



## **ATHLETE FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

### **OBJECTIVES**

To recognize and reward athlete achievement in and dedication to cross country skiing and/or biathlon. To provide financial assistance to athletes who do participate in National or International competitions.

### **POLICY**

#### **Award of Athlete Financial Support**

1. The Parent Committee will submit yearly to the Board of Directors of Telemark a recommendation for a budget for Athlete Financial Support. After approval by the Board of Directors this will be included in the financial plan of Telemark.
2. At the recommendation of the Parent Committee Financial awards may be given to individual athletes, or to a group of athletes.
  - Individual awards may be given at the recommendation of the Parent Committee, or an athlete may apply to receive financial support. Athletes wishing to receive financial support are required to submit an application in writing to the Board of Directors of Telemark.
  - If a group of athletes is attending an approved competition, then the Parent Committee may recommend to the Board of Directors that an award be given to the group of athletes. The purpose of this is to enable a more efficient means of providing financial support to a larger group of athletes attending a common event. In this case it is the responsibility of the Director for the Parent Committee to ensure that all athletes receiving collective support for the event meet the requirements and conditions listed below.
3. An athlete recommended to receive an award, or an athlete applying for financial support must be a member in good standing of the Telemark Nordic Club. The athlete must be a resident of the Central Okanagan or a Telemark Nordic Club member who is away attending a post secondary education institution or a National or Provincial Training Centre.

4. Athletes must be actively involved with the Club by: participating in the Telemark Racing Program, or Biathlon Program, spending significant time training at the Telemark ski trails, helping with or participating in Club events and being 'visible' to Club members.
5. Athletes must be in good financial standing with the Telemark Nordic Club, CCBC or Biathlon BC.
6. Athletes must represent Telemark Nordic Club with pride and dignity.
7. All financial awards are conditional on the monetary resources of the club. The fiscal year (June 1 – May 31) will be the annual time frame of financial award availability.
8. Financial support will be awarded at a time determined suitable by the Parent Committee and the Telemark Nordic Club Executive.
9. Athletes will be considered in the following order of priority and be eligible for funding as per the limits set annually by the Telemark Board of Directors.

#### **Priority Funding Schedule**

- Athletes who qualify to represent Canada in world events outside North America or, up to \$1000
  - Athletes who qualify to represent Canada in North America and athletes participating in Nationals 25% up to \$400
10. Funding may be reduced depending on the number of athletes requesting financial support or due to financial constraints of the Telemark Nordic Club. If funding needs to be limited, then funds will be prorated equally for athletes of the Telemark Racers and the Biathlon Team.

More information on [www.telemarkracers.org](http://www.telemarkracers.org)