



**Alpine Canada Alpin (Para-Alpine) – Sport Canada  
Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria  
2020-2021 Nominations**

**Qualification Criteria**

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

Note: In case of wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of these criteria, the English wording takes precedence.

**Eligibility**

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

**Priority of Nominations**

CPAST is currently eligible to receive the equivalent of 14 Senior cards (\$296,520). This includes SR1/SR2/SR/C1 and D cards. Sport Canada regularly reviews all sports quotas and will be communicated with Alpine Canada Alpin once new quotas are approved.

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

**Athlete Assistance Program Qualification Criteria**

**Senior International Criteria**

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.

**Senior International Card (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 in any Paralympic discipline counting a maximum of three entries per country

Note: The next opportunity to qualify for a SR1 Card will be at the 2021 World Championships.

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

**Senior National 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:

**1<sup>st</sup> Priority:** Athletes placing in the top 15 and top ½ of the annual WPAS May Point list in any discipline with a minimum of 10 countries represented on the list.

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

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

**Example:** If an athlete was carded C1 in 2018-19, and SR in 2019-20, to be eligible for nomination for 2020-21, the athlete would need to have met criteria for entering 3<sup>rd</sup> year of carding: Less than 100 WPAS points in at least two disciplines and less than 120 WPAS 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 or has competed in the World Championships or Paralympic Games 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 National Card (SR/C1) status is five (5), excluding years at Senior International Card (SR1/SR2).

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, or qualify for the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Teams “A Team” as set forth in the CPAST Selection Criteria (<http://alpinecanada.org/community/docs-forms>) 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 WPAS points from the annual WPAS May list.
4. Paralympic cards awarded mid carding cycle (i.e. during a Paralympic season) will not count towards an athlete’s number of years at a National Senior (SR/C1) card level.

**Development Card (D)**

Athletes must be selected to the CPAST NextGen Team or Prospect Program in order to be eligible for D cards and must have accumulated the following point’s base on the number of years carded at the Development Card levels. Injury card(s) do not count toward this progression:

<b>Number of years with Development Card Entering:</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> year or more carding	Six (6) WPAS sanctioned race starts and less than 160 points in 2 disciplines
2 <sup>nd</sup> year of carding	Minimum of three (3) WPAS sanctioned race starts and less than 250 points in 1 discipline
1 <sup>st</sup> year of carding	No restrictions to athletes nominated to Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team, CPAST NextGen Team 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 an athlete previously carded at the Senior level (SR, C1) for more than two years may not be nominated for a Development card , excluding years the athlete was 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 WPAS points in the athlete’s lowest discipline will be used from the annual WPAS May list.

**Guides of Visually Impaired Athletes**

A visually impaired Athlete approved for nomination will normally result in two cards – one for the visually impaired athlete, the other for a Guide. Both Athlete and Guide will be put forward based on the ranking of the visually impaired Athlete, with the Guide ranked immediately behind the Athlete. In the event there is not enough funding to give both Athlete and Guide, the funding will be pooled, and the Athletes and Guide will receive equal amounts, as long as four months of carding is available for both Athlete and Guide. If there is less than four month of funding available for everyone, all funding will go to the visually impaired athlete. If an odd number of months are available for carding which cannot be divided equally, the visually impaired athlete will receive the extra month of carding.

For example if 9 months of carding is available, the Athlete will receive 5 months of carding, and the Guide will received 4 months.

1. The Guide must be named to the Canadian Para-Alpine Senior Ski Team, CFAST NextGen Team or Prospect Program and guide the visually impaired Athlete.
2. A visually impaired Athlete may change Guides during the carding cycle if, in the opinion of the Para-Alpine Athletic Director or Head Coach, it is necessary for performance-based reason. In this case it may be possible to reallocate the remaining carding support to the new Guide.
3. Visually impaired Athletes may change Guides when the Guides retires at the end of the season, before carding nominations are made.
4. If a guide changes for any reason, carding will apply as follows:
  - If the new Guide is currently carded at the SR level, he/she will maintain this carding level
  - If the new Guide is not currently carded and the visually impaired Athlete is carded at the SR level, the Guide will be eligible for the Senior Card if he/she has previously been carded at the C1 level, or at the C1 level is he/she has not previously been carded at the Senior Level
  - If the new Guide is not currently carded and the visually impaired Athlete is carded at the D level, the Guide will be eligible for a D card.
5. More than one Guide per visually impaired athlete may be nominated for Sport Canada AAP support. Each Guide must have a full training and competition schedule and be fully integrated with the visually impaired Athlete's program. Additional Guides must be approved for AAP support by Sport Canada.
6. The Guide is eligible for injury status if he/she or his/her visually impaired Athlete becomes injured and meets Injury Status Criteria.

### **Injury Status Criteria**

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>

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

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 Senior National 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 Senior National 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.