



## **ELITE ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING POLICY**

### **A. Background**

Saskatchewan Squash Inc. (SSI) has developed the Elite Athlete Assistance funding program to assist athletes with a strong connection to Saskatchewan with the cost of training, equipment, and competition. Funds are provided by SSI at its sole discretion to active members who compete at an international or national level.

### **B. Purpose**

The purpose of the Elite Athlete Assistance program is to provide funding assistance to athletes competing at an international or national level for the following reasons:

- To provide support and maintain connections with athletes who have a strong Saskatchewan connection as they compete at an international or national level; and
- To improve Saskatchewan's performance in inter-provincial and national level competitions.

### **C. Selection**

Selection Process:

1. Funding decisions will be made by a Selection Committee appointed by the SSI Board of Directors, in its sole discretion. The Selection Committee will consist of three individuals including one SSI member from the South, one SSI member from the North, and the SSI Executive Director. Committee members may not review any application of an athlete with whom they have a conflict of interest. The SSI Board of Directors will ratify final selections and the successful applicants will be notified. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Eligibility:

1. Candidates must be active members of SSI in good-standing.
2. Candidates must be over the age of 14 years.

3. Candidates must have a strong connection to Saskatchewan, as deemed by the Selection Committee in its sole discretion. A strong Saskatchewan connection is may be established by:
  - a) Being a current resident of Saskatchewan;
  - b) Being a product of a provincial junior program; or
  - c) Having been a resident of Saskatchewan for an extended period of time.

Selection Criteria:

1. The Selection Committee will assess applications based on the following criteria:
  - a) Contributions to the game of squash in Saskatchewan;
  - b) International, national, and provincial ranking; and
  - c) Demonstrated willingness to train and improve.

**D. Responsibilities and Requirements of Selected Athletes:**

Once selected, athletes must adhere to the following:

1. Have and maintain a training and competitive schedule.
2. Maintain an ongoing record of substantiated expenses and receipts which will be submitted after the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of Elite Athlete Assistance funds, but before the final payment is made. Expenses include equipment, travel costs, tournament entry fees, etc.
3. Compete for Saskatchewan during the sponsored year at the following events:
  - a) The Canadian Squash Championships; and
  - b) Inter-provincial and national team competitions for which they are selected.

**E. Liability:**

- In no event shall SSI be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, punitive or consequential damages of any kind whatsoever with respect to funding or grant support described herein. Any club, league or recipient of any funds or grants will indemnify and hold harmless SSI from any and all claims, liability, losses, demands, suits, expenses, awards, fines, fees (including court cost and lawyer fees) arising out of or related to funding or grant support described herein, including any claims of negligence. This indemnity will continue in force indefinitely.

**Please note: Failure to adhere to the above requirements may result in Sask Squash imposing sanctions including withholding or repayment of funds.**

This Elite Athlete Assistance program is administrated in an atmosphere of gender equity, where equal consideration will be given to applications by all gender identities.



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## Elite Athlete Assistance Application

Complete and submit the following application to the e-mail address or to the mailing address above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please prepare and send in the following documents and include them with this cover sheet:

1. A brief statement outlining your connection to Sask Squash, your achievements in the sport of squash, your goals for the future, and why you are a qualified candidate according to the selection criteria outlined in the Elite Athlete Assistance Funding Policy.

*I hereby declare that the attached information, to the best of my knowledge, is true and complete, and that in return for funds provided under the Athlete Assistance Program, I will undertake to fulfill training and competition expectations as outlined by Sask Squash.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## **ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING POLICY**

### **A. Background**

Saskatchewan Squash Inc. (SSI) has developed the Athlete Development Assistance program to assist young members as they develop into provincially and nationally competitive athletes. Funds are to be used for training costs, equipment, and competition.

### **B. Purpose**

The purpose of the Athlete Development Assistance program is to provide funding assistance to athletes as they develop provincial and national athletes for the following reasons:

- To improve Saskatchewan athletes' performance in provincial and national level competitions, thus improving the overall level of play in our province; and
- To encourage Saskatchewan athletes to live and train in Saskatchewan.

### **C. Selection**

Selection Process:

1. Funding decisions will be made by a Selection Committee appointed by the SSI Board of Directors, in its sole discretion. The Selection Committee will consist of three individuals including one SSI member from the South, one SSI member from the North, and the SSI Executive Director. Selection Committee members may not review any application of an athlete with whom they have a conflict of interest. The SSI Board of Directors will ratify final selections and the successful applicants will be notified. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and not subject to appeal.

Eligibility:

1. Candidates must be active members of SSI.
2. Candidates must be between the age of 12 and 25 years.
3. Candidates must currently live and train in Saskatchewan.

Selection Criteria:

1. The Selection Committee will assess applications based on the following list of criteria:
  - a) Contributions to the game of squash in Saskatchewan;
    - This, for example, could be demonstrated by coaching and volunteering
  - b) Level of participation in SSI sanctioned events;
    - Participation in SSI sanctioned events located in cities other than that in which the athlete lives is important
  - c) Thoroughness and ambitiousness of submitted training plan;
  - d) Demonstrated willingness to train and improve;
  - e) Dedication to the sport of squash;
    - This, for example, could be demonstrated by participation in out-of-province tournaments and training camps
  - f) Quality of reference letter provided by a coach or mentor;
  - g) Level of financial need; and
  - h) International, national, and provincial ranking, as applicable.

**D. Responsibilities and Requirements of Selected Athletes:**

Once selected, athletes must adhere to the following:

1. Have and maintain a training and competitive schedule approved by SSI.
2. Maintain an ongoing record of substantiated expenses and receipts which will be submitted after the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of Athlete Development Assistance funds, but before the final payment is made. Expenses include equipment, travel costs, tournament entry fees, etc.
3. Compete for Saskatchewan during the sponsored year at the following events:
  - a) A national squash championship, including one of the following tournaments:
    - 1) Junior nationals;
    - 2) Senior nationals;
    - 3) National team championships; or
    - 4) National university championships.
  - b) All Inter-provincial and national team competitions for which they are selected.

4. Compete in at least three SSI sanctioned tournaments during the funded season.

**E. Liability:**

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please prepare and send in the following documents and include them with this cover sheet:

1. A brief squash related autobiography outlining your past involvement, your current status, and your goals for the future.
2. Completed training charts and the competitive goals that your training will help you to attain. These goals should have measurable outcomes.
3. A composition outlining why you would be a suitable candidate to receive SSI assistance. Your comments should reflect the selection criteria outlined in the Athlete Development Assistance Funding Policy.

*I hereby declare that the attached information, to the best of my knowledge, is true and complete, and that in return for funds provided under the Athlete Assistance Program, I will undertake to fulfill training and competition expectations as outlined by Sask Squash.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_