



## Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria for 2018-2019 Nominations

### **1.0 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:

<b>Card Type</b>	<b>Monthly Compensation</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>
Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)	\$1,765	\$21,180
Senior National Card (SR)	\$1,765	\$21,180
Senior Probationary Card (C1)	\$1,060	\$12,720
Development Card (D)	\$1,060	\$12,720
D-Regional (D-Reg)	\$1,060	\$12,720

Further information on the Sport Canada AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada website at: [https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/pch/documents/services/funding/athlete-assistance/athlete\\_assistance\\_program\\_2015-eng.pdf](https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/pch/documents/services/funding/athlete-assistance/athlete_assistance_program_2015-eng.pdf)

### **2.0 ELIGIBILITY**

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

- Be named to CAST, CAST Development Team, or Regional Development athletes specifically identified by 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

### **3.0 DEFINITIONS**

1. “CAST” refers to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team (A, B and C Team or Special Invitee Status)
2. “World Cup Start List (WCSL)” refers to the final standings for each discipline at the completion of all World Cup races for the 2017-2018 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.
3. “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, 2018) including all race results of the prior season on the FIS List.
4. “FIS World Junior Ranking” refers to an athlete’s world junior ranking in a discipline according to the final list (list #13 – April, 2018) including all race results of the prior season on the FIS List.
5. “2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria” refers to the tiered and ranking of athletes outlined under section IV in the 2018/19 Nomination Guidelines for Selection to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team and Development Team.
6. “CAST Alpine Staff” refers to the discipline Head Coaches, Alpine Athletic Director, Domestic Sport Director, Sport Science Director and Chief Medical Officer.

### **4.0 PRIORITY OF NOMINATIONS**

Alpine Canada currently has a maximum card quota of 423,600. 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 CAST (A,B and C only):

1. Athletes who meet SR1 criteria;
2. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR2 level the previous year;
3. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority 1 criteria;
4. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority 2 criteria;
5. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority 3 criteria;



6. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR/C1 level the previous year.

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

D Cards will be allocated in the following priority order:

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

If card quota is remaining after all athletes who meet the above criteria and have been approved, it will be available to nominate athletes in the following priority order:

9. Athletes named to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team under special invitee status
10. Athletes who meet the D Priority 2 criteria

## **5.0 CARDING LEVEL CRITERIA**

The Athlete Assistance Program qualification criteria are as follows:

### **5.1. 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 2018 Olympic Winter Games (OWG), PyeongChang
- 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\*

\*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.

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 2018 OWG.

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.

## 5.2. 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 – CAST "A" Team selected athletes

- Athletes will be ranked according to the 2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria\*

### Priority 2 – CAST "B" Team selected athletes

- Athletes will be ranked according to the 2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria\*

### Priority 3 – CAST "C" Team selected athletes

- Athletes will be ranked according to the 2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria\*

Athletes named to CAST under special invitee status will be ranked according to the 2018/19 CAST Selection Criteria, and prioritized according to point 4.9.

\*In the event that two or more athletes are ranking equally according to the 2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria, for the purpose of creating a priority listing, rankings will be used from the WCSL. If equal on the WCSL, rankings will then be used from the FIS List.

### SR/C1 Progression:

In addition to having been named to CAST (A, B, C) athletes need to achieve annual performance benchmarks to maintain their eligibility for Senior National carding. The requirements are outlined in the table below.

#### **Women:**

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



**Men:**

<b>Year 5</b>	1 Discipline: Top 70 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 100 WR or less.
<b>Year 4</b>	1 Discipline: Top 90 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 120 WR or less,
<b>Year 3</b>	1 Discipline: Top 125 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 155 WR or less,
<b>Year 2</b>	1 Discipline: Top 155 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 190 WR or less
<b>Year 1 (C1)</b>	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 14-15 and D in 15-16 will need to meet SR criteria Year 2 to be eligible for carding support in 16-17.

**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 6 or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward International Senior Card status (SR1 and SR2) and be recommended by Alpine Canada Alpin. Proof of progression will be determined by the Alpine, Athletic Director with input from the CAST Alpine Staff, taking into consideration the athlete's on-snow results, fitness testing and evaluation of the athlete's commitment to reaching International Senior Card status.

**6.0. 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, an athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more than two years cannot be nominated for a Development Card, 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.

- Development Team athletes will be ranked according to the FIS World Junior Ranking used for



Development Team Selection in accordance with the 2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria.

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

- Regional Development program athletes will be ranked according to the FIS World Junior Ranking used for Development Team Selection in accordance with the 2018/19 CAST Team Selection Criteria. Regional Development cards will be allocated equally between men and women.
- 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. . Proof of progression will be determined by the Alpine, Athletic Director with input from the CAST Alpine Staff, taking into consideration the athlete's on-snow results, fitness testing and evaluation of the athlete's commitment to reaching International Senior Card status.

### **7.0 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.

### **8.0 APPEALS**

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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.