

6.1 Athlete Assistance Program

The Athlete Assistance Program has been designed to help Saskatchewan wrestlers develop to a national and international level. SAWA has developed criteria, as well as a ranking system, to help determine who is eligible for this program. Separate carding lists will be kept for men and women.

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6.1.1 Athlete Eligibility

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There are two types of grants available:

- 1) \$500.00
- 2) \$1000.00

In order to be eligible for the **\$500.00 grant**, the athlete must:

- 1) Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- 2) Be a resident of Saskatchewan for at least one year
- 3) Be a member of SAWA
- 4) If selected, had competed for Saskatchewan at the most recent National Championship
- 5) Had competed in the most recent SAWA Provincial Championship

To be eligible for consideration for the **\$1000.00 grant**, the athlete must:

- 1) Meet the above stated criteria.
- 2) Be registered as a full time student at a recognized university or technical institute, in the province of Saskatchewan.

6.1.2 Application Application forms are available from the SAWA:

- 1) Forms must be completed by athlete and signed by the coach
- 2) Completed forms must be sent to SAWA by an assigned date
- 3) SAWA will recommend athletes for assistance based on the established criteria and the number of applications received
- 4) SAWA will notify the athletes who have been chosen to receive Athlete Assistance awards.

6.1.3 Ranking System The following system has been designed to decide which athletes are eligible for Athlete Assistance. The dates of the calendar tournaments for carding points shall be September 1 to August 31. (Note: Must be Junior age class or higher to be carded)

All athletes must be registered with SAWA, at the date of the carding tournament in which they attend, to receive carding points. If they are not registered at the date of the carding tournament, they will not receive their carding points.

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Category A - National or International

- 1) Canadian Championships
- 2) Simon Fraser Clansmen Tournament
- 3) Sunkist Open

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Points: 1st=7 points; 2nd=5 points; 3rd=4 points; 4th=3 points; 5th=2 points; 6th=1 point.

Points from only one national championship will be counted. Note: Greco Nationals will not count toward carding points.

Category B - Senior/Junior/Junior

- 1) Huskie Open
- 2) Golden Bear Open
- 3) Provincial Championships
- 4) Dinosaur Open
- 5) Guelph Open
- 6) Cougar Open

Points: 1st=6 points; 2nd=5 points; 3rd=4 points; 4th=3 points; 5th=2 points; 6th=1 point. Senior/Junior/Juvenile wrestlers must attend at least 3 of these tournaments. Points will be counted from four events, with the four best results being used.

Points from only one Provincial Championship will be counted.

Note: To receive full points, you must have had six (6) wrestlers in your category. If less than six, points will be awarded as follows:

# of wrestlers	Points
5	80%
4	70%
3	50%
2	40%
1	25%

The above point system does not apply to the SAWA Provincial Championships or the National Championships. Wrestlers will receive full placement points, 1st through 6th, regardless of the number of wrestlers in their particular weight class.

In addition, since the goal of this program is to produce national and international calibre wrestlers, the category points will be weighted so as to give more importance to national and international tournaments.

1. Category A x 3
2. Category B x 2

Except for Canadian Championships, which are as follows:

1. Senior x 6
2. Junior x 2
3. Juvenile x 1

6.1.4 Payment Procedure Athletes will receive the first half of their funding from SAWA after wrestling in two carding tournaments before Christmas and submitting proof of participation in required competitions to the SAWA office (i.e. submit a list of carding tournaments).

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The second half will be distributed by SAWA, after all athletes follow-up forms have been completed and returned, accompanied by receipts, to the SAWA office.

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Athletes tied on the Athlete Assistance list will receive the following distribution of funding when full allotments are unavailable:

- 1) Athletes eligible for \$ 1,000.00 will receive two-thirds (2/3) of the available funding.
- 2) Athletes eligible for \$ 500.00 will receive one-third (1/3) of the available funding.

6.1.5 Athlete Assistance Contract Athletes chose for assistance will be required to sign a contract stating that they understand the procedures and rules for receiving the award. This contract also states the following:

- 1) Commit to a year round training program
- 2) Submit written justification to SAWA if the individual cannot meet condition 1)
- 3) Will follow Provincial Team Code of Behaviour.

6.1.6 Rules and Regulations Athletes are expected to compete in no less than two tournaments during the first term or first half of training schedule September - December (carding tournaments).

Should the athlete not meet these criteria, then the 1st payment will not be made by the Provincial Association.

Athletes eligible for Athlete Assistance shall receive their second half instalment upon completion of their age group National Championship.

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To receive the second instalment, athletes are expected to compete in the National Championships (if selected to the Provincial Team) and two carding tournaments from January 1 - National Championships.

Should the athlete not meet these criteria then the second payment will not be made by the Provincial Association.

Athletes in receipt of a national card (financial assistance) are eligible to receive financial assistance.

Funds not paid out will be re-distributed by the SAWA Executive.

The Athlete Assistance "Funding Trickle Down" cut-off point shall default to the 20th ranked athlete, except by special exemption at the discretion of the Board.

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Starting in the 2006-2007 season, a Senior athlete will receive a Provincial Card if he/she wins the Olympic Trials or wins the right to represent Canada at the Senior World Championships provided that they are training and competing for a SAWA club.

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6.1.7 Junior Card Program The following program has been accepted, however it will function only if funds are available. The athletes must be in the Junior-age group, or be a SECOND YEAR JUVENILE who has graduated from High School to receive the card in the year that it is awarded. The Junior card is limited to that athlete twice in three years. Therefore points earned will be during the Juvenile years and the Junior first year.

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Program:

1) In addition to the present carding system, SAWA implement a Junior Card program. 2) A Junior Card would consist of \$1,000.00 support for a male or female athlete. AGM-2008-19 3) Junior Cards would go to the top four athletes as determined by the rank criteria. 4) Ranking to be based on the following carding criteria, with no subjective or injury points being awarded.

Senior Nationals - weighted factor 4X Junior Nationals - weighted factor 3X Juvenile Nationals - weighted factor 2X

Points: 1st=7 points; 2nd=5 points; 3rd=4 points; 4th=3 points; 5th=2 points; 6th=1 point Note: A Junior athlete that qualifies for the Junior World Team acquire the same points as that of Junior Nationals; these points to be acquired in place of Junior National points (this to take affect 2001/2002)

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Only one National Championship will be counted.

Provincial Championship - Senior, Junior and Juvenile - Weighted factor 1X

Points: 1st=6 points; 2nd=5 points; 3rd=4 points; 4th=3 points; 5th=2 points; 6th=1 point

Only one Provincial Championship will be counted.

Wrestlers will receive full placement points, 1st through 6th, regardless of the number of wrestlers in their particular weight class.

57 5) Junior Card funding to be paid out on a monthly basis from November 1 to March 1. 6) An athlete in receipt of a National Card (financial assistance) is eligible to receive a Junior Card. 7) Junior Card athletes must contact the PTC on a monthly basis from November 1 to March 1 for evaluation purposes. Failure by the athlete to make this contact would result in temporary suspension of funds.

NOTE: i. Junior Card can be suspended with one months notice at the discretion of PTC and the athlete's coach. (Remaining funds to be placed in SAWA general funds and not allocated to other athletes during that competitive season). ii. If a Junior Card athlete is injured a physician signed medical certificate will be required to continue payments.

8) The athlete must be a resident for one year before being able to accumulate points for the carding system and therefore the athlete must wait two (2) years in order to receive funding.

9) Junior Card athletes would be required to serve as clinicians/instructors at designated SAWA or Sask First training camps. (No honorarium will be paid, expenses will be paid.)

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