

Kansas Athlete Funding

One additional vote. As you know, Kansas has been added to our Region this year.

I personally don't feel it is fair to penalize the athletes and coaches from Kansas and deny them funding due to something completely out of their control.

Our current funding policy states:

1. All funds will be a reimbursement after the competition is complete and all proper paperwork is filed with the Regional Office.
2. All athletes must have competed within the region for one full season prior to funds being available. A Season includes: prior year's Regional Championships, 2 eligibility meets, 2 of the following: State Meet, Winter Classic, Elite Challenge, Stars & Stripes, Region 4 Championships, and Nationals. After doing this, funding will be available.
3. All athletes must have volunteered at the most recent Region 4 Championships a minimum of one session, set-up or tear down to be eligible for funding.
4. Must have participated at Regional Championships in order to receive funding. If an Elite athlete chooses not to compete at Regional Championships due to injury or upcoming competition, they must still attend the Region 4 Championships and participate by Judging, Handing out Awards, or Volunteering. The only exceptions will be: athletes that are attending an international competition to earn points for National team and family conflicts such as sibling or parental weddings will be considered on a case-by-case basis WITH NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO REGIONALS AND PRIOR APPROVAL OF NON-PARTICIPATION BY THE BOARD. Medical excuses and other activities will not be accepted
5. If an athlete leaves the region and returns, they must compete within the region for a full season (See above) in order to be eligible for travel grants.
6. All travel grants must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within 6 month of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.
7. Grants may not exceed total personal expenditures of paid expenses from requested competition/camp.

Because Kansas was part of Region 3 last season, they could not attend our Region 4 Championships. Region 3 did fund these athletes for the 2017-2018 season.

I, Crissy LaFollette, propose that for the 2018-2019 season, if the athlete attended the 2017 Region 3 Championships, (instead of Region 4 Championship) and meets all other requirements, then they will be eligible for funding.

Vote Passed Unanimously

3/6/18