



BC Athlete Assistance Program and CSCP Targeted athlete list

Each season BC Hockey is awarded the opportunity to nominate players to be designated by Canadian Sport Centre Pacific as “identified athletes”. The athletes are designated as a result of participation / selection / performance in the BC Hockey High Performance Program. The CSC Pacific performance model assists national and provincial sport organizations and their targeted athletes, across the province, providing services to both summer and winter sports. Registered athletes gain access to benefits including; Gymworks (gym passes), performance enhancement seminars, links to medical services, and career services. Their coaches also have access to these services.

Designated athletes are categorized as follows;

Level 1A Canadian Development – Identified National Performance Athletes (National U20 or Female U22 team)

Level 2 Canadian Development – Identified National Performance Athletes (National U18 team)

Level 3 Provincial Development – Identified Provincial performance Athletes (U18 Team BC, U17 Team Pacific, U16 Team BC)

BC Athlete Assistance Program (AAP);

As a component of the CSCP designation, athletes are also considered for possible funding through the BC Athlete Assistance Program (AAP). BC Hockey receives funding each season of which 100% is distributed to athletes on a priority basis depending on the amount of funds received.

BC Hockey supports its members in the areas of athlete recruitment, talent identification, training, competition and retention. Through the BC AAP, BC athletes pursuing experiences at the National and International level may receive financial assistance. The funding assists BC Hockey players in experiencing the positive aspects of sport and maximizes their individual potential.

Criteria

Athletes interested in referencing AAP Athlete selection criteria can access information through the following link:

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BC HOCKEY ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: SELECTION CRITERIA

BC Hockey supports its members in the areas of athlete recruitment, talent identification, training, competition and retention. Through the B.C. Athlete Assistance Program B.C. athletes pursuing experiences at the national and international level may receive assistance that would enable a BC Hockey athlete to experience the positive aspects of sport and to maximize their individual potential. Funding for individual athletes will be facilitated through BC Hockey High Performance Program and will be based on an athlete's demonstrated commitment to high performance sport and excellence and their potential to compete for British Columbia and Canada.

*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 BC Hockey members currently competing in the BC Hockey High Performance Program and the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence.*

The intent of the BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) is to provide support to those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC or Team Pacific at a National Championship and are just below those receiving Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding.

Program Objectives

- To focus support to athletes in the "training to train" through to the "training to compete" stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete Development Model*
- To contribute to improved performances of Team BC athletes*
- To increase the number of BC athletes reaching federal carding status thus expanding BC representation on national teams.*

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

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Awards will be allocated to individual athletes and funded through BC Hockey based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport and excellence, and their potential to compete for British Columbia and Canada.

Specific Criteria Includes:

- 1. Current members of the national team program not receiving full time Sport Canada carding.*
- 2. A National ID athlete selected to partake in the National team selection process*
- 3. A member of Team BC or Team Pacific which competes annually at the National level.*

OR

- 4. An athlete currently part of the BC Hockey High Performance Program.*
- 5. An athlete having the potential to represent BC at the National or International level.*



Selection Data / Processes

- Athlete ranking and nominations will be those as established by the BC Hockey High Performance Programs through evaluation processes at High Performance events.
- In addition to the above athlete performance at the club team level is important and will be researched by the BC High Performance Program personnel.
- Athlete rankings may be established using performance data obtained from the National Program of Excellence.
- Athletes will be ranked, nominated and/or selected using the established BC Hockey High Performance Technical Criteria below

* *The AAP Committee may consider non-performance factors including, but not limited to; athlete need, location of events, community commitment.*

High Performance Technical Criteria

Physical Skills:

- a) *Size - not major factor, but helps if other skills are present*
- b) *Strength - important in tough situations and competitions*
- c) *Fitness - obvious commitment*
- d) *Quickness - ability to accelerate over short distance which may offset average overall foot speed*

Technical Skills:

- a) *Skating **
- b) *Passing*
- c) *Puck Handling ALL SHOULD BE AT A HIGH SPEED*
- d) *Shooting*
- e) *Checking*

Tactical Skills:

- a) *Read/react (support off puck)*
- b) *Adjusting to styles*
- c) *Ability to learn new systems*
- d) *Ability to think quickly **

Mental Skills: (Mental Toughness - Character)

- a) *Cannot be intimidated by players or situations*
- b) *Self control/disciplined*
- c) *Confidence - loves a challenge - rise to occasion*
- d) *Highly motivated - intense, desire - never gives up - self motivated*
- e) *Coachable - listens/does not make excuses*
- f) *Courage - goes to puck first - sacrifices - can take a hit*
- g) *Team player*
- h) *Accepts role that is given to him/her on the team*

Goaltenders:

- a) *Communicator*
- b) *Focused on play - intense*
- c) *Reads the attack*



- d) *Handles the puck effectively*
- e) *Quick lateral movement*
- f) *Challenges the shooter at appropriate times*

Other

- a) *Sportsmanship.*
- b) *Hockey ability and performance or quality of contribution.*
- c) *School and community participation.*

Athlete Identification Timeline:

- 1) *Athletes will be identified by a selection committee comprised of the BC Hockey High Performance Committee*
 - *High Performance Chair*
 - *High Performance Male and Female Branch Coordinator*
 - *Associate Director of Programs*
 - *Male and Female Program Coordinator*
- 2) *Players will be notified of selection and must complete the appropriate forms to be eligible.*

Appeal Process

Subject to BC Hockey By-Law Ten

Training and Competition: *This program is in support of the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence and the BC Hockey High Performance Program. Selected athletes from these programs are expected to be involved in a yearly training and competition plan, competing in an appropriate number of national and/or international competitions.*

Performance: *The athletes are expected to be presently competing within the 'training to train' 'learning to compete and/or training to win' stages. Funding within these stages is based on the level at which the athlete is currently competing, regardless of past performance or funding level. Athletes must meet the sport-specific selection criteria as established under the BC AAP Guidelines, Policies and Procedures document (www.hls.gov.bc.ca/sport) and be identified by the Selection Committee for that sport.*

Note: Not all athletes that meet the eligibility criteria are guaranteed to receive BC AAP funding.

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.*

Athletes Training Outside BC: *Athletes residing and/or training outside the province will only be considered for BC AAP funding support in the following cases:*

- 1) *If they are enrolled in a specialized program of study;*
- 2) *If they are participating/training with a National Sport Centre; and/or*
- 3) *If a suitable athlete development program in that sport is currently unavailable in B.C.*
- 4) *If they are eligible to play for a team in the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) and have been selected to a club team based out of province.*

All out-of-province athletes will only be considered for funding if there is a demonstrated commitment to BC provincial teams and other athlete development activities as determined by the PSO Selection Committee.



Commitment to the PSO/NSO: 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 BC Hockey in applicable competitions.

PSO Membership: Athletes receiving financial assistance are expected to be registered members of BC Hockey or "Athletes Training Outside BC" as indicated above.

Withdrawal of BC AAP Sport Funding: The Sport and Recreation 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.

The attached Spreadsheet indicates the priority of funding should funding received not be sufficient to cover all categories listed.