



## QUEST FOR GOLD COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2022

### **Committee Members**

Brendan Cole, Committee Chair  
Paul Osland, Chief Executive Officer  
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James Cunningham, Talent Confirmation Lead – Athletics Canada

### **Overview**

Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2021-2022 (OAAP) is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI). The overarching goal of the Quest for Gold – OAAP is directly related to the High Performance Sport goal of the Canadian Sport Policy – that Canadians are systematically achieving world-class results at the highest levels of international competition – by improving the performance and number of Ontario athletes performing at the national and international level, thereby contributing to the improved performance of Canada at international competitions.

### **Committee Meetings**

With the short timelines provided by the Ministry, most of the communication within the committee is done via email.

### **Summary**

The draft criteria for 2021-2022 was posted in April of 2022. The final criteria was delayed due to Ministry delays pertaining to COVID-19. The ministry modified the Quest to Gold Program to enable funding for direct-to-athlete funding, athlete travel and supporting coaches travel funding. A total of \$226,172 in funding was provided to athletes and supporting coaches.

Eighty-two (82) athletes received Quest for Gold direct-to-athlete and travel funding in the 2021-2022 cycle. In addition 7 supporting coaches received Quest for Gold travel funding

Direct-to-athlete carding were broken down as follows:

- 50 Full Cards
- 17 Para Cards
- 15 Half Cards

### **Issues**

As in the past couple of years final criteria was delayed due to COVID-19. This resulted in a very quick turnaround for criteria development, applications, evaluations, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brendan Cole  
QfG Committee, Chair