



BCFA 2016_17 SEASON NAC / EUROPEAN COMPETITION FUNDING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The BCFA has the following Vision statement as a component of the BCFA 2015-20 Strategic Plan:

“The BCFA will provide the support and infrastructure to ensure that our top athletes are able to fulfil their potential at a competitive level. This includes coaching and administrative support, funding for HP athletes, and BCFA supported HP camps.”

In addition, The BCFA Strategic plan includes the following outcomes:

- *Win 20% of the medal count at Canada Cup and Canadian National events on an annual basis*
- *Medal at NAC events in every age category and every weapon on an annual basis*
- *Have medaled at the Pan-American Championships at the Cadet, Junior and Senior level in every weapon category*
- *Have medaled at World Cups at the Junior and Senior level*
- *Have medaled at the world Championships at the Cadet, Junior and Senior level*
- *At least one BC athlete will have qualified for the 2018 Youth Olympic games*
- *At least two BC athlete will have qualified for the 2019 Pan-American games*
- *At least one BC athlete will have qualified for the 2020 Olympic games*

Achieving our Vision and Outcomes requires supporting athletes to attend relevant international competitions.

This policy document described how the BCFA will support High Performance Athletes in the 2016_17 season (i.e. September 2016 to August 2017)

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POLICY

The BCFA will support attendance at the following International events in the 2016_17 season, with the intent of supporting BC athletes who qualify for the Cadet, Junior or Senior National teams. All support will be subject to the availability of funds and support may be withdrawn or the athlete pay component increased at any time.

CADET / JUNIOR PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS – Guatemala, February 2017 Athletes who meet the relevant CFF qualifying criteria (i.e athletes who are in the top 4 of the CFF cadet selection rankings at the time of team selection) will be funded to attend this event. Cost to athlete will be \$750.

CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Plovdiv, Bulgaria– April 2017 - Athletes who meet the relevant CFF qualifying criteria (i.e athletes who are in the top 4 of the CFF cadet or junior selection rankings at the time of team selection) will be funded to attend this event. Cost to athlete will be \$1,000.

SENIOR PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS – Montreal - Athletes who meet the relevant CFF qualifying criteria (i.e athletes who are in the top 4 of the CFF senior selection rankings at the time of team selection) will be funded to attend this event. Cost to athlete will be \$500

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Leipzig, Germany, July, 2017,. Athletes who meet the relevant CFF qualifying criteria (i.e athletes who are in the top 4 of the CFF senior selection rankings at the time of team selection) will be funded to attend this event Cost to athlete will be \$1,000.

NORTH AMERICAN CUPS. –Will not be funded.

EUROPEAN CADET EVENT – The BCFA will fund one European Cadet tournament for Cadet athletes. Funding will be provided retrospectively to athletes who qualify for the Cadet Pan-American or World Championships. Funding support of \$500 will be provided.

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JUNIOR WORLD CUP - The BCFA will fund one Junior World Cup event for Junior athletes. Funding will be provided retrospectively to athletes who qualify for the Junior Pan-American or World Championships. Funding support of \$500 will be provided.

SENIOR WORLD CUP - The BCFA will fund one Senior World Cup for athletes. The event must be held in Europe. Funding will be provided retrospectively to athletes who qualify for the Senior Pan-American or World Championships. Funding support of \$500 will be provided.

Support may be withdrawn at any time due to unavailability of funds at the sole discretion of the BCFA.

PROGRAM RATIONALE:

The intent of this program is to:

- Provide a team structure for BCFA HPP Athletes, on the assumption that a team structure will lead to enhanced competitive performance
- Provide an opportunity for athletes to learn to travel in a team structure, consistent with the train to win stages of the LTAD cycle.
- Reduce the financial cost of attending International competitions
- Increase the number of athletes selected to the Canadian Cadet, Junior and Senior National teams

FUNDING MODEL:

The BCFA will provide the following support for eligible athletes for the Pan American and World Championships:

Return flights

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Transfers to / from venue (i.e. taxi, hotel shuttle, train, transfers arranged by host organizations). The cheapest transfer option only will be funded and requires pre-approval from BCFA.

Hotel (Shared room, 2-3 athletes per room)

Coach support

Management support - where 3 or more HPP athletes under the age of 18 attend an event held in Europe or South America. Support may also be provided where, in the opinion of the BCFA board, there is a risk to athletes in travelling without adult support.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Athletes must :

- Be a current member of the BCFA with primary residence in BC
- Have a demonstrated record of volunteering at BCFA run events in the previous and current season
- Be an active participant in the BCFA HPP camps / training events or, if studying at a university outside of the lower mainland, training on a consistent and verifiable basis at a club or university facility.
- Complete weekly training logs as provided by provincial coach
- Commit to a minimum of 20 hours training per week
- Commit to attending sufficient events to qualify for national teams
- Meet the CFF selection ranking criteria outlined above at the required timepoint
- Follow all instructions from team manager / coach
- Have valid travel documents
- Ensure all required waivers are signed

NOTES:

Team Coach:

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The Team coach will be the BCFA provincial coach, Victor Gantsevich, or designate. The team coach will supervise all BCFA HPP athletes at the event, and will be responsible for on site training, warm up procedures, and on piste coaching. In the event that two or more athletes fence concurrently, the BCFA coach will have sole discretion in determining who to coach.

Team manager:

The Team manager will be a parent of fencer attending the event or otherwise suitable person. They will have previous experience attending National and International fencing competitions, and will be a volunteer member of the BCFA. They will be responsible for supervising all athletes attending the event, and will act under the direction of the team coach. The team manager will ensure that all athletes receive adequate nutrition, rest and regenerative activities. Where possible, the team manager will ensure that educational / cultural activities are provided to the athletes. (Museum visits etc.). Where both male and female athletes are attending the event the team manager role may be shared between a male and female. Team managers will not be required for athletes over the age of 18. Team managers will be appointed by the BCFA board of directors on an event by event basis. More than one manager may be appointed at the discretion of the BCFA board – in which case costs will be shared.

Other parents / guardians

Other parents or guardians of athletes may choose to attend the event at their own expense.

Optional arrangements

Athletes may wish to attend the event at their own cost and make their own arrangements accordingly.

CODE OF CONDUCT

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Athletes must follow the BCFA code of conduct as described below. Failure to follow this code will result in withdrawal of funding for athletes

Comply with the CFF Code of Conduct

Follow all instructions from Team Coach and Team Manager

Be at the venue at instructed time

Leave venue at instructed time

Respect curfews

Zero tolerance for alcohol or any other illicit substance use or abuse

Zero tolerance for disrespectful behaviour

Zero tolerance for mis-use of hotel property



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