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Sport can be a powerful tool used to bring people together. Nelson Mandela leveraged the sport of rugby to help unite a nation, and many Canadians remember where they were, and who they were with, when Sidney Crosby scored the 'Golden Goal'. The capability of sport to unite communities may also extend to immigrants arriving in Canada. Utilizing sport as a catalyst, community sports clubs have the potential to assist in the efforts of integrating migrants into Canadian culture. Working with sports club practitioners across Canada, the goal of this research is to understand the challenges they face, and the potential they have too address this important task. Sport clubs are already well established across Canada, utilizing this resource and the knowledge that practitioners currently have, we hope to provide insight on the most effective ways community sports clubs can facilitate migrant integration.