





## BCWSA SportsFunder Travel Grant Program

BC Wheelchair Sports is pleased to be able to offer the **BCWSA Athlete Travel Assistance Program**. This program is funded with the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts and in conjunction with the new SportsFunder lottery program. **The intention of the program is assist youth (18 years and younger) and developmental athletes (\*see definition below)** in the cost of travel to attend designated events in the province. Details are as follows:

**Program Goal:** To assist athletes in accessing competitive and training opportunities within the province of BC in order to further their development towards provincial and national teams.

### Key Principles:

- Funding goes to support participants 18 years and younger or developmental athletes
- SportsFunder travel support can not subsidize all travel costs
- Attempts will be made to ensure equitable gender access to the funding

### Target Athlete Group:

- Must be a Member in good standing of BCWSA through your club or sport
- Athletes must be 18 years or younger **OR**
- \* A Developmental athlete who is not a member of a National Team or National Team Pool athlete in the sport which they have applied for funding support from the SportsFunder Program. No age restriction applies to developmental athletes.
- Individual Athletes attending:
  - 2007 Fall season of the Pacific Northwest Wheelchair Rugby League
  - 2007 Fall Wheelchair Rugby Development Camp, Victoria
  - 2007 BC Wheelchair Basketball Junior Wheelchair Basketball Challenge
  - 2007 Fall BC Wheelchair Basketball Performance Camps

### Application Process:

- Submit a completed Application Form, including receipts to the BCWSA office by December 31, 2007

### Selection:

- Due to the limited amount of funds available not all qualified applicants may receive funding.
- Athletes must travel a minimum of 200K and for athletes travelling from or to Vancouver Island the minimum distance does not apply
- Athletes who have traveled the most kilometres to attend the event will be given priority. BCWSA will use the "Driver BC website" to measure the total Kilometres traveled. The athlete's home address and event location address will be used to determine distance.
- A selection committee from BCWSA will review the applications.

### Note:

The total amount of funding allocated to this project is \$1,500.

### Application Deadline:

The application deadline for the Travel Grant Program is **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007**. Applications can be forwarded by mail, fax (604) 737-6043 or email { [HYPERLINK "mailto:knewman@bcwheelchairsports.com"](mailto:knewman@bcwheelchairsports.com) }. Applicants who fax or email their forms, should phone Kathy Newman at (604) 737-3091 to confirm receipt. Electronic versions of the forms are available. Applicants should send a request to the aforementioned email.

### Information:

For further information regarding this program, please contact Kathy Newman at (604) 737-3091 or 1 877 737-3090, or email { [HYPERLINK "mailto:knewman@bcwheelchairsports.com"](mailto:knewman@bcwheelchairsports.com) }. Full information and application forms are available online at { [HYPERLINK "http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com"](http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com) }.