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**CARDING NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR THE  
SPORT CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
2010 - 2011 Carding Cycle**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. The purpose of this document is to describe the criteria that will be used by the CSF for nominating athletes for Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) for the 2010 - 2011 carding cycle.
2. The purpose of the Athlete Assistance Program is to identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships.
3. The nomination of athletes to the AAP is the responsibility of the CSF's Chief Executive Officer, acting on the recommendations of the HPP Selection Committees. Sport Canada is responsible for the final approval of nominations to the AAP.
4. Sport Canada's general policies and procedures governing AAP can be found on the Sport Canada website at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm>. This includes all information pertaining to the establishment and application of criteria used by CSF.

**GENERAL**

5. Support under the AAP is only available to athletes who are members of the High Performance Program, who have executed a current CSF/Athlete Agreement, and who meet the eligibility criteria set out below.
6. Carded athletes receive funds for a period of 12 months commencing on June 1.
7. Carding nominations are submitted by the CSF to Sport Canada on an annual basis, ordinarily in late May. Any athlete who, as of the date of the CSF's



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submission of Carding nominations to Sport Canada, has not provided evidence of his or her intention to compete in the coming year is not eligible for Carding.

8. There are a number of grounds for the withdrawal of funding from a Carded athlete. These include voluntary withdrawal, withdrawal due to lack of participation, and withdrawal for violation of agreement. Detailed information concerning grounds for withdrawal of funding is contained in the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policy and Procedures document.
9. In addition to the regular stipend, other forms of financial assistance may be available to Carded athletes through the Athlete Assistance Program. These include tuition payment, special needs assistance, and deferred tuition assistance for retired athletes. Athletes should refer to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policy and Procedures document for further information.
10. There are three general types of Cards: International Senior Cards; Senior Cards; and Development Cards.
11. In this document “percentage of field placing” is calculated by dividing the athlete’s placing by the field size (including DNF and DSQ results), and multiplying by 100.

### **INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARDS (SR1/SR2)**

12. International Senior Cards are awarded on the basis of results at the World Championships (WCH) and Olympic Winter Games (OWG). Sport Canada sets the criteria for International Senior Cards.
13. International Senior Cards awarded on the basis of WCH or OWG results provide two years of Carding:
  - 🔗 **SR1:** Year one of a two year Card (\$1,500 per month).
  - 🔗 **SR2:** Year two of a two year Card (\$1,500 per month).
14. The second year of International Senior Carding is contingent on the athlete remaining in the High Performance Program, being re-nominated by the CSF, and maintaining a training and competitive program approved by the CSF and Sport Canada. The athlete must also complete an AAP Application Form for the year in question.

### **SENIOR CARDS (SR/C1)**

15. Senior Cards are awarded on the basis of World Cup results.

16. Senior Cards support athletes with the potential to reach International Senior Card status. Specific criteria are negotiated between the CSF and Sport Canada on an annual basis, and are set out in Sections 33 through 38 below.
17. Senior Cards provide one year of funding, but may be renewed for further years if the athlete demonstrates continuing improvement towards International Senior Card status. Senior Cards awarded to athletes the first time are called C1 Cards and are funded at the Development Card level:
  - ❏ **C1:** Year one at the Senior Card level (\$900 per month).
  - ❏ **SR:** Senior Card level (\$1,500 per month).
18. Once an athlete reaches the FIS post-junior age category, he/she may be carded at the Senior Card level (SR/C1) for a maximum of five years. In order to be Senior Carded for additional years, the athlete must demonstrate continued progress towards International Senior Card status results, and must be recommended by the CSF.

### **DEVELOPMENT CARDS (D)**

19. Athletes previously Carded at the International Senior Card level, or for two or more years at the Senior Card level, are not eligible for Development Cards.
20. Once an athlete reaches the FIS post-junior age category, he/she may be carded at the Development level (D) for a maximum of three years. In order to be Development Carded for additional years, the athlete must demonstrate continued progress towards Senior Card status results, and must be recommended by the CSF.
21. Development Cards are awarded on the basis of Junior World Championship (JWCH) and World Cup (WC) results.
22. Development Cards support younger athletes who demonstrate potential to achieve International Senior Card status, but who have not yet met the Senior Card criteria. Specific criteria are negotiated between the CSF and Sport Canada on an annual basis.
23. Development Cards provide one year of funding:
  - ❏ **D:** Development Card (\$900 per month).

### **NUMBER OF CARDS**

24. There is a limit on the number of Cards available to CSF athletes. Following the 2010 Olympic Games, Sport Canada will conduct a full review of the carding quota. This may affect the number of cards CSF will receive in the future.

25. The number of Cards for the 2010/11 Carding cycle is set at the equivalent of 22 cards at the International Senior and Senior levels, and 3 cards at the Development level.
26. If after the application of the International Senior & Senior Card criteria some card(s) remain available, they will be converted to Development Card(s) and awarded to eligible athletes who met the Development Card criteria. Conversely, if after the application of the Development Card criteria some card(s) remain available, they will be converted to Senior Card(s) and awarded to eligible athletes who met the Senior Card criteria.

### **GENERAL NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS**

27. Only results from the events of Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, and Snowboardcross will be considered in establishing eligibility and ranking for Carding.
28. Rankings for nominations for SR1 and SR2 cards nominations are based on a maximum of three athletes per Nation.
29. An athlete who is eligible for both a Senior Card and a Development Card must be nominated for the Senior Card, and cannot be nominated for a Development Card unless no Senior Cards remain available.
30. Nominations for Carding are based on the following priorities:
  - a) International Senior Cards.
  - b) Top 3 Development Cards.
  - c) Senior Cards.
  - d) Remaining D Cards if Cards remain available after all International Senior and Senior Cards have been allocated.
  - e) Remaining SR/C1 Cards if Cards remain available after all Development cards have been allocated.

### **2010/11 INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARDS (SR1/SR2)**

31. Available International Senior Cards are awarded on the basis of the following priorities:

**Priority 1:** An athlete qualifies for a SR1 Card if he or she has a result in the top sixteen and top half of the field at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

**Priority 2:** An athlete qualifies for a SR2 Card if he or she had a result in the top sixteen and top third of the field at the 2009 World Championships (WCH), and remains active in the High Performance Program.

**Priority 3:** An athlete who received a SR2 card in 2009/10 and who meets the “Health Related Curtailment of Activities” criteria set out below is eligible for a Senior Health Curtailed Card for 2010/11.

### **2010/11 SENIOR CARDS (SR/C1)**

32. These Cards are awarded on the basis of 2009/10 World Cup (WC) and OWG results.

33. An athlete who received a Senior Card in 2009/10 and who meets the “Health Related Curtailment of Activities” criteria set out below is eligible for a Senior Health Curtailed Card for 2010/11.

34. Available Senior Cards are awarded on the basis of the following priorities:

**Priority 1:** Athletes who place three times or more in the top third at a WC or OWG event in the 2009/10 season.

**Priority 2:** Athletes who meet the “Health Related Curtailment of Activities” criteria, and were Carded the previous year at the SR/C1 level through placing three times or more in the top third at a WC or WCH event in the 2008/09 season.

**Priority 3:** Athletes who place twice in the top third at a WC or OWG event in the 2009/10 season.

**Priority 4:** Athletes who meet the “Health Related Curtailment of Activities” criteria, and were Carded the previous year at the SR/C1 level through placing twice in the top third at a WC or WCH event in the 2008/09 season.

**Priority 5:** Athletes who place once in the top third at a WC or OWG event in the 2009/10 season.

**Priority 6:** Athletes who meet the “Health Related Curtailment of Activities” criteria, and were Carded the previous year at the SR/C1 level through placing once in the top third at a WC or WCH event in the 2008/09 season.

35. Ties in rankings for priorities 1, 3, or 5 shall be broken on the basis of the athletes’ best percentage of field placing in WCH or OWG competition during the 2009/10 season.

36. Ties in rankings for priorities 2, 4, or 6 shall be broken on the basis of the athletes' AAP ranking for the 09/10 season.

### **2010/11 DEVELOPMENT CARDS (D)**

37. These Cards are awarded first on the basis of results at the 2010 JWCH and then on basis of results from the 2009/10 WC season.
38. Athletes who have been selected for the 2010 JWCH Team or for the High Performance Program may be eligible for a Development Card. Eligible athletes must also commit to a full time approved training program, under the terms set out in her/his CSF/High Performance Program Athlete Agreement and must have competed in at least 3 Continental Cup level competitions (or greater) in the season just ended.
39. An athlete carded in the 09-10 season at the Development Card level who meets the "Health Related Curtailment of Activities" criteria set out below is eligible for a Development Health Curtailed Card for 2010/11.
40. Available Development Cards are awarded on the basis of the following priorities:
  - Priority 1:** Athletes who have a result in the top eight and top third of the field in one of the events of Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, or Snowboardcross at the JWCH 2010. Eligible athletes shall be ranked for Development Cards on the basis of their JWCH percentage of field placing.
  - Priority 2:** Athletes carded the previous year at the Development Card level who meet the "Health Related Curtailment of Activities" criteria set out below are eligible for a Development Health Curtailed Card for 2010/11.
  - Priority 3:** Remaining cards will be distributed to eligible athletes who have achieved a top half of the field at a 2009/10 WC and will be ranked based on their best percentage of field placing.
41. Ties in the percentage of field placing at the JWCH or WC shall be broken on the basis of the athletes' percentage of field placing in the 2010 Senior National Championships.
42. In the event Junior World Championships are not held in any given year, or the CSF chooses to not enter a Team in the Junior World Championships in any given year, available Development Cards shall be awarded based on Priorities 2 and 3 only.

### **HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES CRITERIA**

43. A Carded athlete who, for health related reasons documented by a CSF designated physician, is unable to participate in training or competitive activities shall continue to be Carded for the balance of the current cycle, provided the following conditions are met:
- ❑ The athlete does not withdraw from the High Performance Program during that period, and provides written confirmation of his or her intention to return to full participation in the HPP at the earliest possible date.
  - ❑ Written evaluations are provided by both the CSF coaching staff and a CSF designated physician indicating that the athlete can be expected to return to full participation within the next twelve months.
  - ❑ The athlete undertakes in writing to train and/or rehabilitate under the supervision of the CSF or its designate at a level which minimizes risk to the athlete's personal health, and ensures an optimal return to full training and competition at the earliest possible date. Failure to follow such a program without due cause shall be grounds for immediate termination of Carding.
44. It may happen that a Carded athlete, for health related reasons documented by a CSF designated physician, misses more than half of the competitions or half of the on-snow days in the training phase of the yearly training plan, that he or she would otherwise participate in during a given year. In such circumstances the athlete may be nominated for Carding at the same level for one additional year, based on the priority of nominations set out above, and provided that sufficient Cards remain available at that level, under the following conditions:
- ❑ The athlete has fulfilled all reasonable CSF supervised training and rehabilitation requirements.
  - ❑ A written evaluation is provided by a CSF designated physician indicating that the athlete can be expected to return to full participation during the extended Carding period.
  - ❑ A written evaluation is provided by the CSF coaching staff indicating that the athlete can be expected to achieve at least the minimum standards required for future Carding during the extended Carding period.
  - ❑ The athlete has demonstrated his or her long term commitment to the HPP, and has stated his or her intention to pursue full high performance training and competition during the extended Carding period.
45. A carded athlete who misses, for health related reasons documented by a CSF designated physician, more than half of the competitions or half of the on-snow days in the training phase of the yearly training plan that he or she would otherwise participate in for two consecutive years will no longer be eligible for re-nomination for Carding based on prior years' results.
46. If an athlete wishes, for other than health related reasons, to withdraw temporarily or permanently from regular athlete training and competition activities, the normal rules for withdrawal from the Athlete Assistance Program shall apply. The athlete

will no longer be eligible for monthly training and living support, but will be eligible - if qualified - for Deferred Tuition or Special Needs support.

### **APPEALS**

47. For any matters related to Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-Carding, appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program Section 13 ([www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm)).
48. Any decision of the CSF with respect to the Athlete Assistance Program may be appealed by any member in good standing of the CSF who is materially affected by that decision. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the CSF Appeals Protocol, which is available on the CSF website ([www.canadasnowboard.ca](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)).

### **OTHER ISSUES**

49. Issues not otherwise covered by these Carding Nomination Criteria shall be resolved by the Chief Executive Officer of the CSF, in consultation with the HPP Director.