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2008/2009 SELECTION CRITERIA BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

1. BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **BC Athlete Assistance Program** (BC AAP) is an athlete-centred program of financial assistance funded and administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. BC AAP seeks to recognize and support BC high performance athletes striving to represent the Province and Canada in athletic competition. Athletes who have demonstrated the potential and commitment to attain this level of excellence can qualify for different levels of financial support based on relative levels of development and competition achieved within the overall limits of funds available.

The program seeks to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs when participating in provincial, national and international sport events. The Sport and Recreation Branch intends that BC AAP focus on those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC and are just below those receiving Sport Canada funding. This financial assistance will ensure a continuum of support for the development of national and international class BC athletes.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must meet the following minimum standards:

Training and Competitions:

Athletes must be involved in programs and competitions that are within the LTAD stages of "Train to Compete and/or Learn to Win" as defined by the Canadian Snowboard Federation.

Athletes who meet the eligible stages of the LTAD model must be involved in a year round training and competition plan, competing in an appropriate number of national and/or international competitions and regularly working with a Level 3 NCCP Coach or the BCSA approval equivalent of same.

Athletes must be current members of the Provincial Halfpipe or Provincial Snowboard-Cross team program.

Performance:

Athletes must be competing within the 'train to compete' and 'train to win' stages of the LTAD. Funding within these stages is based on the level at which the athlete is currently competing.

Citizenship and Residency:

To be eligible for BC AAP funding, an athlete must be a Canadian citizen or be of landed immigrant status, and a resident of British Columbia.

Athletes leaving the province will only be considered for AAP funding support in the following cases:

- Pursuit of specialized program of studies not offered in B.C.
- Participation with a (Canadian) National Sport Centre outside of B.C.
- A suitable athlete development program that is currently unavailable in B.C.
- BC athletes training outside of BC will only be considered for funding if there is a demonstrated commitment to the BC Provincial Snowboard Team and other athlete development activities.

Use of Banned Substances and Methods:

BC's Policy on Sport and Physical Activity clearly outlines the "ethical pursuit of excellence" – which includes competing without the use of banned substances – as one of its pillars of support to sport. The Province of British Columbia and BCSA strongly oppose the use of prohibited substances and methods as they are contrary to the ethics of sport and may be harmful to the health of athletes. Athletes who are suspended by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and/or the Canadian Snowboard Federation and/or BCSA for any anti-doping rule violation, will be declared permanently ineligible for BC Athlete Assistance.

Federally Carded Athletes:

Athletes in receipt of Sport Canada funding in the upcoming fiscal year are not eligible for the AAP funding distributed by BCSA. This is to maintain consistency with one of the stated objectives of the program which is to provide funding for those athletes who are in the position to compete for the BC Provincial Snowboard Team and are just below those receiving Sport Canada funding.

Commitment to the PSO:

Athletes receiving financial assistance from the Province of British Columbia must be current members of the Provincial Halfpipe or Provincial Snowboard-Cross Teams (BC Provincial Snowboard Team), commit to train, travel with and represent BCSA in applicable competitions including, but not limited to, the Provincial Series, NorAms and National Championships.

PSO Membership:

Athletes must be registered members of BCSA for the 2008-09 season.

Athletes must hold a 2008-09 FIS license and current CAIP insurance.

Athletes must be in financial good standing with BCSA. Awards may be withheld at any time if the athlete is not in financial good standing with the Association.

Withdrawal of BC AAP Sport Funding:

The Sport and Recreation Branch has the authority to withdraw BC AAP support to any athlete if it is deemed that the athlete is no longer in compliance with the policies and requirements of the BC Athlete Assistance Program.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Committee

- Executive Director
- Athlete Program Director
- Halfpipe Team Head Coach
- Snowboard-Cross Team Head Coach

Selection Criteria is based on, but not limited to, the following:

- Athletes meet all eligibility requirements.
- Athletes must demonstrate a continued commitment to training and competing.
- Athletes must demonstrate excellence in performance or potential for improvement.
- Athletes must be current members of the Provincial HalfPipe or Provincial Snowboard-Cross team program.
 - The team ranking as posted after team selection (male/female) for HalfPipe and Snowboard-Cross will be used to determine the eligible athletes
 - A minimum of \$500.00 will be awarded per athlete

4. APPEAL PROCESS

It is understood that an athlete has an inherent right to submit an appeal regarding the BC Athlete Assistance Program if he/she believes that:

- The award level or amount for which he/she has been selected does not meet the PSO ranking and selection criteria as published; or

- The athlete has not been selected for an award, and he/she believe that, in accordance with the PSO published criteria for the ranking and selection of athletes, the athlete deserves to be included as a nominated athlete.

The BCSA Appeals Protocol is posted at www.bcsnowboard.com.