



## **Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team**

### **Funding Qualification Criteria Overview**

The *Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP) is funded by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), from net revenues generated in 2007-08 by the *Quest for Gold* lottery game. The program will provide direct financial assistance to Ontario athletes through an “Ontario Card” designation. The intent of the OAAP is to provide funding to individual athletes based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport, allowing them to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition.

#### **ONTARIO MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROMOTION (OAAP) CRITERIA**

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status
- Athletes must be training and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that:
  - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province temporarily during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
    - ▶ The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out of province. The Ministry may require that the athlete provide supporting documentation from the athlete’s PSO/ NSO, National Sport Organization (NSO) or other sources to verify reasons for athlete’s absence from the Province of Ontario
  - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario;
  - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province, or other extenuating circumstances that require the athlete to be out of the province.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing with PSO/ MSO and NSO where applicable.
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- A coach who has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Level 2 or equivalent must instruct athlete.
- Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.
- Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. primary and secondary schools)

- Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow for full-time attendance or if an athlete requires special needs that preclude full or part-time attendance (e.g. Athlete with a disability (AWAD) athlete)
- Athletes who have completed their area of study at the secondary level (i.e. high school) and who continue to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will also be given consideration.
- If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete for Ontario for one year from the date of the Minister's letter informing the athlete of acceptance into OAAP program, at Canada Games and other national competitions involving provincial team competitions. Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards
- Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior aged athletes (only exception is for PSO/MSOs using 30% of Ontario Card allotment for Sr. level athletes not funded by Sport Canada – see below) who have been identified as a next generation national team athlete as demonstrated by:
  - Identification within the NSO pool of identified next generation national team athletes for the last two competitive seasons; OR
  - Results at regional championships, national championships (junior and/or senior) or other recognized national/international competitions over the last two competitive seasons; OR
  - Representation on a Canadian National Team (developmental and/or junior). Athletes training for Canada Games or provincial teams may also be considered.

### **Process of Nomination**

Under the Quest for Gold Program, Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team has been granted 4 (four) Ontario Cards, to be split 2 male, 2 female.

The following selection criteria will be applied to members of Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team

- 1) Athlete must be current, full time, paid member of Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team (ODART), Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS), and Alpine Ontario Alpin (AOA).
- 2) Athlete must participate in 75% or more of scheduled training days and/or events during competition season.
- 3) Athlete must have represented Ontario at 2 or more provincial or national level events, within 2 years of funding request application submission.
- 4) Athlete must have medaled, or placed in top 50% of division at 2 or more ACA sanctioned provincial or national level races, within 2 years of funding request application submission.
- 5) Athletes can accumulate "Qualification Points" based on the following scale; gold = 5, silver = 4, bronze = 3, finish in top 50% of division = 2, participate in race = 1 These points will be used to rank potential athletes to determine the 2 male and 2 female athletes that will be selected to receive Quest for Gold carding.
- 6) Athlete must keep year round, daily training log, to be periodically submitted to coaching staff for assessment and suggested adjustments.

- 7) Athlete must participate in annual physical assessment testing on November 19, 2006.
- 8) Athlete must submit list of short term and long term goals at start of competition season, and meet with coaching staff for periodic analysis.
- 9) Athlete must demonstrate, and show strong evidence of year round, extra-curricular training activity.
- 10) Athlete must demonstrate strong sense of teamwork skills, including a constructive, positive attitude and demeanor.
- 11) Athlete must display a strong dedication to team and training, as well as a desire to advance to the next (national) level of competition and training.
- 12) Athletes enrolled in scholastic studies must maintain an above passing average in all subjects and/or courses of their current level of study.
- 13) Athletes applying for "Quest For Gold" funding, must be no older than 29 years of age, at time of funding approval.

**Selection Committee:**

The selection committee will be comprised of:

- Dave Hackett – Head Coach ODART
- Bob Guenther – Coach, Technical Development
- David Brown – President, ODART

**ALTERNATES – New for 2007/2008 –**

1 male and 1 female athlete will be named as alternates by the selection committee based on the following criteria:

- o PSO/ MSOs are permitted the option of nominating alternates to those athletes nominated for Ontario Card status
- o Alternates must be those athletes who are ranked directly behind those athletes nominated for the allotment of Ontario Cards in a particular category
- o The names of alternates must be published along with the names of nominated athletes
- o PSO/MSO who identify alternates will be permitted to substitute an alternate for an Ontario Carded athlete who drops out or is removed from the OAAP provided that:
  - Alternate is substituted within 2007-2008 fiscal year
  - Funding for athlete being substituted is still available within fiscal year (e.g. full funding for card has not already been paid out to athlete no longer in program)

**Appeals**

Athletes who have not been nominated and who wish to appeal can do so by filing an appeal in writing only with the Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee. Appeals must be submitted through regular post, registered mail, in person or by courier. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery. Appeals that are delivered by regular post or registered mail shall be deemed to be received three days after the date of mailing. **Appeals submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted.**

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to:

- whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

After hearing an appeal the Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

- Direct the PSO/MSO to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit a new list of nominated athletes;
- Deny the appeal;
- Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.
- The deadline for athletes to submit to the Appeals Committee is **February 8, 2008**

Appeals can be directed to:

Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee  
c/o Sport and Recreation Branch  
Ministry of Health Promotion  
18<sup>th</sup> floor, 393 University Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2S1

Athlete Funding Request Applications must be submitted to the above address prior January 7, 2007 with the announcement of selected Athletes being announced and published on the ODART website prior January 25, 2007.