



**BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)
2014-2015 SELECTION CRITERIA
September 1, 2014**

1. BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **BC Athlete Assistance Program** (BC AAP) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance funded by the Province of British Columbia through the Sport Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and administered through ViaSport British Columbia. The program seeks to recognize and support high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through a provincial sport organization or post-secondary institution and competing in recognized national or international competitions to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The BC Athlete Assistance Program will be athlete-centred. Awards will be allocated to individual athletes and funded through BC Snowboard based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport and excellence, and their potential to compete for British Columbia and Canada. Athletes must meet sport-specific selection criteria based on the following minimum standards:

Training and Competition

This program is aligned with the Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Model, therefore to be eligible the athlete must be involved in programs and competitions that are within the LTAD stages of “Train to Train and/or Train to Compete” as defined by Canada Snowboard.

Athletes who meet the eligible stages of the LTAD model are expected to 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.

Athletes must be current members of the BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team or the BC Snowboard Provincial Development Teams.

Performance

The athletes are expected to be presently competing within the ‘training to compete’ and ‘training to win’ stages of the LTAD. Funding within these stages is based on the level at which the athlete is currently competing, regardless of past performance or funding level.

Note: Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria are not guaranteed BC AAP funding.

Federally Carded Athletes

Athletes who receive S1/S2 funding through Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program are eligible to receive BC AAP funding. Provincial sport organizations may not allocate more than 25% of the total BC AAP funding to S1/S2 Sport Canada funded athletes.

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 for at least one year prior to his/her date of nomination.

Athletes Training Outside BC

Athletes residing and/or training outside the province will only be considered for BC AAP funding support in the following cases:

- If they are enrolled in a specialized program of study;
- If they are participating/training with a National Sport Centre; and/or
- If a suitable athlete development program in that sport is currently unavailable in BC.

All out-of-province athletes will only be considered for funding if there is a demonstrated commitment to BC Snowboard Provincial Teams and other athlete development activities as determined by the Selection Committee.

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 BC Snowboard 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, BC Snowboard or Canada Snowboard and/or their respective International Sport Federation for an anti-doping rule violation, will be declared permanently ineligible for BC Athlete Assistance Funding.

Coaching

To be eligible for funding assistance, athletes must be regularly coached by a Level 3 NCCP Coach.

Commitment to the PSO

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

Athletes must be registered members of BC Snowboard for the 2014-2015 season, and hold a current FIS license and SAIP insurance. Athletes must be in good standing with BC Snowboard. 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

- BC Snowboard Executive Director
- BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team Head Coach
- BC Snowboard Provincial Development Team Head Coaches

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 BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team or BC Snowboard Provincial Development Team program
 - The team ranking as posted after team selection (male/female) for Snowboard Cross and Development Teams 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 BC Snowboard Appeals Protocol is posted at www.bcsnowboard.com.

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