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Policy Statement: The Club will provide funding to athletes that represent the Club at National level events according to the terms of this policy.

Purpose: The Club sees value in supporting athletes who compete at the university and national level and will offer funding to:

- Athletes enrolled in Club programs;
- Athletes who compete on their university cross country ski team and
- Elite athletes who train elsewhere but maintain WCCFC as their home club.

Definitions: Club: Walden Cross Country Fitness Club

Available Grants:

Nationals Grant:

- All able body and para nordic athletes attending the Ski National events are eligible to receive \$100 to offset travel costs
- The Club will cover the registration cost of the Team Sprint race

University Athlete Grant:

- A minimum three grants of \$200 are available annually

Elite Athlete Grant:

- A minimum three grants of \$500 are available annually

Overall Program Criteria:

1. The Club must have the funds available in its budget to allow payout.
2. The Club's Board will review all applications and base its decisions to award grants on the eligibility factors.
3. An athlete is eligible for only one Elite Athlete, University Athlete or Nationals Grant in each calendar year.

Eligibility for the Nationals Grant:

1. The applicant must be registered in a training program offered by the Club.
2. The applicant must be a member of the Club in good standing.
3. The applicant's race license must list WCCFC as the Club.
4. The applicant travels to compete at the Ski National event.
5. If the applicant registers in the Team Sprint event, the cost of registration for this event is also covered.

Eligibility for the University Athlete Grant:

1. The applicant will be 23 years of age or younger as of January 1st in year of application.
2. The applicant must be a member of the Club in good standing.
3. The applicant's CCC race license must list WCCFC as the Club.
4. The applicant shall be enrolled in a university program and compete as a member of the varsity cross country ski team.
5. The applicant commits to contribute to the Club (e.g. as a role model for athletes by coaching or mentoring Club athletes).

Eligibility for the Elite Athlete Grant:

1. The applicant will be 23 years of age or younger as of January 1st in year of application.
2. The applicant must be a member of the Club in good standing.
3. The applicant's CCC race license must list WCCFC as the Club.
4. Preference will be given to athletes actively pursuing a post secondary education.
5. The applicant is racing at an elite level of competition (e.g. Nor-Ams, National events).
6. The applicant commits to contribute to the Club (e.g. as a role model for athletes by coaching or mentoring Club athletes).

Application Directions:**Nationals Grant:**

1. After the event, the coach of the program will provide to the Board the names of the athletes who attended the event and registered for the Team Sprints.
2. Qualified athletes will receive the funding once confirmation of attendance at the event is received by the Board.

University Athlete Grant:

1. The Elite & University Athlete Grant Application Form and supporting documents shall be emailed in January by the date indicated on the current application form.
2. Applicants will be notified via email of the scholarship decision by 28 Feb in the year of application.
3. All decisions by the Club Board are final.

Elite Athlete Grant:

1. The Elite & University Athlete Grant Application Form and supporting documents shall be emailed in January by the date indicated on the current application form.
2. Applicants will be notified via email of the scholarship decision by 28 Feb in the year of application.
3. All decisions by the Club Board are final.

Revision History:

Revision	Date	Description of Changes	Requested By
0	5 Jan 2015	Final Board Approval	Policy Committee
1	29 Nov 2015	Added University Athlete Grant	Executive Board