

# Sports Aid Grant for Athletes with Disabilities 2019-2020

## Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines

Competition/Category	Elite A	Elite B	Elite C
Maximum Grant (Annual)	\$77,760	\$46,560	\$23,400
Paralympic Games	Medallist (minus-one rule)	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> (minus-one rule)	
<b>IPC Events</b> • World Champs • World Cup Finals	Medallist (minus-one rule)	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> (minus-one rule)	
<b>Non – IPC Events</b> • World Champs • World Cup Finals	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
• Asian Para Games / Champs • INAS – Regional Champs • World Games • National Games for the Disabled		Medallist and top 1/3	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> and top 1/3
• World Cup Series • INAS/IPC Sanctioned Events • Special Olympic (Overall results)			Medallist and top 1/3

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

### A. General Guidelines

1. Categories of grants will be based on the performance of the applicant in the previous two years, if the result has not been used for previous grant eligibility criteria.
2. Results achieved from demonstration events would not be considered.
3. “Minus-one rule” will be applied to results achieved at Paralympic Games, IPC World Championships, and World-level events (e.g. IPC World Cup Finals) which require qualification.
4. Results should be achieved by athletes who were representing Hong Kong at international events with a minimum entry of four countries/regions.
5. Athletes receiving grants should meet the three-year residency policy.
6. For athletes not fully meeting the required level of performance, but fulfilling either one of the following four conditions, the same results could be considered for support for a further 12-month period maximum:
  - 6.1 Documented injuries, illness, and/or pregnancy, preventing training or competitions

- 6.2 Lack of equivalent events due to the intervals of the relevant major competitions **i.e.** Paralympic Games, World Championships, Asian Para Games/Championships, on the condition that athletes must have taken part in at least one other competition during the year
- 6.3 Marginally missed out the “top one-third” rule by only one entry in the competition
- 6.4 Athletes fulfilling ALL the following considerations:
- (a) Pre-requisite: Recommended by the relevant National Sports Association and Coaching Supervisor
  - (b) Athletes with track record (meet either one of the following):
    - (i) Achieved top eight positions in the Asian Championships/equivalent events in the previous calendar year
    - (ii) Maintained top ten Asian ranking/top 30 world ranking in the previous calendar year
7. Athletes receiving support under the considerations 6.3 and 6.4 above would be granted such approval once in their sporting career and that funding for these athletes would be fixed at the standard level, in order to maintain parity within the system.
8. For team events (e.g. relays), athletes have to take part in the competition (any round) in order to be eligible for grants.
9. Athletes not meeting the funding criteria but with sport talent and potential can be recommended as “Potential” athletes to receive training support. Athletes qualified for the Paralympic Games will be supported as “Potential” athletes during the Paralympic year.

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

Athletes Category	Monthly Standard (HK\$)	Monthly Enhanced (HK\$)
Elite A	5,510	6,480
Elite B	3,300	3,880
Elite C	1,660	1,950

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 standard grant as a starting grant. NSAs could adjust the grant levels for their athletes within the enhanced grant of the respective categories, taking into account the following considerations:
  - Role model behavior internally and externally
  - 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  
*(Please refer to Annex I, Disciplinary Procedures)*
  - 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 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. Enhanced 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 Standard to Enhanced).
4. Grants will be paid in four installments, ie April, July, October and January of the following year.

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## Example of Disciplinary Procedures

**1st Month**

Warning to athlete &  
Meeting between NSA/Coaching Supervisor and athlete for  
*agreed goals for changes*  
*(to be signed by both parties)*  
*Alert HKSI to release SAGD to athlete on a monthly basis*

Performance satisfactory

Case closed

Performance unsatisfactory

Suspension of SAGD Grant for  
the following month  
  
Identify barriers and set agreed  
goals, if necessary

**2nd Month**

2nd Evaluation Meeting  
between  
NSA/Coaching Supervisor and athlete

Performance satisfactory

Release back SAGD  
Grant  
and  
Case closed

Performance unsatisfactory

Forfeiture of SAGD Grant for the current  
month  
Suspension of SAGD Grant for the following  
month  
Identify barriers and revised set agreed goals,  
if necessary

**3rd Month**

3rd Evaluation Meeting between  
NSA/Coaching Supervisor and athlete

Performance satisfactory

Case closed

Performance unsatisfactory

Termination of  
Support