CANADA SNOWBOARD
2027-2028: SPORT CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)
CARDING NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA SHEET

Total Carding Allocation	Olympic Disciplines: 29 Senior Cards or $800,400 Paralympic Disciplines: 4 Senior Cards or $110,400	
Card Type: **Monthly Stipend:** **Full Card Amount (12 Months):**	Senior International (SR1/SR2) & Senior National (SR) $2,300 $27,600	Development (D) $1,380 $16,560
Nomination Committee Composition	HPP Directors (Speed & Park and Pipe) HPP Coordinator	

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Competitions	Snowboard events on the 2030 Paralympic (POLY) and Olympic (OLY) schedule (Para Snowboardcross, Para Banked Slalom, Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air, Snowboardcross or Freeride) and only individual results achieved between July 1, 2026 and May 31, 2027 will be considered other than SR2 carding which considers the previous season Olympic 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 2027-28 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/docs/
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; and d) Complete the Sport Integrity Canada online anti-doping courses (True Sport Clean) 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 2027 FIS Snowboard World Championships (WCH) 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 at the 2027 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships (PWCH) 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 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Olympic Games (OLY) 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 at the 2026 Paralympic Games (POLY) in their respective discipline.
Note	Only individual Olympic disciplines will be considered for SR1/SR2 carding. This includes PGS, SBX, SBS, HP & BA.	Only individual Paralympic disciplines will be considered for SR1/SR2 carding. This includes Para SBX & BSL

Senior National (SR) Carding Criteria

	OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES	PARALYMPIC DISCIPLINES
Priority 1 (S)	A. Athletes who place in the Top Third (1/3) of the field at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2026-2027 season: •FIS World Cup; or •2027 FIS Snowboard World Championships; or •800+ point WSPL event (Park and Pipe); or •Freeride World Tour (FWT) Event. 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 in their respective Sport Classification at one of the following competitions during the 2026-27 season: •FIS Para World Cup; or •2027 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships. 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. Note: Respective Sport Classification indicates the sport class that the athlete is classified under (e.g. Men's LL1, Women's LL2).
Priority 2 (S)	A. Athletes who place in the Top Half (1/2) of the field at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2026-2027 season: •FIS World Cup; or •2027 FIS Snowboard World Championships; or •800+ point WSPL event (Park and Pipe); or •Freeride World Tour (FWT) 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 (Slopestyle / Halfpipe) at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 season May 31, 2027; or qualify for the Freeride World Tour (FWT) for the 2027-28 season. 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.	A. Athletes who place within the Top Third (1/3) of the field in their respective Sport Classification at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2026-2027 season: •FIS Para World Cup; or •2027 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships. Note: Respective Sport Classification indicates the sport class that the athlete is classified under (e.g. Men's LL1, Women's LL2).
Priority 3 (S)	A. Athletes who are named to the Freeride National Team, who place in the Top Third (1/3) of the field result at a Natural Selection Tour event. Athletes must commit to the Olympic Qualification Pathway to be named to the Freeride National Team and for eligibility to carding through this priority.	Athletes who place within the Top Half (1/2) of the field in their respective Sport Classification at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2026-2027 season: •FIS Para World Cup; or •2027 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships. Note: Respective Sport Classification indicates the sport class that the athlete is classified under (e.g. Men's LL1, Women's LL2).

Development (D) Carding Criteria

	OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES	PARALYMPIC DISCIPLINES
Priority 1 (D)	A. Athletes who place in the Top Half (1/2) of the field at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2026-2027 season: •FIS World Cup; or •2027 FIS Snowboard World Championships; or •800+ point WSPL event (Park and Pipe).	Athletes who place within the Top Half (1/2) of the field in their respective Sport Classification at one (1) of the following competitions during the 2026-2027 season: •FIS Para World Cup; or •2027 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships 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. Respective Sport Classification indicates the sport class that the athlete is classified under (e.g. Men's LL1, Women's LL2).
Priority 2 (D)	A. Athletes who podium (place within the Top Three (3)) at the 2027 FIS Junior World Championships (JWCH) in their respective discipline.	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 (D)	A. Athletes who rank within the Top Three (3) on their respective 2026-27 Nor-Am Tour Overall Ranking or Freeride Challenger Series Tour Overall; or B. Athletes who place within the Top Eight (8) and fall within the Top Third (1/3) of the field at the 2027 FIS Junior World Championships (JWCH).	
Priority 4 (D)	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, the World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) and the FIS Points List for Park and Pipe, and the Freeride World Tour (FWT) Ranking list. All athletes eligible for carding will be ranked on the same points scale from the FIS Points rules for event results (1000 for 1st, 900 for 2nd, etc.). Any event that is a FIS World Cup (or higher) or non-FIS event that is on the FWT or an 800+ WSPL Points or higher will be calculated on the same point distribution. The athletes' best two (2) results will be averaged and calculated, which is the same rules as the 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 / Freeski". If the FIS Points rules change or no longer exist - the results will use the same scale to compare across disciplines in an equal and fair way. Note: All events below a 'World Cup' level will use the FIS Points assigned to them from FIS (this includes the Rev Tours and Air Nation events). If required: Athletes with only results on the Freeride Challenger tour or WSPL events that do not meet the 800+ WSPL points will be manually calculated using the FIS Point scale for events worth 260 FIS Points. 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 five disciplines will be Alpine (including both Parallel Slalom (PSL) and Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS)), Snowboardcross, Halfpipe, Freeride and Para-Snowboard (including both Para-Snowboardcross and Banked Slalom).
Carding Nomination Order	Athletes will be nominated for AAP in order of the priority ranking, outlined above, with available cards allocated according to the following carding order: 1. Up to 2x Dev cards for the highest ranked D card eligible athletes in each of the following disciplines: Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Alpine, Snowboardcross 2. Up to 1x Dev card for the highest ranked D card eligible athletes in each of the following disciplines: Para, Freeride 3. Distributed by Carding Level (SR1, SR2, SR, D), Priority # in each carding level, and then by 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. Remaining funds in either Paralympic or Olympic allocations are not able to be transferred between each other. 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. The Selection Committee may also set specific performance benchmarks for an athlete's 5th year of Senior Carding (SR) status. Any such benchmarks will be communicated to the athlete in writing and the athlete will be required to meet these benchmarks, in addition to demonstrating continued progress towards the SR1 carding criteria, in order to be considered for any further nomination.
Additional Considerations - Development (D) Carding	All Disciplines – Para, Alpine, Snowboardcross, Slopestyle/Big Air, Halfpipe and Freeride 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 as of December 31, 2027, which is five years post the FIS Junior Age Category of these disciplines as of the 2027/28 season. HP, SBS / BA, and Freeride Athletes must be under the age of 23 as of December 31, 2027, which is five years post the FIS Junior Age Category of these disciplines as of the 2027/28 season.
Additional Considerations - Health Related Curtailment Carding (Injury)	A 2026-27 carded athlete who, at the end of the 2026-27 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 2026/27 carding cycle (DNF and DSQs will count as a start but DNS will not); • The athlete has fulfilled all communicated Canada Snowboard supervised training and rehabilitation requirements; A carded athlete who misses the performance objectives of the carding criteria, for health-related reasons documented by a Canada Snowboard approved physician, two consecutive seasons of training/competition due to the same health reason (pregnancy/illness/injury), will no longer be eligible for re-nomination for an ''injury card''. i.e. an athlete who is nominated for a card based on injury in the 2026-27 season, for the 2027-28 carding cycle, cannot be re-nominated the following year based on the same injury for the 2028-29 cycle.
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 Style 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