

Sports Aid Grant for Athletes with Disabilities 2026-2027

Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines

Competition/Category	Elite A	Elite B	Elite C
	Annual Grant		
	\$90,960	\$54,480	\$27,480
Paralympic Games	Medallist (minus-one rule)	4 th – 8 th (minus-one rule)	
World Championships World Cup Finals			
Asian Para Games	Medallist (minus-one rule)	4 th – 8 th and top 1/3	1 st – 8 th and top 1/2
Asian Championships Virtus Global Games World Abilitysport Games National Games for Persons with Disabilities World Cup Series		Medallist and top 1/3	4 th – 8 th and top 1/3
Virtus /IPC Sanctioned Events Special Olympics (Overall results)			Medallist and top 1/3

Remarks: "Minus-one rule" means the athlete/team must have beaten one competitor/team in the event.

A. General Guidelines

- Applications for Sports Aid Grant for Athletes with Disabilities are made on an annual basis. Applications must be endorsed by the respective National Sports Association (NSA) and submitted to the HKSI before the deadline
- Categories of grants will be based on the performance of the applicant in the previous two calendar years, if the result has not been used for previous grant eligibility criteria.
- Results achieved from demonstration events would not be considered.
- "Minus-one rule" will be applied to results achieved at Paralympic Games, Asian Para Games, World Championships, and World-level events (e.g. World Cup Finals) which require qualification.
- Results should be achieved by athletes who were representing Hong Kong at international events with a minimum entry of four countries/regions. For medal results at Paralympic Games / Asian Para Games, the minimum entry criterion does not apply.
- Results should be achieved by athletes of National Sports Associations (NSAs) which are affiliated with the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) / China Hong Kong Paralympic Committee (HKPC).
- Athletes receiving grants should meet the three-year residency policy and hold a valid Hong Kong Identity Card.
- Only results achieved at competitions sanctioned, recognised or endorsed by the relevant International Federation (IF) or Asian Federation (AF) will be considered, except for the National Games for Persons with Disabilities.

9. Results achieved at international opens or professional events with the participation of six or more current world top ten ranking athletes will be eligible for EA/EB support.
10. 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:
 - 10.1 Documented injuries, illness, and/or pregnancy, preventing training or competitions
 - 10.2 Lack of equivalent events due to the intervals of the relevant major competitions (i.e. Paralympic Games, Asian Para Games, World Championships, Asian Championships), on the condition that athletes must have taken part in at least one other competition during the year
 - 10.3 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 10.3 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.)

- 11. 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.
- 12. For team events (e.g. relays), athletes who have taken part in the competition (any round) are eligible for grants.

B. 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, showing an example of Disciplinary Procedures)
 - Athletes withdraw from the Elite Training Programme

C. Appeal Procedure

For Adjustment of SAGD Categories

- Step 1: In case of queries on the SAGD Category, athletes should approach the respective NSA to understand the situation.
- Step 2: If athletes wish to make an appeal, it should be applied in writing via the respective NSA to the High Performance Administration Department of the HKSI before the designated deadline. Appeal cases will be reviewed by the HKSIL Board.
- Step 3: The decision of the HKSIL Board will be final.

D. 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.

E. Payment Method

- 1. Grants will be paid to athletes in four installments, i.e. April, July, October and January of the following year.

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Example of Disciplinary Procedures

