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Purpose & Goals

SportAccord is the umbrella organisation for both Olympic and non-Olympic sports, as well as organizers of sporting events. One of its main objectives is to unite and support international sports federations by encouraging and facilitating knowledge sharing and by providing expertise in relevant areas. SportAccord aims to promote its Members and to increase their visibility by establishing various multi-sports games that group together similar sports and put them on a worldwide stage.

Renamed **SportAccord** in 2009, the former General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) supports the organisation of events that benefit the sports movement by bringing key stakeholders together. SportAccord is also a principal partner in events that aim to advance the positive effects of sport on people and communities.

Members

SportAccord has defined conditions for membership which focus on three principles: good governance, universality, and ethics/social responsibility. Currently, SportAccord counts 105 Members:

- Full Members - 90 international sports federations governing specific sports. Roller Sports Canada's governing international federation, **FIRS**, is a Full Member.
- Associate Members - 15 organisations which conduct activities closely related to the international sports federations. Examples include Special Olympics, Military Sport, School Sport, etc.

Annual International Convention

Over the past 9 years, **SportAccord International Convention** has become one of the key fixtures on the world-wide sporting calendar. It allows associations, including the international sports federations, to increase efficiency by holding all their annual meetings at the same time and place, and serves also as a commercial platform whereby the sports industry can have 'one-stop-shop' access to the world governing bodies of sport and their key decision-makers.

Originally launched in 2003, SportAccord International Convention is a 6-day gathering of more than 1500 leading representatives from international sport. It offers the sports family a powerful opportunity to come together on a global scale, in an exclusive and authoritative networking environment, to build relationships, share knowledge and develop ideas that will benefit the entire community.

Unlike any other event of its type, SportAccord International Convention is owned and endorsed by the sports movement itself. It was created and is owned by SportAccord, the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), and the Association of International Olympic Winter Federations (AIOWF).

The next edition of SportAccord International Convention will be held in Québec City, May 20 – 25, 2012. FIRS and Roller Sports Canada will be there !

