



# British Columbia Table Tennis Association

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## **2008-2009 BC Table Tennis Association Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) for Athletes with a Disability**

### **Criteria Factors**

#### ***1.0 General***

The **BC Athlete Assistance Program** (BC AAP) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance funded and administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sports. BC AAP seeks to recognize and support BC high performance athletes striving to represent the Province and Canada in athletic competition. Athletes who have demonstrated the potential and commitment to attain this level of excellence can qualify for different levels of financial support based on relative levels of development and competition achieved within the overall limits of funds available.

The program seeks to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs when participating in provincial, national and international sport events. The Sport and Recreation Branch intends that BC AAP focus on those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC and are just below those receiving Sport Canada funding. This financial assistance will ensure a continuum of support for the development of national and international class BC athletes.

#### ***2.0 Administration of the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)***

**The Selection Committee:** The BC Table Tennis Association AAP Selection Committee is responsible for the identification, nomination and ranking of athletes for funding assistance through the BC Athlete Assistance Program.

**Applications:** All applicants must meet the BC Table Tennis Association selection criteria as identified in Section 5.0

*Note: The application by an athlete does not guarantee that the athlete will receive BC AAP funding.*

**Equitable:** Athletes at differing levels of excellence will receive commensurate levels of financial support, based on the selection criteria and rankings established by BC Table Tennis Association (see Section 5.0). This process will give consideration to any educational or working environment of the athlete, the required time and financial commitment of the athlete to excel in the sport of Table Tennis, and the overall limits of funds available.

### **3.0 Eligibility Requirements for the Athlete Assistance Program for Athletes with a Disability**

**Citizenship and Residency:** To be eligible for an award, 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.

**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.

**Coaching:** To be eligible for funding assistance, athletes should be regularly coached by individuals who meet the established coaching qualification criteria as outlined by BC Table Tennis Association .

**Commitment to BC Table Tennis Association:** Any athlete receiving financial assistance from the Province of British Columbia must be available for provincial team selections and if selected, commit to train and represent British Columbia and the sport of Table Tennis in the applicable competition.

**Membership:** Athletes receiving financial assistance must be registered members of BC Table Tennis Association (annual membership) at the time the assistance is awarded, and during the competitive year in which the funding is based.

**Federally Carded Athletes:** Athletes in receipt of Sport Canada funding in a particular fiscal year may be eligible for BC AAP funding. The intent of the program is to provide funding to those athletes who have been selected to represent their province while endeavoring for future selection on a national team.

**Athlete Selection:** Athlete selection will be made according to the criteria set out in Section 5.0 of this document, with preference given to developing high performance athletes.

**Selection Criteria:** BC Table Tennis Association is responsible for developing and publishing the selection criteria and standards that will be utilized in the identification, ranking and selection of athletes. It is the responsibility of the Selection Committee to ensure fair, equitable and consistent application of these standards.

**Funding Level:** Consideration by the Selection Committee will be given to the required time and financial commitment required to excel in the sport, and the educational or working environment of the athlete. A minimum of \$500 and up to a maximum of \$3500 can be awarded per athlete. The amount each athlete awarded is dependent on the actual amount of funding granted. This will be divided equally among all the recipients.

**Athletes Training Outside BC:** Athletes leaving the province will only be considered for AAP funding support in the following cases:

1. pursuit of specialized program of studies not offered in B.C.
2. participation with a (Canadian) National Sport Centre outside of B.C.
3. a suitable athlete development program that is currently unavailable in B.C.
4. BC athletes training outside of BC will only be considered for funding if there is a demonstrated commitment to provincial teams and other athlete development activities.

#### **4.0 Appeal Process**

Appeals: Any appeals to the APP Selection Committee must be made in writing and submitted within 7 days of the Athlete Assistance Program roster release for any given year. **Send to:**

AAP Selection Committee,  
BC Table Tennis Association  
#227 – 3820 Cessna Drive  
Richmond, BC, V7B OA2

**Appeals which are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.**

**Appeals Committee:** The Appeals Committee will be formed of three people, all members of BC Table Tennis Association 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 selected by the Board.

#### ***Obligations of BC Table Tennis Association***

- a. publish the BC AAP ranking and selection criteria, procedures, and the selected BC AAP calendar outline to athletes and coaches before the beginning of the nomination process.
- b. publish the Appeal Process to athletes and coaches before the beginning of the nomination process.
- c. inform their athletes and coaches as to their list of nominated athletes.

After the final nomination lists have been approved, BC Table Tennis Association will publish a list of their funded athletes on the BC Table Tennis Association website.

#### **5.0 BC Table Tennis Association Selection Criteria for Athletes with a Disability.**

Athletes must meet the following criteria. Final considerations priority list:

1. Selected to represent British Columbia, Canada, or North America.
2. Performance at Provincial, National or International Championships:-
  - (a) Medals won (i) Gold (ii) Silver (iii) Bronze
  - (b) Match results
  - (c) Attitude throughout the year
3. Improvement for the year, since AAP funding is awarded on a yearly basis.
4. Ratings and past performance in competitions
5. Have a report accepted by the Board of Directors of BC Table Tennis Association.