



## High Performance Athlete Award Policy

The Government of Yukon Sport and Recreation Branch (SARB) and the Yukon Lottery Commission provide grant funding for the Yukon High Performance Athlete Assistance Program (YHPAAP) to help offset training and competition expenses incurred by selected Yukon athletes who are able to demonstrate that they are competing at a “high performance level” as defined by the YHPAAP. The YHPAAP is intended to assist high performance athletes as they continue to show improvement in their sport from year to year, which is demonstrated by their performance and results.

High performance athletes may apply to Sport Yukon for high performance funding. Funding awards depend on the amount of funds available, and the number of applications received. Funding awards are not guaranteed by application.

Yukon Gymnastics Association encourages gymnastics athletes to work with the Head Coach to determine if they should apply for this opportunity. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a smooth application process.

### 1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 High Performance Athlete – A high performance athlete is an athlete that has shown potential for a national ranking or achieved national ranking or has placed in recognized territorial, provincial, national or international competitions.
- 1.2 Head Coach – the Head Coach of Polarettes Gymnastics Club

### 2.0 Application

- 2.1 To apply for high performance funding for gymnastics an athlete must:
  - 2.1.1 meet the eligibility criteria set out by Sport Yukon;
  - 2.1.2 fill out an application by the deadline date as set by Sport Yukon;
  - 2.1.3 have a recommendation and letter of endorsement from the Head Coach;
  - 2.1.4 have a letter of endorsement from Yukon Gymnastics Association.
- 2.2 An application for high performance funding requires both a recommendation and a request for a letter from the Head Coach of the Polarettes Gymnastics Club.

2.3 An application for high performance funding and supporting documentation must be reviewed and endorsed by the President or authorized representative of the Yukon Gymnastics Association.

### 3.0 Polarettes Gymnastics Club

3.1 A request for a letter from Polarettes Gymnastics Club must:

3.1.1 be made in writing to the Head Coach, and

3.1.2 be made at least seven (7) days before the annual application deadline.

3.2 Any written request for a support letter that comes after the seven (7) day period as set out above risks not being considered by the Head Coach.

3.3 No application for funding is complete without a letter of endorsement from the Head Coach.

### 4.0 Yukon Gymnastics Association

4.1 A request for a letter from Yukon Gymnastics Association must

4.1.1 be made in writing to the President, and

4.1.2 be made at least seven (7) days before the annual application deadline.

4.2 Any request that comes after the seven (7) day period risks not being considered by Yukon Gymnastics Association.

4.3 No application for funding is complete without a letter of endorsement from the Yukon Gymnastics Association.

### 5.0 Reporting

5.1 An athlete who receives high performance funding must complete the post season report by the deadline date as set by Sport Yukon, posted on the [Yukon.ca](http://Yukon.ca) website.

5.2 Failure to report in the timelines required by Sport Yukon may affect Yukon Gymnastics Association's willingness to provide the athlete further letters of recommendation to the YHCAAP.