



**ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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### 3. 2011/2012 SPORT MANITOBA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### a) OVERVIEW:

Sport Manitoba supports Manitoba's athletes as they strive to pursue excellence and achieve success at the highest national and international levels in their sport.

#### b) GRANTS AVAILABLE:

This program provides grants of \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$1,500 to athletes and teams based on performances at their sports annual National Championships and/or their present status as a member of a National Team program.

#### c) ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible amateur athletes must meet all the following:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status;
- Have lived as a resident\* of Manitoba for at least six (6) months prior to their sport's entry date (\*defined as being registered with Manitoba Health - Insured Benefits Branch);
- Be selected to participate in their sport's National Team program;
- Be a registered member of their Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization;
- Represent Manitoba at their National Championships and/or Canada Games;
- Continue to train and compete in the upcoming competitive season/year.

Athlete Assistance will only be directed to those athletes who compete either in their sport's highest level national open age (e.g. Senior) or the next level below their Open Championships (e.g. Junior). Exceptional youth athletes will be recognized under the "Exceptional Youth" Category (see detailed criteria).

- Master athletes are eligible only if their results are in the Open Age category at their National Championship.
- Junior athletes are eligible only if they are activity participating in the Train to Train stage or above of their sport's LTAD model. Consideration will be given only to those athletes one level below the Junior National Team.

#### GENERAL CRITERIA:

- Athletes are eligible for one grant per sport.
- Athletes who are injured prior to or during the following year's competitive season may still be given a pro-rated amount of assistance.
- A minimum of six countries must compete in their sports applicable World Championship. Athletes or Team must have qualified through their respective NSO for World Championships in order to be eligible for AAP.
- A minimum of six provinces/territories must compete in their sports applicable National Championship.
- Athletes/teams must utilize assistance from this program to support their continued training and competitive initiatives for the following season.

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#### e) LEVEL I - PROGRAM CRITERIA (Olympic-Paralympic & Canada Games Sports)

To be eligible, applicants must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

##### TEAM SPORTS

- Includes those sports, which train together, compete and are scored as a team unit at their National/International competitions. Also in sports such as figure skating, rowing, table tennis, squash, athletics relays etc., where two or more athletes compete together as an athletes unit such as pairs, fours, eights, etc.

##### \$1,500 Grants

- To active members of National Sport Organization's (NSO) National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's major international competitions including the following: World Championships, Olympics, Commonwealth Games and the Pan Am Games.
- To a team who finishes in first (1st) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship, including CIS Championships and Canada Games.
- This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association/program that paid for the team's costs of attending the qualifying competition.

##### \$1,000 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's major international competitions including the following: World Junior Championships, World Cups and FISU Games.
- To a team who finishes in second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place at their sport's National Open (e.g., Senior or Junior) Championships including CIS Championships and Canada Games.
- This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association that paid for the team's costs of attending the qualifying competition.

##### \$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and who competed in a major international event in the previous season of competition. (e.g.: Canada Cup)
- To a team who finishes in third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place or fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place also finishes in the top 40% of all competitors at their sport's National Open (e.g., Senior or Junior) Championship including CIS Championships and Canada Games.
- This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association that paid for the team's costs of attending the nationals.

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#### INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- Includes those sports where individuals compete against one another.

#### **\$1,500 Grants**

- To active members of their NSO's National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their **sport's major international competitions** including the following: World Championships, Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Pan Am Games.

#### **\$1,000 Grants**

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's international competitions including the following: World Junior Championships, World Cups and FISU Games.
- To an athlete who, at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship including CIS and the Canada Games, finishes in first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place, also finishes in the top 30% of all competitors.

#### **\$500 Grants**

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and have competed in an international event in the previous season of competition. (Eg: Canada Cup).
- To an athlete who, at their sport's National Open/Senior "A" or Junior "A" Championship including CIS Championships and the Canada Games, finishes in third (3rd) or fourth (4th) place also finishes in the top 40% of all competitors.

#### OLYMPIC YEAR PARTICIPATION

#### **\$2,000 Grants**

- This grant will be made available in Olympic years only, and will substitute the regular Level I AAP the athlete would be eligible for in Non-Olympic years.
- To Manitoba athletes that have represented Canada through participation in the Summer or Winter Olympics.
- Grant application can be made upon the athlete being officially named to the Canadian Delegation attending the Olympic Games.

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#### f) LEVEL II – PROGRAM CRITERIA (Non-Olympic, Non-Canada Games Sports) To be eligible, applicants must meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:

##### TEAM SPORTS

- Includes those sports, which train together, compete and are scored as a team unit at their National/International competitions. Also in sports where two or more athletes compete together as an athlete unit such as pairs, fours, eights etc.

##### \$1,000 Grants

- To active members of National Sport Organization's (NSO) National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's major international competitions such as: World Championships, Commonwealth Games and the Pan Am Games.
- To a team who finishes in first (1<sup>st</sup>) place at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship, including CIS Championships.
- This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association/program that paid for the team's costs of attending the qualifying competition.

##### \$750 Grants

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's major international competitions including the following: World Junior Championships, World Cups and FISU Games.
- To a team who finishes in second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place at their sport's National Open (e.g., Senior or Junior) Championships including CIS Championships.
- This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association that paid for the team's costs of attending the qualifying competition.

##### \$500 Grants

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and who competed in a major international event in the previous season of competition. (E.g., Canada Cup)
- To a team who finishes in third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place or fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place also finishes in the top 40% of all competitors at their sport's National Open (e.g., Senior or Junior) Championship including CIS Championships.
- This grant will be paid through the PSO to the team's host club/association that paid for the team's costs of attending the nationals.

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#### **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

- Includes those sports where individuals compete against one another.

#### **\$1,000 Grants**

- To active members of their NSO's National Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's major international competitions such as: World Championships.

#### **\$750 Grants**

- To active members of their NSO's National Junior or Senior Teams which have represented Canada in the previous season of competition at their sport's international competitions including the following: World Junior Championships, World Cups and FISU Games.
- To an athlete who, at their sport's National Open/Senior or Junior Championship including CIS, finishes in first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place, also finishes in the top 30% of all competitors.

#### **\$500 Grants**

- To athletes who are active members of their NSO's National Team's training roster and have competed in an international event in the previous season of competition. (E.g., Canada Cup).
- To an athlete who, at their sport's National Open/Senior and Junior Championship including CIS Championships, finishes in third (3<sup>rd</sup>) or fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place also finishes in the top 40% of all competitors.

#### **g) EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH**

#### **\$500 Grants**

- To athletes that have demonstrated excellence through performance at their NSO's national and/or International Federation competitions in age categories below National Junior age categories (e.g., National Youth Team, World Championships Youth Classes)
- Athletes must have competed in the highest division within their age category at a National Championship with a top four (4) result also finishing in the top 40% of all competitors.
- Athletes that have been identified in the Train To Train stage or above of their sport's LTAD model and named to an organized National Development Team may be considered.
- Athletes in both Olympic/Canada Games and Non-Olympic/Canada Games sports are eligible for this grant.

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#### i) PROCESSES:

##### **PSOs are responsible:**

- To distribute and collect the applications to/from their athletes/teams who meet the program's eligibility criteria.
- For developing and implementing the payment and accountability schedules/processes.
- To verify that each applicant:
  - is a registered member of their Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization,
  - meets all program criteria and that the information is accurate.
- To submit all verified applications to Sport Manitoba by their Due Date.
- To follow-up with the applicants that are not eligible for the Athlete Assistance Program.

##### **Funding Notification:**

- Sport Manitoba will confirm in writing to the PSO which applicants will be funded and the amounts for each athlete/team.
- Sport Manitoba will send a letter to the recipient athletes/team congratulating them on their accomplishments and indicating that they should contact their PSO to confirm payment and accountability schedules/processes, etc.

##### **Accountability:**

- PSOs are responsible to ensure that all funds are distributed to athletes/teams.
- PSOs are responsible to ensure that the athletes/teams are still active in the following competitive season.
- PSOs are responsible to submit a year-end summary report , which outlines the distribution of funds and the unallocated amounts remaining, if any.
- Sport Manitoba will deduct all unexpended amounts from the PSOs next Athlete Assistance Program payment/or will request that the remaining funding be returned to Sport Manitoba.

**Application and Year End Summary Report forms are available on Sport Manitoba's website at [www.sportmanitoba.ca](http://www.sportmanitoba.ca)**

## 2011/2012 SPORT MANITOBA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE DUE DATES

JUNE 30		SEPTEMBER 30		DECEMBER 31	
Sport	AAP Level	Sport	AAP Level	Sport	AAP Level
Badminton	I	Baton Twirling	II	Archery	I & II
Curling	I	Biathlon	I	Athletics	I & II
Darts	II	Blind Sports	I & II	Ball Hockey	II
Deaf Sport	II	Bowling – 5 Pin	II	Bandy	II
Figure Skating	I & II	Bowling – 10 Pin	II	Baseball	I
Handball	II	Boxing	I	Basketball	I
Hockey	I	Broomball	II	Bodybuilding	II
Ringette	II	Cerebral Palsy	II	Bowls MB	II
Skiing – Alpine	I	Disc Sports	II	Cricket	II
Skiing – Cross Country	I	Diving	I	Cycling	I
Snowboard	I & II	Fencing	I	Golf	II
Speed Skating	I	Field Hockey	I	Hang Gliding	II
Underwater	II	Football	II	Horse Council	I & II
Wheelchair Sports	I & II	Gymnastics – Art	I	Lacrosse	II
		Gymnastics – Rhy	I	Orienteering	II
		Handgun	I & II	Paddling	I & II
		Horseshoes	II	Roller Sports	II
		Judo	I	Rowing	I
		Karate	II	Rugby	II
		Racquetball	II	Sailing	I & II
		Rifle	I & II	Skeet Shooting	I & II
		Skiing-Freestyle	I	Soaring	II
		Special Olympics	I & II	Soccer	I
		Squash	II	Softball	I & II
		Synchro Swim	I & II	Sport Parachute	II
		Table Tennis	I	Swim	I
		Trap Shooting	I & II	Tennis	I
		Volleyball	I	Triathlon	I & II
		Water Polo	I	Water Ski	II
		Weightlifting	I		
		Wrestling	I & II		