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#SaskProud of the Saskatchewan contingent on the #RoadToRio for the 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games

Congratulations to the athletes, coaches, officials and support staff who will be representing our province and country at the 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Competing in the Olympic Games (Aug. 5-21) are: Taryn Suttie and Brianne Theisen-Eaton (athletics); Graham DeLaet (golf); Gavin Schmitt (volleyball) and Jillian Gallays (wrestling). Carla Nicholls (athletics), Lisa Thomaidis (basketball) and Lisa Borgerson (shooting) will be attending the games as coaches.

At the Paralympic Games (Sept. 7-18), Nik Goncin and Erica Gavel (Wheelchair Basketball), Samantha Ryan (Swimming) and Miranda Biletski (Wheelchair Rugby) and Logan Campbell (Sailing) will be competing. There are also more Sask athletes still competing and training hard to qualify in athletics and archery for the Paralympic Games. Rick Reelie is attending the games as an athletics coach, while Marj Walton is a technical team manager for the swimming staff. Simon Merkosky and Sheila Guenther will both be officiating swimming.

“Congratulations to all of the provincial coaches and athletes competing in the 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “Thank you for your commitment to sport, for representing your province and country, and for serving as role models in your communities. The citizens of Saskatchewan will be cheering for you.”

High performance athletes serve as role models to encourage others to pursue their dreams and go beyond what they ever thought was possible in order to reach their full potential. Participation in sports promotes a healthy lifestyle and many other important life skills. Sport. It's More than a Game!

“On behalf of the amateur sport community in Saskatchewan, I would like to congratulate all those from our province who will be taking part in the Olympic and Paralympic Games,” said Sask Sport Inc. Chair Tavia Laliberte. “Reaching this level of competition takes years of training and commitment and represents a tremendous achievement.”

Join in supporting **#SaskProud @CSCSaskatchewan** to congratulate those **#SaskAthletes** who are **#RioBound @TeamCanada**.

For more information on Rio **#SaskProud** visit <http://www.csc-sask.ca/2016Rio.php> and follow us on <https://twitter.com/CSCSaskatchewan> and <https://www.facebook.com/CSCSaskatchewan>.

Check out and cheer on all Team Canada qualified athletes at <http://olympic.ca/rio-2016-qualification-tracker/>.

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