

2026-2027: SPORT CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CARDING NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA SHEET		
Total Carding Allocation	Olympic Disciplines: 29 Senior Cards or \$614,220 Paralympic Disciplines: 4 Senior Cards or \$84,720	
Card Type: Monthly Stipend: Full Card Amount (12 Months):	Senior International (SR1/SR2) & Senior National (SR) \$2,175 \$26,100	Development (D) \$1,305 \$15,660
Nomination Committee Composition	HPP Directors (Speed & Park and Pipe) HPP Coordinator	
Eligibility Criteria		
Eligible Competitions	Snowboard events on the 2026 Paralympic (POLY) and Olympic (OLY) schedule (Para Snowboardcross, Para Banked Slalom, Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air or Snowboardcross) and only individual results achieved between July 1, 2025 and May 31, 2026 will be considered other than SR2 carding which considers the previous season World Championships events. a) PSL results will be considered for Senior National and Development criteria only as noted b) Team event results are not eligible for carding nominations	
Athlete Eligibility - General Criteria	1. As indicated in the Canada Snowboard High Performance Program General Selection Policy (GSP) 2. Be named as a team member of the 2026-27 Canada Snowboard HPP, which is defined as the National Team or NextGen Team. The HPP Selection Protocol for all disciplines can be found in the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard Website: https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/dpca/	
Athlete Application Process (After Nomination)	a) Complete an AAP Application Form; b) Sign the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement for the HPP program year in question; c) Sign the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) Informed Consent Form, if required by Canada Snowboard; and e) Complete the CCES online anti-doping courses for the year in question.	
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions	Refer to Additional Considerations below and the CS HPP General Selection Protocol (GSP) for Health Related Curtailment and Extenuating Circumstances	
Senior International (SR1/SR2) Carding Criteria		
	OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES	PARALYMPIC
Priority 1 (SR1)	An eligible athlete qualifies for an SR1 Card if they place in the Top Eight (8) and within the Top Half (1/2) of the field at the 2026 Olympic Games (OLY) in their respective discipline.	An eligible athlete qualifies for an SR1 Card if they place in the Top Eight (8) and within the Top Half (1/2) of the field in their respective Sport Classification for Men and Women at the 2026 Paralympics Games (POLY) in their respective discipline.
Priority 2 (SR2)	An eligible athlete qualifies for an SR2 Card if they placed in the Top Eight (8) and within the Top Half (1/2) of the field at the 2025 Engadin FIS Snowboard World Championships (WC4) in their respective discipline.	An eligible athlete qualifies for an SR2 Card if they placed in the Top Eight (8) and within the Top Half (1/2) of the field in their respective Sport Classification for Men and Women at the 2025 Big White FIS Para Snowboard World Championships (PWCH) in their respective discipline.
Note	Only individual Olympic disciplines will be considered for SR1/SR2 carding. This includes PGS, SBX, SBS, SP & BA.	
Senior National (SR) Carding Criteria		
	OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES	PARALYMPIC DISCIPLINES
Priority 1	A. Athletes who place in the Top Third (1/3) of the field at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2025-2026 season: -FIS World Cup; or -2026 Olympic Games; or -800+ point WSPL event (Park and Pipe). B. Athletes named to the HPP who meet the "Health Related Curtailment of Activities" criteria and who were carded during the previous carding cycle at the Senior (SR2, SR) level.	A. Athletes placing on the podium and within the Top-Half (1/2) of the field at one of the following competitions during the 2025-26 season: -FIS Para World Cup; or -2026 Paralympic Games. B. Athletes named to the HPP who meet the "Health Related Curtailment of Activities" criteria and who were carded during the previous carding cycle at the Senior (SR2, SR) level.
Priority 2	Athletes who place in the Top Half (1/2) of the field at one (1) World Cup, 2026 Olympic Games or 800+ WSPL event, and finish the season ranked within the Top 35 in the World on their respective discipline rankings as of the latest FIS Points List (Speed) or WSPL (Park and Pipe) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 season May 31, 2026. Note: Only rankings on the Slopestyle WSPL will be used for Slopestyle/Big Air Athletes. The Parallel (PAR) list will be used for Alpine athletes.	Athletes who place within the Top Third (1/3) of the field for Men or Top Half (1/2) of the field for Women in their respective Sport Classification at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2025-2026 season: -FIS Para World Cup; or -2026 Paralympic Games
Priority 3		Athletes who place within the Top Half (1/2) of the field for Men or Top Two-Thirds (2/3) of the field for Women in their respective Sport Classification at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2025-2026 season: -FIS Para World Cup; or -2026 Paralympic Games
Development (D) Carding Criteria		
	OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES	PARALYMPIC DISCIPLINES
Priority 1	Speed: Athletes who place in the Top Half (1/2) of the field at a minimum of one (1) FIS World Cup or the 2026 Olympic Games; or Park and Pipe: Athletes who place in the Top Half (1/2) of the field at an 800+ Point WSPL event or a FIS World Cup or the 2026 Olympic Games	Athletes who place within the Top Half (1/2) of the field for Men or Top Two-Thirds (2/3) of the field for Women in their respective Sport Classification at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2025-2026 season: -FIS Para World Cup; or -2026 Paralympic Games Note: This priority is only used if there are no longer any Senior (SR) cards available for athletes who have met Priority 3 of the Senior (SR) carding criteria above.
Priority 2	Athletes who podium (place within the Top Three (3)) at the FIS Junior World Championships (JWCH) that falls within the 2025-2026 competition season.	A. Remaining cards will be awarded to the highest ranked Development card eligible athletes based on the Canada Snowboard 'Athlete Ranking'. Rankings will be based on the 'Athlete Points' in either Para Snowboardcross or Banked Slalom; or B. Athletes named to the HPP who meet the "Health Related Curtailment of Activities" criteria and who were carded the previous year at the Development (D) level.
Priority 3	A. Athletes who rank within the Top Three (3) on their respective 2025-26 Nor-Am Tour Overall Ranking; ; or B. Athletes who place within the Top Eight (8) and fall within the Top Third (1/3) of the field at the FIS Junior World Championships (JWCH) that falls within the 2025-2026 competition season.	
Priority 4	A. Remaining cards will be awarded to the highest ranked Development card eligible athletes based on the Canada Snowboard 'Athlete Ranking' or; B. Athletes named to the HPP who meet the "Health Related Curtailment of Activities" criteria and who were carded the previous year at the Development (D) level.	
Ranking and Allocation Process		
Athlete Points Ranking	Athlete ranking will be done separately between the Olympic and Paralympic disciplines. For nomination within the carding priorities, the nomination order will be determined by the cross-discipline Canada Snowboard Athlete Ranking List using the 'Athlete's Points'. This list will be made internally by collecting data from the FIS Points List for Speed and the World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) and the FIS Points List for Park and Pipe. Park and Pipe athletes eligible for carding will be ranked on the same scale as Speed athletes and will be based on the Speed FIS Points rules. Any event that is a FIS World Cup (or higher) or non-FIS event that is 800+ WSPL Points or higher will be calculated on the same point distribution as a FIS Speed World Cup. The athletes' best two (2) results will be averaged and calculated, which will be the same as the Speed FIS Points List for each eligible athlete. The point scale we will use can be referenced on page 5 of the "Rules of the FIS Points Snowboard / Freestyle / Freesk". Note: All Park and Pipe Continental Cup events will use the FIS Points assigned to them from FIS (this includes the Rev Tours and Air Nation events). For the purpose of the nomination rankings, the Slopestyle and Big-Air disciplines will be considered one discipline, and only Slopestyle results will be used for the athlete score ranking. The other four disciplines will be Alpine (including both Parallel Slalom (PSL) and Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS)), Snowboardcross, Halfpipe, and Para-Snowboard (including both Para-Snowboardcross and Banked Slalom).	
Carding Nomination Order	Nominations for AAP will be made in the following order: Carding Level (SR1, SR2, SR, D), Priority # in each carding level, Athlete Points Ranking in each priority. Meaning nominations will be made at each carding level in the order of priority by the athletes points ranking until there are no remaining eligible athletes in the carding level and/or priority before allocating cards to the next carding level and/or priority and so on, until there are no remaining cards, or there are no remaining eligible athletes. Paralympic carding is only available to eligible athletes competing in competitions on the Paralympic program. These cards are not available to athletes competing in competitions on the Olympic program. If there are funds left in either Paralympic or Olympic card allocations following the nomination process, the remaining funds may be used to nominate a further eligible athlete in the other snowboard program. Note: a minimum of four (4) months of carding support must be available for an athlete to be nominated.	
Additional Considerations		
Additional Considerations - 5+ Years of Senior National (SR) Carding	An athlete is expected to progress in their results in order to maintain Senior Card (SR) status. Five (5) years is the maximum that an athlete will be carded at the Senior (SR) level based on national criteria (carding for an injury or at a SR1/SR2/D level will not count towards the five-year maximum). After such time, the Selection Committee, in consultation with Sport Canada, will conduct a comprehensive review of the athlete's performances over the past five years in order to assess whether they have demonstrated progress towards meeting the International Senior (SR1) carding criteria to justify nomination for an additional year at the Senior (SR) carding level. In doing so, the Selection Committee will analyze a variety of elements, including but not limited to the athlete's results and skill progression relative to Top 8 performers in the discipline at the international level, the athlete's trajectory in comparison to historical performance trends (Podium Results Track) based on the average progression patterns of athletes who have previously achieved Top 8 finishes at marquee international competitions (Paralympics, Olympics, World Championships), and data available to Canada Snowboard, at its sole discretion.	
Additional Considerations - Development (D) Carding	All Disciplines - Para SBX & BSL, PGS, PSL, SBX, SBS/BA, HP Athletes previously carded at a Senior level (SR1, SR2, SR, C1) for two (2) or more carding cycles are not eligible for nominations under the Development (D) card criteria, unless they were at the FIS Junior Age Category or in another discipline/sport when they achieved these levels. PSL, PGS and SBX Athletes must be under the age of 25 (U25) as of December 31, 2026, which is five years post the FIS Junior Age Category of these disciplines as of the 2026/27 season. HP and SBS / BA Athletes must be under the age of 22 (U22) as of December 31, 2026, which is four years post the FIS Junior Age Category of these disciplines as of the 2026/27 season.	
Additional Considerations - Health Related Curtailment Carding (Injury)	A 2025-26 carded athlete who, at the end of the 2025-26 carding cycle, has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of their carding status and who has missed at least 15% of events that they would have normally been invited (and planned) to attend as demonstrated by the athletes Individual Performance Plan (IPP), and as documented by Canada Snowboard, strictly due to: - a health-related reason (pregnancy/illness/injury), where the reason has been clearly documented by a Canada Snowboard approved physician (or Physio Lead), or - multiple event cancellations due to a major unforeseen circumstance, such as a global pandemic, In such circumstances, a carded athlete may be considered for re-nomination for carding, at the same carding level, based on the priority of nominations set out in the Carding Criteria, above, provided that sufficient cards remain available at that level, under the following conditions: - The athlete has not started in eight (8) or more events, which will be determined by the competition results throughout the 2025/26 carding cycle (DNF and DSOs will count as a start but DNS will not); - The athlete has fulfilled all communicated Canada Snowboard supervised training and rehabilitation requirements;	
General Selection Policy	For all details on the selection policy and procedures followed in consideration of this Eligibility and Criteria sheet. Please refer to the Canada Snowboard High Performance Program General Selection Policy linked in the Appendix of this document below.	
Revision History		
Approved by and date	Tyler Ashbee - High Performance Director Park & Pipe Disciplines / Kim Krahulec - High Performance Director Speed Disciplines	
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Appendix(-ces) to this Policy	HPP General Selection Policy (GSP)	https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/CS%20General%20Selection%20Policy_100325.pdf
	Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Policy and Procedures	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance/policies-procedures.html