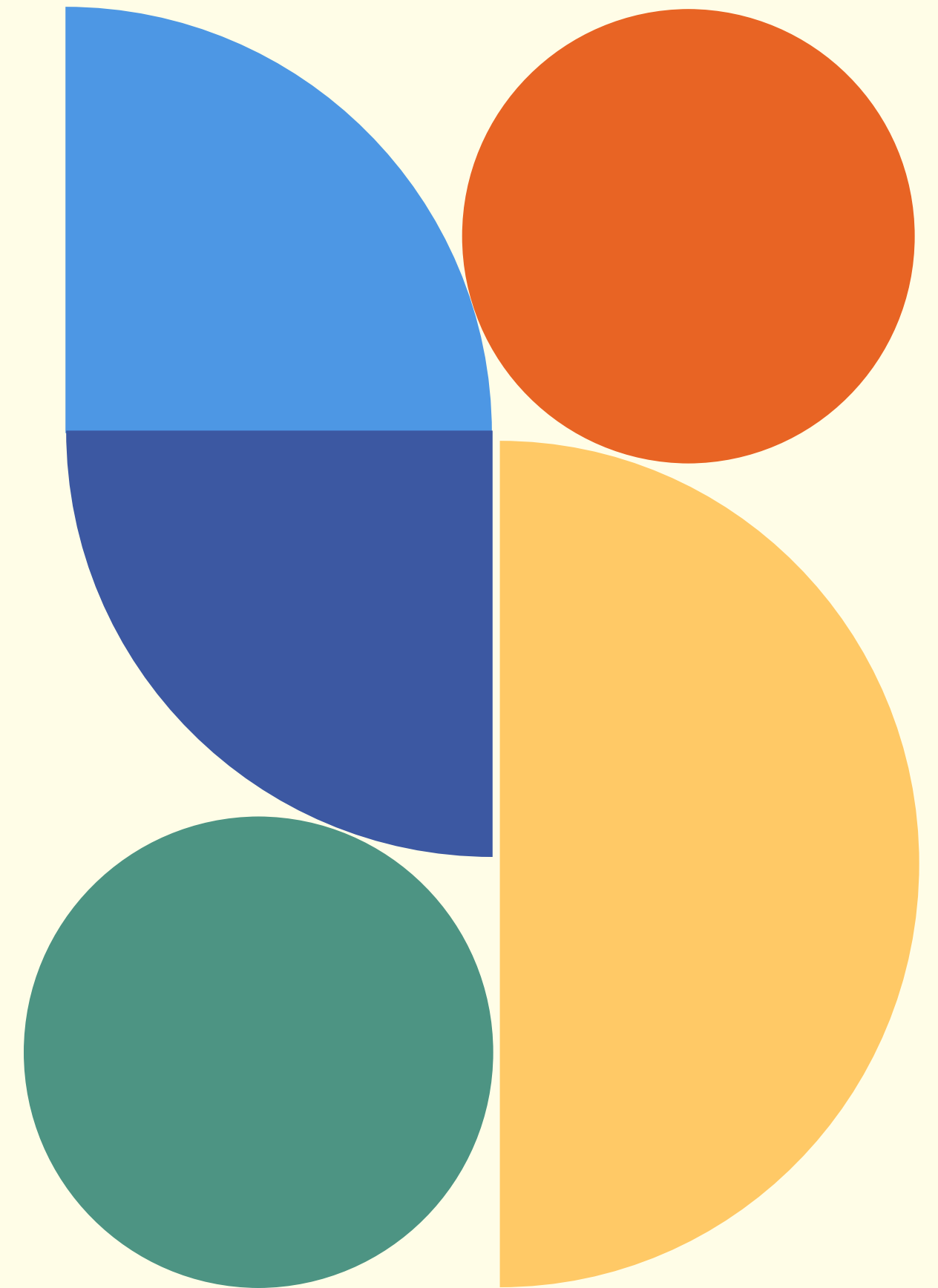


Research
Partnerships in
Sport Workshop

Sport Canada Research Initiative Conference

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The Sport Partnership Collective





Land Acknowledgement

Our Objectives

- 01 Share evidence-based principles and practical strategies for engaging in meaningful research partnerships.
- 02 Equip attendees with practical tools and resources for conducting research partnerships in sport.
- 03 Offer opportunities for attendees to connect with one another about research partnerships in sport.
- 04 Facilitate knowledge exchange among attendees to co-generate insights of what works, what doesn't work, and what's needed when engaging in meaningful research partnerships.



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Learning Agenda

What we'll discuss this afternoon

- Why are partnerships important?
- Our values and terminology
- What do we already know about partnerships?

----- BREAK -----

- Partnership Checklist:
Considerations for carrying out meaningful partnership
- Sharing strategies about partnership
- Where do we go next?

What do we already **know** about
partnerships?



Terminology



Researchers

Anyone who engages in research as a primary part of their role

Evaluation consultants, research managers, university faculty, students, research assistants



Knowledge users

Those whom the research is intended to benefit

Coaches, program staff, leaders, managers, administrators

Athletes, youth, students

Policy makers

Funding bodies

And also researchers!



Research partnerships

Individuals, groups or organizations engaged in a collaborative research activity involving at least one researcher and one knowledge user

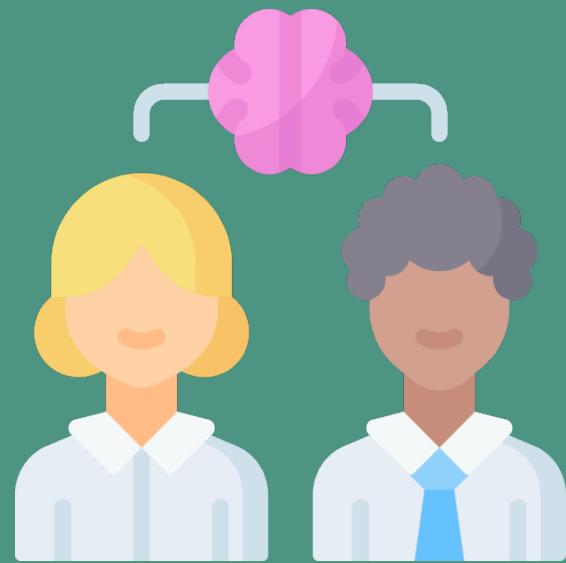
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research partnership ?

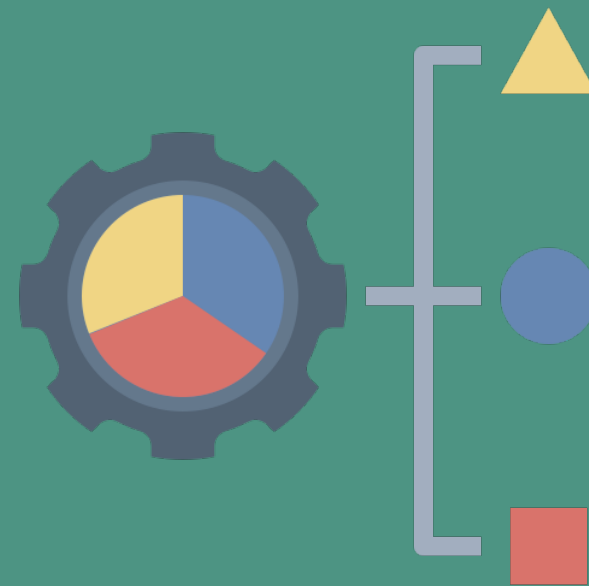
Why do we partner?



Better
decision-
making



Knowledge
exchange



Build
capacity



Monitoring
and
evaluation



Demonstrate
impact

The issues

- We tend to not think about how we partner
- Lots of recommendations for partnership, but do we follow them?
- Who gets to partner?
- Our current systems and ways of doing challenge us in partnering well



Head to the
Breakout rooms!

What do we already know about partnership?

On your own:

Think about a partnership that you've been involved in.

- What was the purpose or goal of that partnership?
- What made that partnership work?
- What made that partnership challenging?



5 minutes

What do we already know about partnership?

At your table:

- Introduce yourself (say hi!)
- Share: Why do you partner?



5 minutes

What **successes**
have you
encountered in
partnership?
What was essential to
these successes?
Discuss at your table



5 minutes

What challenges
have you
encountered in
partnership?
How did you navigate
these challenges?
Discuss at your table



5 minutes

Big group share

What did we all talk
about?



10 minutes

BREAK



20
minutes

How do we *do* meaningful
partnership?



Meaningful Engagement in Partnerships



Being aware and reflective
on how we do partnership,
and actioning strategies to
foster a positive
partnership experience

Terminology



Principles (Things to think about)

Fundamental norms, rules, or beliefs, and can help you in determining the rightfulness or wrongfulness of your actions



Strategies (Things to do)

Observable actions designed to achieve an outcome

Terminology



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What **should** partnerships look like?



Strategies

Observable actions designed to achieve an outcome

How do we **make partnership happen**?

Terminology



Principles

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What **should** partnerships look like?

Example: Partnerships should value open communication



Strategies

Observable actions designed to achieve an outcome

How do we **make partnership happen**?

Example: Scheduling regular, ongoing meetings for collaboration



Step 1: Set the context and build relationships



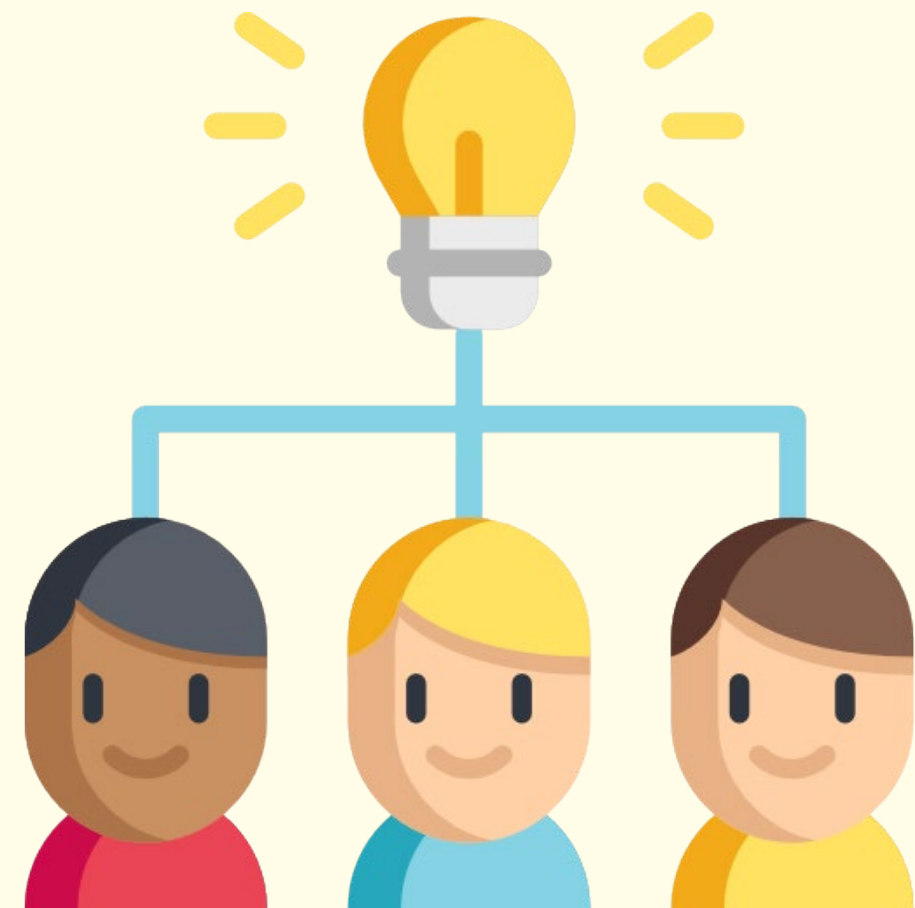
- Who is part of this partnership?
- How did this partnership begin?
- What do we want to achieve?





Step 2: Determine how partners want to be **involved** throughout the project

- What phases do we want to be involved in?
- What does meaningful engagement look like for each partner?
- Who gets to own the research data?



Step 3: Determine how partners **work together** throughout the project

- What is okay and NOT okay in our partnership?
- What ways do we want to communicate with each other?
- How will we resolve conflicts?



Step 4: Communicate, monitor, and report on the partnership

- How will we keep accountable to our partnership's principles?
- What does a successful partnership look like?

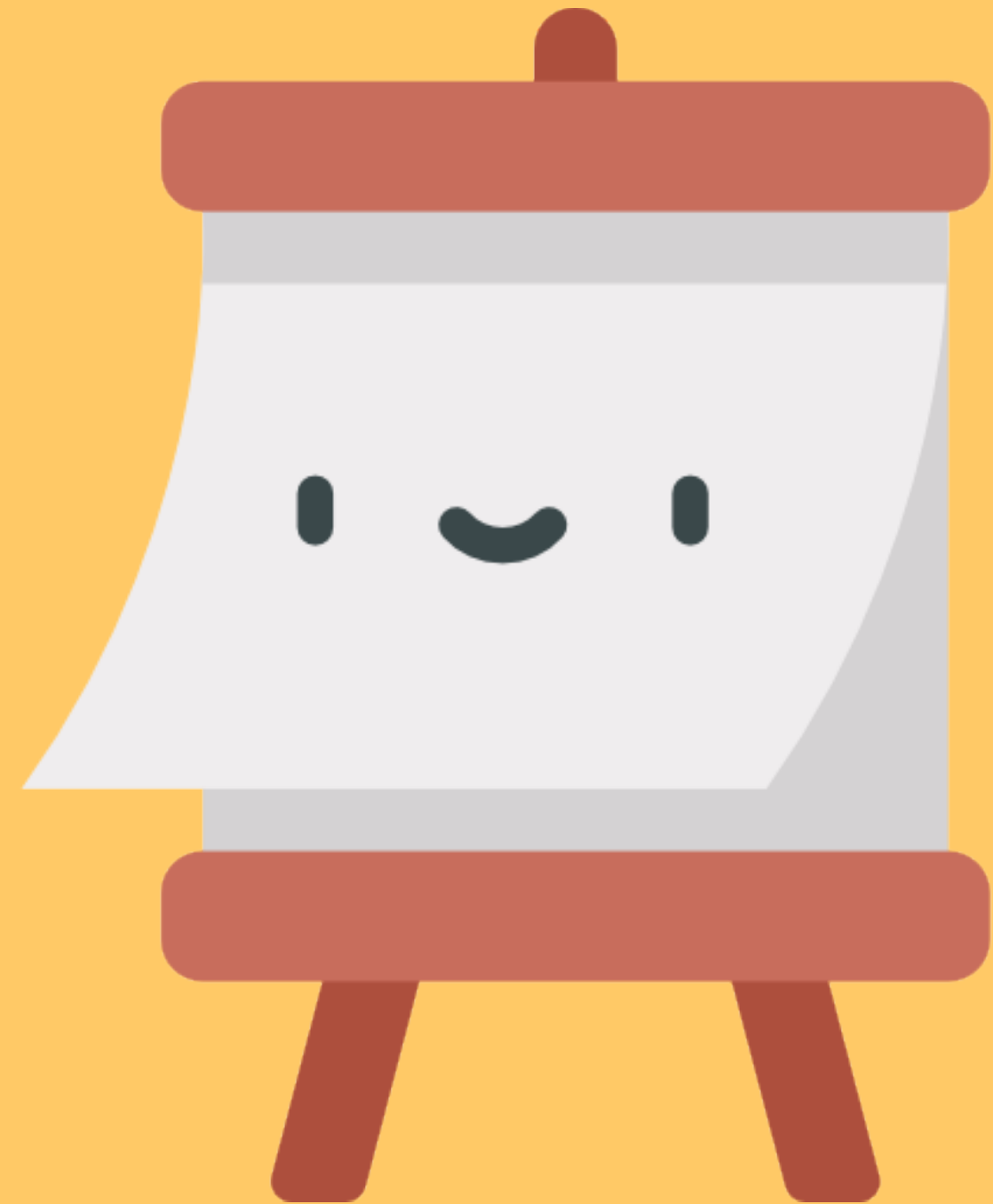
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Knowledge Sharing

CIRCULATE THROUGH 4 STATIONS

1. Set the context and build relationships
2. Determine how partners want to be involved
3. Determine how partners work together
4. Communicate, monitor, and report on the partnership



1st Station



10
m i n u t e s

2nd Station



8
minutes

3rd Station



6
minutes

Final Station



5
minutes

IN PAIRS - REFLECT

1. What did you learn?
2. What was challenging / difficult about these conversations?
3. How did the checklist work / not work for you?



10 minutes

What's next?



In f o r m

I want to be kept in
the loop!



En g a g e

I want to provide
feedback!



In v o l v e

I want to be a part of
the work!



Co ll a b o r a t e

I want to co-lead this
work with you!

Connect with us!

[QR Code

Linking to evaluation form of
this workshop and invitation to
connect further and/or be
added to partnership
connection list]

Thank You!

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