

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Policy For the SportsFunder Youth/Developmental Athlete with a disability Travel Assistance Program

Background

The SportsFunder Youth/Development Member Travel Assistance Program helps offset travel costs for youth (18 years and under) and Developmental Athletes (no age restriction) members of BC Wheelchair Sports Association.

The BC Government's SportsFunder support upholds *BC's Policy on Sport and Physical Activity's* values of inclusiveness – that our sport and physical activity system will provide fair and equitable access for all British Columbians, regardless of their age, gender, geographic location, socio-economic status, personal goals, abilities or preferences. These principles guide the distribution of SportsFunder resources.

Given that allocated funding levels will not be able to support all travel needs, BCWSA will identify specific competition and/or training opportunities in which their youth/developmental members can access travel assistance funding.

BCWSA will develop and communicate to our members a distribution/access policy based on defensible, transparent and predetermined standards.

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Policy Guidelines

BCWSA will allocate SportsFunder Youth Travel Assistance to offset travel costs of youth 18 years and under and/or *developmental athletes. The travel grants will partially subsidize travel costs within British Columbia for selected athletes who have traveled the furthest. The allocation of grants for specific competitions or training camps will be ratified by the board and reflect a gender equitable allocation of funds.

*A developmental athlete is defined as an individual who is not a member of the National Team or a National Team Pool athlete in the sport which they have applied for funding support from the SportsFunder Program.