



Rising Stars Award

2011 Information & Application

The Rising Stars Award has been established by the COF's High Performance Committee to support Canada's most promising young orienteers in their quest for top international results. In 2011 the award is funded 50% by targeted donations and 50% by the COF. In 2011 there will be two awards granted of \$1500 each, to one male and one female athlete.

Purpose

- To support Canada's most promising young orienteers
- To motivate all HPP members with a competition that is relevant to all members

Eligibility

- Award recipients must be members of the COF High Performance Program (HPP).
- Award recipients are chosen based on financial need, past results, future potential, and contribution to the Canadian orienteering community.
- This award is available an unlimited number of times to any athlete but never more than twice consecutively.
- Normally one award will be given to a female athlete and one to a male athlete. However under exceptional circumstances both awards may be given to athletes of the same gender.

Application Process

Athletes must complete a Rising Stars Award Application form and **submit the original signed copy by mail** to the COF office and also **submit a copy by email** to the HPC Chairperson **to be received before Feb 28**. The application form can be found at the end of this Handbook. Late applications will not be accepted. The following must be included with the completed application form:

- A one page letter outlining community involvement
- A one page personal letter outlining applicant's orienteering goals and how the award will be help achieve them.

Selection Committee

A Selection Committee will be appointed annually by the COF High Performance Committee (HPC). It shall have no less than three members. Members may be chosen from the COF HPC, the COF Board of Directors, active and retired national team members, and as well from COF volunteers with an interest in and understanding of the HPP.



Selection Process

The Selection Committee will choose two award recipients (one female and one male) based upon, but not solely limited to, the following criteria. The percentage of value for each criterion is listed in parentheses.

- Financial need (25%)
- Past performance (25%)
- Future potential (25%)
- Contribution to the growth of orienteering in Canada (25%)

Award Announcement

- The Selection Committee will, by the end of March, report to the HPC, listing award recipients and award amounts. Once this report is accepted the HPC will notify all applicants by email of the decision. The decision will be final, with no avenue for appeal.
- Payments will be made according to a schedule determined by the HPC but will normally be paid one half on announcement of the award and the second half at the end of June assuming continued eligibility.

Award Administration

- The COF's HPC will administer the award. It will be responsible for deciding on the number of awards and their amount, payment schedule, fund raising, and appointing a Selection Committee.

Other

- All application information and proceedings to determine the awards shall be strictly confidential.
- The amount and number of awards may be changed at any time by the COF's HPC.
- Funding for the award in 2011 comes from the COF and individual donations targeted to this award. In future years funding will come from the HPP budget, donations targeted to the award, and targeted fund-raising. Any funds raised above the current year's award amount will be used to increase the current year's award and/or held in the HPP account and used to bolster future awards.