

(BCFSA)

## ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

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### 1) Program Objectives

- a) to focus support to athletes in the “training to compete” and “training to win” stages as identified in “Introduction to Long Term Athlete Development In Canadian Freestyle Skiing”.
- b) to help increase the number of BC athletes reaching federal carding status thus expanding BC representation on national teams and at eligible major international multi-sport Games.
- c) AAP Funding is provided by the province of British Columbia and the BC Freestyle Ski Association. Amount of funding and terms may vary from year to year subject to availability.

### 2) ELIGIBILITY

- a) Athlete must be a resident of British Columbia for at least one year prior to his/her nomination.
- b) Athlete must have competed in the BC Provincial program for at least one full year prior to joining the National Development Team (NDT).
- c) Athletes receiving funding from the Federal Athlete Assistance Program are NOT Eligible for BC Athlete Assistance Program unless they are D Carded.
- d) Athletes must be part of a Canadian National Team or a full time BC Team Program.

### **3) COMMITMENT**

- a) Athletes receiving AAP funding are expected to make themselves available on occasion to their local Freestyle club to coach younger athletes. (Athletes should receive Honoraria from club according to athlete' coaching qualifications.)
- b) Athletes are encouraged to take Freestyle and NCCP Coaching Courses.

### **4) Distribution**

The final distribution of Athlete Assistance Funds shall be approved by the AAP selection committee. The AAP selection committee is made up of the President, the BC Freestyle Ski Team Head Coach or Coaches, and the Executive Director. There are two types of funds to be awarded:

- a) Training to Win Athletes – These athletes participate on the National Development Team and may or may not have a “D” card through the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program. The funding will be split equally between the Men and Women then distributed between the number of athletes that are in each gender group. This funding can be used for training and competition.
  - b) Train to Compete athletes are full time members in 2009/2010 BC Freestyle Ski Team program. The top 2 athletes in each gender will split the available BC AAP funds. The Selections will be chosen by the selection Committee using the previous years BC Freestyle Ski Association Ranking list. This funding must be used for travel and as such receipts must submitted should the ministry audit BC Freestyle Ski Association.
- 5)** Selected athlete’s names and award amounts shall be circulated to all eligible athletes.
- 6)** Appeals on awards and amounts can be appealed to the selection committee under standard BC Freestyle appeal procedures.