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Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

Carding Criteria for 2022 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's High Performance Director is responsible for the nomination of eligible athletes for the AAP. Sport Canada approves nominations in accordance with the AAP policies and the published, NSO approved AAP-compliant carding criteria.

2 The Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

- 2.1 Taekwondo Canada's AAP is funded by Sport Canada. The maximum number of Cards for each cycle is determined by Sport Canada.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The Carding cycle for 2022 shall be January 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022.
- 2.4 For the 2022 Carding cycle, Sport Canada has allocated Taekwondo a maximum of five (5) Senior cards, equivalent to \$105,900 total.
- 2.5 Due to the limited amount of Cards available, meeting Carding criteria does not automatically qualify an athlete for a Card.
- 2.6 A maximum of two (2) athletes from the same World Taekwondo (WT) Olympic weight division may be nominated for a Senior and / or Development Card.



3 Levels of Support Available

- 3.1 Athletes approved for AAP by Sport Canada 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 |
| 1st Year Senior Card (C1) | \$1060 | \$12,720 |
| Development Card (D) | \$1060 | \$12,720 |
| Injury Card (SRinj) | \$1765 | \$21,180 |

- 3.3 The AAP 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 Taekwondo Canada Eligibility Requirements

- 4.1 Athlete must be a Competitive Registered Participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada AND must have a valid WT Global Athlete License.
- 4.2 Athlete must 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).
- 4.3 Athlete must complete the AAP application form and the online anti-doping courses.
- 4.4 Athlete must participate in mandatory training or testing camps as determined by Taekwondo Canada.
- 4.5 Athlete must have signed the Athlete Agreement with Taekwondo Canada.

Note: An athlete will normally be carded for a maximum of five (5) years at the Senior level. Additional years of carding can be available only if the athlete meets the International Senior carding criteria or clearly demonstrates 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.





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 Athletes eligible under the Health-Related conditions (**SRinj**).
- 5.3 Athletes eligible for a Senior National Cards (**SR/C1**).
- 5.4 Athletes eligible for a Development Card (**D**).

Option A

6 2022 Carding Criteria (assuming Tokyo Games are taking places)

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 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games 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:

1. Best Finish at 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games
2. Best WT Olympic ranking (as of January 1, 2022)
3. Best WT World ranking (as of January 1, 2022)

6.2 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 next carding cycle 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 High-Performance Director (HPD) of Taekwondo Canada or their 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. Any diagnosis must be provided by and signed by a licensed sport medicine practitioner.
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

6.3 Senior National Card Criteria (SR/C1):

- Any participant(s) at the 2021 Olympic Games (Tokyo, Japan) that didn't qualify under 6.1

OR

- Finish in the **Top 16 AND Top Half of the field** in one of the **Olympic Weight Divisions** at the 2021 World Championships as per chart below:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ladies: Top 8 | F-49kg | F-57kg | F-67kg | F+73kg |
| Men: Top 8 | M-58kg | M-68kg | M-80kg | M+87kg |

***F+73kg & M+87kg are replacing Olympic Divisions F+67kg & M+80kg respectively*

OR

- Finish in the **Top 8 AND Top Half of the field** in one of the **other non-Olympic Weight Divisions** at the 2021 World Championships as per chart below:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ladies: Top 8 | F-46kg | F-53kg | F-62kg | F-73kg |
| Men: Top 8 | M-54kg | M-63kg | M-74kg | M-87kg |

OR

- Ranked **Top 16** on the WT Olympic **Adjusted** Ranking in January 2022

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

1. Best finish at the 2021 Olympic Games (Tokyo, Japan)
2. Best finish at a 2021 World Championships
3. Best WT Olympic rank (as of January 1, 2022)
4. Best WT World ranking (as of January 1, 2022)



6.4 Development Card Criteria (D):

- Athlete finishing Top 3 at the 2021 Junior Pan Am Games in Cali (Colombia)

OR

- Athlete ranked Top 32 in WT Olympic ranking (as of January 1, 2022)

Prioritization:

1. Best finish at 2021 Junior Pan Am Games in Cali (Colombia)
2. Best WT Olympic Ranking (as of January 1, 2022)
3. Best WT World ranking (as of January 1, 2022)

Restrictions:

- Once an athlete reaches the senior age (as defined in the World Taekwondo Federation regulations), he or she may be eligible for the Development card for a maximum of 4 years;

AND

- 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 the Development levels when he or she was still a junior age athlete

Option B

7 2022 Carding Criteria (assuming Tokyo Games are cancelled)

7.1 Senior International Card Criteria (SR1/SR2):

As per Sport Canada's policy (across all sports), International Cards can only be achieved through Olympic Games on an Olympic year. Therefore, no Senior International Cards are achievable in this option of Tokyo Games being cancelled.

7.2 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 next carding cycle 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 High-Performance Director (HPD) of Taekwondo Canada or their 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. Any diagnosis must be provided by and signed by a licensed sport medicine practitioner.
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.

7.3 Senior National Card Criteria (SR/C1):

- Finish in the **Top 16 AND Top Half of the field** in one of the **Olympic Weight Divisions** at the 2021 World Championships as per chart below:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ladies: Top 8 | F-49kg | F-57kg | F-67kg | F+73kg |
| Men: Top 8 | M-58kg | M-68kg | M-80kg | M+87kg |

****F+73kg & M+87kg are replacing Olympic Divisions F+67kg & M+80kg respectively**

OR

- Finish in the **Top 8 AND Top Half of the field** in one of the **other non-Olympic Weight Divisions** at the 2021 World Championships as per chart below:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ladies: Top 8 | F-46kg | F-53kg | F-62kg | F-73kg |
| Men: Top 8 | M-54kg | M-63kg | M-74kg | M-87kg |

OR

- Ranked **Top 16** on the WT Olympic **Adjusted** Ranking in January 2022

Prioritization: (if more athletes than cards available after 7.2)

- Best finish at a 2021 World Championships
- Best WT Olympic rank (as of January 2022)
- Best WT World ranking (as per January 2022)

7.4 Development Card Criteria (D):

- Athlete finishing Top 3 at the 2021 Junior Pan Am Games in Cali (Colombia)

OR





- Athlete ranked Top 32 in WT Olympic ranking (as of January 1, 2022)

Prioritization:

1. Best finish at 2021 Junior Pan Am Games in Cali (Colombia)
2. Best WT Olympic Ranking (as of January 1, 2022)
3. Best WT World ranking (as of January 1, 2022)

Restrictions:

- Once an athlete reaches the senior age (as defined in the World Taekwondo Federation regulations), he or she may be eligible for the Development card for a maximum of 4 years;

AND
- 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.

Option C

8 2022 Carding Criteria (assuming Games & Worlds are cancelled)

8.1 Senior National Card Criteria (SR/C1):

- Athletes ranked **Top 24** in WT Olympic Rankings (as of January 1, 2022)

8.2 Development Card Criteria (D):

- Athletes ranked **Top 40** in WT Olympic Rankings (as of January 1, 2022)

9 Approval of Cards

Taekwondo Canada will apply the criteria outlined above to nominate athletes for AAP. Ultimately, the approval of nominations and the final decision on granting AAP to individual athletes is made by Sport Canada.

10 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 [Appeal Policy](#). Appeals of AAP decisions made under Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards) or Section 11



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(Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures.

