Referee Education and Development Fund

The READ fund is established each year to provide financial assistance for referees' education and development activities. Because of the relatively few competitions each year in Alberta, referees are encouraged to seek training and officiating opportunities outside of the province.

Financial support may be provided for the following:	Up to:
● International Referee Seminars and Refreshers	$750.00
● International Tournaments (priority given to WTPA events)	$500.00
● National Referee Seminars and Refreshers	$300.00
● National Tournaments sanctioned by TC (Volunteer only)	$200.00
● Out of Province Educational Officiating Opportunities	$150.00
● Special Events - Including but not limited to:	Varies
○ World Championships	
○ Olympics	
○ Commonwealth Championships	
○ Military Games	
○ Universiade	
○ Hamnadang	

Funding will be granted according to the following guidelines:

- Applicant must be a member in good standing with the ATA
- Applicant shall have worked a minimum of three sanctioned ATA tournaments, including the Alberta Open, within the last year
- There is a perceived benefit to the ATA
- Applicants who have not received funding in the past year will receive priority over those who have received funding
- Referees may not receive more than $1000.00 in support per fiscal year
- Supporting documentation including event information, cost, travel expenses, and any other relevant information, should be included with the application
- When feasible, applications should be submitted to the referee chair prior to the event for funding to be conditionally approved
- A report and/or sharing of education/experience obtained must be submitted to the referee chairperson no more than two weeks following the event for final approval by the referee committee