Government Programs Report

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1. BC Taekwondo Government Programs website

The BC Taekwondo Government Programs website was developed to provide athletes, coaches, instructors, parents, Taekwondo community with up-to-date detailed information on government funding programs, updates, funding applications, etc.

An announcement was made on February 28th, 2011 on the BC Taekwondo Federation website, as well as in the May 16th 2011 AGM Government Programs Report. A link to this new page is also available through the BC Taekwondo Federation main website.

A reminder notice regarding the website was made on February 5th, 2012.

2. BC Ranking Points

Athletes are encouraged to visit the Government Programs website for deadlines for submitting BC Ranking points. Points are awarded to athletes based on their performances at the BC Team Trials and Nationals.

A formal BC Ranking System was created for the purpose of providing an objective ranking system for current BC athletes, reflective of participation and results. As the BCAAP and CSC PacificSport Carding criteria referenced BC Ranking points in nominating athletes, the development of this system was necessary to reflect the selection criteria.

3. Canadian Sport Centre Pacific Carding

The 2012 CSC Pacific Carded athletes were announced February 2, 2012. The current cycle runs from January 2012 through December 2012. Nominations based on the selection criteria were sent in and final approval was granted in late January.

Athletes receiving CSC Pacific cards can access a variety of support services, medical services, information workshops, etc. Links are available online for those looking for more information on support services offered for Provincial Carding athletes. Please note that unlike Federal Carding through Sport Canada, provincially carded athletes do not receive direct funds for support, but instead are offered access to services and discounts with products offered by CSC Pacific.

2011-2012 CSC Pacific Carded Athletes:

Yvette Yong - Canadian Elite

Ivett Gonda - Canadian Elite

Melanie Phan - Canadian Development (Level 1a)

Jason Cheung - Provincial Development (Level 2)

Victoria Chong - Provincial Development (Level 2)

Kenya Chung - Provincial Development (Level 2)

Evelyn Gonda - Provincial Development (Level 2)

Edwina Cai - Provincial Development (Level 3)

Edison Tan - Provincial Development (Level 3)

Riley Arnold - Provincial Development (Level 3)

Colin Warren - Provincial Development (Level 3)

Rydel Cerezo - Provincial Development (Level 3)

Rykel Cerezo - Provincial Development (Level 3)

John Koo - Provincial Development (Level 3)

Alex Corbett - Provincial Development (Level 3)

4. 2010 Legacies Now

Over the course of the 2011 year, our main funding support has come from the 2010 Legacies Now Society. The BC Taekwondo Federation has been directed to allocate these funds according to a strict contribution agreement outlined by 2010 Legacies Now. All Provincial Sport Organizations, including BC Taekwondo Federation receiving this support must abide by this contribution agreement, which outlines how the funds must be distributed. Both a detailed interim and final activity/financial report must been submitted to 2010 Legacies Now to ensure that funds are spent according to this agreement.

2010 Legacies Now advised BC Taekwondo Federation of several objectives for the allocation of these funds. Below is a summary.

→ Increasing Sport Participation

As advised by Legacies Now, funds have been distributed to support a variety of programs offered by the BC Taekwondo Federation for the purpose of increasing sport participation. These programs cover participation for athletes in various aspects of Taekwondo and all stages of the LTAD model. Programs covered include support for athletes in high performance competition, early competition experience, Poomse competition, referee development, etc.

BC Team Training for 2012 National Championships

- Athlete tracksuits and doboks, BC Team coaches honorariums
- As the costs for running a high performance team training program and providing tracksuits and doboks for all BC Team athletes are high, a BC Team Training fee is to help subsidize these expenses. This year BC Taekwondo reduced the team training fees to \$80.

2011 BC Championships and Junior Team Trials

Facility rental, Referee honorariums, First Aid

2011 Master's Cup

Facility rental, Referee honorariums, First Aid

BC Referees Development Program

- Instructor travel, honorarium and administrative costs for Referee Seminars
- Remaining funds are put into a BC Referee pot for the purpose of strengthening the BC Referees program through referee training camps, appreciation events, referee travel support, etc.

BC Poomse Seminars (in development)

• Instructor travel and accommodation, honorarium, facility rental, etc.

→ Travel Grant

Eligible athletes for the BC Travel Grant were those permanently residing in the BC Interior, Okanagan region, Northern BC or Vancouver Island, participating in any 2011 BC Taekwondo sanctioned event, such as the BC Championships, BC Master's Cup, BC Team Trials and/or Poomsae Seminars. Athletes were required to submit an application form and proof of registration for a 2011 BC TKD sanctioned event. Application forms were made available online. A total of 8 grants of a maximum of \$125 per successful applicant would be awarded (max annual allocation of \$250/athlete).

2011 BC Travel Grant recipient

• Colin Warren - \$250

Last year, BC Taekwondo received \$1000 in Travel Grant funds. The Federation was approved to roll over any remaining Travel Grant funds into the 2012 year, provided that all funds be distributed by March 31st, 2012. The 2012 BC Travel Grant was also extended to qualified athletes who participated at the 2012 Junior Nationals/Olympic Team Trials in Vancouver, BC. As well, the Travel Grant was reduced to 3 grants of \$250, following the same selection criteria with priority to first time applicants

2012 BC Travel Grant recipients:

- Connor Howe \$250
- Kayla Cochrane \$250
- Alison Kells \$250

→ BCAAP

BC Taekwondo was granted \$1020 in BCAAP funding this cycle. At least one male and one female recipient must be awarded to ensure gender equity. It is also recommended by the Ministry that each athlete receive at least \$500. Funding below \$500 per athlete may be granted with Ministry review and approval.

Successful recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Meet 1 of the 5 levels outlined in the BC Taekwondo Sport-Specific Criteria
- Meet the BCAAP Guidelines, Policies and Procedures

Deadline for application submissions was March 12th, 2012 and applications are currently being reviewed by the selection committee.

→ Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L)

Last year, BC Taekwondo Federation worked closely with CS4L advisors to develop a comprehensive plan outlining the actions our PSO would undertake to implement the Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development. By examining resources and gaps, strengths and weaknesses, BC Taekwondo developed several objectives for LTAD implementation.

Originally, Legacies Now intended this as a planning grant for the BC Taekwondo Federation to develop our own Canadian Sport for Life Implementation Plan. However, upon approval from the CS4L advisor, BC Taekwondo has decided to use the funds to directly support BC Taekwondo members by funding the CS4L Plan initiatives. In particular the Federation implemented its first BC Taekwondo NCCP Upgrade program to provide support for coaches seeking NCCP certification.

BC Taekwondo NCCP Upgrade Program successful recipients:

- Master Kevin Yang \$440
- Master Daniel Thronton \$112
- Master Brett Fee (in process)

5. External Sport Credits Program

BC Taekwondo's ESC Program was approved once again for 2011/2012 year. Athletes who have received ESC since May 2011:

- Nathan Yu
- Jorge Castaneda
- Evelyn Gonda

6. 2011-2012 BC Sport Participation Program

This year, as part of the BC Sport Participation initiative, the Federation has secured funding from the Ministry to develop Para-Taekwondo in BC.

As part of the BC Para-Taekwondo Program, we are pleased to announce the introduction of our first Para-Taekwondo Instructor Workshop, "Starting a Para-Taekwondo Program". This workshop is free and open to all Masters, instructors, coaches, school owners and staff of the BC Taekwondo Federation. The facilitator for this workshop is Master Michael Sirota.

By hosting Instructor Workshops for teaching athletes with a disability, BC Taekwondo hopes to expand the number of schools with specific training to support the delivery of programs for athletes with disabilities.

Workshop dates and locations:

- March 17th, 2:00 6:00pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 8368 Alexandra Road, Richmond, BC
- April 21st, 1:00 5:00pm at Outreach Martial Arts, 205 Bayview Avenue, Ladysmith, BC

^{*}All participants will receive a flash drive with all content from the workshop