



BOWLS BC

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

SELECTION CRITERIA

(VERSION 1.2)

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1. BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funder: Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Province of British Columbia (SRB)

PSO: Bowls BC (BBC)

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 and Recreation 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 (Bowls BC) and competing in recognized national and international competitions to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs.

Program Objectives

- to focus support to athletes in the “training to compete” and “training to win” stages ; and
- to help increase the number of BC athletes reaching National and International status in World Bowls thus expanding BC representation on national teams and at eligible major international multi-sport Games.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must meet the following minimum standards:

2.1 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.

2.2 PSO Membership:

Athletes must be registered members of a Bowls BC member club for the funding period. And athletes must be in financial good standing with their club, Bowls BC (BBC) and Bowls Canada (BCB). Awards may be withheld at any time if the athlete is not in financial good standing with any of the above Associations.

2.3 Training and Competition:

Bowls BC expects that the bowler-athletes will be undergoing regular training and coaching from a Level 3 NCCP. However, Bowls BC has limited NCCP qualified Level 3 and Level 2 Coaches. Therefore the expectation, from Bowls BC, is that there is a minimum of 10 hours weekly of training and/or competitions for all Tier One athletes and a minimum of 5 hours weekly for Tier Two & Three athletes.

Tiers 1 applicants for funding must also provide to Bowls BC, through the AAP Committee a short written statement on a proposed “self-directed” regular training & preparation for funded events and where feasible, in conjunction with a qualified coach for the coming season. (ie: list of competitions planned for the coming season) This is in addition to other responsibilities noted, not in place of those. This task must be undertaken within 60 days of receiving funding.

2.4 Performance:

Athletes must be competing within the ‘training to compete’ and training to win’ stages. Funding within these stages is based on the level at which the athlete has competed in the funding period (April 1- March 31), regardless of past performance or funding level.

2.5 Use of Banned Substances and Methods:

British Columbia'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 and Bowls BC 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.

2.6 Professional / Semi-Professional Status:

Anyone receiving monies in a professional or semi-professional manner that meets daily

living requirements, would not be eligible.

As an example, a few Canadian bowlers have signed contracts to bowl in Australia in the Premier League, which would make them ineligible under this funding program.

2.7 Commitment and Responsibilities to Bowls BC

In order to:

- Encourage other development athletes
- Share important competitive information
- Assist BC clubs and coaches
- Create a positive “public relations” component

Bowler-athletes receiving financial support under this program will be required to complete the following tasks that would benefit the general bowling community and possibly encourage others to compete at a higher level.

Athletes have the choice of one of the following to be completed within 12 months of the funded event.

2.7.1 Tier One Events

- Actively conduct a seminar or coaching session at a BC Bowls Club (preferably not their home club) with a minimum of 10 bowlers for a minimum of 3 hours.
Written submission of the format and details to be provided to the Committee *preferably* in advance for review and approval, or
- Written Report to Bowls BC suitable for publishing in Newsletter, detailing event experience, conditions of play and coaching suggestions, or
- Presentation to school, seniors groups, and disabled group or community agency detailing the event, experience and health benefits related to bowls.

Failure to complete this responsibility by December 31st will exclude that athlete from further funding for two years, notwithstanding selection and participation in listed events.

2.7.2 Tier Two & Three Events

- One hour coaching session at a BC Club, or
- A summary (500 words min.) of event experience to be submitted to Bowls BC Director of Coaching and Player Development, or
- Presentation of experience at a Bowls BC event (i.e. AGM), or
- Any of the responsibilities listed for Tier One.

Failure to complete this responsibility by December 31st will exclude that athlete from further funding for two years, notwithstanding selection and participation in listed events.

2.8 Withdrawal of BC AAP Sport Funding:

The Sport and Recreation Branch has 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.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 Bowls BC- AAP Selection Committee

- One member of the Bowls BC Board of Directors
- One member from Bowls BC Athletic Development Committee
- Bowls BC Head Coach or designate

3.2 Event Based Funding Format

Support for athletes will be allocated by the “type” of event. Event funding allocation will be based on a percentage of the total funding recognizing the stature of the event.

To meet the objective of focusing support on both the following:

- athletes in the “training to win”
- athletes in the “training to compete”

In addition to Tier One events which provides assistance to bowlers “training to win”, two other Tiers (Two and Three) of funding assistance level are introduced to provide a measure of support for bowlers “training to compete”.

For this reason, the following support will be allocated as:

- Tier One Events – 60% of total annual grant (Any surplus transferred to Tier 2)
- Tier Two Events – 20% of total annual grant plus transfers. (Any surplus to Tier 3)
- Tier Three Events – 20% of total annual grant plus transfers.

All funds will be awarded per season.

- 2006/7 award based on Events Apr 1/06 – Mar 31/07
- 2007/8 award based on Events Apr 1/07 – Mar 31/08
- 2008/9 award based on Events Apr 1/08 – Mar 31/09

3.3 Event Ranking

3.3.1 Tier ONE: International Competitions (“Training to Win”)

Up to \$1000 per Athlete Yearly Maximum.

Athletes who have been selected for the Canadian National Team (NT) at the start of the fiscal period and who competed on the World stage. (*ie Commonwealth Games, World Bowls Championship, or other International Event selected by the NT*)

- Athletes who represent Canada through Sanctioned Qualifying Events. (*ie. World Junior Cup Under 25, Champion of Champions, World Cup Indoor Championship*)

3.3.2 Tier TWO: Developmental Competitions (“Training to Compete”)

Up to \$500 per athlete Yearly Maximum.

Athletes who participated in the North America Challenge and who were not selected for Team Canada (NT)

- Athletes who were a member of the NT, who participated in North America Challenge (NAC) but were not eligible under Tier 1

- Athletes who were a member of the NT, who did not participate in the NAC nor were they eligible for Tier 1
- BC Junior (18 and Under) Champion who competes at the Canadian Junior (18 and Under) Finals.

3.3.3 Tier THREE: Developmental Competition & Training Events (“Training to Compete”)

Up to \$500 per athlete Yearly Maximum.

Designed for Athletes in “training to compete” who participated in major self funded events.

Eligible events are; NT Training and Trials Camp, Canadian Open, US Open, NZ Open, Australian Open, CANAM, World Police and Fire Games or other significant events including World Junior Cup Qualifier if participated in the BowlsBC Qualifier.

- **Tier three athlete can only choose one event in this tier for award.**
- **Tier three is to be shared equally amongst all successful applicants.**
- **All funds to be awarded.**

3.3.4 Not all athletes who meet eligibility criteria are guaranteed to receive BC AAP funding.

3.3.5 Athletes are eligible for funding in only one Tier per fiscal year.

3.3.6 Committee reserves the right to increase maximum grants per tier if financial circumstances permit it.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING Rescinded

5. APPEAL PROCESS

It is understood that athletes have an inherent right to submit an appeal regarding the Bowls BC Athlete Assistance Program if they believe that;

- the award level or amount for which they have been selected does not meet Bowls BC ranking and selection criteria as published; or
- the athlete has not been selected for an award, and they believe that, in accordance with Bowls BC published criteria for the ranking and selection of athletes, the athlete deserves to be included in the award.

5.1. The appeal must be submitted in writing describing what is being appealed and reasons why.

5.2. The appellant must be in good standing with Bowls BC.

5.3. Appeal to be sent to Bowls BC Executive to determine eligibility within 7 days of Publication of Preliminary Selected Athletes List.

- If deemed eligible (providing requested information and in a fair and reasonable manner), the appeal will be forwarded to a Bowls BC Appeal Committee within 14 days of receipt of the appeal.
- If not considered eligible, the Bowls BC Executive will notify the appellant within 14 days of the application review.
- Copies of the appeal to be sent to the Bowls BC AAP Selection Committee.

5.4. The Appeal Committee will make a decision within 14 days of their receipt of the appeal whether to:

- deny the appeal
 - *If the appeal is denied it will be based upon the criteria set down by Bowls BC and the decision will be final.*
 - *If the appellant disagrees with the criteria this will not be the basis for an appeal.*
- accept the appeal
- recommend appeal go to mediation.
- The athlete would be invited to make representation at the conference call of the Bowls BC Appeal Committee.

5.5. The appellant will be contacted with the results when decision is made.

5.6. Mediation will be organized by Bowls BC and basic mediation costs will be covered by Bowls BC. The appellant will be responsible for personal and travel costs.

5.7 The Bowls BC AAP Appeal Committee

- One member of the 2008/09 BBC AAP Selection Committee
- A Bowls BC Executive Officer
- A Bowls BC Member at Large as selected by Bowls BC

6. Forms and Time Line

6.1 Application for funding forms are available at the following website

Bowls BC
www.bowlsbc.ca

6.2 Applications are to be **physically** submitted (**no e-mail or faxes**) to Bowls BC Executive via Post, Regional Director, or Executive member of Bowls BC before:

2006-7	March 31, 2008
2007-8	February 28, 2008
2008-9	Dec 31st (for subsequent seasons).

Mailing address: Bowls BC
 #501-1710 Bayshore Drive,
 Vancouver, BC V6G 3G4
(check web site for current address of Secretary.)

6.3 Application forms must show name and dates of participation in the qualifying events also what Tier they are found.

6.4 Time Line

	<i>2007-8 version 1</i>	<i>2006-7 version 1.1</i>	<i>Subsequent years version 1.2</i>
Deadline for Applications	Feb 28, 2008	Mar 31,2008	December 31 st
Publishing of selected athlete list on web site	March 7 th , 2008	April 07,2008	January 15 th
Deadline of Appeals	March 14 th , 2008	April 14,2008	January 22 nd
Publishing of final list of awarded athletes on web site	March 15 th , 2008 <i>(providing no appeals)</i>	April 15,2008 <i>(providing no appeals)</i>	February 20 th
Final list submitted to Funder	March 15 th , 2008 <i>(providing no appeals)</i>	April 15, 2008 <i>(providing no appeals)</i>	February 20 th
Cheques to be issued to athletes before	March 31 st , 2008	April 30, 2008	March 31 st
Tier 1 “self-directed” regular training & preparation written statements submitted to BBC AAP	May 31 st , 2008	N/A	May 31 st

7. Criteria Amendment Procedures:

Funding Criteria may be changed by Bowls BC at the AGM & S/AGM only, based solely on recommendation by the Board through a prior review process. This review process must include Sports and Recreation Branch Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. Due to the diligence required, no changes to the criteria will come from ad hoc motions at the AGM. Motions for changes would be referred to the Board for review and possible ratification at the next AGM.

8. Table - Event Ranking and Criteria

Tier	Eligible Events	Remarks	Funding
1 “training to win”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected to Canada's National Team (<i>per BCB criteria</i>), and who participated in a World/International event Athlete who represents Canada through a sanctioned Qualifying Event (ie. World Indoor Singles, Champion of Champions, World Junior Cup (Under 25)) 	Max of \$1,000 per athlete	2006/7 = \$3,600
		60% of Fund	2007/8 = \$3,600 2008/9 = \$3,600 2009/10 = \$3,600
		surplus transferred to Tier 2	
2 “training to compete”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in North America Challenge (<i>not selected for NT</i>) Member of NT, and participated in NAC and not eligible for Tier 1 Member of NT, who did not participate in NAC nor eligible for Tier 1 BC Champion to Canadian Junior (Under 18) Championship, 	Max of \$500 per athlete	2006/7 = \$1,200+ 2007/8 = \$1,200+
		20% of Fund plus transfer from Tier 1	2008/9 = \$1,200+
		Surplus transferred to Tier 3	2009/10 = \$1,200+
3 “training to compete”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in Team Canada Training Camp, World Junior Cup Qualifier (<i>must of participate in BC Qualifier</i>) US Open, Canadian Open, NZ Open, Australian Open, CANAM World Police and Fire Games or other significant events. 	Max of \$500 per athlete	2006/7 = \$1,200+
		Tier 3 Funds to be divided equally amongst all recipients	2007/8 = \$1,200+ 2008/9 = \$1,200+
		Athlete can only choose one event for award.	2009/10 = \$1,200+

Version 1 was used for 2007/8 Criteria

Version 1.1 was used for 2006/7 Criteria

Version 1.2 will be used for 2008/9 Criteria and subsequent years

