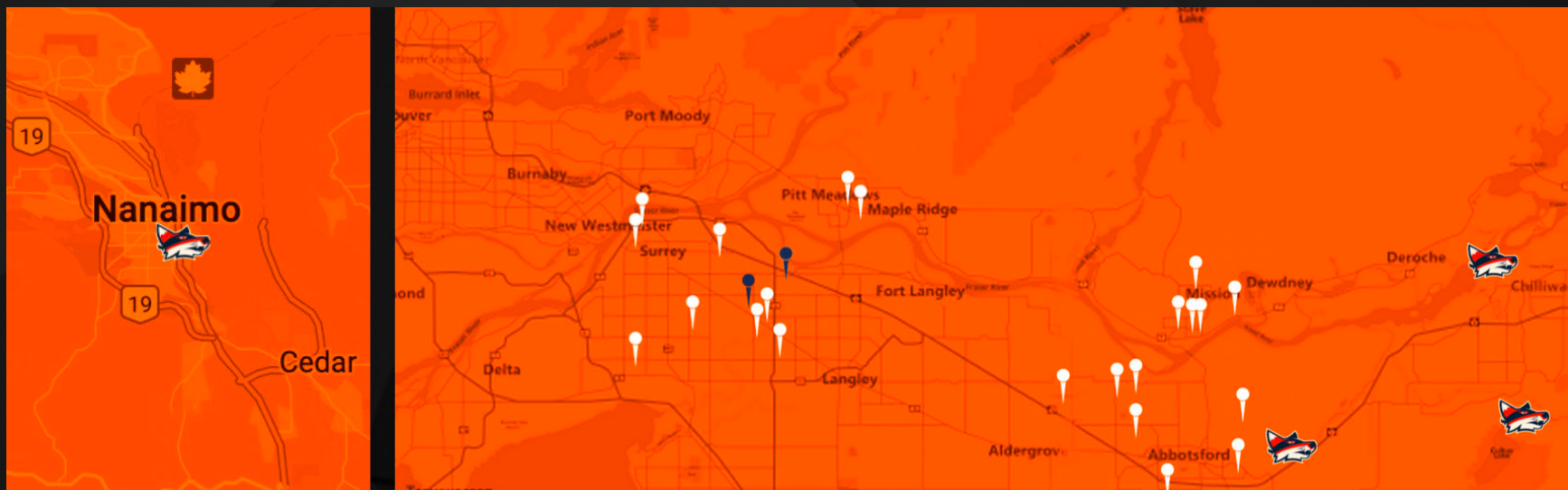
The latest Court Projects refurbishment at Grays Park (Vancouver)



Canada Basketball alumna and former team captains Teresa Kleindienst Gabriele and Kim Smith Gaucher at their former high school Heritage Park to replace mesh on freshly installed rims

COURT PROJECTS

LOCATIONS



INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL COLLECTIVE

In 2022, the club launched the Indigenous Basketball Collective ahead of its first season at Langley Events Centre. The Collective was launched in partnership with I-SPARC as part of a joint commitment to elevate current and future generations of Indigenous basketball players to have increased access to playing opportunities through camps, coaches education, event hosting and beyond.

The Indigenous Basketball Collective was launched in 2022 in partnership with I-SPARC as part of joint commitment to elevate current and future generations of Indigenous players, coaches and referees through camps, clinics and special events.



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PARTNERS OF THE INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL COLLECTIVE



The Bandits have hosted several youth camps in partnership with Ahousaht First Nation, most recently in January 2025.

2025 INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL COLLECTIVE REPORT

249

YOUTH ATTENDED CAMPS
IN 2025

56

COACHES ATTENDED
COACHING CLINICS

11

NEW REFEREES TRAINED



SCHOOL DAY GAME

PRESENTED BY



In 2025, the Bandits Community Foundation, in partnership with Vancouver Bandits, hosted a special low-cost School Day Game, welcoming more than 4,700 students from across the region - many experiencing professional basketball for the first time.

By keeping ticket prices accessible, we broke down financial barriers, inspired school pride, and created an unforgettable, high-energy experience that encouraged inclusion and sparked a love for sport among youth.

4,700 students attending from 28 schools from Abbotsford to Vancouver

LANGLEY SCHOOLS PLAY DAY

30

total teams
attended

16

different schools from
Township of Langley and
Aldergrove attended

3

games of fun play
were guaranteed for
all teams

The 3rd Annual Bandits Play Day was hosted in partnership with Langley Schools over the course of two days at Langley Events Centre in March 2025. It was a free-to-attend event for Gr. 6 and 7 boys and girls students to play recreational basketball with friends, teachers and parents in attendance.

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"Recreational basketball was played by local school teams across three courts at Langley Events Centre"





BC BASKETBALL FESTIVAL



180 total teams participated over two weekends

16 teams participated in the adult tournament

62 girls participated in the girls camp

54 officials attended an officials camp

44 youth participated in the Indigenous Basketball Collective Camp

4TH ANNUAL BC BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

The BC Basketball Festival is an annual province-wide celebration of the game that brings together players, coaches, and fans from across British Columbia. It combines:

- Multi-day tournaments for boys and girls of various age groups and skill levels.
- Indigenous Basketball Collective youth camps and coaches clinics
- Speakers Panels focusses on mental health, life skills, and leadership
- Community events & cultural celebrations that highlight basketball's role in bringing people together.



SUPPORTING PARTNERS OF THE BC BASKETBALL FESTIVAL



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PRIME TIME
SPORTS CO.

ROUNDBALL



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Province of British Columbia

BC BASKETBALL FESTIVAL



GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS NIGHT

At the BC Basketball Festival, the Bandits Community Foundation went beyond hosting boys' and girls' tournaments by creating a true youth development experience. Alongside high-level competition, the Bandits Community Foundation organized skill clinics and inspiring speaking panels where athletes, coaches, and community leaders shared pathways in sport, mental health strategies, and life skills beyond basketball. Young players connected directly with role models, gained exposure to post-secondary opportunities, and left with a clearer vision for their future on and off the court. By blending competition, mentorship, and community impact, the Bandits Community Foundation turned the festival into a platform for growth and inspiration.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bandits Community Foundation Scholarship program helps remove financial barriers so young athletes can pursue their education while staying connected to basketball. By supporting students who show leadership on and off the court, the program rewards hard work, character, and community involvement. Recipients gain not only financial support but also mentorship and a lasting connection to the Bandits network. This investment empowers youth to chase their academic and athletic goals while inspiring the next generation of leaders.

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*Please reach out if you would like to learn more about how to get involved with our
community-focused endeavours*

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