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Athletics Manitoba Performance Pathway Funding

Partners

- Athletics Manitoba
- Athletics Canada
- University of Manitoba Track and Field
- Manitoba Clubs
- Sport Manitoba
- Canadian Sport Center Manitoba

Opportunities for All Athletes provided by AM

- Athlete education sessions
- Organization of training camps (self-funded and funded, this is long term plan)
- Organization of competition tours (self-funded and funded, this is a long term plan)
- Additional insurance coverage (secondary coverage)

Program Parameters

- Proposed effective April, 2015
- Minimum athlete age 16
- Performances based on outdoor results (2014) and summer results 2015. Athletes will be eligible if they hit the standard in 2014 or 2015. Retroactive funding will be provided to athletes who did not have a standard at the outset of the season but achieve the standard during the 2015 outdoor season.
- Links directly to AC High Performance Athlete Development program (HPAD)
- Collaboration with clubs to leverage additional travel support
- Collaboration with U of M
- Engagement of provincial team coaches (Ming and Alanna) for training assistance, expert linkage and mentorship
- Use of provincial team program to support coach travel
- There are two tiers below the AC entry point (6 performance standards in total, but AM aligns with AC at the highest point of AM funding and the entry point of AC funding)

AM PS (performance standard) 3 – Entry Point (\$300 in travel support for athlete)

- Coach and athlete involved in all AM clinic sessions (coach in residence and super seminar)
- \$300 in travel support

AM PS 2 (\$600 in travel support for athlete)

- PS 3 benefits
- \$600 travel support for athlete
- IST support (building the team)
- Possible additional support if CSG top 8 potential



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AM PS 1 (AC PS4) (\$1250 in travel support for athlete and coach pair)

- Represents the Athletics Canada entry point (10 years out from a medal)
- PS 3 and 2 benefits
- \$750 travel support for athlete
- \$500 in travel support for the coach
- Possible additional support if CSG top 3 potential
- CSCM (Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba entry point)
- AC entry point on HPAD list, access to national team camps (self-funded)

Funding Criteria for Manitoba Based Athletes (full time resident of Manitoba)

- Athletes are eligible for ONE amount of funding based on their best outdoor performance. Achieving the same standard level in 2 events and a higher standard level in another event results in funding for the highest performance only. If an athlete achieves the same standard level in more than one event, they are only eligible for one amount (i.e. if they achieved a \$500 standard in two events, they still only receive \$500).
- 2. Wind aided performances and performances at altitude will not be accepted.
- 3. Athlete must be an Athletics Manitoba member, hold a valid Manitoba health card and be a full time resident of Manitoba.
- 4. Athlete must represent a Manitoba based club or be identified as Unattached Manitoba when competing outside of school (CIS or NCAA) competitions
- 5. Coach must be from Manitoba, NCCP certified at Level 3* or Performance Coach* and be involved in professional development to maintain certification
- 6. Athlete is required to have 4 sessions with the lead/personal coach a week
- 7. Athlete should have one coach of record (multiple experts can be engaged)
- 8. Athlete must be training full time
- 9. Effective daily training environment supported (gap analysis completed when athlete/coach enters the program)
- 10. Submission of YTP to be shared with all funding partners so competitions and camps can be seen and overall plan can be evaluated

*Coaches who are trained at Performance Coach will be given one year to attain certification. Coaches who do not have training or certification will be required to work with Athletics Manitoba to create and implement a plan to attain context specific training.

Funding Criteria for Out of Province Athletes (attending school out of province or living away)

- 1. Athletes are eligible for ONE amount of funding based on their best outdoor performance. Achieving the same standard level in 2 events and a higher standard level in another event results in funding for the highest performance only. If an athlete achieves the same standard level in more than one event, they are only eligible for one amount (i.e. if they achieved a \$500 standard in two events, they still only receive \$500).
- 2. Wind aided performances and performances at altitude will not be accepted.
- 3. There is no coach funding associated with out of province athletes
- 4. Athlete must be an Athletics Manitoba member and hold a valid Manitoba health card
- 5. Athlete must represent a Manitoba based club or be identified as Unattached Manitoba when competing outside of school (CIS or NCAA) competitions.



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- 6. Athletes who reside outside of Manitoba for a portion of the year will be eligible for a portion of the funding available at each stage. For example an athlete who lives in Manitoba for 4 months of the year (May through August) is in Manitoba for 33% of the year (4/12) and is therefore eligible for 33% of the funding at each stage.
- 7. The athlete must be affiliated with a Manitoba coach who is aware of the athlete's training program and works with them when they are home (even if this is monitoring another coach's program). The Manitoba coach must be NCCP certified at Level 3* or Performance Coach* and be involved in professional development to maintain certification
- 8. Athlete must be training full time
- 9. Effective daily training environment supported (gap analysis completed when athlete/coach enters the program)
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Funding Access

- 1. Athletes are eligible for funding if they achieve the standard in the previous outdoor season or during the current outdoor season.
- 2. Funding can be accessed as of April 1 and must be claimed by November 1. If there is a delay in claim submission the athlete should contact AM to make arrangements. Athletes will be required to submit receipts for training and competition expenses in order to be reimbursed.
- 3. Athletes who start the season in one stage and then achieve a higher standard throughout the season will be eligible only for the total amount of the higher standard. For example if Athlete A achieved the AM entry standard in the 2014 outdoor season (\$600 in funding) and then in 2015 achieved the next level standard (\$1250 in funding) they would be eligible only for a maximum of \$1250, not \$1250 + \$500.
- 4. Additional funding may be available depending on how many athletes achieve standards. In the event that all targeted athlete support funding is not claimed by November 1 of each year, the remaining funds will be split between the athletes who achieved standards based on the funding structure noted above and with the provision of receipts.



<u>Injury</u>

- 1. In the case of an injury, athletes who are part of the pathway program must report their injury to Athletics Manitoba.
- 2. In the event that an athlete has achieved a standard and their injury prevents them from competing for the rest of the season, the athlete will be included in the pool of pathway athletes for the funding in the preceding year. In order to be eligible, the athlete must provide a copy of a physician's diagnosis/prognosis and/or a letter indicating that the athlete has been cleared for training and competition.

EXAMPLE

2015 – athlete achieves a standard and receives funding

2016 – athlete is injured, provides a physician's note, does not claim funding

2017 - athlete is healthy and is funded at the previous standard level. To stay in the program for

2018 the athlete must achieve a standard in the 2017 season.