

**BC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BC AAP)  
SPORTABILITY / CEREBRAL PALSY SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF BC**

**ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

**Sport Canada Carded Athletes:** SportAbility athletes who are currently receiving Sport Canada Funding through “Carding” (S1/S2) are **not** eligible to receive BC AAP.

**SportAbility Membership:** Athletes must be registered individual members in good standing with SportAbility / Cerebral Palsy Sports Association of BC\* .

**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.

**Performance:** Athletes are expected to compete in the competitions designated by SportAbility. Funding is based on the level at which the athlete is currently competing, regardless of past performance. See Appendix 1 for more details.

**Use of banned substances and methods:** 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 AAP.

**Coaching:** Athletes must be regularly coached by individuals who meet the coaching qualification criteria established by SportAbility.

**Training and Competition:** Athletes must be involved in programs and competitions that are within the LTAD stages of “Training to Compete and/or Training to Win”. Athletes are expected to adhere to the minimum training and competitive standards as set out by SportAbility; including working regularly with a coach who meets the NCCP standards as determined by SportAbility. Athletes must submit their yearly training plan and monthly training reports to SportAbility.

**Provincial Team Selection:** Athletes must be available for Provincial Team Selection and if selected must commit to train and represent British Columbia and the sport in the applicable competition.

**Sport / Athlete Development:** Athletes must commit to contributing to athlete and sport development. This may include appearances and/or presentations at demonstration events, recruitment events etc. See Appendix 2 for more details

**Commitment to Excellence:** Athletes must demonstrate a commitment to high performance sport excellence and potential to compete for BC or Canada.

**Application Deadline:** Applications must be completed and returned to the SportAbility office no later than **December 15, 2009** .

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\* SportAbility / Cerebral Palsy Sports Association of BC will be referred to as SportAbility henceforth.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria is based on but limited to the following:

1. Athletes meet all eligibility requirements
2. Athletes must demonstrate a commitment to training.
3. Athletes must demonstrate improvement / excellence in performance.
4. Athletes must demonstrate dedication to their sport other than training.
5. Athletes must contribute to the development of their sport.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

SportAbility is responsible for the identification, ranking and nomination of athletes for funding assistance. SportAbility is responsible for the assembly and coordination of the Selection Committee and will appoint the Committee Chair and committee members. The composition of the selection committee will include technical staff and volunteer board members familiar with the sports.

The Selection Committee will select male and female Premiers' Athletic Award Recipients.

## APPEALS PROCESS

Any appeals to the Athlete Selection Committee must be made in writing and submitted to SportAbility by **January 4, 2010**. Submission of the written appeal must include any supporting documentation.

## APPEAL TIMELINE

<b>January 4, 2010</b>	Athlete appeal to SportAbility Athlete Selection Committee
<b>January 11,2010</b>	Athlete Selection Committee reply to the athlete
<b>January 22, 2010</b>	Athlete appeal to the SportAbility AAP Appeals Committee
<b>January 29,2010</b>	Appeals Committee replies to the athlete and SportAbility
<b>February 1, 2010</b>	Final approval. Awards list released / published

The athlete is invited to make representation at the meeting of the SportAbility Appeals committee.

## APPEALS COMMITTEE

Terrie Moore – Sport Technical Advisor  
Daryle Zorn

## APPENDIX 1

## TRAINING, COMPETITIONS AND PERFORMANCE COMMITMENTS

NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETES, <u>NOT</u> SPORT CANADA CARDED		
TRAINING	COMPETITION	PERFORMANCE
15 - 20 hours per week training Minimum 10 months per year training Minimum NCCP Level 3 or equivalent (or approved by SportAbility)	Boccia – America’s Cup / Open & Invitational International Competitions Cycling – UCI World Championships / Open & Invitational International Competitions Sledge Hockey – World Championship / Open & Invitational International Tournaments Soccer – CPISRA World Championships / Open & Invitational International Tournaments	Preference will be given to athletes who demonstrate excellence.
PROVINCIAL TEAM ATHLETES		
TRAINING	COMPETITION	PERFORMANCE
Minimum 10 hours per week training Minimum 8 months per year training Minimum NCCP Level 2 or equivalent (or approved by SportAbility)	Boccia – CCPSA Boccia Nationals Cycling – Canadian Cycling Association Nationals Sledge Hockey – National training camps Soccer – CSA national training camps	Preference will be given to athletes who demonstrate excellence.
<b>All Athletes must participate in the Provincial Championships for their sport where applicable.</b>		

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **ATHLETE AND SPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENTS**

Athletes selected to receive BC AAP Funding must submit their yearly training plan and monthly training reports to SportAbility.

Athletes selected to receive BC AAP Funding must participate in two activities from the suggested list below.

- Assist at clinics, demonstrations
- Presentations at schools
- Officials' clinics
- Filming technical materials either as a technician or a demonstrator
- Assist at competitions
- Assist with projects at the SportAbility office
- Assist with the recruitment and development of new athletes