

Athlete Assistance

Appendix B

Purpose:

To enable Provincial Sport Governing Bodies to provide direct funding support to athletes who are committed to compete beyond a provincial level and have the greatest potential to improve their performance standard and/or ranking at the national level.

General Criteria:

An association must spend a minimum of 10% of the 35% spending requirement in the Excellence block of Annual Funding on Athlete Assistance.

Each association must have objective selection criteria and a clearly defined process in place to effectively administer the Athlete Assistance funding support direct to individual athletes.

The minimum standards for an athlete to qualify for Athlete Assistance support are as follows:

- a) The athlete must be a member of the provincial association and have been a previous or existing provincial team member;
- b) The athlete must be seriously committed to improve his/her athletic performance beyond a provincial level through intense training, technical development and competitive success.

PSGBs must issue Athlete Assistance payments direct to qualifying athletes to enable them to determine their individual spending priorities.

An athlete is eligible to utilize Athlete Assistance funding for the following purposes:

- a) Training and Competition costs – travel, accommodations, meals, entry fees, equipment, etc. that are directly related to the sport for which the athlete was approved for assistance.
- b) Tuition fees for post-secondary institutions.
- c) Lost wages due to attendance at training sessions or competitions.

Saskatchewan athletes training outside of the province are eligible for assistance under the following conditions:

- a) The PSGB substantiates that the athlete cannot receive the required training in Saskatchewan to progress in his/her sport. This could be due to lack of facilities, coaching, competition, etc.
- b) Athletes who attend a post-secondary educational institution out of province because the course of study is not available in Saskatchewan.
- c) Athletes that receive Athlete Assistance must remain eligible to compete for Saskatchewan at national competitions and/or Multi-sport Games, and not compete for another province.

Accountability:

1. An organization's Athlete Assistance criteria must be submitted as part of your Sport Profile application.
2. The Athlete Assistance budget line in the Sport Profile Revenue & Expense Summary must outline the total amount of funding to be allocated to Athlete Assistance.
3. The audited financial statement must include a separate expense line item within the Excellence schedule which verifies the funding that was granted to individual athletes through Athlete Assistance.
4. The name of the athletes who received assistance and the amounts received must be reported in the Sport Profile follow up report. This total must reconcile with the Athlete Assistance line item in the audited statement.