



Alpine Canada Alpin – Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria for 2017-2018 Nominations

INTRODUCTION

The goal of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is to contribute to improved Canadian performances at major international sporting competitions such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games and World Championships. To this end, the AAP identifies and supports athletes already among, or having the potential to be among, the top 16 in the world.

Athletes approved by Sport Canada for the AAP may be eligible for a living and training allowance, tuition support, deferred tuition support, and special needs assistance. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly financial compensation as follows:

Card Type	Monthly Compensation	Annual Value
Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)	\$1,500	\$18,000
Senior National Card (SR)	\$1,500	\$18,000
Senior Probationary Card (C1)	\$900	\$10,800
Development Card (D)	\$900	\$10,800
D-Regional (D-Reg)	\$900	\$10,800

Further information on the Sport Canada AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada website at:
http://canada.pch.gc.ca/DAMAssetPub/DAM-PCH2-sport-sport/STAGING/texte-text/athleteAssistanceProgram_1421333786429_eng.pdf?WT.contentAuthority=13.0

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered for nomination for AAP support, athletes must:

- Be named to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team (CAST A, B, C or special invitee status) Development Team, or Regional Development athletes specifically identified by Canadian Alpine Ski Team (CAST) Alpine Staff.
- Be a permanent resident of Canada on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete must have been a legal resident in Canada (student status, refugee status, work visa or permanent resident) for a minimum period of one year before being considered for AAP support. The athlete would normally have been expected to participate in ACA sanctioned activities during that period.
- Must be eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including FIS World Championships, at the beginning of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being nominated per eligibility requirements of Federation International de Ski (FIS)
- Achieve results meeting the published ACA Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria
- Participate in national team preparatory and annual training programs unless a request for an exemption due to injury, illness or other legitimate circumstance is approved in advance in writing by the Alpine Athletic Director
- Must commit to sign an Athlete Agreement as required by ACA and Sport Canada
- Must be a member in good standing of the Alpine High Performance Program (CAST, Development Team or Regional Development program)
- Must not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense



DEFINITIONS

World Cup Start List (WCSL) refers to the final standings for each discipline at the completion of all World Cup races for the 2016-2017 season (April).

*Exception for the Combined discipline. Combined ranking will only apply if the athlete is ranked in the top 50% of all athletes ranked on the WCSL.

FIS World Ranking (WR) or FIS List refers to an athlete's world ranking in a discipline according to the final list (list #13-April, 2017) including all race results of the prior season on the FIS List.

PRIORITY OF NOMINATIONS

Alpine Canada currently has a maximum card quota of \$450,000. The card quota that is subject to change based on Sport Canada's AAP review that normally take place after every Olympic/Paralympic Games.

Cards will be allocated in the following Priority order to eligible athletes named to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team:

1. Athletes who meet SR1 criteria;
2. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR2 level the previous year, ranked based on FIS list ranking (FIS list #13 – April, 2017);
3. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority 1 criteria;
4. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority 2 criteria;
5. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR/C1 level the previous year, ranked based on FIS list ranking (FIS list #13 – April, 2017).

If a card quota is remaining after all CAST A, B and C athletes, who have met the above senior criteria have been approved, it will be available to nominate athletes that meet the Development (D) card criteria.

D Cards will be allocated in the following priority order:

6. Athletes who meet the D Priority 1 criteria;
7. Athletes who meet injury requirements, were carded at the D level the previous year and named to the Development Team.
8. Athletes who meet the D Priority 2 criteria;

CARDING LEVEL CRITERIA

The Athlete Assistance Program qualification criteria are as follows:

1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada establishes the international criteria used to award the SR1 and SR2 cards. These criteria are based on results in Olympic events at the World Championships and at the Olympic Games.

Athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for SR1/SR2 cards:

- Finish in the top 8 and in top ½ of the field in an Olympic event at the 2017 World Alpine Ski Championships (WSC), St. Moritz.



- A maximum of 3 entries per nation will count toward this result.
- In the Alpine Team Event, the athlete must compete in the event to be eligible for nomination.*

For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates, athletes meeting this criteria will be ranked in order of their best result at the 2017 WSC.

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated for two consecutive years; the card for the first year is referred to as an SR1 card, while the second-year card is known as an SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by ACA and maintaining a training and competitive program approved by ACA.

2. SENIOR NATIONAL CARDING CRITERIA (SR/C1)

The criteria for Senior national cards has been designed to identify athletes with the potential to achieve the international criteria. Athletes nominated for Senior cards for the first time are awarded C1 cards.

CAST's athletes must meet the one of following criteria may be eligible for SR/C1:

Priority 1 – World Championships or Olympic Games

- Finish 9th to 16th in an Olympic event at 2017 World Alpine Ski Championships (WSC), St. Moritz
- A maximum of 3 entries per nation will count toward this result.
- In the Alpine Team Event, the athlete must compete in the event to be eligible for nomination*

For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates, athletes meeting this criteria will be ranked in order of their best result at the 2017 WSC.

*Per Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures 5.2: In individual sports with team type or relay events, athletes who compete in the event will be awarded a Senior International Card (SR1/SR2) based on the result of the team/relay in the final.

Priority 2 - FIS List/WCSL rank

- CAST athletes meeting the below SR/C1 progression. The best result on the WCSL or FIS World Rank (**based on FIS list #13 – April, 2017**) will be used, whatever is more favourable for the athlete.

For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates meeting criteria, rankings will be used from the unaltered lists, i.e.: the maximum three per nation lists will not be used for this calculation.

The carding criteria starts the first year an athlete becomes carded at the Senior level, i.e. C1. The following progression then applies to each successive year for the athlete to remain eligible for carding support at the SR levels (SR1, SR2, SR and C1).

SR/C1 Progression:

Women:

Year 4 and 5	1 Discipline: Top 70 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 95 WR or less
Year 3	1 Discipline: Top 85 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 120 WR or less
Year 2	1 Discipline: Top 105 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 145 WR or less
Year 1 (C1)	1 Discipline: Top 130 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 170 WR or less



Men:

Year 5	1 Discipline: Top 70 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 100 WR or less.
Year 4	1 Discipline: Top 90 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 120 WR or less,
Year 3	1 Discipline: Top 125 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 155 WR or less,
Year 2	1 Discipline: Top 155 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 190 WR or less
Year 1 (C1)	1 Discipline: Top 190 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 220 WR or less

Athletes that have started the Senior levels progression, and are carded at the D level or at the injury, will need to meet the progression missed to be eligible for carding the next year. Example: athlete carded C1 in 13-14 and D in 14-15 will need to meet SR criteria Year 2 to be eligible for carding support in 15-16.

Maximum number of years at Senior National Card Level

Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Senior National Card (SR/C1) status is five (5). Years carded at the SR injury, SR1, SR2 and when the athletes was still FIS junior age will not count toward this maximum.

In order to be nominated for carding for 6th or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward International Senior Card status (SR1 and SR2) and be recommended by Alpine Canada Alpin.

3. DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

Development cards are intended to support the developmental needs of younger athletes who clearly demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior Card international criteria but are not yet able to meet the Senior Card criteria.

Normally, a Development Card cannot be allocated to an athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more than two years, except for an athlete carded as a senior card while still eligible to compete at the Junior international age level.

Eligible athletes will be nominated in the following priority order:

Priority 1: Development Team (D) athletes.

Priority 2: Regional Development (D-Reg) program athletes.

Notes:

- 1) Development Team athletes will be ranked according to the Q-List Rankings used for Development Team Selection in accordance with the ACA Team Selection Criteria.
- 2) Regional Development program athletes will be ranked according to the Q-List Rankings used for Development Team Selection in accordance with the ACA Team Selection Criteria. Regional Development cards will be allocated equally between men and women.
- 3) Regional Development program athletes that are selected will be required to provide: a yearly training plan, dryland testing results, medical history and athlete tracking each month during the carding cycle year to



the ACA Domestic Director.

The carding criteria starts with the first year an athlete becomes carded at the D level.

Maximum number of years at Development level

Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Development Card (D) status is four (4). Years carded at the D injury will not count toward this maximum.

In order to be carded for more years (5) the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward Senior Card status and be recommended by Alpine Canada Alpin.

INJURY STATUS

A carded athlete who at the end of the carding cycle has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of carding status because of strictly health related reasons may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming year provided the athlete meet the requirements set out by Sport Canada's "Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health-related" AAP policy (section 9.1.3)

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514343755/1414514385181>

For exceptions to the SR, C1, and D card criteria made on the basis of Athlete injuries, a specific criteria for the continuation of carding for future years shall be determined on a case by case basis considering details of the injury and expected recovery requirements.

When an athlete is carded on an injury provision in any given year, that year is not counted as a year for AAP qualification criteria toward the national senior card priority 2 criteria or development criteria. An athlete who receives injury status in year two (2) of the carding will be eligible for carding under the national senior card priority 2 criteria in year three based on year two criteria.

APPEALS

Appeals of Alpine Canada Alpin's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of an Alpine Canada Alpin's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the Alpine Canada Alpin's review process, which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). Appeals of AAP Decision made under Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards or Section 11 (Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of the AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.