

## **WTF Taekwondo Federation of BC**

### **2011-2012 BC Athlete Assistance Program Selection Criteria**

The *BC Athlete Assistance Program* (BCAAP) 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. BCAAP seeks to recognize and support BC high performance athletes striving to represent the Province and/or 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 purpose of the PSO component of the BCAAP 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 BCAAP Program Objectives**

The intent of the BC Athlete Assistance Program (BCAAP) 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 BCAAP funding is for those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC at the Canada Games (if applicable) 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 BCAAP 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 (if applicable);
- 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 entered, equitable, accessible, fair and merit based in its decisions.

## BC Taekwondo Federation BCAAP Sport-Specific Criteria

To be eligible for BCAAP, athletes must demonstrate that they meet at least one of the Levels (1-5) of the sport-specific criteria and the BCAPP Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

*\*Note: Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria are not guaranteed BCAAP funding. Priority is given to those who have met the sport-specific criteria and the Ministry's BCAAP Guidelines, Policies and Procedures, and have not received BCAAP funding in the past.*

*\*This criterion is subject to change on an annual basis.*

Level 5	National Senior Team Member	First placing (Gold) at Sr. National Team Trials
Level 4	Provincial Senior Team Member	1) Sr. National 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place Medalists (Priority according to the current Taekwondo Canada Overall Rankings posted on the NSO website)  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 Jr. National Championships  (Priority according to current Taekwondo Canada Junior A Overall Rankings posted on the NSO website. If athletes are tied in rankings, the current BC Junior Male/Female Overall Athlete Rankings will be used)
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

**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.

**PSO Membership:** Athletes receiving financial assistance are expected to be registered members of the appropriate provincial sport organization.

**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. 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.

**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.

### BC Taekwondo Appeal Process

Step 1	Announcement of successful nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC TKD Government Programs website</li> <li>• Athlete’s email</li> </ul>
Step 2	Within 7 days post announcement, athlete(s) may request appeal in writing with reasoning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send appeal via email to Government Programs Director 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	Appeals will be reviewed within a 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	Within 7 days, post appeals decision. Final list of selected athletes will be announced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful recipients announcement on BC TKD Government Programs website and/or PSO newsletter</li> <li>• Cheques mailed out with congratulatory letter to athletes</li> </ul>

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