

**2020 BC Athletics Board of Directors meeting
Rule Changes to be considered by the Board of Directors
January 25, 2020**

1. BC Athlete Assistance Program Eligibility Criteria

Recommended By: the BC Athletics Track & Field Committee

Whereas: The BC Athlete Assistance Program (BC AAP) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance seeks to recognize high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through BC Athletics. Athletes wishing to be considered for funding must meet the following eligibility requirements as set forth by BC Athletics and the Province of British Columbia.

To be eligible for BC Athletics funding and/or selection to any team and program, an athlete must:

- a) Hold a current BC Athletics Competitive Membership and be a member in good standing. In the case of BC Athletics Masters Teams, the member must hold a BC Athletics Masters Membership and be in a member in good standing.
- b) Must have Canadian Citizenship, landed immigrant status or have applied for landed immigrant status.
- c) Must be at least fifteen (15) years of age in the year of competition (as of Dec. 31).
- d) Must have a permanent residence in BC for at least 6 months prior to selection for funding, teams and programs; or
- e) Has a permanent residence in BC or plans to resume permanent residency in BC, but is temporarily residing outside BC because of personal or spousal school or work requirements (the latter to be reviewed on each occasion for the continuation or eligibility).
- f) If previously affiliated with any other Athletics Association within the previous 12 months, the athlete must establish residency in BC for a minimum of 6 months and must be a registered competitive/master member of BC Athletics for 6 months prior to selection for teams or other forms of financial support provided by or upon recommendation of BC Athletics.
- g) Meet the specific selection requirements for the competitions or programs which BC Athletics will support.

And Whereas: An athlete that meets the above criteria may still not be eligible to compete for Canada on an Athletics Canada National Team.

~~**Be It Resolved:** That in order to be eligible for BC Athletic Assistance Program funding an athlete “Must be fully eligible to compete for Canada on all National Teams”.~~

Be It Resolved: That in order to be eligible for BC Athlete Assistance Program funding an athlete “Must not be a current/active member of another Athletics Canada Provincial/Territorial Branch or International Athletics Association.”

Notes:

- a. The targeted implementation date is the 2020/2021 AAP Funding Cycle.

2. BC Team Program

Recommended By: BC Athletics Staff

Whereas: BC Teams are funded by BC Athletics, and selected through the Track & Field Committee, Road Running Committee and Cross Country Committee. These teams attend National Championships and training events. BC Teams are an integral part of Athlete and Coach Development and offer athletes the opportunity to represent their province on the national stage. When producing selection criteria BC Athletics works with the philosophy of “probable finalist, possible medalist.”

To be eligible for BC Athletics funding and/or selection to any team and program, an athlete must:

- a) Hold a current BC Athletics Competitive Membership and be a member in good standing. In the case of BC Athletics Masters Teams, the member must hold a BC Athletics Masters Membership and be a member in good standing.
- b) Must have Canadian Citizenship, landed immigrant status or have applied for landed immigrant status.
- c) Must be at least fifteen (15) years of age in the year of competition (as of Dec. 31).
- d) Must have a permanent residence in BC for at least 6 months prior to selection for funding, teams and programs; or
- e) Has a permanent residence in BC or plans to resume permanent residency in BC, but is temporarily residing outside BC because of personal or spousal school or work requirements (the latter to be reviewed on each occasion for the continuation or eligibility).
- f) If previously affiliated with any other Athletics Association within the previous 12 months, the athlete must establish residency in BC for a minimum of 6 months and must be a registered competitive/master member of BC Athletics for 6 months prior to selection for teams or other forms of financial support provided by or upon recommendation of BC Athletics.
- g) Meet the specific selection requirements for the competitions or programs which BC Athletics will support.

And Whereas: An athlete that meets the above criteria may still not be eligible to win a medal at an Athletics Canada National Championships.

Be It Resolved: That in order to be eligible for BC Athletics Team an athlete “Must not be a current/active member of another Athletics Canada Provincial/Territorial Branch or International Athletics Association.”

Notes:

- a. The targeted implementation date is for the 2020 BC Team Program
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