

# **BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CRITERIA 2014-2015**

The BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) 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. The program seeks to recognize high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through a provincial sport organization or post-secondary institution and competing in recognized national or international competitions to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs.

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 associated 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 also be eligible for BC AAP funding.

## **Program Objectives**

- To focus support to athletes in the “training to compete” and “training to win” stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model;
- To contribute to improved performances of Team BC athletes at the Nationals;
- To increase the number of BC athletes reaching federal carding status thus expanding BC representation on national teams and at eligible major international tournaments; 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.

## **General Criteria**

To be eligible for BC AAP funding, athletes must meet the following general criteria:

1. Must be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status.
2. Must be a resident of British Columbia for at least one year prior to his/her date of application. BC athletes training and competing outside of BC while attending college or university or training with the national sport centre will be considered for funding. BC athletes training in a program outside of BC may be eligible if the program in question is deemed not available in BC.
3. Must be a member in good standing with Karate BC and Karate Canada.
4. Must work regularly with a Level 3 NCCP Coach. (Note: Karate BC’s Provincial Coach is Level 3)

## **Selection Criteria**

Athletes are selected for funding through the BC AAP by the Athlete Assistance Selection Panel based on the following Karate BC specific guidelines:

Funding will be based on the 2014-2015 competition season and following in order of consideration:

- Qualified for the National Team to represent BC and Canada at international tournaments supported by the Karate Canada National Team.
- Placed at the Senior World Championships
- Placed at the Junior World Championships
- Placed at the Senior Pan-American Championships
- Placed at the Junior Pan-American Championships
- Placed at Karate 1 Premier League competitions
- Placed at North American Cup
- Placed at the Paris Open
- Placed at the National Championships
- Placed at the US Open

Note:

1. Athletes who were unable to participate in the previous year's National Championships due to an injury may be eligible for funding based on proven past performance and confirmed medical clearance for the upcoming competitive season.
2. Due to limited funding, athletes who meet the eligibility criteria are not guaranteed BCAAP funding.

### **Application Process**

All applications received at the Karate BC Office by 4:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2015 will be considered for BC AAP funding.

### **Assignment of Funding**

The Athlete Assistance Selection Panel (as defined by Karate BC Policy Manual) shall be responsible for reviewing all application and allocating funds.

### **Obligations of Funding**

Athletes receiving funding will have to adhere to the rules below:

### **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.

### **Use of Funds**

Athletes receiving funding through BC AAP can spend the funding obtained for the following purposes:

- Normal living costs
- Costs directly associated with training (e.g. coaching, facility fees, other athlete services)
- Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (e.g. entry fees, travel costs)
- Sport specific equipment

### **Performance Standards**

Athletes who receive BCAAP funding must commit to attend one Team BC camp and compete in the 2014-2015 competition season.

### **Withdrawal of Funding**

Karate BC, ViaSport and the BC Sport Branch have 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 or the terms laid out above. If an athlete does not follow the guidelines laid out in the BC AAP Selection Criteria he/she will have to repay all funds received as requested in writing by Karate BC.

### **Appeals Process**

Athletes who applied for BCAAP and have not been selected have the right to submit an appeal regarding the program if the athlete has not been selected for an award, and they believe that, in accordance with the published criteria for the selection of athletes, they deserve to be a recipient of the award.

Appeals regarding decisions relating to the actual selection or the amounts of the awards are to be directed to the Karate BC Board of Directors in writing within 15 days of the publication of the award recipients. Upon receipt of the above information and collection of information from the Athlete Assistance Selection Panel, the Board of Directors will consider the appeal. The individual who made the appeal will be notified in writing of the decision.

# KARATE BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Applications must be received by the Karate BC office **no later than 4:00pm on Monday, December 15, 2015.**

Submit your application via email ([info@karatebc.org](mailto:info@karatebc.org)), fax (604-333-3612) or by mail:

Karate BC  
Fortius Athlete Development Centre  
Sydney Landing Suite 2002A  
3713 Kensington Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5B 0A7

## Applicant information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Canadian Sport Institute or CSC Pacific carding status (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach NCCP #: \_\_\_\_\_ Coaching Certification Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament considerations will be from June 02, 2014 to June 01, 2015.

Results from major national and international competitions (date, location, division, placing):

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Results from last national championships (date, location, division, placing (gold, silver, bronze)):

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**Selection Criteria:**

**Training and Competition:** 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. **Please submit a copy of your training and competition plan for the new karate season. Please include your weekly training schedule listing all your training activities (karate, weights, running, mental preparation, etc.) and dates and locations of competitions and training camps you plan to attend. Please indicate which competition you will use AAP funds to attend.**

I have attached a copy of both my training plan and competition plan.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Do you meet the above definition?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you qualify and participate in the Karate Canada National Team program?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement of Training Expectations:**

By submitting this application I acknowledge that I have read the Karate BC Athlete Assistant Program Selection Criteria. I understand that failure to comply with the policies and requirements of the BC Athlete Assistance Program or in the Karate BC Athlete Assistant Program Selection Criteria will result in the withdrawal of BC Athlete Assistant Program support. Athletes who do not meet the training requirements outlined above will have to repay funds received from the Karate BC AAP.

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Athlete Signature

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Date

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Coach Signature

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Date

**Public Recognition of Funded Athletes:**

- The Government of British Columbia may, at its discretion and with prior permission, publish a complete list of the recipients who are receiving financial support through the BC Athlete Assistance Program.
- The personal information made available for disclosure would be limited to: name, hometown, images and biographical information related to athletic accomplishments.

*The BC Athlete Assistance Program is funded and administered by the Provincial Government through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, in support of BC athletes.*