



Rowing BC Gold Medal Pathway Program

Guidelines and Application Process

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Rowing BC **Gold Medal Pathway Program** is an athlete-centered financial assistance program for BC performance rowers striving to represent Canada in recognized national or international competition. The program seeks to relieve financial pressure associated with training competition costs. 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 on the Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) Senior National Team (able and para) who were selected to attend an International Competition in 2018 and will continue training on the Senior National Team in 2019 with the goal of achieving an Olympic or Paralympic Games Podium Result in 2020.
2. **Development Athlete (Able):** BC athletes who were selected to the RCA Junior or U23 National Teams in 2018 and demonstrate potential to be selected to an RCA National Team in 2019. The Development Athlete category also encompasses BC athletes who hold a senior Sport Canada Card who were not selected to attend International Competitions in 2018 but will continue training on the Senior National Team in 2019.
3. **Development Athlete (Para):** BC para athletes who were selected by RCA to attend an International Para Rowing regatta in 2018 and demonstrate potential to be selected to the RCA Para National Team in 2019.
4. **Development Coach:** BC coaches who were selected to the RCA Junior or U23 National Teams in 2018 and demonstrate potential to be selected to an RCA National Team in 2019. BC para coaches who were selected by RCA to attend an International Para Rowing regatta in 2018, and whose athletes demonstrate potential to be selected to the RCA Para National Team in 2019.



ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

To be eligible for program funding, athletes and coaches must meet the following General Criteria and all Specific Criteria outlined in Table 1. All applications must be submitted [through the form available here](#) by **5 PM on March 22, 2019**. For athletes who received funding in 2018, all eligible expenditures must be completed by that same day and submitted to admin@rowingbc.ca using an [Expense Template found here](#) in order to be eligible for 2019 funding.

General Criteria

1. Must be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status, and be a resident of British Columbia for at least 1 year prior to application;
2. Must be a resident of BC and hold a valid British Columbia Service Card;
3. Currently engaged in a RCA and or Rowing BC High Performance pathway;
4. Must have competed for Rowing BC at the National Rowing Championships and or Canada Cup regatta;
5. Must be registered with RCA through a Rowing BC member organization for a minimum of 1 year prior to application;
6. All Athletes and Coaches must be on the Rowing BC - Canadian Sport Institute (CSI) Targeted Athlete List for 2019 and registered with CSI. (Athletes and Coaches on this list were contacted directly by Rowing BC Provincial Coach, Rob Richards, in January 2019.);
7. 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 the CCES for an anti-doping rule violation will be declared permanently ineligible for program funding. Any Athlete or Coach who has breached the Rowing BC Code of Conduct and Ethics in the previous year will be deemed ineligible for program funding for the following year;
8. Must not receive funding or support from another Provincial Athlete Support Program.

Athletes Training Outside of BC

Athletes training outside of BC or attending post-secondary schools outside of BC will not generally be eligible for program funding, however exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Appeals Process

Athletes or coaches who wish to appeal a funding decision 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 via e-mail to David Calder (david.calder@rowingbc.ca), Executive Director of Rowing BC.



Table 1: Specific Criteria (Athletes are only eligible to receive an allotment in one category.)

	Elite Athlete	Development (Able)	Development (Para)	Development (Coach)
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently training at RCA NTC (PR1 and PR2 athletes may train elsewhere); and Selected to 2018 Senior National Team; and Named to the Sport Canada Carding List. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently training for 2019 RCA NT selection; and Selected to 2018 RCA JNT or U23 NT; and Completed 2018 RCA RADAR testing; and Competed at the 2018 NRC – CC for Rowing BC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently training for 2019 RCA NT selection; and Selected to 2018 RCA Para NT and competed internationally; and Completed 2018 RCA RADAR testing; and Competed at the 2018 NRC – CC for Rowing BC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 RCA JNT or U23 coach; or Selected by RCA to attend an international para regatta in 2018.
Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 14 - 16, 2019; and Represent BC at NRCs & Canada Cup, September 26 – 29, 2019; and Work with Rowing BC to recognize program funders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 14 - 16, 2019; and Represent BC at NRCs & Canada Cup, September 26 – 29, 2019; and Work with Rowing BC to recognize program funders; and Submit an expense report with receipts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend RCA Speed Orders, June 14 - 16, 2019; and Represent BC at NRCs & Canada Cup, September 26 – 29, 2019; and Work with Rowing BC to recognize program funders; and Submit an expense report with receipts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer at the Rowing BC Junior Provincial Championships, May 18, 2019; and/or at the National Rowing Championships & Canada Cup, September 26 – 29, 2019; and Deliver Professional Development Session with Rowing BC; and Submit an expense report with receipts.
Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living costs Costs directly associated with training Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related to travel to RCA Speed Orders Related to post-selection training costs Related to international competition costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related to travel to RCA Speed Orders Related to post-selection training costs Related to international competition costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related to travel to RCA Speed Orders Related to post-selection training costs Related to international competition costs