

Elite and High-Performance Grant Program Policy Adopted by Board of Directors December 11, 2023

1. Purpose

To 1) provide cost offsetting grants to athletes age 13 - 19 who participate in select events and achieve certain results; and 2) to provide cost offsetting grants to junior and elite athletes participating in select race series and events. In some instances, certain results must be achieved.

Grants are provided to athletes participating in:

- Youth/Junior Series, and
- Americas Cup, World, and International Elite events.

2. Overview

The amount available for distribution as grants is set by Triathlon Manitoba's Board of Directors and, as such, is subject to change. The amount provided to individual athletes is a function of the number of athletes who meet the qualifying criteria.

It is the responsibility of an athlete/coach to contact Triathlon Manitoba's Executive Director (triathlon.ed@sportmanitoba.ca) on or before October 1 of that racing year, if it is considered the athlete may qualify for a grant.

Any one athlete can receive a maximum \$1,000 in grants under this program.

Upon request, an athlete must substantiate direct race related expenses at least equal to any grant for which (s)he meets the qualifying criteria.

Grants awarded each season will be released on or before March 31st of the following calendar year.

Decisions regarding eligibility and grant amounts per athlete are made by Triathlon Manitoba's Executive Director.

3. General Eligibility

An athlete must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive a grant:

- be a member in good standing of Triathlon Manitoba before the event at which they qualify for a grant; and
- youth/junior athletes must compete in two or more Triathlon Manitoba sanctioned races in that racing year.

4. Specific eligibility

Youth/Junior Series

Athletes who are age 13 - 15 (racing age) who compete in the elite category and finish in both the top 20 and in top 50% of youth athletes in draft-legal events from the series below are eligible to receive up to \$600 per event:

- Triathlon Canada Development Series events
- USAT Development Series events

Athletes who are age 16 - 19 (racing age) who compete in the elite category and finish in both the top 20 and in the top 50% of junior athletes in draft-legal events from the series below are eligible to receive up to \$600 per event:

- Triathlon Canada Development Series Events
- USAT Development Series events
- Americas Triathlon Cup events
- World Triathlon events

NOTE – Additional draft-legal events may be considered towards funding at the approval of the Triathlon Manitoba's Executive Director.

CAM TRI, Worlds, International Elite

A maximum \$600 grant is available to a junior or elite athlete who participates at CAM TRI, Youth Olympic Games, World Junior Triathlon Championships, Worlds, or other International Games, World Triathlon Series events, International Triathlon Union World Cups, or Continental Cups.

A maximum \$600 grant is available to a junior or elite athlete who finishes in the top six Canadians at the North American Championships or at the North American Youth Olympic Games Trials.

A maximum \$300 grant is available to an athlete who finishes in the top seventh through twelfth Canadians at the North American Championships or North American Youth Olympic Games Trials.

5. References

None.

6. History

A similar policy has been adopted annually for a number of years. Policy updated on June 19, 2019 to add the requirement to finish in the top 50% to qualify for a grant when participating in Continental Cup events. Policy update on December 11, 2023 to refer to Youth/Junior qualifying events by series or events level (similar to Elite section), rather than as individual events.