

USABS Development Direct Athlete Support

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The Development Direct Athlete Support (DDAS) is intended to assist development athletes by offsetting costs that accrue with the sliding and training expectations outlined in the Skeleton Athlete Progression Pathway (SAPP) and the Bobsled Athlete Progression Pathway (BAPP). Costs may include travel to and from events, equipment rental or purchases, race fees, sled shipment, housing and meals during events, etc.

To receive DDAS, athletes must:

1. Be a USABS member in good standing
2. Sign the USABS Athlete Handbook including Code of Conduct and Marketing Agreement
3. Be a recognized athlete within the USABS skeleton or bobsled progression pathway

The DDAS will be distributed via monthly payments during the 5-month sliding season (November through March). Payments will be made at the end of the month as long as the athlete has fulfilled their expected *commitment* for that month according to the SAPP/BAPP and Athlete Planning Profile (APP) determined in communication with the athlete's lead coach, Director of Skeleton Programs, and/or Director of Sport Performance. This *commitment* may include, but is not limited to:

- IBSF competitions
- Rookie Sliding Camps
- Development Sliding Camps
- National Championships races

Athletes may not receive DDAS if they receive USOPC Direct Athlete Support (DAS) of any tier level. If an athlete is dropped from or added to the DAS support during the sliding season, the DDAS will adjust accordingly.

Skeleton athletes will receive the following amounts per month based on their SAPP level and phase.

Recruitment			Development			Performance	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 1	Phase 2
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$200	\$200

Bobsled pilots will receive the following amounts per month based on their BAPP level and phase.

Recruitment		Development		Provisionary	Performance	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2	-	Phase 1	Phase 2
\$0	\$100	\$175	\$175	\$0	\$200	\$200

Bobsled push athletes will receive the following amount per month based on their BAPP level and phase.

Recruitment		Development		Performance	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2
\$0	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$150