

ATHLETICS EVALUATION

Here is how you might think about the response to the Issue/Evaluation questions for a CFGV application if you are an athletics/recreation organization.

First, clearly and specifically answer the question, What are you trying to change? This doesn't mean "We will create a tennis team" or "We will expand the number of soccer coaches." It's referring to the big picture situation you want to remedy or improve with the team or coaches

Second, get clear about why it matters. Why should there be gender equity in sports? Why should having athletic choices be important? Why should kids learn about teamwork? If you can, provide data about the situation (how many girls mountain bike here, compared to boys; or how many kids don't participate in skiing). Perhaps you can find research that links athletics to some bigger outcome. These two items – what you want to change/remedy/improve – coupled with why it matters will be your response to the "issue" question.

Third, design the program you want to do, that you believe is the best way to address your issue.

Fourth, think about ways to tell if the program is making a difference, in terms of the reason you're doing the program in the first place:

- How can you find out if kids are actually learning about [teamwork, good sportmanship, discipline, focus]?
- How can you find out if kids are more aware of a healthy lifestyle?

Fifth, tell CFGV what you have learned and how you're including what you've learned in your future planning.