



## B.C. ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



# B.C. TARGET SPORTS ASSOCIATION SELECTION CRITERIA 2017-2018

The **BC Athlete Assistance Program** (BC AAP) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance funded by the Province of British Columbia and administered by the Sport Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The program seeks to recognize 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. *The primary focus of BC AAP funding is for those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC at the National Level* and are just below those receiving Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding (S1/S2 carding levels), however athletes in receipt of Sport Canada funding may be eligible for BC AAP funding.

### Program Objectives

- To focus support to athletes in the “training to train” ( 2 - 5 years in sport ) and “training to compete” ( 4 – 9 Years in sport ) stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model;
- To contribute to improved performances of Team BC athletes at the National Level;
- To increase the number of BC athletes reaching federal carding status thus expanding BC representation on national teams and at eligible major international multi-sport Games; and
- To assist BC athletes reach their athletic potential.

The program reaches its objectives through adherence to the guiding principles of being athlete centred, equitable, accessible, and fair and merit based in its decisions.

### Information from the guiding principles of the Athlete Assistance Program:

The BC Athlete Assistance Program will be athlete-centred. Awards will be allocated to individual athletes and funded through the provincial sport organization 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:

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 the appropriate National Sport Organization

Athletes at differing levels of excellence may receive commensurate levels of financial support, based on the communicated selection criteria and rankings established by the particular Provincial Sport Organization. Such a process should also give consideration to the educational or working environment of the athlete, the required time, and financial commitment of the athlete to excel in the specific sport, and the overall limits of funds available. *Note: Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria are not guaranteed BC AAP funding.*

[The Athlete Assistance Program recognizes] all sports leading to World Championships recognized by the Sport Services Branch , in recognized multi-sport games (i.e., Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, the Commonwealth Games, the Pan American Games etc.

**Withdrawal of BC AAP Sport Funding:** *ViaSport, the Sport and Recreation Branch and the BCTSA have 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*

## BCTSA SELECTION CRITERIA:

**Athlete selection by B.C. Target Sports will be based on the following objective and subjective criteria, and guided by the guiding principles of the Athlete Assistance Program of the Province of British Columbia**

1. 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, or meet the more rigorous established and published residency requirements of the provincial sport organization.
2. An athlete **must** be a member in good standing of the B.C. Target Sports Association that expires March 31 **2019** and **also** involved ( at least ) in the “**Training to Train**” ( 2 – 5 yrs in sport ) and “**Training to Compete**” ( 4 – 9 yrs in sport ) stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model;
3. Athletes will be considered eligible and selected in order of the following levels of performance. Note that eligibility of an athlete based on the following criteria does not guarantee that the athlete will be selected to receive AAP funding, as the number of athletes to be funded and the levels of funding are dependent upon the total amount of funding received by the B.C. Targets Sports Association from the Athlete Assistance Program for any given year.
  - a. National Team member (minimum training requirement: 12 hours/week). Federally Carded Athletes: Athletes who receive SR1/SR2 funding through Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance Program may be eligible to receive BC AAP funding (up to a total of 25% of PSO’s allocation). Athletes below the S1/S2 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding level may be considered to receive BC AAP *funding if the athlete is available to represent the province in competition unless made unavailable due to national program commitments.*
  - b. In the BCTSA training scheme.
  - c. B.C. Junior Team member (minimum training requirement: 8 hrs/week)
  - d. Highest combined score at a provincial championship (minimum training requirement: 8 hrs per week)
  - e. **Note:** All athletes **must** be regularly working with a coach who meets the 3M National Coaching Certification Program (3M NCCP) standards as indicated.
  - f. **Note:** A training plan **must** be submitted with the application, covering the 2018 competition year, showing anticipated competitions and training camps the athlete will be attending. A letter from the athlete’s NCCP Level 3 coach **must** also be included indicating the coach’s opinion of the athlete’s work ethic and verifying the enclosed training plan.
4. **Subjective criteria:** An athlete should demonstrate competitiveness (the ability to perform in competition); good attitude (good sportsmanship and the ability to learn from mistakes); a willingness to work, learn, train and compete; and should represent the sport, the organization and British Columbia with dignity, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour.

## ATHLETES RECEIVING FUNDS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- meet or exceed the weekly training standards given in the table above, and
- submit a signed copy of the **BCTSA Athlete's Code of Conduct** with their application (on website)
- make themselves available for training camps **and at least three major competitions** per season, from among the following competitions (or including other competitions at equivalent levels as agreed on with your NCCP level 3 coach):
  - a. Provincial Smallbore Rifle or Pistol Championships and/or
  - b. BC Air Gun matches: Hibernation Match (November) and B.C. Airgun Championship (March) and/or,
  - c. the National Smallbore Championships or Pistol Championships and/or.
  - d. National or International Competitions as thought appropriate by their coach
- make themselves available, if requested, to contribute to athlete development and coaching development programs run by the B.C. Target Sports Association.

## TIMELINES / APPEAL PROCEDURES AS PER MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS: \*\*

### DATES FOR 2017 / 2018:

- **November 2nd:** BCTSA President appoints a coordinator to administer the program. The composition of the Sport Selection Committee that is formed should include the top technical staff, coach and volunteer persons in the sport (i.e. technical director, elite chair) and other persons where appropriate.
- **November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Selection committee finalize selection criteria and publish it on the BCTSA Home Page, on or before, along with a note that decisions will be made by January 25<sup>th</sup> and selected athletes informed by phone or email by January 28<sup>th</sup> (***if you don't hear, you are not selected***).
- **December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Criteria will be published on or before the BCTSA Home page
- **January 11<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for athlete applications.
- **January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Selection committee decides which athletes to fund.
- **January 28<sup>th</sup>:** Selection committee contacts selected athletes.
- **February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for appeals in to selection committee. Selection committee then passes , appeals to a 3 person executive appeal committee (appointed by President)
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Decisions on appeals by appeal committee.
- **March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for 2nd appeal in to BCTSA Board of Directors
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Cheques are sent out from Treasurer. These must be accompanied by a standardized, letter that mentions the Ministry in the following format *"The B.C. Athlete Assistance Program is funded by the provincial government in support of B.C. athletes, like yourself, in reaching athletic goals and encouraging the pursuit of academic education"*.
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Final report to Government. ([www.bcsportinfo.com](http://www.bcsportinfo.com))

The recipients will be acknowledged on both the BCTSA Home Page and in the Target Sports Newsletter at the first opportunity

### \*\* APPEALS PROCESS

Any appeals to the APP Selection Committee must be made in writing and submitted to the Appeal Committee, care of BCTSA (Box 496 Kamloops, BC, V2C 5L2) within 7 days of the Athlete Assistance Program roster release for any given year. All supporting material must be attached

**Appeals which are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.**

**Appeals Committee:** The Appeals Committee will be formed of three people, all members of BCTSA, with preferably one member of the Executive. In order to avoid the potential for conflict of interest, (e.g. the parent of a nominated athlete being on the appeals committee), the membership of the Committee will be appointed by the President of the BCTSA.