



## **ALBERTA ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AADP) POLICY**

### **GOAL OF THE PROGRAM**

To assist Alberta's top 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 the top athletes in the province. AADP is a stepping-stone to National Carding.

### **SCORING TABLES**

The scoring tables 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 three years. Column 7 (Junior "C") is based on the average of 8th place at National Junior Championships for the past 5 years.

### **FUNDING GUIDELINES**

- Athletes must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status. Athletes must also be resident of Alberta six months prior to October 1.
- Athletes must be residing in the Province of Alberta when the decision is made for AADP funding unless they are enrolled in a Canadian Post Secondary educational institution during that time.
- Athletes attending an educational institution outside of Canada and receiving an athletic scholarship/assistance are not eligible for AADP funding.
- Athlete must be a member of an Athletics Alberta registered club by provincial and/or national championships.
- Athlete must remain a member of an Athletics Alberta club in the year in which funds are to be distributed.
- Athletes must submit their Athletics Alberta registration form as well as the appropriate fee prior to the year for which funds are to be distributed.
- All clubs will be required to submit a "Statement of Responsibility for Funds" prior to the release of AADP funds.
- All clubs and or athletes must submit a letter of acknowledgment of AADP funds to their respective MLA prior to Athletics Alberta releasing these funds. A copy of this letter shall be sent to Athletics Alberta and kept on file. This letter shall contain an explanation of how the funds are to be used and what benefit they are bringing to each athlete.
- Athletes returning to Alberta following the completion of an athletic scholarship while attending an American university will be eligible for AADP in that same year, as long as they meet residency requirements outlined above.

### **FUNDING PROCESS**

- AADP funds, for gold, silver and bronze cards will be distributed as soon as Athletics Canada confirms its Annual List of Carding Athletes. (Note: Nationally carded athletes are not eligible to receive the AADP funding)
- AADP funds can be used to offset any of the following expenses incurred between January 1st and December 31st of the following year:
  - Travel to and from training camps and competitions
  - Accommodations
  - Meals (not exceeding \$40/day)
  - Expendable training materials and equipment (i.e. spikes)
  - Training costs (i.e. facility rental)
  - Club membership fees
  - Personal expenses (i.e. specialized or additional coaching)

- 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.
- The Statement of Responsibility of Funds form, a copy of the MLA letter, Athletics Alberta registration and appropriate fees must be submitted for gold, silver and bronze cards; on or before December 1st.
- 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.
- 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:
  - Release/Transfer form
  - Responsibility of Funds form from the athlete's new club for any transferred funds.

Funds cannot be paid out until the Appeal Process at the National Carding Level has been finalized.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- AADP is based on performances in the past Outdoor season. Points will be awarded in 3 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.
- Athletes must achieve a minimum of "C" standard in their category or be a provincial medalist in the Junior or Senior Category.
- Athletics Alberta will establish a ranking system using Hy-Tek Team Manager. 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.
- 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).
- Athlete's points will be totaled and all performances verified, athletes will be ranked accordingly. Only athletes achieving a Senior "A" standard will be considered for Gold cards.
- If athletes are tied for the last positions, ties will be broken by standard points first, then placing at National Championships and Provincial Championships.
- If not all cards are given out, the remaining money will be put into a camp, clinic or competition for potential AADP athletes as per the Programs Committee. Standard must take precedence over provincial points earned.

## **SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

### **National Team Commitment**

When meets conflict with Provincial or National Championships, an athlete may claim up to 15 points upon approval of the Programs Committee. Canada Summer Games in a Canada Summer Games year; athletes will be allowed to choose between receiving points for the performance at the Games or their performance at the National Junior or Senior Track and Field Championships.

## **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

### **Standards**

Performance standards must be achieved in events on the Athletics Alberta Outdoor Fixtures list or be sanctioned by the appropriate sports 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**

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.

For results from Provincial Junior or Senior Championships, athletes may claim points in 1 event only.

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**

For results from National Junior or Senior Championships, athletes may claim points in 1 event only:

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 Points**

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
World Cup of Athletics	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	10 Points

#### **Tier 5**

IAAF World Youth Championships	5 Points
NACAC U-23	5 Points
IPC	5 Points
IWAS	5 Points
World Cup Race Walk	5 Points
NACAC CE/ Cross Country	5 Points

Other National Teams will be assigned 5 points or lower and will be awarded as the Programs Committee determines at the beginning of each season.

### **AADP FUNDING AMOUNTS**

GOLD CARDS	10 @ \$2000
SILVER CARDS	20 @ \$1000
BRONZE CARDS	20 @ \$ 500