**Athlete Assistance Program**

Funding for the Athletes Assistance program is provided by Sask Sport in conjunction with the SBA.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the Athletes Assistance program is to assist and recognize:

TYPE A ATHLETES – whose standards rank them at National level or that display National level potential with their elite Broomball training.

TYPE B ATHLETES – individuals representing Saskatchewan at the Juvenile National Broomball Championships. (Cheque written to team)

**TYPE A GUIDELINES**

Only Juvenile aged athletes or graduating Juveniles in their first three years of Senior are eligible for TYPE A funding. Qualifying Juvenile and Senior athletes must compete at the highest level possible in their category.

TIMELINES

**November 1st** – Applications and information packages distributed

**December 15th** – Deadline for TYPE A applications to be in to the SBA office

**January 15th** – Successful TYPE A athletes contracts returned to the SBA with receipts and report to date

**May 1st** – Follow up reports in to the SBA office

**May 15th** - Cheques issued

DISTRIBUTION

Athlete Assistance packages are sent to the following individuals:

- all minor coaches\*, league reps\*, and SBA Executive members\*

***Individuals noted with a \* are responsible to ensure that the information is distributed to all eligible athletes in their area.***

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

TYPE A: Athletes receiving TYPE A assistance are eligible to receive the following:

1. Eligible athletes attending a recognized post secondary institution will be given a higher priority.

2. Athletes can receive up to a maximum of $500.

3. A total of $1500.00 is available to be divided between TYPE A athletes. The number of TYPE A awards is limited by the above noted total. If there are a large amount of applicants this amount can be adjusted by the committee.

**TYPE A – APPLICATION**

A limited number of awards will be given to individual athletes considered by the selection committee to be elite.

Applicants must:

1. Demonstrate above average skill, interest, and dedication to the sport of Broomball and programs of the SBA.

2. Demonstrate past history of Broomball involvement (playing and non-playing) and commitment to future Broomball development.

3. Be a member in good standing of the SBA throughout the current year.

4. Actively train and compete on a recognized Juvenile or Senior calibre team for the current year, and

5. Assist SBA in other matters upon request.

***NOTE: The emphasis of the program is elite involvement. All athletes must compete at the highest possible level in their category or they will not be eligible.***

POINTS WILL BE AWARDED IN TWO AREAS:

1) Physical performance

2) Dedication and commitment to the sport of Broomball

Each applicant should clearly outline in a letter, (typed if possible) their accomplishments in Broomball – both playing and non-playing. See guidelines attached for further details on ranking criteria.

***NOTE: All athletes applying should keep accurate records and receipts for any expenses incurred from the start of the season. This will ensure that the follow up can be completed as quickly as possible should they be chosen to receive an award.***

FOLLOW UP REPORTS

All follow ups must include receipts for the total award as well as a report on the year to date. If the Chairperson does not feel the report is adequate, funds will be withheld until adequate information or receipts are provided.

**ATHLETE ASSISTANCE CRITERIA - TYPE A APPLICATIONS**

Point system: Last year – 3 Points, Two years ago – 2 total points, Three years ago - 1 total points

NOTE: Please fill out this form. Accomplishments should be outlined in the letter of application.

**L. SUBJECTIVE** – Involvement of a non-playing nature.