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YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS GRANT GUIDELINES**



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1. PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to eligible Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs) to support the development of Indigenous athletes at the train-to-train stage of the Indigenous Long-Term Participant Development Pathway and whose sport participates in an Indigenous youth championship.

2. DESIRED OUTCOMES

CAPACITY/INTERACTION

- Build an overall more inclusive sporting environment that empowers Indigenous people and broadens access to athletic excellence and leadership opportunities.
- An effective overall program is planned in collaboration with the working group which leads to successfully fielding teams for Indigenous youth championships.
- The plan commits to an early and broad geographic talent identification process that fosters extensive participation.
- The program is administered in an accountable and transparent manner with sufficient resources.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Coach and Official Development

- The PSO has an increased pool of trained Indigenous coaches and officials in their sport.
- Athletes are led by Indigenous coaches that have been trained to create positive experiences for athletes and non-Indigenous coaches who have been trained to support Indigenous athletes.
- Events utilize Indigenous officials and those officials have the appropriate training to ensure fair and fun competition (where applicable).
- The working group and coaches ensure that there is a fair, well communicated and transparent process for selection and participation.

Athlete Development

- Athletes learn the proper skill development according to their age and stage of the Indigenous Long-Term Participant Development Pathway Model to participate effectively at Indigenous youth championships
- Talent identification processes lead to the recognition of a core pool of Indigenous talent and representation in mainstream sports, Indigenous competitions and multi-sport events.
- Skill development camps are communicated, well attended and properly resourced.

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING

The Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program - Youth Championships grant is funded by Sask Sport through the support of the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund (Trust Fund).

4. ELIGIBILITY

PSOs who are on the Eligibility List of the Trust Fund and whose sport participates in an Indigenous youth championship that is recognized and sanctioned by a National Sport Organization, Federation of Indigenous Sovereign Nations and Métis Nations - Saskatchewan are eligible to apply (Football and Hockey).

5. AVAILABLE FUNDING

The maximum funding support available is \$30,000 per year. The amount of funding will be determined based on the number of teams (male and female) and roster size including the coaches (as defined by the eligible Team Saskatchewan roster size for the competition). Eligible funding levels will be communicated to PSOs in advance of the application deadline.

6. REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

- PSOs are encouraged to have a balanced approach to sport development and the budget should demonstrate an investment in a variety of sport development areas. For PSOs capable of demonstrating a well-balanced developmental investment, there will be no minimum spending guidelines for the use of the Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program - Youth Championships funding, enabling PSOs to determine their own unique plans and priorities for spending. However, the Indigenous Sport Leadership Council retains the right to impose spending guidelines, if warranted.
- Coaches and officials are encouraged to access resources through the Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program.
- Coach and official certification must be accessed through the Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program (if applicable).
- This grant is made possible by Sask Lotteries, the main fundraiser for more than 12,000 sport, culture and recreation groups in communities across Saskatchewan. Sask Lotteries must be promoted and recognized within all communications and promotions developed. The Sask Lotteries logo, brand guidelines, key messages and promotional materials are available at [Funding Recognition - Sask Lotteries](#).

- Any major changes to the original application must be submitted to and approved by the Indigenous Sport Leadership Council.
- Late or incomplete grant applications and follow-ups will result in grant payments being withheld.
- Grants are approved with the understanding that funds are to be used for eligible purposes adhering to the Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program - Youth Championships grant guidelines. Any unused funds or funds that are used for purposes that do not adhere to the Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program - Youth Championships guidelines will be required to be returned to Sask Sport.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The grant period will be aligned with the PSOs fiscal year; therefore, the application deadline is as follows:

- Football Saskatchewan - October 15, annually
- Hockey Saskatchewan - February 15, annually

The application must include the following:

- Signed and completed application form (which includes a budget)

8. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Indigenous Sport Leadership Council is responsible for the Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program - Youth Championships grant review process.

9. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

CAPACITY/INTERACTION

- Administration
- Planning and Meetings
- Honoraria
- Communications (newsletters, websites, etc.)
- Marketing and Promotions

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Coach and Official Development

- Coach expenses (Ex. mileage, meals, accommodation)
- Coaching and Officiating Certification expenses not covered by Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program
- Professional development opportunities (Ex. education, symposiums, etc.)
- Coach and official identification and development

Athlete Development

- Try-outs (facility rental, facilitator, etc.)
- Mental Training, Sport Training, Nutrition Training, Strength Training, Drug Education

Talent Identification and Skill Development

- Talent identification and skill development expenses (facility rental, facilitator, etc.)
- Materials for the creation or enhancement of the athlete and team selection process.
- PSO, working group and coach accommodations, mileage and meal expenses related to hosting of talent identification and skill development camps

10. INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- Capital Expenditures – no support is available for construction, renovation, upgrading, maintenance or operating costs of facilities.
- Expenditures that are covered by other grant funding. Two different grant sources cannot be used to pay the same dollar expense, whether those grants come from Sask Sport, the Trust Fund or any other grant provider.
- Cash prizes
- Food expenditures - the intent of funding from Sask Sport is not to support food-related expenditures. Out-of-pocket meal costs for volunteers, officials, coaches and/or PSO staff are justifiable. However, food expenses for banquets and dinners etc. are ineligible. Self-help revenue or user pay must be used to cover these types of food costs.
- Alcoholic beverages
- Out of country travel
- Team uniforms and personal equipment
- Registration fees for tryouts (this is to be paid by the athlete or sponsor)
- Salaries and benefits of PSO personnel
- Other expenses the Indigenous Sport Leadership Council or Sask Sport may deem inappropriate.

11. PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The grant will be paid in two installments. The PSO will receive the first grant payment following the approval of the application but no earlier than the first business day of the PSOs fiscal year start date. This payment will be based on 75 per cent of the approved grant amount. The second grant payment of 25 per cent will be paid upon receipt and satisfactory review of the follow-up.

12. FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES

The follow-up deadline is 90 days following the Indigenous youth championship.

The follow-up must include the following:

- Signed and completed follow-up form
- General Ledger Listing signed by two signing authorities
- The PSOs audited financial statement when it becomes available. The Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program - Youth Championships grant revenues (under External Self-Help revenue) and expenditures (under Categorical Grant expenses) must be clearly identified as a separate line item either in the body of the statement, in the schedules or notes to the statements.

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