

**Alpine Canada Alpin (Para-Alpine) – Sport Canada
Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria
2016-2017 Nominations**

Qualification Criteria

Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team (CPAST) athletes, in order to qualify for the benefits of the Athlete Assistance Program, must comply with the criteria stipulated by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program.

Eligibility

The program is available to the members of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team, CPAST Development Group or Prospect Program who meet Carding Qualification Criteria.

Priority of Nominations

CPAST is currently eligible to receive the equivalent of 15 Senior cards and is subject to change based on review. This includes SR1/SR2/SR/C1 and D cards.

Cards will be allocated in the following Priority order.

1. Athletes who meet SR1 criteria;
2. Athletes who meet SR2 criteria;
3. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR2 level the previous year, ranked based on IPCAS list points (IPCAS May list);
4. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 priority 1 criteria;
5. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 priority 2 criteria based on IPCAS List points (IPCAS May list);
6. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR/C1 level the previous year, ranked based on IPCAS list points (IPCAS May list);

If there are cards remaining after all athletes who meet the above criteria have been approved, the remaining SR cards will be allocated as D cards.

The remaining cards will be allocated to athletes who met D card criteria based on the following priority:

1. Athletes who meet the D card criteria;
2. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the D level the previous year, ranked based on IPCAS list points (IPCAS May list);

Athlete Assistance Program Qualification Criteria

International Senior Card

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by the NSO for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by the NSO and a training and competitive program approved by the NSO and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO Agreement and complete an AAP Application Form for the year in question.

SR1 and SR2 cards are awarded based upon results in Paralympic disciplines at the World Championship or the Paralympics Games.

International Senior Criteria (SR1, SR2)

Athletes must be selected to the Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team in order to be eligible for SR1/SR2 cards and meet the following criteria:

Paralympic & World Championships:

Top 8 and top ½ counting a maximum of three entries per country

Note: The next opportunity to qualify for a SR1 Card will be at the 2017 World Championships.

Note: For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates meeting the criteria, athletes will be ranked based on their lowest IPCAS points from the annual IPCAS May list.

National Senior Card (SR/C1)

Athletes must be selected to the Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team in order to be eligible for SR/C1 cards and meet one of the following criteria:

1st Priority: Athletes placing in the top 15 and top ½ of the final (May 2016) IPCAS Point list with a minimum of 10 countries represented on the list.

2nd Priority: Athletes that have accumulated the following points, based on the number of years carded at the National Senior Card levels. Injury and International Senior cards do not count toward this progression.

Number of years of a National Senior Card (SR or C1). Entering:	Criteria
4 th year or more of carding	Less than 80 IPCAS points in at least two disciplines.
3 rd year of carding	Less than 100 IPCAS points in at least two disciplines and less than 120 IPCAS points in at least 3 disciplines.
2 nd year of carding	Less than 120 IPCAS points in at least two disciplines and less than 100 IPCAS points in one discipline.
1 st year of carding	No restriction to athletes nominated to the Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team.

Example: If an athlete was carded C1 in 2014-15, and SR in 2015-16, to be eligible for nomination for 2016-17, the athlete would need to have meet criteria for entering 3rd year of carding: Less than 100 IPCAS points in at least two disciplines and less than 120 IPCAS points in at least 3 disciplines.

Generally

1. C1 carded athletes are funded at the Development Card level in the first year they meet the national criteria for a Senior Card even if they have previously been carded at the Development (D) level. If, however, the athlete has been carded at the SR1 or SR2 level before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card, the athlete will be funded at the Senior Card (SR) level rather than at the Development Card level.
2. Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Senior Card (SR/C1) status is five (5).

In order to be nominated for a card six (6) or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward International Senior Card status (SR1/SR2) and be recommended by Alpine Canada.
3. For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates meeting the criteria, athletes will be ranked based on their lowest IPCAS points from the annual IPCAS May list.

Development Card (D)

Athletes must be selected to the Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team, CFAST Development Group or Prospect Program in order to be eligible for D cards and must have accumulated the following point base on the number of year carded at the Development Card levels. Injury card(s) do not count toward this progression:

Number of years with Development Card Entering:	Criteria
3 rd year or more carding	Six (6) IPC sanctioned race starts and less than 160 points in 2 disciplines
2 nd year of carding	Minimum of three (3) IPC sanctioned race starts and less than 250 points in 1 discipline
1 st year of carding	No restrictions to athletes nominated to Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team, CFAST Development Group or Prospect Program.

Generally

1. Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Development Card (D) status is three (3).

In order to be carded for four (4) or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward Senior Card status and be recommended by Alpine Canada.
2. Athlete who has been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 levels are not eligible for D cards.
3. Normally a Development card cannot be allocated to an athlete previously carded at the Senior level (SR, C1) for more than two years, except for an athlete carded at the Senior card level while still a junior athlete.
4. For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates meeting the criteria, number of IPCAS points in the athlete's lowest discipline will be used from the annual IPCAS May list.

Injury Status

1. 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>
2. For exceptions to the SR, C1 or D card criteria made on the basis of athlete injuries, 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.
3. 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.

I.e.: An athlete who receives injury status in year two of the carding will be eligible for carding under the National Senior Card priority 2 criteria in year 3 based on year 2 criteria.

Appeal

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.