



**British Columbia Weightlifting Association (“BCWA”)**

# **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT POLICY**

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## Purpose

The primary purpose of BCWA's travel grant policy is to reimburse high-level BCWA registered athletes and coaches with a portion of their travel costs (airfare and/or accommodation expenses) when travelling to sanctioned international events as Team Canada representatives.

## Policy

- BCWA will support athletes and their direct coaches with a grant for travel costs up to \$500 towards their trip airfare and/or accommodation. Only one coach per athlete will be funded for each event.
- Athletes and coaches must meet international standards required to attend sanctioned competitions as established by event organizers, be a paid-up BCWA member in good standing, and also be in good standing with Weightlifting Canada Halterophile (“WCH”).
- This policy applies only to Youth, Junior and Senior athletes who are attending international competitions for Team Canada through WCH, and have met the required competition threshold of performance, as established by event organizers.
- This policy applies only to coaches who are directly coaching BCWA registered athletes in good standing, and are NCCP Competition Development certified, while maintaining coaching certification in good standing.
- Grants will be limited to a maximum of three (3) to any individual athlete or coach in each calendar year.

## Grant Tiers

- **Tier 1:** BCWA will fund \$500 to all athletes and coaches attending events falling within the “Elite” and “International 2” categories; should the categories change, the intention of BCWA is to offer funding towards the two highest performance markers within International Qualification (i.e.- World Championships and Pan American Championships)
- **Tier 2:** BCWA will review funding for athletes and coaches attending events falling within the “International 1” category; should the categories change, the intention of BCWA is to offer funding, when available, towards the third/lowest marker within International Qualification (i.e.- Commonwealth Championships). Funding is subject to annual budget, existing or expected budget allocation towards other International Events, and number of BC athletes participating in an International 1 level event.

## Grant Disclaimer

- While the BCWA Board of Directors strive to promote our athletes’ and coaches’ successes wherever possible, BCWA does not guarantee that every request for an international travel grant will be approved for funding.
- BCWA aims to honour and respect the diversity of our membership and will not unfairly withhold funding for any grant request.

## Association Rights

- Not all international events will automatically qualify under this policy.
- BCWA’s Board of Directors reserves the right to determine which international events will qualify under this policy, in advance of each international event competition.

- The BCWA Board of Directors will take into account current financial and budgetary considerations in determining which international events will qualify under this policy.
- BCWA reserves the right to allocate travel grant funds to Tier 2 events based on the stated criteria or other factors at the fiscal discretion of the board.
- When circumstances, markers, or any other factor pertaining to International Qualification changes, BCWA will provide a best interpretation of this policy document to make decisions until an updated policy can be revised.