



Gold Medal Pathway Program Guidelines and Application Process

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Rowing BC **Gold Medal Pathway Program** (*formerly known as the BC Athlete Assistance Program*) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance that provides support to BC performance rowers striving to represent Canada in recognized national or international competition. The program seeks to relieve some of the financial pressures associated with training and competition needs associated with participation in national and international sport. This recently revised program is designed to support athletes and coaches who meet the criteria in the performance categories below:

1. **Elite Athlete.** BC elite athletes currently on the Rowing Canada Aviron Senior National Teams with the goal of achieving an Olympic or Paralympic Games Podium Result.
2. **Development Athlete.** BC athletes who have been selected to either the Rowing Canada Aviron Junior or U23 National Teams in 2016 and demonstrate potential to be selected to an RCA National Team in 2017. BC para athletes who have been selected by RCA to attend an International Para Rowing event in 2016, and demonstrate potential to be selected to the RCA Para National Team in 2017.
3. **Development Coach.** BC coaches who have been selected to either the Rowing Canada Aviron Junior National Team or Rowing Canada U23 National Teams in 2016 and demonstrate potential to be selected to an RCA National Team in 2017. BC para coaches of AS and TA athletes who have been selected by RCA to attend an International Para Rowing event in 2016, and whose athletes demonstrate potential to be selected to the RCA Para National Team in 2017.



ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

To be eligible for Gold Medal Pathway Program funding, athletes and coaches must meet the following General Criteria and all Specific Criteria outlined in Table 1. All expectations and eligible expenditures in Table 1 must be completed by **March 31st, 2018** for the individual to remain eligible for future Gold Medal Pathway Program funding.

General Criteria

1. Must be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status, and a resident of British Columbia for at least one-year prior to date of application.
2. Must be living and **currently training/coaching** in BC* or a National Training Centre.
3. Must be registered with Rowing Canada Aviron through a Rowing British Columbia member organization for a minimum of 12 months prior to application.
4. All Athletes and Coaches must be on the Rowing BC Targeted Athlete List for 2016, having met the [Targeted Athlete List Criteria](#) for the 2016 year.
5. Must be in good standing with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, Rowing Canada Aviron and Rowing British Columbia. Any Athlete or Coach who is suspended by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport for an anti-doping rule violation, will be declared permanently ineligible for Gold Medal Pathway Program funding. Any Athlete or Coach who has breached the Rowing BC Code of Conduct and Ethics in the 12-month period before the nomination date will be deemed ineligible for Gold Medal Pathway Program funding for the following 12 months.
6. Must not receive funding from another Provincial Athlete Support Program.

*Athletes Training Outside of BC

Athletes attending university and college outside of BC will not generally be eligible for Gold Medal Pathway Program funding, however exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. Athletes training outside of BC will only be consider for Gold Medal Pathway Program funding in the following cases:

- If they are enrolled in a specialized program of study; and/or
- If they are participating/training for an extended period of time at the London Training Centre



Table 1. Specific Criteria and Expectations of Gold Medal Pathway Program Funding Recipients, Including Eligible Expenditures of Funding

Performance Category	Selection Criteria	Expectations	Eligible Expenditures
Elite Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selected to an RCA Senior National Team in 2016 and is currently training/returning to an NTC. ▪ Named to the Own The Podium Tier 1 List or the Sport Canada Carding List. ▪ RCA RADAR performances during the 2016 year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, May 12th-14th, 2017. ▪ Represent BC at the National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Regattas as part of Team BC. ▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the Gold Medal Pathway Program. ▪ Submit an expense report with receipts. ▪ Be available for at least 1 Rowing BC Community Engagement event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Normal living costs. ▪ Costs directly associated with training (e.g. coaching, facility fees, other athlete services). ▪ Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (e.g. entry fees, travel costs). ▪ Sport specific equipment.
Development Athlete (Able)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selected to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team in 2016 and is currently training to be selected to a 2017 RCA National Team. ▪ RCA RADAR performances during the 2016 year. ▪ 2016 National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, May 12th-14th, 2017 or RCA Junior Trials, June 5th-8th, 2017. ▪ Represent BC at the National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Regattas as part of Team BC. ▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the Gold Medal Pathway Program. ▪ Submit an expense report with receipts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees for attendance at RCA Speed Orders or RCA Junior Trials. ▪ Training-related expenses post-selection to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team. ▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees, entry fees for international competitions when representing RCA.



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Development Athlete (Para)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selected to an International Para Rowing regatta in 2016 and is currently training to be selected to the 2017 RCA Para National Team. ▪ RCA RADAR performances during the 2016 year. ▪ 2016 National Rowing Championships Performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, May 12th-14th, 2017. ▪ Represent BC at the National Rowing Championships as part of Team BC. ▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the Gold Medal Pathway Program. ▪ Submit an expense report with receipts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees for attendance at RCA Speed Orders. ▪ Training-related expenses post-selection to an International Para Rowing regatta. ▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees, entry fees for international competitions when representing RCA.
Development Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selected to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team in 2016 or coaches of AS and TA athletes who have been selected by RCA to attend an International Para Rowing event in 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, May 12th-14th, 2017 and/or RCA Junior Trials. ▪ Volunteer as a Coach for Team BC at the National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Regattas. ▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the Gold Medal Pathway Program. ▪ Deliver Athlete and/or Coach Development Session as determined with Rowing BC. ▪ Submit an expense report with receipts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travel and accommodations for attendance at RCA Speed Orders and/or RCA Junior Trials. ▪ Training-related expenses post-selection to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team. ▪ Training related expenses post - selection to an International Para Rowing Regatta. ▪ Travel and accommodations for international competitions when representing RCA. ▪ Up to \$500 Coach salary honorarium



APPLICATION PROCESS

All athletes must complete the information on the [Rowing BC Gold Medal Pathway Program online application form](#), by 5pm (PST) on March 16th, 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Assignment of Funding

The Rowing BC Gold Medal Pathway Program Selection Committee will determine ranking and selection of applicants and their individual funding allotments based on posted selection criteria and performances.

Withdrawal of Funding

Rowing BC has the authority to withdraw Gold Medal Pathway Program funding to any athlete or coach if it is deemed that they no longer comply with the criteria and expectations as laid out in this document.

Appeal Process

Individuals who choose to appeal must do so under the [Rowing BC Appeals Policy](#), within seven (7) days from the date on which they received notice of the decision. All documents should be sent electronically, via e-mail to [Jennifer Fitzpatrick](#).

2018 Funding

BC athletes who want to be considered for Gold Medal Pathway Program funding in 2018 **must** plan to participate in the Rowing Canada Aviron athlete-monitoring program and **must** submit scores to Rowing Canada Aviron RADAR. These scores will be used by Rowing BC to make funding decisions.