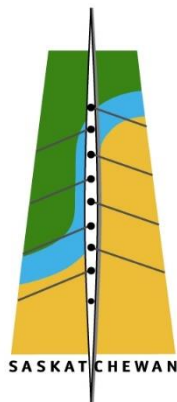


Saskatchewan Rowing Association

Athlete Assistance Program



Date of Board Approval

May 28, 2016

SRA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Purpose: To provide financial support to qualified Saskatchewan athletes in pursuit of their high performance goals.
2. Description: The Saskatchewan Rowing Association's Athlete Assistance Program is made possible through funding grants from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund as administered by Sask. Sport Inc. Athletes qualify for this assistance by their performance in a number of competitions and training activities, and by maintaining competitive membership in a Saskatchewan rowing club. "Athlete Funding" is provided to athletes who apply and qualify. "Special funding" is granted for one-time or special circumstance as approved by the High Performance Committee.
3. Eligibility:
 - 1) Athletes who are members in good standing of a Saskatchewan rowing club.
 - 2) Athletes who qualify for Athletes Assistance through the criteria described below must sign an agreement to compete for a position on the provincial team for which the athlete is eligible and to represent Saskatchewan, if selected to the provincial team, in rowing the following year.
 - 3) Athletes must identify in written form how they plan to make a contribution to their home club throughout their Athlete Assistance year.
4. Funding: Application deadline is November 20th. The High Performance Committee will review the application by each athlete. Athletes with less than 10 points will not be considered for funding. Special consideration will be reserved for injury or illness cases. Should the High Performance committee deem that any of the Injury or illness cases are not worthy of financial assistance, the next names on the point list will be considered.

* If an ergometer test is not supervised by a certified coach, it must be witnessed and results signed by a club official. Results should be forwarded to the SRA office in Saskatoon by fax, email or mail.

** Carded National Rowing Team Saskatchewan athletes are ineligible for SRA Athlete Assistance. However, SRA will reimburse competitive registration fees if the athlete registers with RCA through a Saskatchewan Rowing Club. Carded national Rowing Team Saskatchewan athletes must apply for reimbursement by November 20th.

ASSESSMENT FEES

1. Athletes may be charged an Assessment Fee by the SRA to attend but not limited to Royal Canadian Henley, Canadian Masters, Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Summer Games. This fee will help to cover costs associated with travel, hotel and entry fees.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

MAP funding will be used specifically for increasing the membership of existing clubs and for increasing membership in new zones.

1. Criteria for Eligibility

- 1) To be eligible for Map funds, clubs or programs must meet the following criteria:
 - a. be an SRA or probationary club member in good standing
 - b. complete one application (spending plan) for each project and prioritize applications when more than one project is applied for
 - c. provide a minimum of 25% self-help for each project

2. Eligible Requests

- 1) Preference will be given to projects that aim to increase membership. Efforts to increase the profile of rowing and increase the quality of rowing activities in the club and/or the province
- 2) Any project which has a demonstrable benefit to the participants, the club, the community and the sport of rowing.

3. Funding Limit

- 1) There is no limit on the amount of funding that can be requested for one project. However, SRA may not be able to grant the full amount requested. Partial funding may be awarded if the club and the SRA agree that the project can proceed with partial funding.

4. Ineligible Requests

- 1) Capital expenditures on fixtures including upgrading, construction or maintenance
- 2) Retroactive or deficit funding
- 3) Where duplicate funding by another organization has been accepted or is available

5. Restrictions on Requests

- 1) Equipment – long term storage and a method of insurance must be documented.
- 2) SRA policy and procedure limit the following:
 - a. meal allowance
 - b. accommodation allowance
 - c. travel allowance
- 3) Training/Information/Certification Courses – a club applying for funding to send a member to a course must set criteria so that member upon receipt of training (member should give a report, do a seminar, lecture, training for other club coaches).

6. Sample Projects

- 1) Learn To Row Courses
- 2) Open House at Rowing Facility
- 3) Workshop of Conference

- 4) Host a Regatta
- 5) Purchase of Club Equipment
- 6) Instructor/coach/officials clinics

7. Application & Allocation Procedure

- 1) Correctly fill out Spending Plan form and mail to the VP Development
- 2) Spending Plans must be received no later than May 31 of the current year for existing clubs. There is no deadline for new zone development or new club development
- 3) The Development Committee shall be appointed by the VP Development to review the submissions
- 4) Considerations will include: value of the project to the club and rowing community, availability of funds, ability to generate self-help, history of club in conducting rowing programs that generate new members, demonstrated responsibility of a club in SRA.
- 5) Clubs shall be given notice of successful and unsuccessful applications no later than June 15, of the current year. All other applicants will be notified upon review of the application.
- 6) 50% of the funds will be forwarded with this notification.
- 7) Upon receipt of the Follow up Form and completion of the project, the remaining 50% of the funds will be forwarded after approval. Submission deadline for the Follow Up form is March 31, of the current year.
- 8) Funding will be returned to the SRA if a project is not carried out, the follow-up form is not submitted, or if original receipts are not provided.

8. Acknowledgment of Sponsor

- 1) Recipients of MAP Funding must display Saskatchewan Lotteries Logos and/or Sask. Sport Inc.'s Promotion "Sport, It's More Than A Game" on correspondence. SRA Logos must appear on all correspondence as well.