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**BC Sailing**  
**ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)**  
**Guidelines for Selection of Athlete Recipients**

*Deadline for applying is December 1st<sup>h</sup>. The application form will be on the BC Sailing website 15 days prior to the deadline*

**1.0 General**

The **BC Athlete Assistance Program** (BC AAP) is an athlete-centred program of financial assistance funded by and administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. 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.

In general, the program seeks to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs when participating in national and international sport. 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.

The details of the program and the selection criteria are provided in the text below.

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

**The Selection Committee:** BC Sailing AAP Selection Committee is responsible for the identification, nomination and ranking of athletes for funding assistance through the BC Athlete Assistance Program. The Selection Committee will be composed of the BC Sailing executive, the Executive Director and Regional Coaches

**Nominations**

Athletes must meet the selection criteria as identified in Section 5 of this document and be nominated by the Selection Committee.

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

**3.0 Eligibility Requirements for the Athlete Assistance Program**

**Citizenship and Residency:** To be eligible for an award, an athlete must be a

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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 and BC Sailing 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 the top level of competition, athletes who are suspended by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and/or ISAF for an anti-doping rule violation, will be declared permanently ineligible for BC Athlete Assistance.

**Federally Carded Athletes:** Athletes in receipt of Sport Canada funding in a particular fiscal year are **not** eligible for BC AAP funding distributed by BC Sailing. This is to maintain consistency with one of the stated objectives of the program which is to provide funding for those athletes who are in the position to compete for the province and are just below those receiving Sport Canada funding.

**Athlete Selection:** Athlete selection will be made according to the criteria set out in Section 5 of this document, with preference given to developing high performance athletes.

**Selection Criteria:** The BC AAP Selection Committee of BC Sailing 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 the 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.

**Allocation Procedure:** BC Sailing is responsible for sending the athletes selected for the program their individual cheques along with a letter recognizing the contribution of the Province of British Columbia.

#### ***4.0 Appeal Process***

##### **Appeals**

Any appeals to the BC AAP Selection Committee must be made in writing and submitted to the Selection Committee by **May 7 of any given year**. Submission of the written appeal must include any supporting documentation.

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**Table 1. Appeal Timelines for any given year.**

<b>April 30</b>	PSO publicizes selected athletes
<b>May 7</b>	Athlete Appeal Deadline to PSO BC AAP Appeal Committee
<b>June 6</b>	PSO BC AAP Appeal Committee reviews athlete appeals and responds to athlete(s)
<b>June 12</b>	Final list of selected athletes determined and publicized.
<b>December 15</b>	Submit BC AAP Athlete Funding Summary Report to Sport and Recreation Branch

### ***Obligations of BC Sailing***

- 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
- publish the Appeal Process to athletes and coaches before the beginning of the nomination process
- inform their athletes and coaches as to their list of nominated athletes

After the final nomination lists have been approved, BC Sailing will publish a list of their funded athletes on the BC Sailing website and through the listserv newsletter, with acknowledgment of the Ministry's contribution for the support of the athletes.

### ***5.0 BC Sailing AAP Selection Criteria***

#### **Selection Criteria is based on but not limited to the following:**

1. Athletes meet all eligibility requirements.
2. Athletes have performed well in the past year.
3. Athletes must demonstrate a continued commitment to training.
4. Athletes must demonstrate excellence in performance or potential for improvement.
5. Athletes must demonstrate dedication to their sport other than training.
6. Athletes must contribute to the development of their sport.

#### **The following are the criteria which will be used as guidelines for athletes seeking to qualify for the BC Athlete Assistance Program.**

Funding will be allocated in blocks of \$500, with as many athletes receiving funding as the total allows.

The first criteria to qualify for BC AAP is:

Overall winners in the Laser, Radial, and 29er for the 2010 BC Youth Circuit will be ranked highest

The second criteria to qualify for BC AAP is:

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Athletes will be ranked based on their best regatta race result in 2010 at any of the following events, provided they finish in the top %25 of the fleet:

Laser/Radial West Coast Midwinter Regatta  
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Laser/Radial North American Championships  
Laser/Radial US Nationals  
Laser/Radial Canadian Championships  
Laser/Radial  
NQR Regatta  
Optimist Canadian Championships

Results from North American level 29er events will also be considered.

If funding still remains after the allocation of grants to sailors who have qualified at any of the above events, then athletes will be ranked based on the best regatta race result at:

CYA Canadian Youth Championships

- BC athletes actively training in Olympic class boats other than Laser and Radial shall also be eligible for AAP funding.
- Athletes are eligible to receive BC AAP Grants a maximum of 3 years, except any years the athlete received AAP and did not turn 18 that year
- A Maximum of 4 grants per class shall be awarded

**Note: Athletes receiving Sport Canada athlete assistance are NOT eligible for BC AAP funding.**