

Athletics Manitoba Off-Track Athlete Funding Cross Country, Marathon, Half-Marathon, Road 5km & Road 10km

Athletics Manitoba has created a funding structure to specifically support athlete development in “off-track” areas. “Off-track” events are events in track and field that have national championships separate from the formal national junior and senior Championships held annually in June/July, and that occur outside of the stadium (i.e., on a Cross Country course or on the road).

There are three ways “off-track” athletes are funded. Each of these options is limited to athletes who are competing on the road or in Cross Country and in the Junior or Senior/Open age categories (Masters athletes are not eligible for funding). **In order to receive funding, athletes must be full members of Athletics Manitoba.**

1. Athletes who achieve a performance pathway standard in the marathon, half-marathon, road 10km or road 5km will be receive funding based on their performance in the same way and at the same levels as all other athletes who achieve performance pathway funding (i.e. \$750 for achieving the AC Next Gen entry standard for their age; \$600 for achieving a performance 3% off the AC Next Gen entry standard for their age and \$300 for achieving a performance 3% off the AC Next Gen entry standard for their age). This funding is claimed by submitting a claim form and providing receipts.
2. Athletes that do not have a performance pathway standard for a track event but finish in the top 10 at the national cross-country junior or senior championships (there is no way to create a standard related to cross country because the courses are so variable) will be eligible for funding. If an athlete finishes 1st -5th they will be eligible for \$600 in funding and if they finish 6th -10th they will be eligible for \$300 in funding. This funding is claimed by submitting a claim form and providing receipts.
3. Athletes who compete on the road only (i.e., they do not enter any track meets) and **attend** the national championship for their respective road event are eligible for funding if they achieve the AM funding standard for support to attend the national marathon, half-marathon, road 5km or road 10km championships while competing at the national championship. These standards will be created based on results of the respective national championship over 4 years (i.e., a finish place and time is within 3% of the overall race winning time over a 4-year average in the same gender will equate to \$600 in support and a finish place and time within 6% overall race winner in the same gender over 4 years will equate to \$300 in support). The committee will look at both averaged results over a four-year period and IAAF scoring table scores for the performance to determine the standard. This is the same process used to create the standards for Canada Games teams. Athletes are only eligible for this funding if they **attend** the national championship in their off-track event and achieve the funding standard for their event at that race. This funding is claimed by submitting a claim form that documents the date and location of the standard. Athletics Manitoba will verify the performance through rankings and provide the funding.