



NATIONAL JUNIOR ATHLETE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport



GOAL

To provide encouragement and development opportunities to Bermudian junior athletes between the ages of **15 – 19**, who clearly show commitment, promise and achievement in their respective sport.

OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize Bermudian junior athletes who clearly demonstrate the commitment, performance and potential to become elite athletes.
2. To provide financial assistance for Bermudian junior athletes whose performance has shown a clear indication of development in selected sports.
3. To support and provide opportunities for Bermudian junior athletes to reach their full potential.
4. To provide athletes the development opportunities to reach elite standards and represent Bermuda at major sporting festivals/events.



PROGRAMME

NJASP funding will be made available through the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Committee, to assist junior athletes who are not otherwise deemed ineligible for financial assistance. This contribution is intended to provide training inducements to promising junior athletes, who are likely to achieve Elite Athlete status at senior level given their continued participation and commitment to their sport.

Such assistance will be provided to one (1) male or one (1) female athlete from respective NSGB's **OR** provide assistance to for a NSGB to **bring in an overseas coach to work with a specific cohort of junior athletes** that fit the NJASP criteria. Funding provided can cover equipment purchases, coaching fees, airline, accommodation and expenses for international training events or competitions.

NSGB's should submit their selected candidate to the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Committee for inclusion in the award selection process by completing the application form with supporting documentation.



SELECTION PRIORITIES

Foreword: The Committee shall have regard to the following criteria in determining the support it provides to junior athletes.



- A. Recipients must have demonstrated a sustained level of excellence and commitment to his/her sport together with good attitudinal and social maturity.
- B. Recipients must clearly demonstrate the potential and the maturity to physically and emotionally benefit from being granted special status through the programme.
- C. Recipients must pledge to commit themselves to a programme of development that is designed to assist them in reaching their full potential.
- D. Training events for which funding is provided must be a recognized event in which selected junior athletes should increase their development and performance levels.
- E. Equipment purchases must be confined to the implements essential for the playing of the sport. For this programme, travelling uniforms are not considered essential equipment; however, a soccer ball, cricket bat, tennis racquet, or hockey stick are examples of essential sports equipment.
- F. Tuition/Coaching applies to local or overseas development training programmes that would clearly benefit the junior athlete in improving his/her level of performance.
- G. In selecting their candidate, Sport Governing Bodies should have regard to the level of achievement the athlete has attained, the normal maturation determinants of the sport, the age of the athlete, records and achievements attained, level of maturity and social adjustment etc.
- H. This programme is open to participants who are Bermudian and registered with a recognized National Sport Governing Body and regularly practicing and competing in the sport for which funding is being sought.
- I. When applying for the Coaches Award, consideration for local training camps will be given only to athletes aged **15 to 19 years, or to a specific cohort of athletes who are actively preparing to represent Bermuda at upcoming regional events.**



NOTES:

1. The committee has determined that for the purposes of the award, applications in respect of persons deemed by the Department of Immigration to be Bermudian prior to their formal application at the age of majority, shall be considered. **Proof of eligibility MUST be submitted.**
2. The committee has determined that this programme caters to junior athletes between the ages of 15 and 19 years of age who are otherwise ineligible for Elite Athlete Assistance.
3. The committee has determined that applications will NOT be considered on behalf of any athlete who has benefitted from, or who is eligible to benefit from, the Elite Athletes Fund.
4. The committee has determined that an athlete can receive this award a **maximum** of three (3) times.
5. The committee has determined that recipients must meet with the Sports Development Officer upon completion of training camps/events etc.
6. The NJASP committee will allow the option of NSGB's to hire an overseas coach to work with a specified cohort of junior athletes **(15-19 years of age)** that meet the criteria for current fiscal year.

