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2007 CANADA GAMES ABORIGINAL SPORT LEGACY FUND

PROGRAM POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

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INTRODUCTION

The 2007 Canada Games Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund (referred to as the fund) is a result of a commitment made by the 2007 Canada Winter Games Host Society to establish a \$1,000,000 legacy fund to help support and promote Yukon Aboriginal people and sports. The Fund was established through the support of a onetime contribution by the Yukon Government, the Whitehorse 2007 Canada Games Host Society and the Royal Bank of Canada. Initial work was done to help provide direction for managing the fund. The work done by a working group comprised of representatives from the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle (YASC) the Yukon Government and the Host Society, identified potential objectives for managing the Fund.

The 2007 Canada Games Yukon Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund will be managed through the Yukon Foundation and will function as a program under the mission and values established by the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle (YASC). As a key program within YASC it will remain true to the mandate of YASC. All decisions, committees and personnel will be guided by this mission and values.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

To develop and support individual aboriginal athletes at the territorial/provincial or national/international level as defined below:

Territorial/Provincial athlete – Athletes that have been identified as representative players for their sport or representing the territory at sanctioned provincial tournaments and/or championships.

National Level Athlete – Athletes that attend National Championships or represent Canada at International competitions.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Athlete Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to apply:

- Be of Aboriginal Ancestry
- Be a Resident of Yukon
- Proof of official selection to competitions

Aboriginal Ancestry - registered as a First Nations (Status, Treaty, or Beneficiary), Métis or Inuit in Canada. Non-registered applicants must submit a letter from the applicant's First Nation, Métis or Inuit group stating that the applicant has ancestry within the group.

Resident of Yukon – <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/pdf/hipma-yhcip-faq-public.pdf>

Proof of official selection – a copy of the team roster or a letter from the coach/sport governing body.

INTAKE DATES:

Intake 1) Applications must be received by Jan 30th (before 5:00 pm)

Intake 2) Applications must be received by April 30th (before 5:00 pm),

Intake 3) Applications must be received by September 30th (before 5:00 pm)

Submitted application must be complete and include all required/supportive documents. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application will be due the following Monday before 5:00 pm.

Applications will only be accepted if the event happens in-between an intake date. Applicants cannot apply for retroactive events.

Applications are to be sent to:

Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle

2166 – 2nd Ave.

Whitehorse, Yukon

Y1A 4P1

Fax : 668-6577

E-mail – info@yasc.ca

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Application Review Committee is a committee of the YASC and as such be accountable to the Board of Directors of YASC.

Representation

Applications will be reviewed by an Application Review Committee comprised of four (4) Members which includes:

- One representative from YASC designated by YASC Board of Directors.
- One representative from CYFN a Council of Yukon First Nation (CYFN) designated by CYFN.
- One Yukon Government Representative designated by Sport and Recreation Branch.
- One member at large (prominent Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal sport leader) approved by YASC Board of Directors.

Selection

The Application Review Committee meetings will be organized by the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle for each intake.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

This program is designed to support the development of Yukon Aboriginal athletes by helping to ensure that they have the right skills, opportunities and equipment to achieve their goals.

BURSARY LEVELS

A: \$ 500 per intake

The athlete must have made territorial team and attend any of the following events :

- Provincial sanctioned championship (under a NSGB).
- Arctic Winter Games.
- North American Indigenous Games.
- Native Youth Olympics.
- Western Canadian Championships/Games.

B: \$ 1,000 per intake

The athlete must have made territorial team and attend any of the following events :

- Canada Games
- Nationals sanctioned championship (under a NSGB).
- World Eskimo Indian Olympics

FUNDING, IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Upon implementation, the Fund will serve as a core program of the YASC. The \$1,000,000 legacy will serve as a perpetuity fund, thus only yearly interest will be spent on the fund. The exact amount will be determined yearly prior to the first adjudication process. From this amount, up to a maximum of \$1000 per intake will be awarded to any given Athlete.

Note: When Interest is drawn from the Yukon Foundation for the purpose of awarding Funds to recipients it will be placed into a separate bank account within YASC exclusively for the Fund. Should less than the expected yearly interest be used per intake within the calendar year, the money will remain in the account to accumulate interest for future use towards the Fund.

In any given year the Application Review Committee along with YASC can decide to forgo awarding funds for one calendar year based on the rate of interest accumulated on the Fund.

COMMUNICATIONS

Working with other funding agencies will help to ensure that all communities are aware of the availability of the funds. As well a program launch including public relations, media interviews and community visits will take place. Recipients of the fund must also recognize the contribution of the fund where they can. Raising the profile of this fund will increase its chance of success as well as ensure that all those who require and qualify for support are aware of the support and are better able to reach their goals.

Any promotional material must include the 2007 Canada Winter Games Logos (Corporate and Northern), Yukon Government Logo, Royal Bank of Canada Foundation Logo, which will show the major contributors to the Fund. If any other contributors come on board, YASC will develop an agreement with the contributors to ensure proper recognition of their support. YASC Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject donations to the fund to ensure the integrity and goals of the fund are maintained. Other Logos that need to be included on any promotional material includes the Yukon Foundation and the Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle logos'.

REVIEW OF FUNDING GUIDELINES

The Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle must review the Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Application Forms of the 2007 Canada Winter Games Aboriginal Sport Legacy Fund every 5 years. If deemed necessary the YASC Board of Directors may review the fund prior to the 5 year review date. If this happens the review of the fund will take place within 5 years of the last review date.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The Application Review Committee is a committee of the YASC and as such be accountable to the Board of Directors of YASC.

The program administrators will supply the Committee with all applications within five days of the closing date. The Committee will then have 21 days to review the applications. A meeting will then be called to review the applications as a group and determine the grants to be awarded. The Committee will also be responsible at this time to determine reporting requirements ensuring that at minimum they meet those outlined in the applications. Should a dispute arise over grants or reporting the final decision will rest with the YASC Board of Directors.

The Committee may make recommendations to the YASC Board of Directors on changes to criteria or funding maximums based on their experience and review of applications for subsequent intakes. Once the Application Review Committee has made their recommendations for funding it will be forwarded to the YASC board of Directors.

The following will be used by the Application Review Committee to determine application priority and allocation between applicants meeting the criteria for funding.

Should the program be oversubscribed the committee will review the qualifying submissions on the following criteria:

- Have not previously received funding in the current fiscal year.
- B applications will have priority.

