

# BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY (BCWBS)

## NATIONAL ATHLETE TEAM PROGRAM

### POLICY & PROCEDURE

#### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Beginning June 1, 2007 the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association (CWBA) has changed their National Team Program Athlete Assessment Policy to include the following:

- All National Program athletes as identified by the head coach of the women and men's national team programs will be assessed annually a fee of \$500.00;
- There will be no other assessments throughout the year;
- This will be an annual fee (assessment) that will be sent out in June of every year after selection camp;
- The Head Coach of each program will be responsible for identifying the athletes who will participate in the national team program for the current year of the assessment;
- This fee is the cost to participate in the CWBA National team programs;
- Fees collected from the National team assessments are directed back into the CWBA budget to deliver program and services to our members which include development and high performance athletes and coaches;
- Invoices for assessments will be mailed out to the athletes by June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Athletes are asked to pay the amount within 60 days of receipt of the invoice. If payment cannot be made in that time, the athlete is asked to contact the CWBA office to make alternate arrangements;
- Athletes are responsible for paying their own assessment;
- Any overdue assessments from previous years must be paid in full prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

Although national team program athletes are ultimately responsible for paying this assessment in full to CWBA, BCWBS is committed to continuing to offer financial support of these fees to BCWBS athletes who meet the eligibility and procedural requirements below.

#### 2.0 POLICY

National team program athletes who meet eligibility criteria 4.0 may apply to receive assessment support from BCWBS, when funds are available, in the amount of 50% of the total CWBA assessment fee.

#### 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 with a written request for support, a copy of the CWBA assessment invoice, and confirmation that full payment has been 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 National team program athletes must be a member in good standing with BCWBS.
- 4.2 National team program athletes must have a current signed Athlete Code of Conduct with BCWBS.
- 4.3 National team program athletes must be a resident in BC for at least 6 months to be eligible for financial support.
- 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 TEAM PROGRAM ATHLETE (as defined by the CWBA Athlete Assessment Policy)

"A National team program athlete is an athlete who will be expected to attend national team activities not limited to but including: selection camp, training camps, competitions as directed by the head coach, centre for performance camps, development camps etc. National team program athletes will have a signed athlete agreement on file with the office for the current year of participation. There will be flexibility identifying who is listed in the National team program. Coaches may need to make adjustments (adding/removing) athletes to the program. Accordingly athletes will be charged or compensated depending on the situation."

#### 6.0 REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy was approved by the BCWBS Board of Directors on October 4, 2007 and will be reviewed on an annual basis.