

# **ASSISTANT COACH SELECTION & RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **1. Introduction**

Coaches, like athletes and managers, are recognized for their efforts. One such form of recognition is selection to a Saskatchewan Athletics Provincial Team Project.

Coaches are selected to Provincial Team projects to help in establishing an optimal environment conducive to best performance for all team members. Coaches are leaders and team members and integral to the efficient and professional operation of a Saskatchewan Athletics Team Project.

Saskatchewan Athletics is committed to excellence in Athletics, which includes Coaching excellence.

## **2. Eligibility**

- Be a member in good standing with Saskatchewan Athletics
- Have demonstrated repeated commitment to:
  - a) Saskatchewan Athletics programs in a Coaching role
  - b) Provincial Club/School programs in a Coaching role
- Have completed the application form
- Individuals may apply separately for a Provincial Team project as Coach and Manager
- The Board of Directors must ratify the appointment

## **3. Principles & Criteria**

The following principles and criteria will be used for selection of Assistant Coaches to Provincial Teams

### **Principles**

- Integrity is the foundation for all other considerations in Assistant Coach selection and overrides all other principles
- A Provincial Assistant Coach will be beyond reproach in his/her professional and personal behavior when selected to a Saskatchewan Athletics Provincial Team
- The title “Provincial Assistant Coach” carries with it the responsibility for integrity in all activities associated with Saskatchewan Athletics including those of the Member Clubs and other affiliated groups
- Experience includes previous appointments to Provincial Teams as well as experience at the Club/School level

**Criteria**

- Appropriate NCCP requirements
- Gender
- Communication skills
- Administrative skills
- Knowledge of the structure of Saskatchewan Athletics
- Fiscal responsibility
- Attributes re; initiative, reliability, commitment, etc
- Composure
- Health
- Related coaching experience

**4. General Responsibilities of the Assistant Coach**

- i) ensure that walkout and competitive uniform requirements are met
- ii) ensure that the team participates in all official games functions including opening and closing ceremonies, sport ceremonies, receptions and game related activities
- iii) attend all coaches/managers meetings, both prior to and during games
- iv) be punctual for competitive events
- v) meet requests of the host community, Games Society and Team Saskatchewan mission staffs where applicable
- vi) ensure that all team members comply with the rules and regulations established by the Host Community, Games Society and Team Saskatchewan, where applicable
- vii) be aware of the proper protest procedure (sport & games specific)
- viii) chaperone and ensure appropriate behavior of team members while traveling to and from venue and while competing
- ix) promote a positive image of Saskatchewan
- x) endeavor to create an atmosphere wherein the athletes have an enjoyable and rewarding experience

**5. Specific Responsibilities**

- i) assist in team selection when required
- ii) assist athletes in the technical aspects of their events
- iii) assist the Head Coach at all technical meetings when required
- iv) ensure that everyone is aware that good conduct as a representative of the Province is expected
- v) enforce team rules as laid out by the Head Coach
- vi) monitor results
- vii) other duties as assigned by the Head Coach
- viii) assist in the planning and implementation of Team training opportunities as required

## ASSISTANT COACH

### 6. **Accountability**

The Assistant Coach is responsible to the Head Coach for the accomplishment of his/her mandate and conduct.

### 7. **Role**

The role of the Assistant Coach of Team Saskatchewan is to assist in the successful preparation, participation and performance of the athletes in the competitions and related activities.

It is expected that the Assistant Coach of Team Saskatchewan will project a very positive image of Saskatchewan and be outstanding ambassadors of our Province.

Under the leadership of the Head Coach, each member of Team Saskatchewan should demonstrate:

- good sportsmanship
- spirit of fair play and team spirit
- co-operation
- friendship
- respect for other people's rights
- respect and adherence to the rules and regulations established by the host community and Team Saskatchewan
- team spirit