



AOA Grant Policy

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Alberta Orienteering Association High Performance Grant Application

This grant is to support Alberta Orienteering Association (AOA) members who were named by Orienteering Canada (OC) to the WOC, JWOC, WUOC, World Cup(s), or World Games national team(s), or participated at the NAOC, in any orienteering discipline, during the application year. This grant is also to support AOA members who were appointed as coaches or team leaders supporting national teams at the competition(s) for which athletes have been selected, or for the NAOC, during the application year.

Objective

To provide assistance with expenses that are directly related to travel to, and attendance at, any of the above-listed competition(s), to high performance Alberta orienteers, in order to recognize their efforts as elite athletes representing Canada, or as a national team coach or leader, and to encourage behaviors that transfer their skills, knowledge, and experience back to any level of orienteering in Alberta.

Eligibility Criteria

Athlete:

- Must be a member of Orienteering Canada's Team Canada program and was selected to a national team to attend at least one of the following: WOC, JWOC, WUOC, World Cup(s), World Games, or competed in the NAOC, in the year that the grant is being applied for.
- Has been a member in good standing of an Alberta orienteering club for at least twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the grant application.
- An athlete not currently resident in Alberta must have been resident in Alberta and a member of an Alberta orienteering club for at least five consecutive years, immediately prior to the application.
- Must accumulate at least ten points based on the criteria described in Appendix A.

National Team Coach or Leader:

- Must have been appointed by OC as a coach or team leader for at least one of the following: WOC, JWOC, WUOC, World Cup(s), World Games, or NAOC.
- Must be resident in Alberta, and has been a member in good standing of an Alberta orienteering club for at least twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the grant application.
- Must accumulate at least nine points based on the criteria described in Appendix B.

Important General Information

- The application deadline is December 1st for any competition that the applicant attended in that calendar year.
- An applicant can submit only one application per year, irrespective of the number of competitions attended in the application year.
- Volunteer points must be accumulated within the calendar year of the application date.
- The AOA board will determine the budget available for the grant each year. A maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded per applicant. If the budget total is exceeded, the grant amounts will be divided equally among the qualified applicants.
- Applicants can receive a grant from other sources for these competitions.
- Grants will be awarded only after attendance at the event has been confirmed.



- In the event of injury or illness:
 - If injury or illness prevents an athlete from participating in an event while at the event itself, the athlete will be able to apply for the grant.
 - If the injury/illness happens before the event and the athlete cannot attend the event, the athlete will not be able to apply for the grant.
- Applicants must use the correct form and submit by the application deadline. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered. AOA members will be reminded by email, and the information will be posted to the AOA website, prior to the application deadline.
- The AOA board reserves the right to accept or reject applications for the grant.
- All decisions of the AOA board are final.

High Performance Grant Policy: Appendix A – Points Criteria for Athletes

Athletes need to accumulate at least ten points based on the following categories to qualify for the HPG:

1. Volunteering

Must have done volunteer work for an Alberta orienteering club, the AOA, or Orienteering Canada for the application year. Examples:

- 4 points for putting on a C-event (course planner and organiser);
- 6 points for being course planner or controller for a B-event,
- 8 points for being course planner or controller for a Canada Cup event (sprint, middle, or long);
- 3 points for writing an article for the EOOOC, FWOC or AOA newsletter;
- 0.5 points for picking up controls after a B- or Canada Cup event;
- 4 points for sitting on the AOA or OC board, or an AOA or OC committee (max 4 points);
- 5 points for creating, or substantially updating, a club or AOA orienteering map (school, city, or forest). Please submit a before and after file of the map to help determine the extent of the update);
- 2 points for volunteering to provide beginners clinics at club events at least five times during the year;
- Other volunteer activities that further Alberta orienteering will be considered on an as-submitted basis.

A minimum of two points must be accumulated in the volunteer category.

2. Representation

- One point for each COC or NAOC race where the applicant represented an Alberta club.
- One point for each WRE race (other than COC or NAOC) where the applicant registered as being a member of an Alberta orienteering club.

A minimum of one point must be accumulated in the representation category.

3. Paid work

One point for every two hours of paid work for an Alberta orienteering club or the AOA. The same paid work cannot be also counted under volunteer work.



High Performance Grant Policy: Appendix B – Points Criteria for National Team Coaches or Leaders

Coaches or leaders need to accumulate at least nine points from the following categories to qualify for the HPG:

1. Volunteering

Must have done volunteer work for an Alberta orienteering club, the AOA, or Orienteering Canada for the application year. Examples:

- 4 points for putting on a C-event (course planner and organiser);
- 6 points for being course planner or controller for a B-event;
- 8 points for being course planner or controller for a Canada Cup event;
- 3 points for writing an article for the EEOC, FWOC or AOA newsletter;
- 0.5 points for picking up controls after a B- or Canada Cup event;
- 4 points for sitting on the AOA or OC board, or AOA or OC committee (max 4 points);
- 5 points for creating, or substantially updating, a club or AOA orienteering map (city, school, or forest);
- 2 points for volunteering to provide beginners clinics at club events at least five times during the year;
- Other volunteer activities that further Alberta orienteering will be considered on an as-submitted basis.

A minimum of two points must be accumulated in the volunteer category.

2. Paid work

One point for every two hours of paid work for an Alberta orienteering club or the AOA. The same paid work cannot be also counted under volunteer work.

All applications are to be returned by December 1st by email to info@orienteeringalberta.ca or by post to the AOA office. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered.
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