



B.C. TARGET SPORTS ASSOCIATION HIGH PERFORMANCE ASSISTANCE CRITERIA - Grand Prix 2018

The **BC Target Sports Association** seeks to recognize high performance athletes who wish to participate in the Canadian Grand Prix competition in Toronto in April of 2018 and provide them with some financial assistance.

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 major competitions
- 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 centred, equitable, accessible, fair and merit based in its decisions.

Information from the guiding principles of the High Performance Assistance Program:

The BCTSA High Performance Assistance Program will be athlete-centred. Awards will be allocated to individual athletes based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport and excellence, and their potential to compete for British Columbia at the Toronto Grand Prix. Athletes must meet sport-specific selection criteria based on the following minimum standards:

This program is aligned with the Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Model, therefore to be eligible the athlete should be involved in programs and competitions that are within the LTAD stages of “Train to Train and/or Train to Compete” as defined by the Shooting Federation of Canada.

Athletes at differing levels of excellence may receive commensurate levels of financial support, based on the selection criteria and rankings established by the particular Provincial Sport Organization.

BCTSA SELECTION CRITERIA:

Athlete selection by B.C. Target Sports will be based on the following objective and subjective criteria, and guided by the guiding principles of the Athlete Assistance Program of the Province of British Columbia

1. To be eligible for assistance funding, an athlete must be a Canadian citizen or be of landed immigrant status, *and* a full time resident of British Columbia for at least one year prior to his/her date of nomination.
2. An athlete must be a member in good standing of the B.C. Target Sports Association for **2018**. Priority will be given to those involved at least in the “**Training to Train**” (2 – 5 yrs in sport) and “**Training to Compete**” (4 – 9 yrs in sport) stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model and also may be given to 2018 National Team members
3. Athletes will be considered eligible and selected in order of the following levels of performance. Note that eligibility of an athlete based on the following criteria does not guarantee that the athlete will be selected to receive funding, as the number of athletes to be funded and the levels of funding are dependent upon the total amount of funding available from the B.C. Targets Sports Association.
 - a. National Team member (minimum training requirement: 10 hours/week). Federally Carded Athletes: Athletes who receive SR1/SR2 funding through Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance Program *may* be eligible to receive funding (up to a maximum of 20% of funding available).
 - b. B.C. Junior Team member (minimum training requirement: 8 hrs/week)
 - c. Identified athlete attempting to achieve Junior Team position

- d. **Note:** All athletes must be regularly working with a coach who meets the 3M National Coaching Certification Program (3M NCCP) standards as indicated..
 - e. **Note:** A training plan **must** be submitted with the application, covering the 2018 competition year, showing anticipated competitions and training camps the athlete will be attending. A letter from an athlete's NCCP coach **must** also be included indicating the coach's opinion of the athlete's work ethic **and** verifying the enclosed training plan.
4. **Subjective criteria:** An athlete should demonstrate competitiveness (the ability to perform in competition); good attitude (good sportsmanship and the ability to learn from mistakes); a willingness to work, learn, train and compete; and should represent the sport, the organization and British Columbia with dignity, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour.

ATHLETES RECEIVING FUNDS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- submit a signed copy of the **BCTSA Athlete's Code of Conduct** (available on website) with their application
- return any funding if for any reason **they do not** attend the 2018 Grand Prix
- make themselves available, if requested, to contribute to athlete development and coaching development programs run by the B.C. Target Sports Association.

TIMELINES / APPEAL PROCEDURES: **

DATES FOR 2018 ONLY:

- **February 6th:** Selection committee finalizes selection criteria and makes it ready to publish on the BCTSA Home Page and advertises on Facebook. Please note that decisions will be made by **March 20th** and selected athletes informed by phone or email by March 23rd or as soon as the decisions are made (***if you don't hear, you are not selected***).
- **February 18th:** Criteria will be published on the BCTSA Home page
- **March 14th:** Deadline for athlete applications.
- **March 20th:** Selection committee decides which athletes to fund.
- **March 23rd :** Selection committee contacts selected athletes.
- **Mar 31st:** Deadline for appeals in to selection committee. Selection committee then passes appeals to a 3 person appeal committee (appointed by President)
- **April 14th:** Decisions on appeals by appeal committee.
- **April 16th :** Cheques are sent out from Kamloops.

The recipients will be acknowledged on both the BCTSA Home Page and in the Target Sports Newsletter at the first opportunity

**** APPEALS PROCESS**

Any appeals to the Selection Committee must be made in writing and submitted to the Appeal Committee, care of BCTSA (Box 496 Kamloops, BC, V2C 5L2) by March 31st after the roster release for 2018. All supporting material must be attached

Appeals which are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.

Appeals Committee: The Appeals Committee will be formed of three people, all members of BCTSA , with preferably one member of the Executive. In order to avoid the potential for conflict of interest, (e.g. the parent of a nominated athlete being on the appeals committee), the membership of the Committee will be appointed by the President of the BCTSA.