



Taekwondo Canada 2017 Carding Criteria Published June 1, 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

- Sport Canada’s “Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a federal government grant program that provides direct financial assistance to Canadian high-performance athletes” (2015 Public Works and Government Services Canada)
- Taekwondo Canada describes the carding criteria for athletes to be eligible for nomination for AAP support. It is intended to allow fair and equitable treatment for athletes and ensure objective and transparent selections.
- 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.
- The purpose of the program is to identify and provide funding to the athletes who have met the international Carding criteria or demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior international Carding criteria.
- Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director is responsible for the nomination of the eligible athletes for the AAP. The High Performance Director is responsible for the review and approval of 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)

- Taekwondo Canada athlete assistance is funded by Sport Canada through its AAP. The maximum number of Cards for each cycle is determined by Sport Canada. The



Sport Canada policy and procedures which outline the AAP and the establishment and application of criteria can be found on the Sport Canada website at:

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

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The athlete must have achieved the Carding criteria in an Olympic Weight Class for Canada.
- The athlete must be a Competitive Registered Participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- Athletes must have a valid WTF Global Athletes License.
- The athlete must currently be a Canadian citizen and be eligible to represent Canada at all major international events (including World Championships, Olympic Games, and Grand Prix events) under the eligibility requirements of the World Taekwondo Federation as it pertains to citizenship.
- In general, an athlete must maintain his or her residence within Canada during the carding period to remain eligible for Carding. To remain eligible for Carding while living outside of Canada, the athlete must request special permission from Taekwondo Canada and is subject to approval by Sport Canada. Taekwondo Canada reserves the right to reject such a request.
- The athlete must have either competed in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, representing Team Canada or compete in at least three (3) of the following:
 - 3.6.1 2016 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships;
 - 3.6.2 Any WTF-sanctioned G1 ranked international competition held in 2016 representing Canada;
 - 3.6.3 Any WTF-sanctioned G2 ranked international competition held in 2016 representing Canada;
 - 3.6.4 2016 Pan Am Championships, representing Team Canada
- To obtain and maintain Carded athlete status the athlete must sign, accept, and adhere to the obligations as outlined in Taekwondo Canada's Carded Athlete Agreement. The athlete must also complete the AAP application form and the online anti-doping courses.
- No Carding application will be processed without the signed Athlete Agreement being filed with Taekwondo Canada.

4. CARD ALLOCATION AND NUMBER OF CARDS





- The Carding quota for taekwondo is seven Senior Cards or the equivalent \$126,000 and is subject to change based on Sport Canada's annual review. Therefore, due to the limited amount of Cards available, meeting Carding criteria does not automatically qualify an athlete for a Card. Sport Canada will review card quotas for all sport following the 2016 Olympic/Paralympic Games, therefore Taekwondo Canada's card quota may change.
- A maximum of two athletes from the same WTF Olympic weight division may be nominated for a Senior Card (SR1/SR2, SR/C1).
- A maximum of two athletes from the same WTF Olympic weight divisions can be nominated for a Development Card.

5. PRIORITY ORDER

- Eligible athletes will be nominated for AAP support in the following priority order:
 - 5.1.1 Athletes eligible for the Senior International (SR1/SR2) card.
 - 5.1.2 Athletes eligible under the health-related conditions.
 - 5.1.3 Athletes eligible for SR/C1 cards.
 - 5.1.4 Athletes eligible for D cards.

Note: A minimum of four (4) months of AAP support must be available to nominate an athlete to the AAP.

6. CARDING CRITERIA

- Senior International Carding Criteria (SR1/SR2)
 - 6.1.1 Sport Canada establishes the performance standards for international criteria used to award Senior International Cards. The following are the current standards for international criteria:
 - 6.1.1.1 Finish in the top 8 in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and
 - 6.1.1.2 Finish in the top half of the division in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
 - 6.1.2 Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by Taekwondo Canada 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 card.
- Senior National Carding Criteria (SR/C1)
 - 6.2.1 Available SR/C1 Cards are awarded to athletes who have achieved the following minimum performance results:
 - 6.2.1.1 Participation in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
 - or



6.2.1.2 Finish with a medal win at the 2016 Pan Am Championships and finish with a minimum of one win

or

6.2.1.3 Ranked in the top 10 on the WTF Olympic ranking published in January 2017 (reflecting ranking points earned up until December 31, 2016)

6.2.2 Tie Breaking:

6.2.2.1 In the case of a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who has participated at 2016 Rio Olympic Games

6.2.2.2 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who has the highest medal standing at 2016 Pan Am Championships

6.2.2.3 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who is ranked the highest in the top 10 on the WTF Olympic ranking published in January 2017 (reflecting ranking points earned up until December 31, 2016)

6.2.2.4 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who had the greater number of wins at the 2016 Pan Am Championships

6.2.2.5 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who is ranked the highest in the top 10 on the WTF World Championship ranking published in January 2017 (reflecting ranking points earned up until December 31, 2016).

6.2.2.6 If there is still a tie, Taekwondo Canada's High Performance Director will select a 3 to 5 member panel tasked with determining which athlete will be nominated.

6.2.3 Maximum number of years at Senior Card level:

6.2.3.1 Once an athlete reaches the senior age as defined in the IF regulations (17 years old and over) an athlete is expected to progress in their results in order to maintain senior card status. Once an athlete has been carded for more than 5 years at the Senior card levels (SR1, SR2, SR, SR injury, C1, OLY) to be recommended for additional years of carding support, the athlete must 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.

6.2.3.2 Athletes that have reached this maximum number of years will be informed by Taekwondo Canada of the minimum standard they must meet to be eligible for nomination for an additional year of AAP support

- **Development Carding Criteria (D)**

6.3.1 If after the application of the Senior international and the Senior national carding criteria a carding quota is available, athletes who meet the following Development card criteria will be eligible for nominations:

The highest ranked Canadian athletes within the top 40 on the WTF Olympic Ranking published in January 2017 (reflecting ranking points earned up until December 31, 2016)

6.3.2 Tie Breaking:

6.3.2.1 Priority will be given to the athlete who has the highest medal standing at 2016 Canadian National Championships





6.3.2.2 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who had the greater number of wins at the 2016 Canadian National Championships

6.3.2.3 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who has the highest ranking in the WTF World Championship ranking published in January 2017 (reflecting ranking points earned up until December 31, 2016).

6.3.2.4 If there is still a tie, Taekwondo Canada's High Performance Director will select a 3 to 5 member panel tasked with determining which athlete will be nominated.

6.3.3 Restriction on eligibility for Development card:

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 that criteria

6.3.3.1 Once an athlete reaches the Senior age, as defined in the IF regulations, she or he may be eligible for the Developmental card for a maximum of 4 years.

6.3.3.2 A senior age athlete previously carded at the Senior levels (SR1, SR2, SR, C1, SRinj) 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.

7. HEALTH RELATED CONDITION

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

7.1.1 The athletes was carded at the Senior Internationals card levels at the end of the previous carding cycle.

7.1.2 The athlete duly notified the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director, or delegate, in writing of her or his injury or health status within 14 days of the date of diagnosis or of the date when the athlete had to interrupt her or his training. A licensed sport medicine practitioner must make any such signed diagnosis.

7.1.3 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

8. APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- The list of athletes being recommended for AAP support will be posted on the Taekwondo Canada website. Athletes will have a review period of seven days commencing on the date of announcement to advise Taekwondo Canada of any omissions or errors in the nomination list. Final approval of nominations is determined by Sport Canada.



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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.

