

Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan – Marathon Division

Athlete Assistance Policy

Background information

This policy is intended to encourage development of elite marathon athletes, with a particular emphasis on fostering youth athletes. The policy defines “elite marathon paddler” as “*an individual who has attained national ranking by placing in the top 5 places at the Canadian Marathon Canoe Racing Championships.*”

General Criteria

- 1) Athletes must be elite marathon paddlers.
- 2) Athletes must be members in good standing with one of the active provincial marathon clubs.
- 3) Athletes must race at half (50%) or more of the Provincial Point Series races the year of application.
- 4) Athletes must place in the top 5 at the Canadian Marathon Canoe Nationals in the current year funding is being awarded.
- 5) A maximum of four athletes are eligible for athlete assistance each year.
- 6) Athletes applying for athlete assistance will be ranked by points gained in the Point Series Races and at Nationals.
- 7) Typically athletes will be awarded up to \$500; full time post secondary students that meet the general criteria may be awarded \$1000.00.
- 8) In the case that there are not enough applicants to use up all the funds via \$500 disbursements, the funds shall be divided equally among the applicants.
- 9) If an athlete does not submit receipts for expenses equal to the amount of their athlete assistance award, any excess funds will be distributed to other successful applicants.
- 10) Preference will be given to athletes whom did not receive assistance the previous year.
- 11) Exceptions to the established criteria may be made at the discretion of the marathon executive.

Athlete Ranking

- 1) Funding priority is given to full-time post-secondary students.
- 2) Maximum number of points a paddler can receive is 40.
- 3) Max 20 points are awarded based on results obtained at Nationals.
- 4) The top 2 race finishes are awarded points based on the attached point chart. Races that count towards points include K-1, K-2, C-1, C-2 in any age group, either mens, womens or mixed.
- 5) Max 20 points are awarded based on **participation** at the Provincial Point Series races.
- 6) Points for participation at the point series races are as follows:
 - a) Participation at 6 races 20 points
 - b) Participation at 5 races 15 points
 - c) Participation at 4 races 10 points
 - d) Participation in 1-3 races 5 points

Application Procedure

- 1) Deadline for application is Oct 1st of the year that the assistance is being provided.
- 2) The attached application form must be used to apply for the Marathon Division Athletes Assistance and forwarded to the CKS – Marathon Division President by the due date.
- 3) All applications must include a training log of hours completed in the year of application as well as training goals for the upcoming year.
- 4) The CKS – Marathon Division executive will review all applications received. All applicants will receive a written notification of the successful athletes by October 31st of the funding year.

Follow Up Statement

- 1) Funding will be awarded to the successful applicant by the Executive Director upon the receipt of eligible receipts.
- 2) The Executive Director must receive all receipts by Oct 31st of the funding year. Funds will be distributed to the athlete once the receipts have been received.
- 3) The following is a list of eligible receipts:
 - I. Training equipment - boats, paddles, life jackets, runners, training clothes, exercise equipment
 - II. Travel to & from canoe races excluding any pro race (any race that money is awarded as a prize).
 - III. Travel to and from sanctioned provincial canoeing events - training camps, courses.
 - IV. Costs incurred in order to train - gas, babysitting.
 - V. Academic tuition.

Appeal

Appeals must be in writing, within 30 days after notification. Address all appeals to the CKS - Marathon President.

Point chart – Participation at Nationals

	race placing										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
# of racers	1	6									
	2	7									
	3	8	5	2							
	4	9	6	3	1						
	5	10	7	4	2	1					
	6	10	8	5	3	1	0				
	7	10	9	6	4	2	1	0			
	8	10	9	7	5	3	2	1	0		
	9	10	9	8	6	4	3	2	1	0	
	10	10	9	8	7	5	4	3	2	1	0