

# Sports Aid for the Disabled Grant 2009-2010

## Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines

Competition/Category	Elite A	Elite B	Elite C
Maximum Grant (Annual)	\$65,000	\$39,000	\$19,500
Paralympic Games	Medallist (minus-one rule)	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> and top 1/3	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> and top 1/2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Champs</li> <li>• World Cup Final</li> </ul>	Medallist and top 1/3	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> and top 1/3	1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> and top 1/2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian Paralympic Games / Champs</li> <li>• INAS – Regional Champs</li> <li>• World Games</li> <li>• World Games for the Deaf</li> <li>• National Games for the Disabled</li> </ul>		Medallist and top 1/3	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> and top 1/3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Cup Series</li> <li>• INAS/IPC Sanctioned Events</li> <li>• Special Olympic (Overall results)</li> <li>• Asian Pacific Games for the Deaf</li> </ul>			Medallist and top 1/3

Remarks (1) “Minus-one rule” means the athlete/team must have beaten one competitor/team in the event.

(2) Other high-level events comparable with the respective categories may be considered at the discretion of the Hong Kong Sports Institute

### A. General Guidelines

1. Categories of grants will be based on the performance of the applicant in the previous two years.
2. The following considerations would also be used for deciding selection of athletes and the level of support:
  - Commitment to training and competition
  - Frequency of participation in overseas competitions
  - Potential for further advancement
  - Consistent level of performance
3. Results achieved would be considered for funding support for one year only. Under special circumstances such as injuries or intervals of major competitions, continuous support could be extended up to a maximum of two years.
4. Results achieved from demonstration events would not be considered.
5. Results should be achieved from events with at least a minimum entry of four countries/regions.
6. Athletes receiving the grants should meet the three-year residency policy. Special consideration would be given for athletes with outstanding achievements, at the discretion of the Hong Kong Sports Institute.

7. Under normal circumstances, only final position in a particular competition will be used as the eligibility criteria. However, if the applicant fails to take part in any major competitions as listed due to injury, sickness or other justified reasons, the applicant's World or Asian rankings will be used as a reference for consideration. Rankings of athletes should be supported by officially published/ endorsed ranking list of the respective AF or IF.
8. The above eligibility criteria and vetting principles would be used as the basis of reference for recommendation. The Hong Kong Sports Institute would base on individual merits and availability of funds to decide the number of recipients and the level of support provided. Discretion would also be used in cases where special consideration is necessary.

**B. Levels of Grants for each Category of Athletes**

Athletes Category	Monthly Basic (HK\$)	Monthly Max. (HK\$)
Elite A	4606	5417
Elite B	2763	3250
Elite C	1381	1625

Note: Subsistence grant has been provided to athletes with disabilities separately via the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund.

**C. Adjustment of Grant Levels**

1. To ensure steady grant for athletes in a year, athletes' approved grant categories should remain unchanged throughout the year.
2. All eligible athletes should receive the basic grant as a starting grant. NSAs could adjust the grant levels for their athletes within the maximum grant of the respective categories, taking into account the following considerations:
  - Consistent level of performance at international level
  - Commitment and determination
  - Attendance and punctuality
  - Profession ethics/sportsmanship
  - Contribution to team work
  - Number of years at high performance level
  - Other considerations, as appropriate

#### **D. Suspension/Forfeiture/Termination of Grants**

1. NSAs could suspend/forfeit/terminate grants for athletes if:
  - Athletes cannot fulfill training/competition requirements
  - Misconduct/disciplinary problems of the athletes
  - Athletes withdraw from the Elite Training Programme
2. One month's notice will be given to the athlete in general, with respective NSAs' endorsement.

#### **E. Athlete Agreement and Performance Assessment**

1. All grant recipients have to sign the Athlete Agreement before grants would be released.
2. Performance appraisal reports for all grant recipients have to be submitted twice a year, one report in October (for April to September) and a final report in next April (for October to March and overall evaluation).
3. Coaching Supervisors will complete the standard report form and endorsed by the respective NSAs. Payment to athletes will be suspended if reports could not be submitted according to the specific timeline.
4. A meeting will be arranged for the grant recipient, his/her Coaching Supervisor and the NSA representative to meet with the HKSI to sign the Athlete Agreement and discuss details of the training plan of the athlete, targets and goals of the year, monitoring of performance, etc. in the beginning of the year. Another meeting will be arranged in the middle of the year to review progress.

#### **F. Allocation of Grants to NSAs**

1. Based on the list of grant recipients as approved by the HKSIL Board in the beginning of the financial year.
2. Maximum grant (100%) will be assumed in arriving at the total amount of grants for the respective NSAs.
3. NSAs will decide the level of grant for each athlete within the total available grants of the NSA (from Basic to Maximum).
4. Grants will be paid in four installments, ie April 2009, July 2009, October 2009 and January 2010.