

# CANOE KAYAK CANADA CANOE SLALOM CARDING CRITERIA

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## 1. Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program

The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a federal government grant program that provides direct financial assistance to Canadian high-performance athletes and is one of three Sport Canada programs designed to assist in the development of high-performance sport. In particular, the AAP complements Sport Canada's Sport Support Program that provides support to National Sport Organizations (NSOs) and Canadian Sport Centres for activities such as National Team training and competition, coach salaries and the provision of sport science and sport medicine services.

The AAP contributes toward improved Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. To this end, the AAP identifies and provides funding directly to athletes who have already placed, or demonstrate the potential to place in the top 16 in the world.

The AAP recognizes the commitment that athletes make to the National Team training and competitive programs provided by their NSO and seeks to relieve some of the financial pressures associated with preparing for, and participating in international sport. The AAP financial assistance provides support to athletes in the form of a Living and Training Allowance, plus Tuition and Special Needs Assistance. The Living and Training Allowance is intended to offset some, but not all, of the living and training expenses athletes incur as a result of their involvement in high performance sport, while tuition support is intended to help athletes obtain a post-secondary level education. The AAP is the only Sport Canada program that provides direct financial support to athletes.

Eligible athletes who are approved for funding and are financially supported through the AAP are referred to as **carded athletes**. AAP support is also known as carding. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly stipend as follows:

- Senior International Card (SR1/SR2) \$1500/month
- Senior Card (SR) \$1500/month
- Senior Probationary Card (C1) \$900/month
- Development Card (D) \$900/month

## 2. AAP Eligibility

In order to be considered for AAP support, an athlete must meet the following criteria set out by [Sport Canada in the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program - Policies, Procedures and Guidelines Handbook](#).

1. The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete shall have been a legal resident in Canada (student status, refugee status, work visa or permanent resident) for a minimum period of one year before being considered for AAP support. The athlete would normally be expected to have participated in NSO-sanctioned programs during that time period.
2. The athlete, under the eligibility requirements of the International Canoe Federation, as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including World Championships.
3. Athletes must meet the carding criteria in an Olympic event as a representative of Canada at international or domestic competitions sanctioned by Canoe Kayak Canada for such purposes.

4. Athletes must be eligible to receive government funding under the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.
5. Following a three-year period as a permanent resident, continued eligibility to receive AAP support is contingent on the athlete becoming eligible to represent Canada at the Olympic or Paralympic Games.
6. Athletes must adhere to the competitive and training program and administrative requirements specified by Canoe Kayak Canada throughout the cycle for which they are carded ([section 3.2 AAP](#)). Athletes may lose their carding status or have their carded status withdrawn under certain conditions ([section 11.1 AAP](#)).

### 3. AAP Structure

1. All nominations must be reviewed and approved by Sport Canada.
2. In October of each year, the High Performance Committee (HPC) of Canoe Kayak Canada - Whitewater (CKC-W) will determine the priority ranking of all AAP eligible athletes based on the carding criteria and prioritization system outlined in this document. Sport Canada approves these recommendations in accordance with the AAP Policies and Procedures.
3. The carding cycle for Canoe Slalom athletes begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. To be eligible for recommendation for the 2017-2018 carding cycle, Athletes must obtain the required results/ Performance Standards between November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
4. Under the agreement with Sport Canada, the Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom Team has been allocated a carding quota of the equivalent of **6 Senior cards**. From time to time, changes in carding quotas occur based on Sport Canada funding priorities, these changes will be communicated to Canoe Kayak Canada National Team athletes in a timely manner. Unused Senior carding funds will be made available as D cards where applicable. A minimum of 4 months of AAP carding support must be available to nominate an athlete.
5. Only Athletes competing in the events that are included in the 2020 Canoe Slalom Olympic schedule are eligible to be nominated for carding support. At the time of publication, the ICF has proposed the following program to be introduced at the 2020 Olympic Games, consequently, athletes competing in these events will be eligible for carding nominations. In the event that this program is not approved, Canoe Kayak Canada and Sport Canada reserves the right to amend this document to align with the 2020 Olympic Program.
  - Men's K1
  - Women's K1
  - Men's C1
  - Women's C1
6. A maximum of **3 athletes** will be recommended for **SR** cards per event.
7. Athletes who compete in multiple events and who meet the AAP Performance Standards in more than one event will only be considered for AAP support in the event in which they place the highest in the carding prioritization system described in this document.
8. Eligible Athletes will be ranked according to the following prioritization system to determine the carding recommendations (up to a maximum of the equivalent of 6 SR cards):
  - 8.1. Athletes eligible for SR1 cards under Tier 1 International Criteria Performance Standard.
  - 8.2. Athletes eligible for SR2 cards.
  - 8.3. Athletes carded the previous year at SR1 or SR2 and who meet the Injury Card Criteria.

- 8.4. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-0 Performance Standard.
- 8.5. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-1 Performance Standard.
- 8.6. Athletes carded the previous year at SR or C1 who placed Top 10 at an eligible 2016 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup event and who meet the [Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria](#).
- 8.7. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-2 Performance Standard.
- 8.8. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-3 Performance Standard.
- 8.9. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-4 Performance Standard.
- 8.10. Athletes carded the previous year at SR or C1 who placed Top 20 in K1M and Top 15 in C1M, C1W and K1W at an eligible 2016 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup event and who meet the [Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria](#).
- 8.11. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-5 Performance Standard.
- 8.12. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-6 Performance Standard.
- 8.13. Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards under Tier 2-7 Performance Standard.
- 8.14. Athletes carded the previous year at SR level and who meet the [Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria](#).
- 8.15. Athletes eligible for D cards under Tier 3-1 Performance Standard.
- 8.16. Athletes eligible for D cards under Tier 3-2 Performance Standard.
- 8.17. Athletes eligible for D cards under Tier 3-3 Performance Standard.
9. Any athletes nominated for a Tier 2 SR card for the first time may be recommended for a C1 card for one year which is equivalent to a Development (D) card and receives the stipend equivalent to the D Card level. After one year of this probationary term, the athlete will become eligible for the Senior card stipend. If, however, the athlete has been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 level, has been named to the national senior team, has competed in World Championships, or in the case of team sports World Championship (Cup) qualifiers, before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card for the first time, the athlete will be funded at the Senior Card (SR) level rather than at the Development Card level.
10. The term “Competitive Field” includes all athletes that start at least 1 run during the course of the competition. Athletes that receive a DSQ-C will not count in the competitive field.

#### 4. Voluntary withdrawal from AAP

If an athlete wants, for reasons related to injury, illness or pregnancy, or for other personal reasons to voluntarily withdraw temporarily or permanently from normal carded-athlete training and competition

in requirements, the procedures for voluntary withdrawal from the AAP apply. The athlete will no longer be eligible for monthly living and training allowance but may be eligible, for deferred tuition and/or special needs retirement.

#### 5. Canoe Slalom Carding Cycle Competition Schedule

Athletes’ final results at the following competitions and rankings will be reviewed and considered eligible to establish the recommendations for SR1, SR2, SR, C1 or D carding support. No other results or rankings will be reviewed or considered eligible to establish nominations for carding.

- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #1 - Prague, CZE (June 16-18, 2017)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #2 - Augsburg, GER (June 23-25, 2017)

- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #3 - Markkleeberg, GER (June 30-July 2, 2017)
- ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships - Bratislava, SVK (July 18-23, 2017)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 - Ivrea, ITA (September 1-3, 2017)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 - Seu D'Urgell, ESP (September 8-10, 2017)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships - Pau, FRA (September 26-October 1, 2017)
- 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking
- 2017 ICF World Ranking # 4 (published at the end of the ICF season)

## 6. International Criteria (SR1, SR2)

Athletes who meet the Tier 1 Criteria Performance Standard outlined in the table below at the Canoe Slalom World Championships will be eligible for carding support for two consecutive years provided there are sufficient carding quotas available. The card for the first year is referred to as an SR1, while the second year card is referred to as an SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete maintaining a training and competitive program that is approved by the High Performance Manager and the National Team Head Coach.

### Tier 1

Tier 1: World Championships	
K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-8 result in final standings at the ICF Senior Canoe Slalom World Championships and top 50% of the Competitive Field

### Tier 1 Ranking Procedure

1. Athletes eligible for carding based on Tier 1 Performance Standard will be ranked and prioritized based on their final result at the Senior World Championships.
2. If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting the Tier 1 Performance Standard, the athlete with the better result relative to the competitive field at the Senior World Championships will rank higher. (see [Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field](#))
3. Athletes eligible for SR2 cards will be ranked and prioritized for carding based on their final 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking. (see [Senior National Interclass Ranking](#)).

## 7. National Criteria (SR, C1)

Any Cards remaining after the application of the Tier 1 Criteria will be designated as SR or C1 Cards based on Tier 2: National Criteria. Athletes who meet the Tier 2 Performance Standards will be considered for carding provided there are sufficient carding quotas remaining and they also satisfy the appropriate Tier 2 progression requirements.

### Tier 2

Tier 2-0: World Championships	
K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W	9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> result in the final standings at ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. SR cards awarded based on Tier 2-0 Performance Benchmark will not count towards an athletes carding history and will not be factored into the calculation of the number of years carded at the SR level for the purpose of determining progression requirements.
Tier 2-1: World Championships & World Cups	

K1M	Top-20 result in the final standings in any combination of <b>two</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-15 result in the final standings in any combination of <b>two</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
<b>Tier 2-2: World Championships &amp; World Cups</b>	
K1M	Top-30 result in the final standings in any combination of <b>three</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-20 result in the final standings in any combination of <b>three</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
<b>Tier 2-3 World Championships &amp; World Cups</b>	
K1M	Top-30 result in final standings in any combination of <b>two</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-20 result in final standings in any combination of <b>two</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
<b>Tier 2-4: U23 World Championships</b>	
K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-10 result in final standings at ICF U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and top 50% of the Competitive Field
<b>Tier 2-5: World Championships &amp; World Cups</b>	
K1M	Top-40 result in final standings in any combination of <b>two</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-30 result in final standings in any combination of <b>two</b> ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championships
<b>Tier 2-6: World Championships</b>	
K1M	Top-40 result in final standings at the ICF Senior Canoe Slalom World Championships
K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-30 result in final standings at the ICF Senior Canoe Slalom World Championships
<b>Tier 2-7: World Cups</b>	
K1M	Top-40 result in final standings at any ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups
K1W, C1M, C1W	Top-30 result in final standings at any ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups

### ***Tier 2 Ranking Procedure***

1. Athletes eligible for carding based on Tier 2 Performance Standards will be ranked and prioritized within each Performance Standard based on their best final result relative to the competitive field at the event(s) listed with the appropriate Tier 2 Performance Standard. (see [Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field](#)) If a tie remains, the athlete(s) with the highest ranking on the final 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking will rank higher. (see [Senior National Interclass Ranking](#))
2. Athletes eligible for carding based on Tier 2-4 Performance Standard will be ranked and prioritized based on their final result relative to the competitive field at the ICF U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships. (see [Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field](#)) If a tie remains, the athlete(s) with the highest ranking on the final 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking will rank higher. (see [Senior National Interclass Ranking](#))

## *Tier 2 Progression Requirements*

Sport Canada requires that athletes improve each year in order to remain eligible for continued carding support. The athlete must demonstrate continued progress toward the achievement of Senior International Criteria described in Tier 1 through their performance at eligible events listed in the Canoe Slalom Carding Cycle Competition Schedule.

In order to demonstrate continued progression to the Tier 1 performance standard, all athletes or crews must meet the appropriate minimum Performance Standards depending on the number of years they have been carded at the SR level or better described in Table 1 in order to be eligible for continued carding support starting when the athlete or crew is no longer eligible for participation in U23 events, as per the ICF eligibility rules for U23 events. These requirements will be applied retroactively to each athlete's carding status history. For the purposes of applying the Progression Requirements, the years an athlete was approved for an Illness, Injury, or Pregnancy Card will not count toward the total number of years in the athlete's carding history.

*Table 1: Progression Requirements based on number of years at Senior card level*

<b>Number of years at Senior card levels (SR1, SR2, &amp; SR)</b>	<b>Minimum Performance Standard required to be re-nominated for continued Senior carding support</b>
No years at SR levels	Tier 2-7 or higher
First year at SR levels	Tier 2-7 or higher
Second year at SR levels	Tier 2-7 or higher
Third year at SR levels	Tier 2-6 or higher
Fourth year at SR levels	Tier 2-5 or higher
Fifth year at SR levels	Tier 2-3 or higher
Sixth year and beyond at SR levels	Tier 2-2 or higher

## **8. Tier 3: Development Criteria**

After the application of Tier 1 and 2 Criteria, the remaining number of cards will be allocated as development cards (D cards) to eligible athletes based on the Tier 3 Prioritization System. The purpose of the D card is to assist athletes to make the transition from the junior to the senior ranks and towards achieving international excellence. Normally, a Development Card cannot be allocated to an athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more



than two years, unless he/she was of Junior age (as per ICF rules at the time of nomination) at the time at which he/she was carded at the Senior card level.

### **Tier 3 Prioritization System**

<b>Tier 3-1: U23 World Championships</b>	
<b>K1M</b>	Top-40 result in final standings at ICF U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and top 50% of the Competitive Field
<b>K1W, C1M, C1W</b>	Top-30 result in final standings at ICF U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and top 50% of the Competitive Field
<b>Tier 3-2: Junior World Championships</b>	
<b>K1M</b>	Top-20 result in final standings at ICF Junior Canoe Slalom World Championships and top 50% of the Competitive Field
<b>K1W, C1M, C1W</b>	Top-15 result in final standings at ICF Junior Canoe Slalom World Championships and top 50% of the Competitive Field
<b>Tier 3-3 Senior National Ranking</b>	
<b>K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W</b>	Remaining AAP quota will be allocated as Development Cards to eligible Athletes who are selected to either the 2016 U23 or Junior National Team and based on the 2016 Senior National Interclass Ranking. Priority will be given to the eligible athletes with the highest placing on this ranking.

### **Tier 3 Ranking Procedure**

1. Athletes eligible for carding based on Tier 3-1 Performance Standard will be ranked and prioritized based on their final result relative to the competitive field at the ICF U23 World Championships. (see [Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field](#)) If a tie remains, the athlete with the highest ranking on the final 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking will rank higher (see [Senior National Interclass Ranking](#)).
2. Athletes eligible for carding based on Tier 3-2 Performance Standard will be ranked and prioritized based on their final result relative to the competitive field at the ICF Junior World Championships. (see [Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field](#)) If a tie remains, the athlete with the highest ranking on the final 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking will rank higher (see [Senior National Interclass Ranking](#)).
3. Remaining AAP quota will be allocated as Development Cards to eligible Athletes who are selected to either the 2017 U23 or Junior National Team and based on the 2017 Senior National Interclass Ranking. Priority will be given to the eligible athletes with the highest placing on this ranking.

## **9. Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria**

Athletes carded at a senior level (SR1, SR2, SR or C1) in the previous carding cycle and who were unable to meet the carding criteria **strictly** due to health-related reasons or pregnancy may be recommended for an SR card based on the following criteria.

1. No carding recommendations will be made for injuries or illnesses that are determined to be career ending.
2. An athlete must report, in writing, immediately upon occurrence, all injuries or illnesses that is/could partially impede or wholly prevent training and/or competition and/or could be considered to be career ending. In addition, they must provide a medical certificate to the

National Team Head Coach and the High Performance Manager. The National Team designated physician will assume responsibility for the assessment and management of such injuries or illnesses and for the determination of whether such injuries or illnesses are career ending.

3. Any illness, injury or pregnancy must be reported in writing to the National Team Head Coach and the High Performance Manager before any relevant qualifying event or at the time of the occurrence of the injury or illness if it occurs during a qualifying event.
4. All requests for medical consideration must be accompanied by a written recommendation for nomination from the National Team Head coach.
5. Athletes eligible for injury cards will be ranked to determine the carding prioritization based on the prioritization procedure under [AAP Structure](#) and the previous year's Senior National Interclass Ranking.

## 10. Athlete Responsibilities

Athletes are responsible to supply the High Performance Manager with official original documentation with their carding application, a signed athlete agreement, and Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status information according to the requested deadline. Before any nomination will be processed, an athlete must be in good standing, as described in the Canoe Kayak Canada athlete agreement.

### *Carding Status Requirements*

All athletes who are receiving AAP support in the 2017-18 carding cycle must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Follow a training program that is approved by the National Team Head Coach (e.g., a program developed by a provincial coach).
2. Attend 50% of the scheduled National Team Training Camps for which the athlete qualifies. Only under exceptional circumstances, as described in Section 11, will an athlete be permitted to miss scheduled National Team training camps and competitions and still be eligible for carding.
3. Follow a competition schedule as approved by the National Team Head Coach and High Performance Manager.
4. Attend the Senior National Championships. Only under Special Circumstances will an athlete be exempt from this event.

### *Breach of Carding Status Requirements and Loss of Carding Status Process*

Not meeting these requirements, and if in non-compliance of the athlete Agreement, the HPC may recommend the withdrawal of the carding status of an athlete to Sport Canada using the following process:

1. Provide a verbal warning to the athlete, including the steps and timelines to remedy the situation and the consequences of a failure to heed the warning.
2. Where-reasonable follow-up with a written warning provided to the athlete.
3. If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and the NSO still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status the NSO must send a letter to the NSO's Sport Canada Program Officer and the AAP Manager, with a copy to the athlete, recommending withdrawal of the athlete carding status. This letter must include the following information.

- 3.1. Indicate the grounds on which the recommendation is being made.
- 3.2. Indicate the steps already taken to address the issue (e.g., verbal warning followed by a formal letter of warning).
- 3.3. Provide notice to the athlete of the athlete's right to contest the NSO's recommendation to withdraw carded status through the NSO's internal appeal process within the prescribed time.

## 11. Special Circumstances

### *Exemptions from Senior National Championships, Training Camps and Competitions*

Exemptions from the Senior National Championships, scheduled National Team Training camps and competitions can only be granted based on requests under exceptional circumstances.

1. Exceptional circumstances may include a death in the immediate family, a personal injury, or illness.
2. Requests must be made in writing to the High Performance Manager and to the National Team Head Coach as soon as the situation is known.
3. In the case of an injury:
  - 3.1. Unless the injury occurs within two weeks of the scheduled event (e.g., Senior National Championships, Training Camp, other Competition), the request must be sent in writing with supporting evidence by fax or email to the HPM and the National Team Head Coach within two weeks of occurrence of the injury.
  - 3.2. When the injury occurs within two weeks of the scheduled event (e.g., Senior National Championships, training camp, other competition), the request must be sent in writing with supporting evidence by fax or email to the HPM and the National Team Head Coach immediately.
  - 3.3. When the injury occurs at the Senior National Championships, training camp, other competitions, the injury must be reported immediately to the HPM and the National Team Head Coach.
4. Illness requests must include a medical certificate that indicates the type of illness, severity and estimated recovery time from said illness. CKC has the right to seek a second medical opinion.
5. Pregnancy exemption requests must include a medical certificate.
6. The HPC has the authority to accept or reject such requests (see [Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria](#)) and will deliver its decision in writing to the submitter within two weeks of receiving the request.

## 12. Senior National Interclass Ranking

1. The four best interclass percentage scores from the six National Competitions for each athlete will be used to determine Senior National Interclass Ranking for all athletes who competed in any of the six competitions. The six competitions include Senior Team Trials races #1, # 2, #3, #4, and the Senior National Championships Semi-Final and Final. The Senior National Interclass Ranking gives an average adjusted interclass percentage for each athlete. As a result, it allows comparison between the classes on an absolute basis.
2. The interclass adjustment ranking coefficients are as follows:

Event	Interclass Ranking Coefficient
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K1M	1.00
K1W	1.13
C1M	1.05
C1W	1.29
C2M	1.14

- The Senior National Interclass Ranking will be determined by averaging the best 4 of 6 adjusted interclass percentage scores. The athlete with the lowest total is ranked ahead of the second lowest, and so on.
- The rankings will be compiled by the HPM and verified by the HPC and published each year, first as an interim ranking following Senior National Team Trials and later as a final ranking following the Senior National Championships.
- All ties for ranking will be broken and won by the better competitor at the last race (i.e., Finals at the Senior National Championships, Semi-Finals at the Senior National Championships then Senior Team Trials race #4, #3, #2, and then #1).

### Example of Senior National Interclass Rankings

## 13. Result relative to the competitive field

- Result relative to the Competitive Field will be determined based on the following formula:

$$\left( \frac{\text{Athlete's or Crews' Final Result}}{\text{Competitive Field}} \right) \times 100\% = \text{percentage relative to the Competitive Field}$$

- Calculations will be rounded to the nearest 100<sup>th</sup> and 1, 2, 3, 4 are rounded down and 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 are rounded up.
- The athlete with the lower percentage relative to the Competitive Field will rank higher.

### *Examples*

A K1M athlete and a C1M athlete both satisfied the Tier 2-1 Performance Standard at the World Championships; however, there is only one SR quota remaining. The K1M Athlete placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of a Competitive Field of 101 competitors at the World Championships and the C1M Athlete placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of a Competitive Field of 67 competitors at the World Championships.

*Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field for K1M Athlete.*

$$\left( \frac{15}{101} \right) \times 100\% = 14.85\% \text{ of Competitive Field}$$

*Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field for C1M Athlete.*

$$\left( \frac{9}{67} \right) \times 100\% = 13.43\% \text{ of Competitive Field}$$

In this example, the C1M Athlete placing 9<sup>th</sup> would rank higher to the K1M athlete placing 15<sup>th</sup>. Consequently, the C1M athlete would be nominated for the final SR card quota due to achieving a better result relative to the Competitive Field.