



2025-26 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.

DDAS is distributed to athletes competing in the same disciplines and levels of competition using equivalent and nondiscriminatory criteria, regardless of gender.

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

Time Period

The DDAS will be distributed via monthly payments during the 5-month sliding season (November through March).

Commitment/Expectations

Payments will be made at the end of the month provided 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, and/or Director of Sport Performance. This monthly *commitment* may include, but is not limited to:

- IBSF competitions
- Forerunning for IBSF competitions
- Development/Rookie Sliding Camps
- Open sliding with USABS-approved coaching at Park City, Lake Placid, or other track
- 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		National Team	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2
\$0	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$300

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

Recruitment		Development		Provisionary	National Team	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2	-	Phase 1	Phase 2
\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$300	\$300

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

Recruitment		Development		National Team	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 1	Phase 2
\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$200

Supplemental DDAS

Any remaining funds intended for DDAS support after the March disbursements will be allocated to the skeleton athletes and bobsled pilots that met all five months' commitments and received DDAS from November through March. These disbursements will be made as one payment, not a monthly payout.

The DDAS will be distributed based on the number of IBSF locations* of events entered according to the table below using Levels A and B of remaining funds. If the remaining funds are not enough to meet the full payout considering all the athletes competing in all events, then the remaining funds will be distributed with Level B equating to 70% of Level A and distributed accordingly.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Level</u>
EC, AC, Jr WCh, Euro WC	\$TBD	A
NAC, North Am WC	\$TBD	B

*Note that multiple races of the same circuit with the same training period and back-to-back races of different circuits at the same location count as *one* event.