



ONTARIO EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2010-2011

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA TEMPLATE

Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2010-2011 (OAAP) is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport (MHPS), and operated through the Sport, Recreation & Community Programs Branch. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold* – OAAP is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of the *Canadian Sport Policy* – to improve the performance and number of Ontario athletes performing at the national and international level; thereby contributing to the improved performance of Canada at international competitions. Specific objectives of the program are:

- a) To help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition;
- b) To encourage athletes to stay in Ontario to live and train;
- c) To compensate athletes for earnings lost while training;
- d) To enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals;
- e) To increase athlete access to improved high performance coaching; and
- f) To enhance training and competitive opportunities available to athletes.

The program will provide direct financial assistance to Ontario junior-aged athletes through an “Ontario Card” designation. “Junior-aged athlete” is defined as those athletes who fall within the eligible age range for the Canada Games - 11 to 22 years of age. A PSO/MSO with a NSO-approved Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTADM) that identifies older athletes in the “Train to Train” and “Train to Compete” categories may apply to MHPS for a variation to this 11-22 age range. A PSO/MSO may choose to allocate a maximum of 30% of its carding allotment to athletes older than 22 years of age who have been identified as a potential next generation national team athlete by the PSO/MSO’s selection process.

The intent of the OAAP is to provide funding to individual athletes based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport, allowing them to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition.

How does it work?

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines, the Ontario Equestrian Federation is responsible for developing sport specific selection criteria and forming a Selection Committee that will apply the criteria to select those athletes who will be awarded Ontario Card status in 2010-2011. The Selection Criteria are approved by the Board of Directors and reviewed by MHPS staff. Nominated athletes will be required to sign and comply with an Athlete Agreement between the athlete and Ontario Equestrian Federation Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, 2010 ending March 31, 2011.

In 2010-2011, the MHPS allocated a certain amount of OAAP Ontario Cards to each eligible Provincial Sport / Multi-Sport Organization (PSO/MSO). Ontario Equestrian Federation has been allotted a total of 10 Ontario cards (split evenly as 5 Male and 5 Female Cards).

Cards will be specifically allocated to the following categories/disciplines:

Category	Number of cards
Dressage	2 Full Cards (1 male, 1 female)
Eventing	2 Full Cards (1 male, 1 female)
Jumper	2 Full Cards (1 male, 1 female)
Para-Equestrian (AWAD are not subject to age criteria)	4 Full Cards (2 male, 2 female)

The Selection Committee, which has been approved by the PSO/MSO Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

Jennifer Irwin, Education Manager, Ontario Equestrian Federation
Catherine Barker, Operations Manager, Ontario Equestrian Federation
Allan Ehrlick, President, Ontario Equestrian Federation
Gary Yaghdjian, Past President, Ontario Equestrian Federation
Bruce Brown, Treasurer, Ontario Equestrian Federation

How much funding is available?

The exact level of funding for the 2010-2011 carding year will be determined by the Ministry after the total number of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status has been determined. Funding will be released prior to March 31, 2011.

How will the Ontario Equestrian Federation Selection Committee decide who receives funding?

The Ontario Equestrian Federation Selection Committee will use both the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Eligibility Criteria and the Sport Specific Selection Criteria detailed below to determine which athletes will be nominated for Ontario Card status in 2010-2011:

Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Eligibility Criteria:

All athletes must meet the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport's minimum athlete eligibility criteria:

- Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards.
- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- Athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario **for one year prior** to his/her nomination for carding status.
- Athletes must be living in and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions may be made **on a case specific basis by the PSO/MSO Selection Committee** providing that the athlete can substantiate in writing at the time of application/nomination for carding status that:
 - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
 - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not offered by an Ontario institution;
 - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province, or other extenuating circumstances that require the athlete to be out of the province;The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out of province. This information must be received by the Ontario Equestrian Federation Selection Committee by no later than **4pm on Monday December 20th, 2010** in order to be considered.

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with PSO/MSO and NSO where applicable;
- Athlete must have entered into a Sports Organization - Athlete Agreement with his or her PSO/MSO and must be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of that agreement;
- Athlete must have met all terms and conditions of any previous *Quest for Gold* Sports Organization – Athlete Agreements to the satisfaction of the PSO/MSO in order to be eligible for consideration in 2010/2011;
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program;
- Athlete must be instructed by a coach who has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Level 2 or equivalent;
- Athlete must not be under a sanction that prohibits competition as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy;
- Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. elementary and secondary schools):
 - Exceptions will be made provided that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow for full-time attendance or if an athlete requires special needs that preclude full or part-time attendance (e.g. Athlete with a disability (AWAD) athlete);

- Athletes who have completed their area of study at the secondary level (i.e. high school) and who continue to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will also be considered;
- If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete solely for Ontario and/or Canada for one year from the date of the Minister's letter informing the athlete of acceptance into OAAP program, at Canada Games and other national competitions involving provincial team competitions;
- Athlete must not receive financial support from any other provincial/territorial athlete assistance program. This does not include academic scholarships, bursaries, student grants, student loans, social assistance, disability pensions, and other forms of financial assistance that have nothing to do with competitive sport.
- Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior-aged athletes, ages 11-22 ("junior-aged" refers to chronological age, not a sport's specific age category - only exception is for PSO/MSOs using 30% of Ontario Card allotment for athletes older than 22 years of age who have been identified as a potential next generation national team athlete by the PSO/MSO's selection process.

Residency Exemption for Military Families: The one-year Ontario residency requirement is waived for any Ontario Card or Canada Card applicant who is a spouse or dependant of a: Regular Force member of the Canadian Forces; or Reservist currently deployed by the Canadian Forces into active service and who takes up residence in Ontario during the fiscal year. This means that eligible military family members now qualify for OAAP funding immediately upon becoming residents of Ontario. Please see the 2010-2011 *Quest for Gold* Athlete Handbook for details of this exemption, including a list of documents needed to verify eligibility for this waiver of the one-year Ontario residency requirement.

Important Notes:

- To be deemed a potential next generation national team athlete, the athlete must be age-eligible to compete on the national team in the year following receipt of Ontario Card funding.
- All athletes under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign their OAAP application form. Cheques will be processed in the name of the eligible athlete.
- Athletes who are attending any foreign post-secondary educational institution (including NCAA institutions) and are receiving an athletic scholarship in any sport are not eligible to receive OAAP support.
- An athlete that received Sport Canada Carding during any part of MHPS's fiscal year April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 and/or any part of fiscal year April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011 and is no longer in receipt of Sport Canada Athlete Assistance shall not be eligible to receive *Quest for Gold* funding during fiscal year 2010-2011 (April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.) The intent of this rule is to prevent athletes whose performance levels and rankings no longer qualify them for Sport Canada carding from taking an Ontario Card from a future national-level athlete. However, exceptions may apply and will be considered by the Ministry on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions may include, but may not be limited to logistical or administrative changes (ex. reduction in Sport Canada carding allocation), injuries, etc.
- An athlete can only be nominated to receive *Quest for Gold* funding in one sport.
- The onus is entirely on the athlete to determine the impact of accepting OAAP funding on current or future NCAA eligibility and to decide whether or not to accept OAAP funding. The athlete will be required to acknowledge this onus and responsibility when signing the OAAP Ontario Card application form and agreeing to the related terms and conditions of the program. Athletes are strongly encouraged to contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the impact of *Quest for Gold* - OAAP funding on current or future eligibility for a NCAA scholarship or on eligibility to compete in a non-scholarship NCAA sport.

National Collegiate Athletic Association

www.ncaa.org

NCAA Eligibility Center mailing address:

NCAA Eligibility Center
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207

Customer service hours - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time Monday through Friday.
Toll-free phone number (U.S. callers) - Customer service line – 877-262-1492
Phone number (international callers) - Customer service line – 317-223-0700
Fax number - 317-968-5100

- In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the MHPS eligibility requirements detailed in the MHPS binder provided to PSO/MSOs and duplicated in the Athlete Handbook provided to each nominated athlete and the eligibility requirements listed in the PSO/MSO Athlete Selection Criteria Document prepared by the PSO/MSO, the MHPS Binder/Athlete Handbook shall prevail.

Sport Specific Athlete Selection Criteria:

The following sport specific athlete selection criteria will be utilized in the identification, ranking and selection of athletes for Ontario Cards. The following criteria represents the minimum requirements under each discipline. Meeting these minimums qualify an athlete to ranking process. The ranking process awards points for each result based on placing and total entries in a class as detailed further below.

The minimum requirements for qualification are as follows;

Dressage

Each rider/horse combination must submit scores as follows from a minimum Gold competition;

1. **Three (3) Technical Scores** – The three (3) Technical scores, (a & b below), when averaged together must be 64%, or better. Scores must be submitted in percentages (3 decimal places required).
 - a. Two (2) scores from the FEI Young Rider Prix St. Georges Test
 - b. One (1) score from the FEI Young Rider Individual Test;
 - c. A maximum of one score from the FEI Young Rider Prix St. Georges Test and the score from the FEI Young Rider Individual test may be obtained at the same competition.
2. **Freestyle Score**- Riders must also submit a score from the FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test of 65% or better. All scores must be submitted in percentages (3 decimal places required).

Eventing

Horse/rider combinations must have satisfactorily completed four (4) qualifying results within the current qualification period (January 1st, 2010 – December 15th, 2010 at the Preliminary Horse Trials level or above at a minimum of a Gold Competition. Of these the following is allowed:

- not more than 75 penalty points in the dressage test (not less than 50% of dressage good marks)
- no more than 20 jumping penalties at obstacles on the cross country test
- not more than 90 seconds exceeding the Cross Country time
- not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Show Jumping tests

Jumper

Horse/rider combinations will submit at least four (4) results from a minimum Gold competition;

- no more than two (2) of which can come from the same show
- with a minimum height of 1.35m to a maximum of 1.50m

Para-Equestrian

The Ontario Equestrian Federation Selection Committee will rank Para-Equestrian Athletes based on their Canadian Para Equestrian Ranking as of the conclusion of the qualification period. (January 1st 2010 to December 20th, 2010).

In the absence of any currently ranked Canadian Para Equestrian, Cards can be awarded to those athletes who have met the requirements and attended the National Para-Equestrian Championships. The championships scores will be used for ranking under the ranking process below.

OEF is not obligated to assign all of its allotted para-equestrian Ontario Cards if there is an insufficient number of athletes who have shown potential to be considered for future national teams.

Ranking Process

Horse/rider combinations that have met the minimum qualification standards will be ranked based on points from the chart below on their qualifying results. The horse/rider combination with the highest number of points will be ranked first, the second highest ranked second and so on. Only scores that were reported during the qualification period (January 1st, 2010 to December 15th, 2010) will be used for the ranking process.

Point System

The following point system will be used to rank riders, and is based on the total number of registered starters in each class to which scores were submitted for.

Placing	15 or more	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4 or less
1 st	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
2 nd	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
3 rd	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
4 th	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
5 th	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
6 th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2		
7 th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2			
8 th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2				
9 th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2					
10 th	7	6	5	4	3	2						
11 th	6	5	4	3	2							
12 th	5	4	3	2								
13 th	4	3	2									
14 th	3	2										
15 th	2											

Breaking a Tie:

If there is a tie in the final score between 2 athletes, the lowest score submitted will be eliminated (for Dressage by percentage, for Jumpers by placing and for Eventing by total penalty points) and the ranking points recalculated. Should a tie still exist, the next lowest score will be eliminated and so on.

Alternates: Ontario Equestrian Federation will also nominate alternates to those athletes nominated for Ontario Card status. Alternates will be those athletes who are ranked directly behind those athletes nominated for the allotment of Ontario Cards in a particular category/discipline. The names of alternates will

be published along with the names of nominated athletes. If an athlete drops out or is removed from the OAAP an alternate will be substituted into that athlete's position, provided that:

- Alternate is substituted within 2010-2011 fiscal year;
- An alternate is available from the same category/discipline/card level (Full/Half);
- Funding for athlete being substituted is still available within fiscal year (e.g. full funding for card has not already been paid out to athlete no longer in program).

To Apply:

All required information (Completed OAAP Application, Competition results, signed Athlete Agreement, short biography and digital photo) must be submitted to:

Ontario Equestrian Federation
Jennifer Irwin, Education Manager
9120 Leslie Street, Suite 203
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3J9
(p) 905-709-6545, ex 11
(tf) 877-441-7112, ex 11
(f) 905-709-1867
Edu2@horse.on.ca

no later than **4pm, Monday December 20th, 2010**. The Sports Organization – Athlete Agreement will only come into effect if an athlete is selected and accepts carding status through the OAAP program.

The Ontario Equestrian Federation will publish or make known the athletes nominated for Ontario Card status by no later than **January 14, 2011**.

A confirmation will be sent to each applicant by email upon receipt of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hrs (weekends excluded) please contact the office.

There will be no extensions of this deadline for any reason.

Appeals

Appeals will be allowed from athletes who have not been nominated by a PSO/MSO for Ontario Card status. Appeals will only be accepted directly from athletes (or from their parent/guardian for athletes under 18 years of age). Appeals will be dealt with by an Appeals Committee comprised of representatives from the sport community and chosen by the Ministry.

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to issues related to:

A) Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;

B) Whether or not the selection criteria applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

After hearing an appeal the Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

1. Direct the PSO/MSO to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit a new list of nominated athletes;
2. Deny the appeal; or
3. Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.

Appeals will only be accepted on the MHPS-provided template (typed or hand-printed, no hand-written entries) through regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person.

Appeals must be received by MHPS by 5 p.m. on the deadline day as posted below. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery. Appeals submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted. The Appeals Committee will discuss all appeals at once, after PSO/MSOs publish their list of nominated athletes. Appeals received in advance of the PSO/MSO announcing nominees will not be reviewed until after the Appeals deadline.

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is

Cycle Two: January 26, 2011.

Appeals must be completed on the template below and will be directed to:

Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee
c/o Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport
777 Bay Street, Suite 702
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1S5

2010/2011 Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeal Template

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is October 25, 2010 for Cycle 1 and January 26, 2011 for Cycle 2. Appeals will only be accepted on the MHPs-provided template. **Please refer to the appeals section of your PSO/MSO's Athlete Selection Criteria document prior to completing this form.**

Full Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Sport / PSO: _____

Reason for Appeal (Check one only):

- Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;

- Whether or not the selection criteria applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

Provide a two-line summary of the reason for the appeal:

In the space below (continue on to next page as needed), provide a detailed account of the situation to allow the Appeals Committee to understand the basis of the appeal (please submit additional pages/supporting documentation if necessary):

Print Name of Appellant

Signature of Appellant

Date

Any/all information provided to the Appeals Committee may be shared with the athlete's PSO by the Appeals Committee.



QUEST FOR GOLD 2010-2011

Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Application

The Ontario Equestrian Federation accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications or for applications that arrive late or do not arrive at all.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (to be completed by the Applicant)

Last Name First Name

Male _____
Female Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)

Dressage Jumper Eventing Para-Equestrian

Street No. & Name Apt.

City/Town Province Postal Code

Telephone Number Email

OEF # EC #

COACH INFORMATION

Last Name First Name

Certification Level

OEF # EC # CC #

COMPETITION RESULTS

Please attach copies of competition results including placing and number of starters for each.

Competition	Date	Division/Class	No. of Starters	Placing

By signing bellow, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above mentioned criteria and requirements of the Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2009-2010 and hereby submit my application for consideration to the Ontario Equestrian Federation.

Signature

Date

Please mail completed application and results to:

Ontario Equestrian Federation
Attn: Jennifer Irwin, Education Manager
9120 Leslie St
Suite 203
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3J9
Email edu2@horse.on.ca
Fax 905-709-1867

Application Deadline is Monday December 20th by 4:00pm.



ONTARIO EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
***Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2010-2011**
ATHLETE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 20__

BETWEEN

THE ONTARIO EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, having its provincial office

at **9120 Leslie St, Suite 203, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3J9** (hereinafter referred to as "the PSO/MSO")

AND

_____, residing at
_____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Athlete").

WHEREAS the PSO/MSO is recognized by **EQUINE CANADA ("EC")** (the PSO/MSO's National Federation) and The Ministry of Health Promotion as the sole Provincial Federation governing the sport of **EQUESTRIAN** in Ontario;

WHEREAS the Athlete wishes to be an active competitor in sanctioned events with his or her rights and obligations clearly defined;

WHEREAS the PSO/MSO recognize the need to clarify the relationship between the PSO/MSO and the Athlete by establishing their respective rights and obligations;

AND WHEREAS the *Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (hereinafter referred to as "the Ontario AAP") requires these rights and obligations to be stated in a written agreement to be signed by the PSO/MSO and the Athlete who applies for assistance under the Ontario AAP;

AND WHEREAS the National Federation requires that the PSO/MSO certify the eligibility of the Athlete to compete as a member in good standing;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree to the following:

PSO/MSO's Obligations

1. The PSO/MSO shall:

- a. publish criteria for the selection of athletes to the Ontario AAP before the selection process begins for the particular sport;
- b. nominate all athletes who meet Ontario AAP criteria;

- c. organize programs and provide funding for the development and provision of coaching expertise, officials and education in Ontario in the sport of **EQUESTRAIN** in accordance with the budget of the PSO/MSO;
- d. provide and include in Agreement a dispute mechanism and related procedures/process that is in conformity with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness, which shall include access to an independent arbitration process with respect to any dispute the carded athlete may have with the PSO/MSO related to or arising out of this Agreement.

Athlete's Obligations

2. The Athlete shall:

- a. be a member in good standing with the PSO at the time of application and for the duration of their funding year.
- b. participate in sport-related, non-commercial promotional activities on behalf of the PSO/MSO (i.e. Toronto Horse Day, Annual Conference, educational clinics, etc.) Unless supplementary compensation is arranged, these activities do not normally involve more than two working days per athlete per year;
- c. notify the PSO/MSO immediately in writing of any injury (horse and/or human) or other legitimate reason that will prevent the Athlete from actively training and competing and ensure in the case of an injury that a certificate from a medical doctor setting out the specific nature of the injury is forwarded to the PSO/MSO within three weeks of the injury;
- d. agree to compete exclusively for Ontario and/or Canada from one year from being enrolled in Ontario AAP (from date of receipt of Minister's letter informing athlete of enrolment).
- e. avoid any action or conduct that would reasonably be expected to significantly disrupt or interfere with a competition or the preparation of any Athlete for a competition;
- f. avoid the use of banned substances that contravene the rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the rules of the International Federation and the Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport;
- g. submit, without prior warning, to unannounced doping-control tests in addition to other prior-notice tests and submit at other times to doping-control testing when requested by the PSO/MSO, Sport Canada, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) or other authorities designated to do so;
- h. avoid the possession of anabolic drugs and neither supply such drugs to others directly or indirectly nor encourage or condone their use by knowingly aiding in any effort to avoid detection of the use of banned substances or banned performance enhancing practices;

- i. adhere to and comply with the PSO/MSO's dispute mechanism procedure in the event of a dispute relating to or arising out of this Agreement;
- j. spend the Ontario AAP funding obtained only on the following items:
 - o Normal living costs
 - o Costs directly associated with training (e.g. coaching, facility fees, other athlete services)
 - o Costs associated with attending competitions (e.g. entry fees, travel costs)
 - o Sport specific equipment
 - o Tuition and education related expenses (e.g. books, fees).
- k. supply periodical updates (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring) on their current activities and results for the PSO quarterly newsletter and, upon completion of their year, provided a detailed summary of the use of these funds over the year.

3. Default of Agreement

- a. Where one of the parties to this agreement is of the opinion that the other party has failed to conform with its obligations under this agreement, the following shall occur:
 - i. The one party shall notify the other party in writing of the particulars of the alleged default.
 - ii. If there exists a reasonable opportunity to correct the default and the default is not so fundamental as to amount to a repudiation of this agreement, the notifying party shall indicate in the notice the steps to be taken to remedy the default and a reasonable period of time to complete the remedial steps.
 - iii. The parties agree that the giving of the above referred-to notice by a party will not prevent that party from later asserting that the default was so fundamental as to amount to a repudiation of this agreement.
- b. If the party receiving the notice remedies the breach within the specified time, the dispute shall be considered resolved and neither party shall have any recourse against the other concerning the matter alleged to comprise the default. If the party receiving the notice fails to remedy the breach within the specified time and either party wishes recourse against the other concerning the matters alleged to comprise the default, that party shall use the dispute settlement mechanism of this agreement to resolve the differences between the parties.

4. Resolution of Disputes

PSO/MSO and the ATHLETE agree that alleged breaches and disputes relating to this Agreement shall be dealt with as follows:

- a) In dealing with alleged breaches and disputes relating to this Agreement, time shall be of the essence.
- b) Information pertaining to alleged breaches or disputes relating to this Agreement shall be kept confidential. Except for disclosures to the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, which the ATHLETE and the PSO/MSO hereby authorise for the purpose of administering the Ontario AAP, such information shall only be disclosed to outside parties with the express permission of PSO/MSO and the ATHLETE, unless such disclosure is required by law, is mandated by the policies of PSO/MSO or the Government of Ontario, or is required by virtue of a contractual commitment PSO/MSO or the ATHLETE may have to another party or parties.
- c) Any decision made with respect to an alleged breach of this Agreement will be referred to PSO/MSO's policies pertaining to the resolution of disputes, including the PSO/MSO Appeals Policy.

Duration of Agreement

This AGREEMENT comes into force on the date that the Ministry of Health issues an Approval Letter announcing the award of Ontario AAP funding to the ATHLETE and shall be in effect for a period of one year from the date of that Approval Letter, unless terminated earlier.

All minimum OAAP eligibility criteria for athletes within the *Quest for Gold* Program apply to this agreement.

Athlete Declaration

I hereby declare that in return for any financial assistance provided by the *Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program, I undertake to fulfil all commitments and responsibilities outlined in the booklet “OAAP Athlete Handbook” and my Athlete/PSO/MSO Agreement. I agree to refund any assistance provided to me, should my eligibility status change or my carded status be withdrawn, effective the withdrawal/change of status date.

Athlete signature

Date

Athlete name (Please print)

Parent signature (if athlete is under 18)

Date

Parent name (Please Print)

PSO/MSO representative signature

Date

PSO/MSO representative name

Position