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BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2011-12 Selection Criteria

The [BC Athlete Assistance Program](#) (BC AAP) is an athlete-centred 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 association 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 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 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.

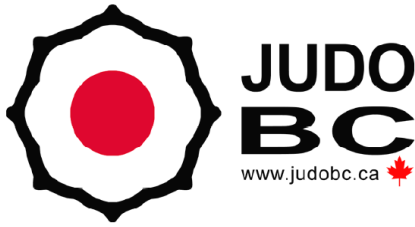
General Criteria

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 Judo BC and Judo Canada.
- ✓ 4) Must be work regularly with a Level 3 NCCP Coach. (Note: Judo BC’s Provincial Coach is Level 3).



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SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes are selected for funding through the BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) by the Technical Committee based on the following Judo Specific Guidelines:

Funding will be based on the following ranking priorities:

1. Competed in IJF Level E (or higher) with 2 wins in 2010-11 season.
2. Qualified for the World Junior (U20 or U17) for 2011-12 season.
3. Top 5 at 2011 senior nationals with a minimum of 2 wins.
4. 2011 Junior national champions (U20) with a minimum of 2 wins.
5. 2011 Junior Nationals Medalist (U20) with a minimum of 2 wins.
6. 2011 Junior Nationals Medalist (U17) with a minimum of 2 wins.
7. 2011 Junior Nationals Medalist (U15) with a minimum of 2 wins.

- Note:
1. Athletes who were unable to participate in the 2011 National Championships due to an injury may be eligible for funding based a proven past performance and confirmed medical clearance for the fall 2011 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 Judo BC Office by 4:00pm on Wednesday, September 14th will be considered for BC AAP funding.

ASSIGNMENT OF FUNDING

The Judo BC Technical Committee shall be responsible for review all application and allocating funds. All applicants shall be notified no later than September 30th of the Technical Committee's decision.

OBLIGATIONS OF FUNDING

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

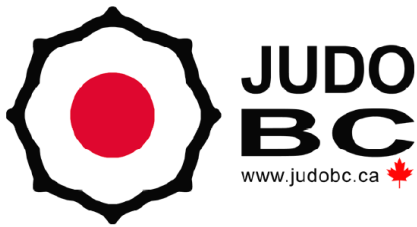
Use Of Banned Substances And Methods

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.



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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 a minimum of one out of province tournament and prior to February 28, 2012.

WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING

Judo BC, 2010 Legacies Now 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.

APPEAL PROCESS

Athletes who applied for BC AAP 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 ranking and selection of athletes, they deserves to be included as a nominated athlete; or
- the award level or amount for which they have been selected does not meet the ranking and selection criteria as published.

Appeals regarding decisions relating to the actual selection or the amounts of the awards should be directed to the Judo 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 Technical Committee, the Board of Directors will consider the appeal. The individual who made the appeal will be notified in writing of the decision.

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.



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