

## **WTF TAEKWONDO FEDERATION of BC**

### **Selection Criteria**

#### **BC Athlete Assistance Program 2010/2011**

The *BC Athlete Assistance Program* (BC AAP) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance funded and administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. 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.

This criterion is subject to change on an annual basis. Any changes will be communicated to the BC Tae Kwon Do Federation membership in advance of the qualifying period. Athletes at varying levels of distinction will receive financial support based on the minimum government standards, National rankings and results, educational or working environment of the athlete and commitment to the sport of Tae Kwon Do.

The purpose of the PSO component of the BC AAP is to provide financial support to partially offset training and competition costs for qualified BC high performance athletes striving to achieve podium performances while representing British Columbia at Canada Games and/or Canada at identified international multi-sport games.

#### **BC TAEKWONDO PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The intent of the BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) is to provide support to BC high performance athletes striving to represent the Province and Canada in athletic competition. The program seeks to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs association with participation in national and international sport. The focus of BC AAP funding is for those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC at the Canada Games 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” and “training to compete” stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model;
- To contribute to improved performances of Team BC athletes at the Canada Games;
- 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 centered, equitable, accessible, fair and merit based in its decisions.

## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The BC Athlete Assistance Program will be athlete-centered. 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.

Sport Specific Athlete eligibility and level of performance in combination with the below criteria

Level 5	National Team Member	First placing (Gold) at National Team Trials
Level 4	Provincial Senior Team Member	1) National 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place Medalists (priority according to the current Taekwondo Canada Overall Rankings)  2) Within the Top 8 Ranked Athletes Nationally, according to the current Taekwondo Canada Overall Rankings
Level 3	National Junior Team Member	First placing (Gold) at Junior National Championships
Level 2	Provincial Senior Team Member	Top Ranked Senior Female Athlete in BC, according to the current BC Sr. Male/Female Athlete Overall Rankings  Top Ranked Senior Male Athlete in BC, according to the current BC Sr. Male/Female Athlete Overall Rankings
Level 1	Provincial Junior Division A Team Member	Top Ranked Junior Female Athlete in BC, according to the current BC Jr. Male/Female Athlete Overall Rankings  Top Ranked Junior Male Athlete in BC, according to the current BC Jr. Male/Female Athlete Overall Rankings

**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 Compete and/or Train to Win” as defined by the appropriate National Sport Organization.

**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, or meet the more rigorous established and published residency requirements of the provincial sport organization. Those BC athletes training and competing in an athletic program unavailable in British Columbia may be eligible but consideration is dependent on the provincial sport organizations’ sport-specific criteria (See Section 3 – Athletes Training Outside BC).

**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 strongly opposes 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.

Since we look to our elite athletes to set the standards for all who aspire to be at the top level of competition, athletes who are suspended by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and/or their respective International Sport Federation for an anti-doping rule violation, will be declared permanently ineligible for BC Athlete Assistance Funding.

**Withdrawal of BC AAP Sport Funding:** 2010 Legacies Now and 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.

**Financial Need:** The individual financial circumstances, including employment and /or student status, and costs associated with participation in the program for each athlete will be considered by the selection committee.

**Administration of Funds & Appeal Process**

Administration of funds and appeal process (if indicated) to follow the guidelines as outlined by the British Columbia Athletes Assistance Program policies, procedures and guidelines document as per the Sport and Recreation Branch, Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport (2010/2011).

**PSO Taekwondo Specific Appeals Process**

Step 1	Announcement of successful nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC TKD Website</li> <li>• Athlete's email</li> </ul>
Step 2	Within 7 Days post announcement athlete(s) may request appeal in writing with reasoning for same.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send appeal via Email to the PSO BCAAP Appeal Committee/ with copy to President of BC TKD Federation</li> <li>• Letter endorsing the appeal may be included from athlete's chosen representative</li> </ul>
Step 3	PSO BC AAP Appeal Committee will review all appeals within 14 day period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of athlete appeal</li> <li>• Response in written email or letter to athlete</li> </ul>
Step 4	7days post appeals decision: Final list of selected athletes determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful Recipients announcement</li> <li>• Publicized to BC TKD Website and/or PSO newsletter</li> <li>• Cheques mailed out with Congratulatory Letter to athletes</li> </ul>

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