



ARA Coach Education Funding

RCA Performance Coach Development Stream

Introduction:

At the ARA board meeting held on the 28th of March 2015 in Red Deer, the ARA Board recognized the need to develop RCA performance coaches (former Level 3) in the province to prepare them for future roles with the provincial team. The ARA Board voted to allocate \$10,000 per year to achieving this goal.

Carol Hermansen, Tim Fleming, Michael Simonson and Ole Tietz subsequently discussed parameters by which this money could be allocated. The group met on a conference call on 21st of April 2015.

Goals:

The ARA would like to develop 3 male and 3 female RCA performance coaches for the 2017 Canada Summer Games. These individuals should take on leadership roles within their club coaching structures in addition to their active role on the provincial team, as such, the ARA would like to ensure that the proposed education and development is beneficial for the provincial as well as club teams.

Funding criteria:

Individuals wishing to obtain funding towards RCA performance coaching education and development must have completed their RCA coach (former Level 2) training prior to application.

The ARA will consider supporting RCA performance coach candidates through their final weekend of RCA coach education, provided that the individual can demonstrate a high level of commitment by presenting their portfolio work.

Funding parameters:

Candidates should send informal requests for funding of specific education and development modules to the ARA president. The ARA will cover 50 % of the overall cost and would like to encourage the club to provide the remainder of the funds.

Should there be enough RCA performance coach candidates seeking to complete the same module, the ARA will consider bringing an educator to the province. Funding of these endeavours will be assessed on an individual basis.

Non-monetary assistance:

The ARA will provide interested candidates with a “road map” towards obtaining RCA performance coaching accreditation.

The ARA is further looking to identify individuals who are willing to guide candidates through the independent work aspects of the RCA coach coaching education stream.

Conclusion:

The ARA hopes that this funding model will assist young coaches seeking to make a lasting contribution to rowing in the province of Alberta.