



BCTSA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM & HIGH-PERFORMANCE ATHLETE PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA



The BCTSA has two programs that provide financial assistance to rifle and pistol athletes. The first is called the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) and the second is called the High-Performance Athlete program (HPA). The primary focus of AAP funding is for those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC at the National Level and are just below those receiving Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding (S1/S2 carding levels). The HPA is designed to support athletes that are performing at the national and international levels or have the strong potential to do so.

Both programs are athlete-centered and funded by the Province of British Columbia and administered by the Sport Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. These programs seek 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.

Program Objectives

These support programs are designed to help athletes achieve national or international success. The programs seek to:

- Focus support to athletes in the “training to train” (2 - 5 years in sport) and “training to compete” (4 – 9 Years in sport) stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model;
- To contribute to improved performances of Team BC athletes at the National Level;
- 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 in reaching their athletic potential.

The program reaches its objectives through adherence to the guiding principles of being athlete centred, equitable, accessible, and fair and merit based in its decisions.

Mandatory Requirements for Eligibility

All applicants (for either program) must meet the following requirements to be considered for funding. Note that eligibility of an athlete does not guarantee that the athlete will be selected to receive funding, as the number of athletes to be supported and the levels of funding are dependent upon the total amount of money received by the B.C. Targets Sports Association for any given year. BCTSA reserves the right to change support levels at any time. To be eligible for BCTSA funding an athlete must:

1. 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.
2. Be a member in good standing of the B.C. Target Sports Association through the following training year (application year plus 2 years i.e 2019 - 2021) and be involved (at least) in the “Training to Train” (2 – 5 yrs. in sport) or “Training to Compete” (4 – 9 yrs. in sport) stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model;
3. Be regularly working with a Certified Competition Development coach (or higher) who meets the National Coaching Certification Program standards.
4. Provide evidence of a training plan covering the upcoming competition year, showing anticipated competitions and training camps the athlete will be attending.

5. Submit a signed copy of the BCTSA Athlete's Code of Conduct with their application.
6. Provide a letter from the their NCCP Competition Development coach (or higher) indicating the coach's opinion of the athlete's work ethic and verifying the enclosed training plan.

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 program. Note that eligibility of an athlete based these criteria does not guarantee that the athlete will be selected to receive any funding.

1. Athletes will be considered and selected in order of the following levels of performance.
 - a. National Team member (minimum training requirement: 12 hours/week).
 - b. B.C. Junior Team member (minimum training requirement: 8 hrs/week)
 - c. Highest combined score at a provincial championship (minimum training requirement: 8 hrs per week).
 - d. In the BCTSA training scheme (training a minimum of 8 hrs per week).
2. The selection committee will also consider:
 - a. The athlete's demonstrated competitiveness (the ability to perform in competition) and their progress in past competitions;
 - b. Training attitude (good sportsmanship and the ability to learn from mistakes);
 - c. Educational or working environment of the athlete,
 - d. The required time, and financial commitment to attend events,
 - e. Willingness to work, learn, train and compete; and
 - f. Their ability to represent the sport, the organization and British Columbia with dignity, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour.

ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

If awarded funds athletes are expected to:

1. Meet or exceed the weekly training standards in their annual plan,
2. Participate in BCTSA and/or National training camps on a regular basis,
3. Compete in at least three major competitions per season, from among the following competitions (or including other competitions at equivalent levels as agreed on with your NCCP coach):
 - a. Provincial Smallbore Rifle or Pistol Championships,
 - b. BCTSA Sanctioned matches for AIR or small-bore (Such matches will be designated as 'AAP Qualified'),
 - c. National Smallbore or Air Championships or small-bore or air Pistol Championships, also any SFC sanctioned match that is listed as a "Cut score"
 - d. Any National or International Competitions deemed appropriate by their coach
4. For Recipients of the HPA funding athletes must compete in a total of four major events. The additional event must be at the national or international level, this criterion is in addition to the three event criteria listed above.

Withdrawal of BC AAP Sport Funding

ViaSport, the Sport and Recreation Branch and the BCTSA have the authority to withdraw support to any athlete if it is deemed that the athlete is no longer in compliance with the policies and requirements of the AAP or HPA programs.

Athletes will be expected to return any funds they receive if they fail to fulfill their obligations to BCTSA to train, compete or act as sports ambassador for BCTSA. Any withdrawal of support will be at the sole discretion of the governing bodies and will not be subject to appeal.

TIMELINES

The planned program timeline is:

1. Criteria Published: 30 Nov 2019
2. Applications Closed: 30 Dec 2019
3. Awards announced, and athletes notified not later than: 15 Jan 2020
4. Deadline for Appeals: 22 Jan 2020
5. Decisions on appeals by appeal committee: not later than: 27 Jan 2020
6. Cheque issued: Feb 2020

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

Application Process

Athletes may apply in writing or by email to the selection committee. Applications must include all the supporting documents required as listed above. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered, and the committee will not be responsible for delivery delays or lost mail.

Email submissions MUST provide ALL applicable documents in a PDF format, DO NOT send multiple emails. Other file formats such as word or excel **will not be accepted and your application will not be considered.** Material must be sent in time to be received by the committee no later than 5:00 PM on the closing date specified in the program time lines.

Athletes must complete their application and indicate the program(s) to which they are applying. Athletes may apply for both programs on one application, but it must be understood they may be selected for one, both or neither depending on the number of applications, their qualifications and the committee's available funding.

All applications will receive notification of the committee's decisions as soon as they are available and athletes that are successful will have their names posted on the BCTSA website.

Mail your application to: BCTSA AAP/HPA Committee, C/O 2164 Ebert Rd – Unit A, Campbell River, BC, V9W 6A2

If emailing your application send to: markjohnson@telus.net Use a single email, with your application and supporting materials in PDF format only, other formats will be rejected.

APPEAL PROCEDURES

Any appeals to the Selection Committee must be made in writing. Appeals may be submitted by mail or email.

Submit your appeal by mail to: The Appeals Committee, Box 496 Kamloops, BC, V2C 5L2

Or by email to: targetsports@bctsa.bc.ca

Appeals must be made within 7 days of the Athlete Assistance Program roster release for any given year. All supporting material must be attached. The Appeals Committee will be formed of three people, all members of BCTSA, with preferably one member of the Executive. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Non-selection for funding support is not enough reason for a successful appeal. To be successful your appeal must be fact-based and point out a significant error in the evaluation process that resulted in an incorrect assessment of the athlete's potential. It is important to understand that due to program limitations some athlete's may not be selected even though they meet all the program's requirements.



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BCTSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
British Columbia Target Sports Association
Application to be postmarked by mail by December 30th 2019

NOTE: Personal information collected on this form is directly related to and is necessary for the administration of the BC Athlete Assistance Program and the Premier's Athletic Awards. Disclosure of the information is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection Act (RSBC 1996, c.165). Any question about the collection, use or disclosure of this information should be sent to the Sport Consultant/Policy Analyst, Sport and Recreation Branch, 250.356-5183.

I wish to be considered for the: ☐ AAP Program ☐ The High-Performance Program

A. Personal Data (to be completed by the athlete)

BCTSA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

Last name:			First name:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	YYYY	MM	DD	Name of Sport: <i>Target Sports</i> How Many Years In Sport?
Permanent Address:					
City:		Province:		Postal Code:	
Home Town:		Telephone Number:		Optional Declaration - Aboriginal Ancestry (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		Email Address:			

B. Educational Status

Completed Secondary School: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If no, indicate <i>current</i> or <i>highest grade completed</i> :	
Post-Secondary Educational Status:		
Level completed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Institution Attended:	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate OR # of years completed: Institution Attended:

C. Awards History

Have you received BC Athlete Assistance funding before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Which year(s)?
Do you receive SPORT CANADA funding? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If so, indicate carding level and years received: Carding Level: Years Received:
Indicate year of the Canada games or other major games you have participated in:		
North American Indigenous Games:	Canada Winter Games:	National Championships:
Western Canada Summer Games:	BC Games:	Other (International):

D. Level of Competition and Rankings

Please check level of competition attained to date:

☐ National Senior Team☐ National Development Team☐ National Junior Team☐ Provincial Team☐ University☐ College☐ Elite Club

If member of National Senior Team, indicate number of matches / competitions completed for Canada to date:

E. Coaching Data

Name of Personal Coach:

NCCP # _____

Name of Comp Dev Certified Coach:

NCCP # _____

Place of Residency - Comp Dev Coach:

Province:

Postal Code:

F. Reminders**Have you included a Letter from your Coach along with your YTP as indicated in Criteria**

Yes ____ No ____

Have you consulted with a Comp Dev NCCP Coach regarding your Yearly Training Plan (YTP)?

Yes ____ No ____

Have you very carefully read all the criteria required for this application?

Yes ____ No ____

Have you included a copy of your BCTSA Current Membership (Valid till 2021).

Yes ____ No ____

Have you included a signed Code of Conduct?

Yes ____ No ____

Yearly Training Plan example documents are on the BCTSA web site. If an athlete does not normally work with a Com Dev coach, then they are to consult a Comp Dev coach when developing their YTP. The athlete must then have their personal coach vouch for their training time and thoroughness. The athlete and/or his coach must continue to consult regularly with the Com Dev during training camps and competitions to discuss the athlete's progress in relation to the YTP.

G. Declarations

I hereby declare that the information on this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true and complete. If verification of my academic standing is required, I give my approval for further investigation. In return for any assistance provided to me under the BC Athletic Assistance Program, I agree to fulfill all training and competition commitments, to make myself available to Team BC selection, and to contribute to athlete and coaching development programs run by the Province Sport Organization (PSO) within British Columbia. **I hereby permit the unrestricted use of my name, list of sport accomplishments and BC AAP generated images for the purpose of recognition by the Government of BC officials, the BCTSA and the media as they pertain to the BC Athlete Assistance Program.**

I understand that if I do not comply with the requirements as indicated in the Criteria, I will return the funds I received

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

If under 19 years, parent or guardian's signature required also:

Signature of
Parent/Guardian:

Date:

I hereby endorse this application for assistance and confirm that the commitments made will be monitored.

Signature of PSO Athlete Administrator:

Date: