



ALBERTA ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AADP) POLICY 2021

Key information:

- **Athletes must submit an online application form for AADP funding by the submission deadline (January 14, 2022).**
 - *Electronic submissions only: any other submissions will be returned to the sender.*
 - *Deadline subject to change at Athletics Alberta's discretion.*
- **Athletes must renew their Athletics Alberta membership prior to the close of application (January 14, 2022).**
- **A performance will only be accepted if the athlete is a member in good standing at the date the results achieved.**
- **Athletes should be members of 'A Clubs' but Athletes at 'B Clubs' may be considered on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Athletics Alberta Clubs receiving funds must be registered with Alberta's Corporate Registries as a non-profit, not for profit, or charity. *Proof of this may be requested by Athletics Alberta.* If proof is unable to be provided, in accordance with Athletics Alberta's funding sources, Athletics Alberta reserves the right to hold funds until such proof can be obtained.**
- **Athletics Alberta will produce a list of recipients by March 31.**
- **Athletes receiving monthly Sport Canada Carding (AAP from Athletics Canada) are not eligible to receive AADP Funding.**
- **Athletes must achieve a minimum of "C" standard in their category to be eligible to receive AADP Funding.**

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.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROGRAM

The philosophy of the program is to fund U20 and Open identified athletes in the province. **AADP is a stepping-stone to National Carding.** Athletes receiving this funding will participate in identified Athletics Alberta events and must compete in outdoor provincial championships and take part in Athletics Alberta programs, such as 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 on Provincial Teams such as Canada Summer Games.

AADP STANDARDS

The AADP Standards are based on Canadian performances in the previous four 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 Open National Rankings for the past four years. Column 7 (U20 "C") is based on 12th place in the u20 National Rankings for the past four years. The standards are subject to adjustment to better represent the level of performance expected. ***Results from the 2020 season have been excluded, due to the lack of competition opportunities.***

FUNDING ALLOCATION

- i. The committee will allocate funding utilizing the 3 Tiers indicated below. The dollar value of each Tier will be determined by the committee at the time of evaluation. **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 (National Ranking for AADP 2021), and then placing at Provincial Championships.**

Tier One

- The athlete's points will be totaled, and all performances verified. Athletes will be ranked accordingly. Only those athletes achieving an Open "A" (Column 1) standard will be considered for tier one funding. The Technical Manager and the programs committee will determine the number of cards given each year based on factors such as the number of applications, the annual funding budget, and the level of athlete performance.

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. The Technical Manager and the programs committee will determine the number of cards given each year based on factors such as the number of applications, the annual funding budget, and the level of athlete performance.

Tier Three

Points will be totaled, and athletes will be ranked according to these totals. Athletics must have a minimum of a "C" standard in their category. The Technical Manager and the programs committee will determine the number of cards given each year based on factors such as the number of applications, the annual funding budget, and the level of athlete performance.

Para Athlete Cards

- Athletes will be ranked based on their performance as a percentage of the 3rd ranked performance on the world top lists in Olympic or World Championship events. 4 cards may be funded at the Tier 1 or Tier 2 level. Athletes must minimally be classified at the national level at the time of the performance and selection to AADP.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- i. All athletes receiving AADP must compete at Alberta Outdoor Provincial Championships.
- ii. For events not contested at the Alberta Outdoor Provincial Championships, results at the National Championships may be considered instead. Athletes in these situations must participate in another event at Alberta Outdoor Provincial Championships
- iii. **Funding Tiers will be selected relative to each athlete's individual context. Proximity to National Carding may be considered.**
- iv. Athletes must submit their electronic AADP application form to the Athletics Alberta by the submission deadline.
- v. Athletes must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status and be pursuing their citizenship prior to **November 30th** of the funding year, documentation may be requested. **Athletes who fail to do so risk being removed from the AADP list.**
- vi. Athletes competing internationally for a country other than Canada are deemed ineligible.
- vii. Athletes must be a resident of Alberta for **six months** prior to November 30th of the funding year.
- viii. 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. Athletes of **Athletics Alberta 'B Clubs'** may be considered for funding on a case-by-case basis and provided the club meets the same criteria (i.e. registered society and AADP funding distribution policy).
- ix. Athletes must ensure that their results are listed on the Athletics Alberta Rankings.
- x. Athletes must remain a member of an Athletics Alberta club in the year in which funds are to be distributed.
- xi. **Athletics Alberta Clubs** must be a registered society within Alberta and 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 hold funds until such policy is in place.
- xii. Athletes must reside in the Province of Alberta to be eligible for AADP funding unless they are attending a Canadian post-secondary educational institution or an Athletics Canada Training Centre.
- xiii. Athletes attending non-Canadian educational institutions will only receive funding for the months of the year that they are competing in and for Alberta, and they must compete at the Alberta Provincial Championships
 - a. Funds will be prorated at the time of distribution and must be used in accordance with their educational institutions policies (e.g. NCAA funding guidelines).
 - b. Athletes should contact the compliance officer for their school should they need clarification.
- xiv. Athletes returning to Alberta following the completion of an athletic scholarship while attending a non-Canadian educational institution may be eligible for AADP in that same year, if they meet residency requirements outlined

above, and they must compete in the Alberta Outdoor Provincial Championships of the funding year. Funds will be prorated at the time of distribution to a maximum of ½ (one half) of the funding allocation Funds must be used in accordance with their educational institutions policies (e.g. NCAA funding guidelines)

- xv. Four Para athletes meeting criteria may be eligible to receive Tier 1 or Tier 2 funding at the discretion of the evaluation committee. Para Athletes carded by Athletics Canada are ineligible for this funding. Eligible Athletes must be minimally classified at the national level.
- xvi. Athletes who are receiving Canada Carding for the first time **may be** eligible to receive Athletics Alberta Funding for the funding year for which they are applying.
- xvii. Able-bodied athletes returning to carding after a period without carding **may be** eligible to receive Athletics Alberta Funding for the funding year for which they are applying.
- xviii. **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.
- xix. If all funding is not distributed, the remaining funds will be allocated towards Alberta coaching education at the Programs Committee's direction.

FUNDING PROCESS

- i. Upon receiving applications, the technical manager will verify the eligibility of the athletes and 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 funded 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 dues
 - g. Personal expenses (e.g. specialized or additional coaching costs)
 - h. Therapy (e.g. Physiotherapy)
- iv. If an athlete 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

- ii. Athletes must achieve a minimum of "C" standard in their category.
- iii. Athletes must submit their AADP application form to the Athletics Alberta office no later than December 31st of the current funding year, unless otherwise advised by Athletics Alberta.
- iv. AADP is based on performances in the past Outdoor season. Points will be awarded in 4 categories and must be claimed **as U20 or Open but not both**. Points will be totaled, and athletes will be ranked according to these totals.
- v. U18 athletes are only eligible if they compete in U20 specific events and must compete as a U20 at Outdoor Provincial Championships.
- vi. U20 and Open Athletes competing outside the province must ensure their official results are submitted to the Association to be included within Association rankings. The Athletics Canada ranking list as of the calendar year will be used for funding purposes.

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

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.

Age Group Eligibility

U18 Athletes that meet AADP criteria are allowed to apply, but the committee reserves the right to reject any application due to age restrictions of the program. Eligibility may be considered under special circumstances at the time of as determined by the selection committee.

Injury Card

At the committee's discretion Athletes may be considered if:

- There are no outdoor performances.
- The injury was sustained January 1st – April 1st of the funded outdoor season.
- Athletes must present valid medical documentation of the injury/ prognosis, and rehabilitation plan from a valid medical professional.
- Athletes will not receive a higher level of funding then the previous funded year.
- Athletes will not receive more than one year of funding on an injury card.

Approximate Funding Amounts:

Tier 1: ~\$2800.00

Tier 2: ~\$1400.00

Tier 3: ~\$700.00

****Exact funding amounts will be determined at the time of selection.***

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 31st 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 an opportunity to earn AADP Provincial points through their performance at a the Outdoor National Championship.

1st = 8 points

2nd = 6 points

3rd = 4 points

4th = 3 points

5th = 2 points

6th = 1 point

National Participation Points

(Due to a closed National Championships, an athletes National Ranking following the same scoring will be considered for AADP 2021)

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

National Team points will be awarded as follows:

Tier 1

Olympic Summer Games	25 Points
World Athletics Championships	25 Points

Tier 2

Pan American Games	20 Points
Commonwealth Games	20 Points

Tier 3

Summer Universiade Games (FISU)	15 Points
World Athletics U20 Championships	15 Points

Tier 4

Francophone Games	10 Points
Pan Am U20 Championships	10 Points
World Athletics Cross Country Championships (U20 and Open)	10 Points
FISU Cross Country Championships	10 Points
Canada Summer Games	10 Points

Tier 5

NACAC Team/Events	5 Points
IPC World Championships	5 Points
World Cup Race Walk	5 Points
Other Athletics Canada designated National Teams	5 Points