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Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

Carding Criteria for 2021 Nominations

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Sport Canada's "Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)" is a federal government grant program that provides direct financial assistance to Canadian high-performance athletes.
- 1.2 Taekwondo Canada develops its sport-specific AAP criteria, which are aligned with Sport Canada's AAP policies and procedures. The criteria are submitted to Sport Canada for their review prior to being published and circulated.
- 1.3 Carded athlete status is a privilege designated for athletes who have demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate, outstanding abilities and commitment to regimented training and performance in the sport of taekwondo.
- 1.4 The purpose of the program is to identify and provide funding to the athletes who have met the Sport Canada Senior International Carding Criteria or demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior international Carding criteria.
- 1.5 Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director is responsible for the nomination of the eligible athletes for the AAP. Sport Canada approves the nominations in accordance to the AAP policies and the published NSO approved AAP compliant carding criteria.

2 The Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

- 2.1 The Taekwondo Canada AAP is funded by Sport Canada through its Athlete Assistance Program. The maximum number of Cards for each cycle is determined by Sport Canada.
- 2.2 The Carding cycle for 2021 shall be January 1st, 2021 to December 31st, 2021.
- 2.3 In January, 2020, Sport Canada has allocated Taekwondo a max quota of five (5) Senior cards, equivalent to \$105,900.
- 2.4 Due to the limited amount of card available, meeting carding criteria does not automatically qualify an athlete for a card.
- 2.5 A maximum of two (2) athletes from the same WT Olympic weight division may be nominated for a Senior or Development Card.
- 2.6 Sport Canada reviews carding allocations (to NGB's) on a regular basis and therefore the total available to Taekwondo Canada is subject to change. Any change to this number will be communicated once determined by Sport Canada.



3 Levels of Support available:

3.1 Athletes approved by Sport Canada for AAP may be eligible for a living and training allowance, tuition support (in a Sport Canada approved institution, including the NCCP program) and deferred tuition support.

3.2 The following table shows the different types of Cards available:

Card Type	Monthly Stipend	Annual Value
Senior International Card (SR1 / SR2)	\$1765	\$21,180
Senior National Card (SR)	\$1765	\$21,180
1 st Year Senior Card (C1)	\$1060	\$12,720
Development Card (D)	\$1060	\$12,720
Injury Card (SRinj)	\$1765	\$21,180

3.3 The AAP program also provides athletes with the possibility of additional financial assistance in relation to specific circumstances, such as achievement of excellence at major Games, relocation, retirement, etc.

For more details on the support available, please consult the Sport Canada policy online [HERE](#)

4 Eligibility Requirements

4.1 Athlete must have achieved the Carding criteria within an Olympic Weight Class, which includes World Weight Divisions where ranking points are earned and cumulated into WT Olympic Weight Ranking.

4.2 Athlete must be a Competitive Registered Participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada AND must have a valid WT Global Athlete License.

4.3 Athlete must currently be a Canadian citizen and be eligible to represent Canada at all WT major international events (including World Championships, Olympic Games, and Grand Prix events).

4.4 Athlete must also complete the AAP application form and the online anti-doping courses.

4.5 Athlete must participate in mandatory training or testing camps as determined by Taekwondo Canada.

4.6 Athlete must have signed the Athlete Agreement with Taekwondo Canada.



5 Priority Order

Eligible athletes will be nominated for AAP support in the following order:

- 5.1 Athletes eligible for a Senior International Card (**SR1/SR2**).
- 5.2 ONE (1) Development card will be given if Development Card criteria (D) are met.
- 5.3 Athletes eligible under the Health-Related conditions (**SRinj**).
- 5.4 Athletes eligible for a Senior National Cards (**SR/C1**).
- 5.5 Athletes eligible for a Development Card (**D**).

6 2021 Carding Criteria

6.1 Senior International Card Criteria (**SR1/SR2**):

- Finish in the **Top 8 AND Top Half of the field** in one of the **Olympic** Weight Divisions at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan as per chart below:

Ladies: Top 8	F-49kg	F-57kg	F-67kg	F+67kg
Men: Top 8	M-58kg	M-68kg	M-80kg	M+80kg

Note: Athletes meeting the Senior International Card criteria are eligible to be nominated for two (2) consecutive years. The second year (SR2) is contingent on athlete maintaining a training & competitive program approved by the High-Performance Director of Taekwondo Canada.

Prioritization: (if more than 5 athletes meet the Senior International Criteria)

1. Best Finish at 2020 Olympic Games
2. Best WT Olympic ranking (as per January 2021)
3. Best WT World ranking (as per January 2021)

6.2 Senior National Card Criteria (**SR/C1**):

- Any participant(s) at the 2020 Olympic Games (Tokyo, Japan) that didn't qualify under 6.1 **OR**
- Finish **Top 10** in the 2020 Grand Prix Final **OR**
- Ranked **Top 16** on the WT Olympic Ranking published in January 2021

Prioritization: (if more athletes than cards available after 6.2)

1. Best finish at the 2020 Olympic Games (Tokyo, Japan)
2. Best finish at a 2020 Grand Prix event
3. Best WT Olympic rank (as of January 2021)
4. Best WT World ranking (as per January 2021)

Note: An athlete will normally be carded for a maximum of five (5) years at the Senior card level. Additional years of carding can be available only if the athlete meet the international Senior carding criteria or clearly demonstrate continued progress toward placing in the top 8 and top ½ of the field at the Senior World Championships and/or the Olympic Games. Taekwondo Canada can establish minimum standards for nomination purposes. These standards will be communicated to the athletes concerned.



6.3 Development Card Criteria (D):

- Podium finish at 2020 World Junior Championships (Sofia, BUL) **OR**
- Athlete ranked Top 32 in WT Olympic ranking (as per January 2021)

Prioritization:

1. Best finish at 2020 World Junior Championships (Sofia, BUL)
2. Senior athlete with best WT Olympic Ranking (as per January 2021)
3. Best WT World ranking (as per January 2021)

Restrictions:

- Once an athlete reaches the Senior age, as defined in the IF regulations, he or she may be eligible for the Developmental card for a maximum of 4 years
- A senior age athlete previously carded at the Senior level for more than two (2) years is no longer eligible for nomination at the Development level, except if he or she was carded at these levels when he or she was still a junior age athlete.

6.4 Injury / Health related card (Srinj):

At the end of a carding cycle during which an athlete has, strictly for health-related reasons, not achieved the criteria required for the renewal of carded status, he or she may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

1. The athlete was carded at the Senior card level at the end of the previous carding cycle
2. The athlete duly notified the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director, or delegate, in writing of their injury or health status within 14 days of the date of diagnosis or of the date when the athlete had to interrupt their training. A licensed sport medicine practitioner must make any such signed diagnosis.
3. Conditions outlined in the Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures section 9.1.3 “Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health-related Reasons” apply to all injury and health related condition applications.

7 Approval of Cards

Taekwondo Canada will apply the criteria contained within this document to nominate athletes for AAP. Ultimately, the final decision on granting AAP carding is made by Sport Canada. Final approval of nominations is determined by Sport Canada.

8 Appeals Process

Appeals of Taekwondo Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decisions or of a Taekwondo Canada recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued through Taekwondo Canada’s review process. Appeals of AAP decisions made under Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards) or Section 11 (Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures.