



High Performance Coach Development Grant

The High Performance Coach Development Grant is funded by the Canadian Sport Center Saskatchewan and administered through a partnership with the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan.

As coaches strive to increase their knowledge, skills, abilities and certification, cost can be a barrier to successfully meeting their coaching career goals. The purpose of this grant is to support Saskatchewan coaches who work with high performance athletes and are committed to upgrading their coaching skills & abilities through education, training, and certification. This grant allows the coach to participate in coaching workshops or conferences, attend major competitions as a coach, mentor with a Master Coach, upgrade their NCCP certification (including the Advanced Coach Diploma), or consult with a recognized sport expert. This grant may also be used in combination with support from other cost-sharing partners to help coaches broaden the scope of their learning options.

To be eligible the coach must be NCCP certified in the Competition Development context or Level 3 certified under the old NCCP, be a member in good standing with their Provincial Sport Organization, be coaching Saskatchewan high performance athletes (Provincial team or higher), and be committed to furthering their training and certification through continuous professional development.

Definition: The High Performance context is where young adults are coached to refine advanced skills and tactics and are typically prepared for performance at national and international level competition (Training to Compete & Training to Win stages of LTAD).

The Coaches targeted for this program will be:

- Coaches employed in the Saskatchewan sport system (either by the PSO or Club).
- Coaches selected to coach provincial team programs at National Championships or Canada Games.
- Other coaches that are identified as potential future national team coaches by the NSO.
- Coaches accepted to the Advanced Coach Diploma program and identified by their respective PSO or NSO.

The activities and expenses supported will include advanced professional development opportunities such as:

- The Advanced Coach Diploma program.
- On-continent Travel to work with or mentor under top coaches and/or top programs (details on the credentials and expertise of these coaches must be provided).
- National Team Apprenticeship opportunities
- Sport specific or technical conferences and workshops

Grant Application Guidelines:

All applications must be made in writing and include the following:

1. Coaching Résumé

- name, address, home and business telephone numbers, fax number, e-mail address;
- sport, NCCP #, and current level of certification;
- current coaching position, name and address of coaching employer/organization;
- previous coaching positions (include level of coaching position, dates of full-time and part-time employment, name of employer);
- additional coach education, courses or clinics attended;
- related athletic background; and
- major coaching achievements.

2. Proposed Learning Objectives

- identify the learning objectives and outcomes related to your participation in the activity(s) to be supported through this grant program;
- indicate how the proposed activity will provide a valuable coaching/educational experience;
- indicate how the activity will contribute to your career path as a coach and towards enhanced coaching certification; and
- indicate how the national or provincial sport organization will be involved in and committed to the proposed activity.

3. Activity Outline

- list specific details of the proposed activities to be supported by this grant (by name, date, and location);
- identify the role you will play during the activity (head coach, assistant coach, observer, student, apprentice, etc.);
- indicate the calibre and number of athletes, their gender and age range;
- indicate who will supervise/mentor the activity and their qualifications; and
- include a detailed budget listing all potential revenues and applicable expenses.

Note: equipment purchases or wages are not considered eligible expense submissions.

4. Letter of Support

- Your application must include a support letter from your Provincial Sport Organization supporting your coaching development initiative, clearly stating their respective financial contribution and confirming your involvement in the National or Provincial program. A support letter from your National Sport Organization would be beneficial.

5. Amount of Support

- The amount of support available will be based on the merits of the individual application and the total funds available for this grant program.
- Coaches are only eligible to apply for and receive one grant within a fiscal year (April – March).

6. Grant deadline

Grant applications will be accepted on the following deadlines:

- December 1st, March 1st, June 1st, September 1st

7. Follow up Procedures

Within 60 days of the completion of the activity(s), the grant recipient must submit a written follow up report. The report must contain the following information:

- Details of the activity or event you participated in (when, where, who, etc.). The role you played in the activity(s) and more specifically how this experience contributed to the learning objectives & outcomes you outlined in your original application. Any successes, challenges and recommendations should also be included.
- An article that could be included in a Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan or Coaching Association of Saskatchewan newsletter/communiqué;
- A financial report detailing all revenues and expenditures **supported by copies of expenditure receipts.**

As a recipient of a High Performance Coach Development Grant, you may be asked to supply a photo and a detailed report of your learning activities for publication or promotion purposes or to speak to other coaches about your experience.

Forward your application to:

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