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BC Sport Cheer Association National Team Support Policy

Preamble

This policy outlines the expectations for National Team Support from BC Sport Cheer.

1) Definitions

- a) Within the bounds of this policy the following terms are defined as follows:
 - i) “Organization” — refers to the BC Sport Cheer Association, or its representatives, including but not limited to, board of directors, staff, contractors, and committee members.
 - ii) “National Team” — refers to the Canadian National Team which includes: Youth Team Canada, Junior Team Canada and Team Canada Premier, representing Canada at the ICU World Championships; and the team representing Canada at the Pan American Championships.

2) Purpose

- a) The National Team Support policy is designed to outline the ways in which BC Sport Cheer will provide support to the Canadian National Team and athletes and/or team from BC representing Canada at the ICU World Championships and the Pan American Championships. This policy aims to promote excellence in cheerleading and to advocate for the representation of BC athletes and teams at the National team level.

3) Procedures

- a) **The Organization will:**
 - i) Advocate for cheerleading gyms in BC to host National Team training camps by:
 - (1) Promoting BC gyms to Cheer Canada for National Team training camps to increase accessibility for BC athletes and reduce financial burden associated with travel.
 - (2) Collaborating with local training facilities and gyms to secure sponsored or discounted training space for National Team training camps.
 - (3) Advocating for a minimum of one National Team training camp to be held in BC if a minimum of one group or partner stunt on the National Team resides in British Columbia.
 - ii) Collaborate with other provinces to:

- (1) Share resources and knowledge about successful training camp hosting procedures and additional National Team support.
 - (2) Encourage a rotation system for National Team training camps to promote fairness for athletes and to ensure economic burden is not placed disproportionately on athletes from provinces less frequently represented on the National Team.
 - iii) Provide and support fundraising efforts from BC athletes and teams representing the National Team. This may include:
 - (1) Providing fundraising opportunities, including at BC Sport Cheer events in accordance with the *BC Sport Cheer Fundraising Policy*
 - iv) Advocate for BC athletes and teams at the National Team level by:
 - (1) Collecting feedback from BC athletes and teams regarding their experience trying out for and competing on the National Team.
 - (2) Encouraging the active participation in Cheer Canada committees and meetings by BC residents to ensure BC athletes and teams have a voice in decision making processes.
 - (3) Advocate for fair allocation of resources and opportunities for BC athletes and coaches within the national framework. This may include:
 - (a) Advocating for clearly defined selection criteria for National Teams, ensuring transparency in the selection process.
 - (b) Advocating for local training camp locations.
 - (c) Advocating for opportunities for BC coaches at the National Team level.
 - (d) Promoting diversity and inclusion within the National Teams, ensuring that athletes from all backgrounds and communities in British Columbia have equal opportunities.
- b) **The Organization may:**
 - i) Provide economic support to BC athletes and teams representing the National Team
 - (1) **Financial support is at the discretion of the Organization and is not guaranteed, but may include:*
 - (a) Grants and Scholarships
 - (b) Travel Assistance
 - (c) Needs Based Economic Supports
 - (d) Training and Competition Apparel Subsidies



4) Review and Amendments

- a) This National Team Support Policy will be subject to periodic reviews to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Amendments may be made based on feedback from stakeholders, advancements in cheerleading standards, or changes in the sports landscape. By adhering to this policy, the Organization aims to promote the representation of BC athletes and teams on the National Team and to ensure the continued improvement of the National Team.