



## ALBERTA ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AADP) POLICY

### Key information:

- **Athletes must submit an online application form for AADP within 30 days of the application submission acceptance announcement of the funding year.**
  - *Electronic submissions only: any other submissions will be returned to the sender.*
  - *Deadline subject to change at Athletics Alberta's discretion.*
- **Athletes must ensure that they renew their Athletics Alberta membership by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the funding year.**
- **A performance will only be accepted if the athlete is a member in good standing at the time of the performance.**
- **Athletics Alberta will produce a list of recipients after the confirmation of the final Athletics Canada National Carding recipients list. Athletics Alberta will produce a list of provincial carding by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year provided Athletics Canada carding has been concluded.**

### GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

To identify and assist Alberta athletes with their future individual training and competition expenses by awarding funding based on individual accomplishments at the Provincial and National levels as well as those performances measured against Athletics Alberta standards. The amount allocated for 2015 AADP is \$~47,000.00.

### PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROGRAM

The philosophy of the program is to fund Junior and Senior identified athletes in the province. AADP is a stepping-stone to National Carding. Athletes receiving this funding will participate in Athletics Alberta events, such as provincial championships and take part in Athletics Alberta programs, such as Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Summer Games.

### AADP SCORING CRITERIA

Athletes receive points based on performance, provincial championship placing, national championship placing, for participation on designated National Teams, and for participation in Canada Summer Games or equivalent events.

### AADP STANDARDS

The AADP Standards are based on Canadian performances in the previous five years to reflect the strength of each event in Canada. Column 1 (26+ years "A") is based on the average of 10th place in the National Rankings for the past five years. Column 7 (Junior "C") is based on the average of 8th place at National Junior Championships for the past five years. The standards are subject to adjustment to better represent the level of performance expected.

### FUNDING ALLOCATION

The committee will allocate funding utilizing the 3 tiers below. Dollar value of the tiers will be determined by the committee at the time of evaluation:

#### Tier One

- The athlete's points will be totaled and all performances verified. Athletes will be ranked accordingly. Only those athletes achieving a Senior "A" (Column 1) standard will be considered for tier one funding.

#### Tier Two

- Points will be totaled and athletes will be ranked according to these totals. Athletes must achieve a minimum of "C" standard in their category or be a provincial medalist in the Junior or Senior Category.

#### Tier Three

- Points will be totaled and athletes will be ranked according to these totals. Athletes must be a **provincial medalist** in the Junior or Senior Category, or have a "C" standard in their category.

## FUNDING GUIDELINES

- i. Athletes must submit their electronic AADP application form to the Athletics Alberta office no later than **30 days of the application submission acceptance announcement** of the funding year; unless otherwise stated by Athletics Alberta.
- ii. Athletes must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status and be pursuing their citizenship prior to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the funding year, documentation may be requested.
- iii. Athletes competing internationally for a country other than Canada are deemed ineligible.
- iv. Athletes must be a resident of Alberta for six months prior to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the funding year.
- v. At the time of performance athletes must be a member of an **Athletics Alberta registered 'A' Level Track and Field Club** to be eligible for AADP.
- vi. Athletes must ensure that their results are listed on the Athletics Alberta Rankings.
- vii. **Athletes must submit their Athletics Alberta registration form as well as the appropriate fee prior to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the funding year. Athletes who fail to do so risk being removed from the AADP list.**
- viii. Athletes must remain a member of an Athletics Alberta club in the year in which funds are to be distributed.
- ix. **Athletics Alberta Clubs must have their own AADP policy in place to ensure distribution of funds are in accordance with Athletics Alberta's funding sources. Athletics Alberta reserves the right to holds funds until such policy is in place.\*NEW\***
- x. Athletes must be residing in the Province of Alberta when the decision is made for AADP funding unless they are attending a Post Secondary educational institution or an Athletics Canada Training Centre at that time.
- xi. Athletes attending non Canadian educational institutions will only receive funding for the months of the year that they are competing in/for Alberta. Funds will be prorated at the time of distribution. Funds must be used in accordance with their educational institutions policies (e.g. NCAA funding guidelines)
  - a. Athletes must indicate their Compliance Officer's name, and contact information in the **Other Contact Information** section.
- xii. Athletes returning to Alberta following the completion of an athletic scholarship while attending a non-Canadian educational institution will be eligible for AADP in that same year, provided that they meet residency requirements outlined above.
- xiii. Athletes who are in reception of Athletics Canada Carding for the first time or/are returning to carding after a period of time without carding are eligible to receive Athletics Alberta Funding for the funding year for which they are applying.
- xiv. Athletes receiving AADP funding are required to send their MLA a letter thanking them and noting how the funds will help their athletic development. An electronic copy of the letter must also be sent to Athletics Alberta, info@athleticsalberta.com. Failure to comply within 90 days of the distribution of funds may result in that athlete or that athletes' club having future funds restricted, withheld, or cause the club to be ineligible for funding in the following year.

## FUNDING PROCESS

- i. Upon receiving applications the technical manager will verify the eligibility of the athletes, the information provided, and then create the AADP list.
- ii. AADP funds will be distributed as soon as Athletics Canada confirms its Annual List of Carded Athletes. (Note: Nationally carded athletes are not eligible to receive the AADP funding in the year in which they receive National Carding)
- iii. AADP funds can be used to offset any of the following expenses incurred between January 1st and December 31st of the following year:
  - a. Travel to and from training camps and competitions
  - b. Accommodations
  - c. Meals (not exceeding \$40/day)
  - d. Expendable training materials and equipment (e.g. spikes)
  - e. Training costs (e.g. facility rental)
  - f. Club membership fees
  - g. Personal expenses (e.g. specialized or additional coaching costs)
  - h. Therapy (e.g. Physiotherapy)
- iv. If an athlete becomes injured and/or does not train or compete and therefore does not expend all the AADP funding, then the club must return the unexpended portion of this funding.

- v. If an athlete transfers Clubs in mid-year; it is the responsibility of the two clubs to negotiate any transfer of AADP funds. The original club may keep AADP funds to cover costs incurred on behalf of the athlete as per the above guidelines.
- vi. Athletics Alberta must be notified of any AADP funds to be transferred and accordingly the following completed forms must be sent to the Athletics Alberta office:
  - a. Release/Transfer form
  - b. An outline of how the funds will be used during the current season.
- vii. Note: Funds cannot be paid out until the Appeal Process at the National Carding Level has been finalized.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- i. Athletes must submit their AADP application form to the Athletics Alberta office no later than November 14<sup>th</sup> of the current funding year, unless otherwise advised by Athletics Alberta.
- ii. AADP is based on performances in the past Outdoor season. Points will be awarded in 4 categories and must be claimed **as Junior or Senior but not both**. Points will be totaled and athletes will be ranked according to these totals. Youth athletes and younger are only eligible with special circumstances determined by the committee.
- iii. Athletes must achieve a minimum of "C" standard in their category or be a provincial medalist in the Junior or Senior Category.
- iv. Athletes competing outside the province must ensure their official results are submitted to the Association to be included within Association rankings. The ranking list as of the end of October each calendar year will be used for funding purposes.
- v. Performances in 100m, 200m, Sprint Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump must include wind information. (Only performances with a legal wind will be accepted for the standard section).
- vi. The athlete's points will be totaled and all performances verified. Athletes will be ranked accordingly. Only those athletes achieving a Senior "A" (Column 1) standard will be considered for tier one funding.
- vii. If athletes are tied for the last positions, ties will be broken using the IAAF Points Tables to score performances, then placing at National Championships, and then placing at Provincial Championships.
- viii. At this time there is no medical exemption for athletes without an outdoor performance during the funding year for which they are applying.
- ix. If not all funding is given out, the remaining money will be put into provincial programming at the Programs Committee's direction.

## **SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

### **National Team Commitment**

When National Team commitments conflict with Provincial Championships, an athlete may claim up to 8 points upon approval of the Programs Committee. When National Team commitments conflict with National Championships, an athlete may claim up to 16 points upon the approval of the Programs Committee. The Programs Committee will use the performance from the conflicting meet compared to the missed Championships to help determine points awarded.

### **Aged Group**

If in the case an athlete 17 years(youth) old or younger has been selected for a Senior team, and meets AADP criteria they are allowed to apply, but the committee reserves the right to reject any application due to age restrictions of the program. Youth athletes and younger are only eligible with special circumstances determined by the committee, at the time of evaluation.

## **AADP SCORING CRITERIA**

### **Event**

Athletes must select and indicate on the application the one event they wish to be considered for funding in the following categories.

### **Standards Points**

Performance standards must be achieved in events on the Athletics Alberta Outdoor Fixtures list or be sanctioned by the appropriate athletics governing body. Age groupings are as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of competition.

"A" = 20 points

"B" = 15 points

"C" = 10 points

### **Provincial Participation Points**

The Programs committee will designate Provincial Championships on Athletics Alberta's Fixtures list. If an event is not contested at Provincials, the athlete will be given another opportunity to earn AADP Provincial points, through their performance at a National Event and at the discretion of the Programs Committee.

1 <sup>st</sup> = 8 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 6 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 4 points
4 <sup>th</sup> = 3 points	5 <sup>th</sup> = 2 points	6 <sup>th</sup> = 1 point

**National Participation Points**

1st = 16 points	2nd = 14 points	3rd = 12 points	4th = 10 points
5th = 8 points	6th = 6 points	7th = 4 points	8th = 3 points

**National Team/Games Points**

Athletes can claim points from 1 team only. National Team points will be awarded as follows:

**Tier 1**

Olympic Summer Games	25 Points
IAAF World Championships in Athletics	25 Points

**Tier 2**

Pan American Games	20 Points
Commonwealth Games	20 Points

**Tier 3**

Summer Universiade Games (FISU)	15 Points
IAAF World Junior Championships	15 Points

**Tier 4**

Francophone Games	10 Points
Pan Am Juniors	10 Points
IAAF World Cross Country Championships (Junior and Senior)	10 Points
Canada Games	10 Points

**Tier 5**

NACAC Team/Events	5 Points
IPC	5 Points
IWAS	5 Points
World Cup Race Walk	5 Points
Other Athletics Canada designated National Teams (e.g Penn Relays)	5 Points
Western Canada Games	5 Points