

# **BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY (BCWBS)**

## **NATIONAL ATHLETE POOL ASSESSMENT**

### **POLICY & PROCEDURE**

#### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

The CWBA is not in a position to pay the total costs for athletes in the national pools to attend selection camps, training camps, and competitive opportunities and therefore instituted an athlete assessment program. In general terms, athletes are assessed an annual program fee of \$175 (carded athletes) or \$100 (national pool players), \$150 (carded athletes) or \$75 (national pool players) for each domestic camp or competition (within Canada), \$250 for each U.S.A camp or competition (excluding Hawaii) and \$500 for each international camp or competition (including Hawaii and Mexico). Standard practice varies across the country as some provinces pay the full assessment amount, some do cost sharing with clubs, some cost share with the athlete, and some pass on the full assessment to the athlete. As this is an athlete assessment and they are ultimately responsible for the full amount. Due to the rising costs of the assessments received from the CWBA and the practice of the BCWBS supporting these costs, the following policy has been proposed.

#### **2.0 POLICY**

- 2.1 National athlete pool members who meet eligibility criteria will receive assessment support from BCWBS, when funds are available, in the amount of 40% of total assessment fees, upon receipt of a formal written request.
- 2.2 Only those events outlined in the CWBA National Team Program calendar of events, as produced at the beginning of each National Team season, will be eligible for this support.
- 2.3 Assessment support for any other unscheduled national team events must be approved by the BCWBS Board of Directors.

#### **3.0 PROCEDURE**

- 3.1 Athletes are responsible for paying their assessments in full and in a timely fashion to CWBA.
- 3.2 Athletes must provide BCWBS a formal written request for support and confirmation of full payment made to CWBA.
- 3.3 Based on availability of funds and the ability to reimburse athletes in a timely fashion, BCWBS reserves the right to reimburse these fees any time prior to the BCWBS fiscal year-end (May 31<sup>st</sup>).
- 3.4 BCWBS assessment reimbursement is only valid for the year in which the national team program activities occurred and may not be carried forward to future years. Requests for support must be received by May 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- 4.1 Athlete must have a current signed Athlete Code of Conduct with BCWBS.
- 4.2 National athlete pool member must be a member in good standing with BCWBS.
- 4.3 National athlete pool member must be a resident in BC for a least 6 months prior to the competition.
- 4.4 Students attending post-secondary education outside of BC, who remain a permanent resident of BC, will be eligible for BCWBS assessment support.
- 4.5 Athlete must represent the province of BC at all national competitions. A decision to play for another province, except when no BC Team exists on which to play, will forfeit your BCWBS assessment support.
- 4.6 In cases with extenuating circumstances, an appeal may be made to the BCWBS Board of Directors.

#### **5.0 NATIONAL ATHLETE POOL MEMBER CONCEPT (AS DEFINED BY CWBA)**

"The national men's, women's, and junior men's athlete pools consist of a group of athletes that the coaches feel have the potential to be on one of the upcoming national teams. These athletes have regular contact with the national coaches. The following are the designations and size of the National Pool contingent for men and women:

- 12 National Team Members
- up to 6 National Team Alternate A players
- up to 12 National Team Alternate B players

The lists are composed of athletes who possess a high level of skill development and fitness, have demonstrated an ability to compete for our national teams and have the capability of representing Canada effectively at the international level. The lists represent both our up and coming players and veteran athletes that have proven skills in particular areas that we may call upon for certain events. Consideration is given to the classification of the athletes as this is a critical issue in our sport. These athletes also sign a National Athlete Pool Agreement with the CWBA."

#### **6.0 REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

This policy was approved by the BCWBS Board of Directors on March 5, 2001 and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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