



# 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 a financial assistance program targeted at performance focused rowers and coaches. Funding is allocated to support athlete and coach expenses associated with training and competition at national and international competitions. Athletes and coaches must meet the following criteria:

1. **BC Elite Athlete:**

Para and able-bodied athletes currently training on the Canadian Senior National Team who competed at an international competition for Canada in 2017. Athletes must continue their training with the Canadian Senior National Team in 2018 with the long-term goal of achieving an Olympic or Paralympic Games podium result in 2020.

2. **BC Development Athlete (Able):**

- (A) Able bodied athletes selected to train on the Canadian Senior National Team, but who were not selected to represent Canada internationally in 2017, and have been invited to continue their training in 2018;
- (B) Able bodied athletes who competed for Canada at the Junior or U23 World Championships and demonstrate the potential to be selected to a Canadian National Team in 2018.

3. **BC Development Athlete (Para):**

Para athletes who represented Canada at an international para rowing regatta in 2017, and demonstrate the potential to be selected to the Senior National Team in 2018.

4. **BC Development Coach:**

- (A) Coaches who were selected to Junior or U23 Canadian National Teams in 2017 and demonstrate the same potential or more in 2018.
- (B) Coaches of PR1 and PR2 BC Development Athletes (Para) who attend an international para rowing regatta in 2017, and whose athletes demonstrate potential to be selected to the Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) Para National Team in 2018.



## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION**

To be eligible for *Gold Medal Pathway Program* funding, athletes and coaches must meet the following 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 RCA through a Rowing BC 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 2018. (Athletes and Coaches on this list were contacted directly by Rowing BC Provincial Coach, Rob Richards, in February 2018.)
5. Must be in good standing with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), RCA and Rowing BC. Any Athlete or Coach who is suspended by CCES 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 considered 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 coaching/training for an extended period of time at the London Training Centre.

All athletes and coaches must meet all **Specific Criteria** outlined on pages 3 and 4 in Table 1. All expectations and eligible expenditures in Table 1 must be completed by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019** for the individual to remain eligible for future *Gold Medal Pathway Program* funding.



**Table 1. Specific Criteria and Requirements of *Gold Medal Pathway Program* Funding Recipients**

Performance Category	Selection Criteria	Requirements	Eligible Expenditures
<b>BC Elite Athlete (Able and Para)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Selected to an RCA Senior National Team in 2017 and continuing to train with the National Team in 2018 (PR1 and PR2 athletes may be training from their home club, while still representing the National Team).</li> <li>▪ Selected to race at an International Competition in 2017</li> <li>▪ Named to the Sport Canada Carding List.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 22-24, 2018.</li> <li>▪ Represent BC at the National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Regattas as part of Team BC.</li> <li>▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the <i>Gold Medal Pathway Program</i>.</li> <li>▪ Submit an expense report with receipts.</li> <li>▪ Be available for at least 1 Rowing BC Community Engagement event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living costs.</li> <li>▪ Costs directly associated with training (e.g. coaching, facility fees, other athlete services).</li> <li>▪ Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (e.g. entry fees, travel costs).</li> <li>▪ Sport specific equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>BC Development Athlete (Able)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Selected to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team in 2017 and is currently training to be selected to a 2018 RCA National Team.</li> <li>▪ Completion of RCA RADAR during the 2017 year.</li> <li>▪ Attended 2017 National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 22-24, 2018 or RCA Junior Trials, June 26-29, 2018.</li> <li>▪ Represent BC at the National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Regattas as part of Team BC.</li> <li>▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the <i>Gold Medal Pathway Program</i>.</li> <li>▪ Submit an expense report with receipts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees for attendance at RCA Speed Orders or RCA Junior Trials.</li> <li>▪ Training-related expenses post-selection to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team.</li> <li>▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees, entry fees for international competitions when representing RCA.</li> </ul>



Performance Category	Selection Criteria	Expectations	Eligible Expenditures
<p align="center"><b>BC Development Athlete (Para)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Selected to an international para rowing regatta in 2017 and is currently training to be selected to the 2018 RCA Senior National Team.</li> <li>▪ Completion of RCA RADAR during the 2017 year.</li> <li>▪ Attended 2017 National Rowing Championships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 22-24, 2018.</li> <li>▪ Represent BC at the National Rowing Championships as part of Team BC.</li> <li>▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the <i>Gold Medal Pathway Program</i>.</li> <li>▪ Submit an expense report with receipts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees for attendance at RCA Speed Orders.</li> <li>▪ Training-related expenses post-selection to an International Para Rowing regatta.</li> <li>▪ Travel, accommodations, boat transport/rental fees, entry fees for international competitions when representing RCA.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>BC Development Coach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Selected to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team in 2017 or coaches of PR1 and PR2 athletes who have been selected by RCA to attend an international para rowing event in 2017.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 22-24, 2018 and/or RCA Junior Trials.</li> <li>▪ Volunteer as a Coach for Team BC at the National Rowing Championships-Canada Cup Regattas.</li> <li>▪ Assist Rowing BC in recognizing sponsors, donors and supporters of the Gold Medal Pathway Program.</li> <li>▪ Deliver Athlete and/or Coach Development Session as determined with Rowing BC.</li> <li>▪ Submit an expense report with receipts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Travel and accommodations for attendance at RCA Speed Orders and/or RCA Junior Trials.</li> <li>▪ Training-related expenses post-selection to an RCA U23 or Junior National Team.</li> <li>▪ Training related expenses post-selection to an international para rowing regatta.</li> <li>▪ Travel and accommodations for international competitions when representing RCA.</li> <li>▪ Up to \$500 Coach salary honorarium</li> </ul>



## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All athletes must complete the information on the [Rowing BC Gold Medal Pathway Program online application form](#), by 5pm (PST) on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Assignment of Funding**

The Rowing BC *Gold Medal Pathway Program* Selection Committee will select recipients and funding levels 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 appeals should be sent electronically, via e-mail to Rowing BC Executive Director, [David Calder](#).

### **2019 Funding**

BC athletes who want to be considered for *Gold Medal Pathway Program* funding in 2019 must participate in the RCA athlete-monitoring program and must submit RADAR scores to RCA. These scores will be used by Rowing BC to make funding decisions.