

Sports Aid Grant 2023-2024

Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines

Senior Category

Competition/Category	Elite A	Elite B	Elite C
Maximum Grant (Annual)	Individual \$193,440 Team \$722,280	Individual \$108,480 Team \$541,680	Individual \$77,400 Team \$225,720
• Olympic Games	1 st – 8 th (minus-one rule)	9 th – 16 th (minus-one rule)	
• Asian Games	Medalist (minus-one rule)	4 th – 8 th and top 1/3	4 th – 8 th and top 1/2
• World Champs • World Cup (Finals)	Medalist and top 1/3	4 th – 8 th and top 1/3	1 st – 8 th and top 1/2
• Asian Championships • National Games • World Universities Games • World Universities Champs • Asian Cup (Finals) • World Cup Series		1 st – 8 th and top 1/3	1 st – 8 th and top 1/2
• Asian Cup Series • Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games • National Championships			Medallist and top 1/3

Junior Category

Competition/Category	Junior A	Junior B
Maximum Grant (Annual)	Individual \$50,280 Team \$180,720	Individual \$23,280 Team \$54,120
• World Youth Champs • World Youth Cup (Finals) • Youth Olympic Games • Asian Youth Games	1 st – 8 th and top 1/3	1 st – 8 th and top 1/2
• Asian Youth Champs • National Youth Games • Asian Youth Cup (Finals) • World Youth Cup Series	Medallist and top 1/3	4 th – 8 th and top 1/3
• Asian Youth Cup Series • Asian Age Group Champs • National Youth Championships		Medallist and top 1/3

Remarks Athletes can only receive grants from either individual or team category.

A. Special Consideration for Support to Team Sports/Events

1. Grants for each athlete of team events should not exceed maximum grant for athletes of individual events.
2. Individual athletes of team sports at major events achieving *official recognition* according to their outstanding sports performance, such as “Most Valued Player”, the “Best Pitcher”, the “Best Defender” etc., may be considered for support. For Olympic Games, Asian Games and World Championships, Elite A level support may be considered. Similar recognition would also be given respective levels of support in other categories.
3. In a situation where a member(s) of the team event drop(s) out from the team after grants are given, the replacement athletes can apply for funding support. However, this will be considered as fresh application and base on individual merits.
4. The results of the team sports/events would only be considered provided that ALL members of the team have fulfilled the 3-year residency policy.
5. Each “Team Only Sports” NSA not eligible for SAG support will be provided with a maximum grant of \$54,120 to support one or more potential athlete(s) as recommended by the respective NSAs. “Team Only Sports” NSAs are required to submit a proposal on to whom the support goes to, and their plan on how to develop these potential athletes to achieve excellence.

B. General Guidelines

1. The Sports Aid Grant is open for application to all athletes who are not eligible for Elite Training Grant.
2. Categories of grants will be based on the performance of the applicant in the previous two years, if the result has not been used for previous grant eligibility criteria.
3. Results achieved from demonstration events would not be considered.
4. Results should be achieved by athletes who were representing Hong Kong at international events with a minimum entry of four countries/regions.
5. Athletes receiving grants should meet the three-year residency policy.
6. For athletes not fully meeting the required level of performance, but fulfilling either one of the following three conditions, the same results could be considered for support for a further 12-month period maximum:
 - 6.1 Documented injuries, illness, and/or pregnancy, preventing training or competitions
 - 6.2 Lack of equivalent events due to the intervals of the relevant major competitions, i.e. Olympic Games, Asian Games, Youth Olympic Games, Asian Youth Games, World Championships, Asian Championships, World Junior Championships, Asian Junior Championships, on the condition that athletes must have taken part in at least one other competition during the year

6.3 Athletes fulfilling ALL the following considerations:

- (a) Pre-requisite: Recommended by the relevant National Sports Association and Coaching Supervisor
- (b) Athletes with track record (meet either one of the following):
 - (i) Achieved top eight positions in the Asian Championships/equivalent events in the previous calendar year
 - (ii) Achieved top ten Asian ranking/top 30 world ranking in the previous calendar year

(For the condition 6.3 above, athletes would be granted such approval once in their sporting career and funding for these athletes would be fixed at the standard level, in order to maintain parity within the system.)

- 7. Athletes' result which has marginally missed out the "top one-third" rule by only one entry in the competition, could be considered for support under the related category. However, athletes applying to use this condition would only be granted approval once in their sporting career and funding for these athletes would be fixed at the standard level, in order to maintain parity within the system.
- 8. For team events (e.g. relays), athletes who have taken part in the competition (any round) are eligible for grants.

C. Levels of Grants for each Category of Athletes

Individual Sports

Athletes Category	Monthly Standard (HK\$)	Monthly Enhanced (HK\$)
Elite A	13,710	16,120
Elite B	7,680	9,040
Elite C	5,490	6,450
Junior A	3,560	4,190
Junior B	1,650	1,940

Team Sports

Athletes Category	Monthly Standard (HK\$)	Monthly Enhanced (HK\$)
Elite A	51,160	60,190
Elite B	38,370	45,140
Elite C	15,990	18,810
Junior A	12,800	15,060
Junior B	3,830	4,510
Team Only Sports	3,830	4,510

D. Adjustment of Grant Levels

1. To ensure steady grant for athletes in a year, athletes' approved grant categories should remain unchanged throughout the year.
2. All eligible athletes should receive the standard grant as a starting grant. NSAs could adjust the grant levels for their athletes within the enhanced grant of the respective categories, taking into account the following considerations:
 - Role model behavior internally and externally
 - Number of years at high performance level
 - Other considerations, as appropriate

E. Suspension/Forfeiture/Termination of Grants

1. NSAs could suspend/forfeit/terminate grants for athletes if:
 - Athletes cannot fulfill training/competition requirements
 - Misconduct/disciplinary problems of the athletes
(Please refer to Annex I, Disciplinary Procedures)
 - Athletes withdraw from the Elite Training Programme
2. One month's notice will be given to the athlete in general, with respective NSAs' endorsement.

F. Performance Assessment

1. Performance appraisal reports for all grant recipients have to be submitted twice a year, one interim report in October (for April to September) and a full-year report in the following April.
2. Coaching Supervisors will complete the standard report form which will be endorsed by the respective NSAs. Payment to athletes will be suspended if reports could not be submitted according to the specific timeline.

G. Allocation of Grants to NSAs

1. Based on the list of grant recipients as approved by the HKSIL Board in the beginning of the financial year.
2. Enhanced grant (100%) will be assumed in arriving at the total amount of grants for the respective NSAs.
3. NSAs will decide the level of grant for each athlete within the total available grants of the NSA (from Standard to Enhanced).
4. Grants will be paid in four installments, i.e. April, July, October and January of the following year.

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Example of Disciplinary Procedures

