



Athlete Assistance Policy

To ensure that no athlete stays on the sidelines because of a financial issue, the Calgary Spartans will assist in funding athletes to train and compete. Fundraising opportunities are provided to support athletes, including working bingos, casinos, and other fundraising opportunities. In addition, funding is available from organizations such as KidSport and Jumpstart as follows:

KidSport Calgary provides financial support up to \$375 per child per calendar year towards sport registration fees. Their calendar runs from January 1 – December 31. For further information, please check their website <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/calgary/> or email the Spartans administrator for assistance at admin@calgaryspartans.com

Jumpstart Calgary funds children for sport up to \$300 per season per child subject to chapter discretion and/or local demands. There is an annual maximum \$600 per child. Applications for assistance can be submitted from January 15 – November 1 yearly. Check out their website at <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en.html>

Both KidSport and Jumpstart provide financial assistance for athletes up to age 18 years.

Athletes may apply for Spartans Athletes Assistance Fund by contacting their Spartan Coach or a member of the Board of Directors and expressing their need for financial assistance for athlete's involvement in Spartans Track.

The onus is on the family or athlete to request Athletes Assistance Funding if circumstances arise that require assistance. The Spartans will treat requests and information in a confidential manner limiting review and approval to at least two of the President, Treasurer and Registrar.

The Calgary Spartans will work collaboratively with the family to ensure the athlete may train and compete. Family commitment is requested to include working bingos and casinos when possible or a volunteer commitment from the parent/family member may be considered in lieu of fundraising.

On an administrative basis, items charged to the Athlete Account will include actual expended costs only; no internal charges such as Registration Fees or the Coach Travel/Meet fee will be charged.

Note: At time of approval of this policy the Spartans Board has noted its intention to state reasons for limiting the approval process to a coach and two of three named Executive members of the Board. Past experience has indicated that athletes/families requesting support often have challenging or sensitive personal situations – and may choose not to apply if confidentiality is not ensured. The Board of the Spartans wish to respect the confidentiality of applicants such that the athlete may participate and thrive.

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