INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Canadian Sport Center

- **Provides world leading programs/services to athletes and coaches to prepare them to compete (and win) with the best in the world**

Canadian Interuniversity Sport

- **Mission:** ***To enrich the educational experiences of the athlete through a national sport program that fosters excellence.***
- 52 universities, 12 sports, 10,000 student athletes, 550 professional coaches
- Compete for 21 national championships – primarily team sports
- Competition geographically focused

CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT DEVELOPMENT IN CANADA

- Role of CIS
  - #1 employer of professional coaches
  - 4 billion in sport infrastructure
  - Staffing (medical, technical, officials) for all levels of sport
  - Sport science linking with the academic community

WHAT WORKS? POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO HP

- Options to combine HP sport and university education
- Provide financial assistance
- Key element in HP development, clearly identified by women's field hockey, Canadian football, wrestling, swimming, volleyball curling, rugby, athletics and basketball.
- World University Games and Championships provide first international opportunity for many

WHAT DOESN'T WORK? NEGATIVES IN AN HP MODEL

- Standards and demands of university education not always compatible with HP – don't meet minimum acad. Standards opportunity ends.
- Athletics Assistance not at a level needed.
- Funding available for HP components limited
- Rarely direct entry to Olympics or World Championships

CONCLUSION

- Foundation to elite sport/sport development model
- Sport leaders
- Unrealized potential – future direction