



**Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)
Carding Criteria for 2019 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 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. The High Performance Director is responsible for the nominations and 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 2018 shall be January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019.
- 2.3 In 2019, Sport Canada has allocated of six (6) Senior cards, equivalent to \$127,080.
- 2.4 Sport Canada reviews the allocations on a regular basis and therefore the total available to Taekwondo Canada is subject to change. (any change to this number will be communicated) in living and training allowance to be allocated through the application of the 2018 Taekwondo Canada Athlete Assistance Program Criteria.



2.5 The Sport Canada AAP funds taekwondo in Olympic events at two levels:

2.5.1 Senior Cards/C1:

2.5.1.1	Senior International Card	(\$1,765.00/month)
2.5.1.2	Senior Card	(\$1,765.00/month)
2.5.1.3	C1 card	(\$1,060.00/month)

2.5.2 Developmental Cards: (\$1,060.00/month)

2.5.2.1 Where the term C1 is used, this is defined as a first year Senior Card who, regardless of the number of years at a Development Card level, receives Senior Card status but is funded at Development Card level.

2.5.2.2 Exception for national team/World Championship team members.

An athlete who meets the national criteria for Senior Cards for the first time is awarded a C1 Card and is funded at the Development Card level. Exception: the athlete will be funded at the Senior Card (SR) level rather than at the Development Card level if they (a) have been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 level; (b) have been named to the national senior team; or (c) have competed in the World Championships before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card for the first time.

2.5.3 The Sport Canada AAP also offers Taekwondo athletes who receive AAP funds the following additional financial benefits:

2.5.3.1 Tuition Support, and

2.5.3.2 Supplemental Support

These are Sport Canada benefits and are subject to change by Sport Canada. More information regarding these additional financial benefits is in section 8 of the Sport Canada AAP Policy posted at the Sport Canada website.

2.6 The Sport Canada policy and procedures which govern the AAP and the establishment and application of criteria can be found on the Sport Canada website at: [Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program](#)



3 Eligibility Requirements

- 3.1 The 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.
- 3.2 The athlete must be a Competitive Registered Participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 3.3 Athletes must have a valid WT Global Athlete License.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 The athlete must have competed in the following:
 - 3.6.1 2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships, February 2018; and
 - 3.6.2 Minimum 3 WT-sanctioned G ranked international competitions held within January to December 2018 representing Canada.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 No Carding application will be processed without the signed Athlete Agreement being filed with Taekwondo Canada.



4 Card Allocation and Number of Cards

- 4.1 Due to the limited amount of cards available, meeting carding criteria does not automatically qualify an athlete for a card.
- 4.2 A maximum of two athletes from the same WT Olympic weight division may be nominated for a Senior Card (SR1/SR2, SR/C1).
- 4.3 A maximum of two athletes from the same WT 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 Athletes eligible for the Senior International (SR1/SR2) card.
- 5.2 Athletes eligible under the Health-Related conditions.
- 5.3 Athletes eligible for SR/C1 cards.
- 5.4 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

6.1 Senior International Carding Criteria (SR1/SR2).

- 6.1.1 International criteria recognize and reward Canadian athletes for outstanding performance at the Olympic Games or, during non-Olympic years, in Olympic events at the World Championships.
- 6.1.2 Sport Canada establishes the performance standards for international criteria used to award Senior Cards. The following are the current standards for international criteria:
 - 6.1.2.1 Finish in the top 8 counting a maximum of 3 entries per country; and
 - 6.1.2.2 Finish in the top half of the field.
- 6.1.3 No athletes will be eligible to be nominated for SR1 cards based on their results in seasons during which there is neither an Olympics nor a World Championships.
- 6.1.4 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 card.
- 6.1.5 The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete maintaining a training and competitive program approved by the NSO and being re-nominated by the NSO. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO Agreement and complete an AAP Application Form for the year in question.

6.2 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 Finish within the top 16 at a 2018 Grand Prix Series or
 - 6.2.1.2 Canadian Athlete ranked in the top 10 on the WT Olympic Ranking published in January 2019 (reflecting ranking points earned up until December 31, 2018), with the identical country removed to determine the "TRUE" ranking. As each country may enter only ONE athlete in each weight division at an Olympic Games.



For example:

Jan/2019 PUBLISHED ranking M68

Jan/ 2019 TRUE ranking M68

Rank 1	Korea	Only ONE country can enter Olympic Games, remove 2 nd ranked. 	Rank 1	Korea
Rank 2	Germany		Rank 2	Germany
Rank 3	Spain		Rank 3	Spain
Rank 4	Korea		Rank 4	USA
Rank 5	USA		Rank 5	Russia
Rank 6	Russia		Rank 6	Canada
Rank 7	Canada		Rank 7	China
Rank 8	China		Rank 8	Mexico
Rank 9	Mexico		Rank 9	<i>Philippines</i>
Rank 10	Philippines		Rank 10	<i>Turkey</i>
Rank 11	Turkey			

TRUE ranking only applies to International card criteria.

6.2.2 Prioritization:

- 6.2.2.1 Priority will be given to the athlete with the highest medal finish at the 2018 Senior Pan Am Kyorugi Championships and finish with minimum of one win, bye does not count as a win.
- 6.2.2.2 Finish in top 8 in the 2018 Pan Am Taekwondo Championships and finish in the top half of the division in the 2018 Pan Am Taekwondo Championships. Athlete must have won at least one match, bye is considered as a win or
- 6.2.2.3 Priority will be given to the Candian athlete with the highest rank within top 32 in the WT Olympic Ranking-Weight Division as of January, 2019 ranking (including results up to December 31, 2018).
- 6.2.2.4 If two or more athletes have the same WT Olympic Ranking - the Canadian athlete with the highest number of wins at the 2018 Senior Pan Am Kyorugi Championships, (bye is counted as a win) will be given the priority.
- 6.2.2.5 If there is still a tie, it will be the decision of the HP Director, based on accumulation of G event results in 2018.



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

6.3 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:

6.3.1.1 The athlete with the highest finish at the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games;

6.3.1.2 The athlete with the highest finish at the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Qualification event;

6.3.2 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

6.3.2.1 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.

6.3.2.2 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

- 7.1 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 athlete 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

- 8.1 Athletes will have a review period of seven days commencing on the date of the nominations announcement to advise Taekwondo Canada of any omissions or errors related to results and/or rankings in the nomination list. Final approval of nominations is determined by Sport Canada.
- 8.2 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.