

CANOE KAYAK CANADA CANOE SLALOM CARDING CRITERIA

For recommendation for the 2018-19 carding cycle
Approved by the Canoe Slalom High Performance Committee XXXX

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1. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this document is to define criteria used by Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC) to determine the nominations that will be submitted to Sport Canada for the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP). The target audience for this document are athletes and their coaches. This applies to both athletes who now currently access, or wish to access, the program.

Canoe Kayak Canada's Carding Criteria and objectives are based on the high performance vision of sending four Canoe Slalom athletes and winning two medals in Rio as well as [Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program - Policies, Procedures and Guidelines Handbook](#).

Sport Canada policies, including the Athlete Assistance Program, are designed to support amateur high performance pathway athletes that demonstrate the potential to progress to the Top-8 in the World. The purpose of the AAP is to improve Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games and the World Championships. The program seeks to do so by relieving some of the financial pressures associated with preparing for, and participating in, international sport.

The 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 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 AAP funding and are financially supported are referred to as **carded athletes**. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly stipend as follows:

- Senior International Card (SR1/SR2) \$1765/month
- Senior National Card (SR) \$1765/month
- Senior National Card - First Year (C1) \$1060/month
- Development Card (D) \$1060/month

The Sport Canada AAP is only available to Canoe Slalom athletes who compete in 2020 Olympic Program events. The International Canoe Federation 2020 Olympic Program is as follows:

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| Men | K1 | C1 |
| Women | K1 | C1 |

2. Canoe Kayak Canada Authority for Decisions

CKC does not grant carding to athletes, however, based on the criteria outlined in this document, and AAP policies, the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) will recommend to the High Performance Committee (HPC) those athletes eligible for nomination for a Sport Canada AAP Card. The HPC is responsible for approving and ensuring that the CTO, has in their nominations, followed the criteria found within this document. Final approval of all nominations submitted to Sport Canada for cards is the sole responsibility of the CTO¹. All nominations will then be reviewed and independently approved by Sport Canada. Sport Canada approves nominations in accordance with the AAP policies and Canoe Kayak Canada's published carding criteria.

3. AAP Eligibility

- a. 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](#).
- b. The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the beginning of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being nominated. Permanent residents must live in Canada for the full year preceding the carding cycle for which the athlete is being considered for AAP support;
- c. 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;
- d. 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;
- e. Athletes must be eligible to receive government funding under the Canadian Anti-Doping Program;
- f. 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;
- g. Athletes must adhere to the competitive and training program and administrative requirements specified by the CTO throughout the cycle for which they are carded (section 3.2 AAP). Athletes may lose their carding status or have their carding status withdrawn under certain conditions (section 11 AAP).

¹In the case of a vacancy in the CKC CTO position, the HPC will appoint a designate to fill the CTO's role for the purpose of applying the criteria.

4. Canoe Slalom AAP Nominating Procedure

- a. In October of each year, the Canoe Kayak Canada Slalom High Performance Committee (HPC) will determine the priority ranking of all AAP eligible athletes based on the carding criteria and prioritization system outlined in this document. Sport Canada reviews and approves these recommendations in accordance with the AAP Policies and Procedures;
- b. The carding cycle for Canoe Slalom athletes begins on November 1st and ends on October 31st of each year. To be eligible for recommendation for the 2018-2019 carding cycle, Athletes must obtain the appropriate Performance Benchmark between November 1st, 2017 and October 31st, 2018;
- c. 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;
- d. Only athletes competing in the events that are included in the 2020 Canoe Slalom Olympic schedule are eligible to be nominated for carding support;
- e. A maximum of 3 athletes per event will be recommended for any combination of SR1, SR2, SR and C1 cards;
- f. 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.

5. Prioritization of Carding Nominations

Eligible athletes will be ranked according to the following prioritization system to determine the carding recommendations. Cards will be awarded in a “top down” fashion until the total allocation of cards is exhausted.

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| PRIORITY 1 | Athletes eligible for SR1/SR2 cards who meet the International Criteria |
| PRIORITY 2 | Athletes carded the previous year at SR1 or SR2 and who meet the Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria . |
| PRIORITY 3 | Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards who meet the Performance Benchmarks identified under National Team Card Criteria. |
| PRIORITY 4 | Athletes carded the previous year at SR or C1 who meet the Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria . |

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| PRIORITY 5 | Athletes eligible for D cards who meet the Performance Benchmarks identified under Development Card Criteria. |
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6. Appeals Process

Appeals of Canoe Kayak Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decision, or of a Canoe Kayak Canada's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through Canoe Kayak Canada's review process. This includes an application to Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). Appeals of AAP Decision made under Sport Canada's AAP Policy Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards) or Section 11 (Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of the AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. (<http://canoekayak.ca/policies>)

7. 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 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.

8. Canoe Slalom Carding Cycle Competition Schedule

Athletes' final results in 2020 Olympic events 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.

| Event | Location | Country | Date |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
| ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup # 1 | Liptovsky Mikulas | SVK | June 22-24 |
| ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup # 2 | Krakov | POL | June 29-July 1 |
| ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup # 3 | Augsburg | GER | July 6-8 |
| ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships | Ivrea | ITA | July 17-22 |
| ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup # 5 | Seu D'Urgell | ESP | September 7-9 |
| ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships | Rio De Janeiro | BRA | September 26-30 |
| 2018 Canoe Kayak Canada/ICF Points Ranking | NA | NA | October 2018 |
| 2018 ICF World Ranking # 4 | NA | NA | October 2018 |

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| 2018 Senior National Interclass Ranking | NA | NA | October 2018 |
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Note: results at ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 - Tacen, SLO (August 31- September 2, 2018) will not be considered eligible to establish carding recommendations as this event will not be unsupported.

9. International Card Criteria

Athletes who meet the International Card 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 CTO.

9.1. International Card Performance Benchmark

| International Card Performance Benchmark | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

9.2. International Card Prioritization Procedure

- 9.2.1. Athletes who satisfy the International Card Criteria will be ranked in a top-down fashion and prioritized for SR1 nominations based on their final result at the Senior World Championships.
- 9.2.2. If a tie remains, the athlete(s) with the highest ranking in the CKC/ICF Points Ranking will take priority for carding nominations. (See [Canoe Kayak Canada ICF Points Ranking](#))
- 9.2.3. After the application of all SR1 nominations, athletes eligible for SR2 cards will be ranked and prioritized for carding based on their placement in the CKC/ICF Points Ranking. (See [Canoe Kayak Canada ICF Points Ranking](#))

10. National Card Criteria

- a. After the application of all eligible carding nominations based on the [International Criteria](#), any remaining AAP funding will be allocated as SR or C1 cards to eligible athletes based on the National Card Prioritization System.
- b. C1 carded athletes are funded at the Development Card level in the first year they meet the National Card Criteria even if they have previously been carded at the Development (D) level. After one year of this probationary term, the athlete will become eligible for the Senior card stipend.
- c. If, however, the athlete has been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 level, or has been named to the national senior team and has competed in the World Championships, before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card for the first time, the athlete will be funded at the SR level rather than at the Development Card level.

- d. Athletes who satisfy the National Card Criteria will have the option to request a Development Card nomination to delay National Card progression requirements.

10.1. National Card Performance Benchmarks

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| National Card Performance Benchmark Level 1 Demonstration of Global Olympic Qualification Performance |
| Top Pan-American (North and South America) placement within each class in the final standings at the Senior World Championships. |
| National Card Performance Benchmark Level 2 CKC/ICF Points Ranking and Satisfy Performance Standard |
| 1) Advance to a semifinal at any eligible World Cup or the Senior World Championships; or 2) Finish top 50% of competitive field at any eligible World Cup or the Senior World Championships; or 3) Finish top-18 nation in K1 at the Senior World Championships; or 4) Finish top-11 nation in C1 at the Senior World Championships. |

10.2. National Card Prioritization Procedures for National Card Level 1

- 10.2.1. Athletes eligible for carding based on the National Card Performance Benchmark Level 1 will be ranked in a top-down fashion and prioritized based on their placement in the CKC/ICF Points Ranking. (See [Canoe Kayak Canada ICF Points Ranking](#))
- 10.2.2. If a tie remains, the athlete with the highest ranking on the final 2018 Senior National Interclass Ranking will rank higher. (See [Senior National Interclass Ranking System](#))

10.3. National Card Prioritization Procedures for National Card Level 2

- 10.3.1. Following the application of all eligible carding nominations based on the National Card Performance Benchmark Level 1, any remaining AAP funding will be allocated to eligible athletes satisfying the National Card Performance Benchmark Level 2.
- 10.3.2. Athletes eligible for carding based on the National Card Performance Benchmark Level 2 will be ranked in a top-down fashion and prioritized based on their placement in the CKC/ICF Points Ranking. (See [Canoe Kayak Canada ICF Points Ranking](#))
- 10.3.3. If a tie remains, the athlete with the highest ranking on the final 2018 Senior National Interclass Ranking will rank higher. (See [Senior National Interclass Ranking System](#))

11. Development Card Criteria

- e. After the application of all eligible carding nominations based on the [International Criteria](#) and [National Criteria](#), any remaining AAP funding will be allocated as development cards (D cards) to eligible athletes based on the Development Card Prioritization System.

- f. 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. An athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more than two years cannot be nominated for a Development Card, excluding any years he/she was carded at the Senior card level while at Junior age (as per ICF rules at the time of nomination).

11.1. Development Card Performance Benchmarks

| Development Card Performance Benchmark Level 1 Demonstration of Olympic Qualification Progression | |
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| K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W | Top-10 result in the final standings at ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships. |
| Development Card Performance Benchmark Level 2 Demonstration of Olympic Qualification Progression | |
| K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W | Top-10 result in the final standings at ICF Canoe Slalom Junior World Championships. |
| Development Card Level # 3 CKC/ICF Points Ranking | |
| K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W | Remaining cards will be allocated in a top-down fashion to athletes using the CKC/ICF Ranking system. Priority will be given to eligible athletes with the highest placing on this ranking. |
| Development Card Level # 4 National Interclass Ranking | |
| Remaining cards will be allocated in a top down fashion to eligible athletes using the CKC National Interclass Ranking System. | |

11.2. Development Card Prioritization Procedures

- 11.2.1. Athletes eligible for carding based on the Development Card Criteria Level # 1 will be ranked and prioritized based on their placement relative to the competitive field. In the event of a tie, athletes will be ranked according to the CKC National Interclass Ranking.
- 11.2.2. Athletes eligible for carding based on the Development Card Criteria Level # 2 will be ranked and prioritized based on their placement relative to the competitive field. In the event of a tie, athletes will be ranked according to the CKC National Interclass Ranking.
- 11.2.3. Athletes eligible for carding based on the Development Card Criteria Level # 3 will be ranked and prioritized based on their placement in the CKC/ICF Points Ranking. (See [Canoe Kayak Canada ICF Points Ranking](#))
- 11.2.4. Athletes eligible for carding based on the Development Card Criteria Level # 4 will be ranked and prioritized based on their placement in the CKC National Interclass Ranking. (See [Canoe Kayak Canada National Interclass Ranking](#))

12. Progression Card Criteria

CKC's performance objectives are to prioritize AAP support to athletes who show the potential of a top-8 performance and are progressing toward podium performances at Senior World Championships and Olympic Games. The following progression criteria will **only** apply to athletes who are no longer U23 eligible as defined in the ICF regulations **at the time of nomination** and who do not satisfy the [International Card Criteria](#) but qualify for carding through the [National Card Criteria](#) and/or [Development Card Criteria](#).

12.1. Senior Card Progression Criteria

An athlete who otherwise satisfies the [National Card Criteria](#) will only be re-nominated for a SR card according to the following guidelines:

- 12.1.1. An SR2 athlete must advance to a final at an eligible World Cup or World Championships within two competition years following their SR2 nomination to be considered for SR carding.
- 12.1.2. An athlete previously carded for 7 or more years at the National Card level (SR/C1) needs to earn a top-20 in the final standings at an eligible World Cup or Senior World Championships within their last two competitive seasons order to be eligible for re-nomination.

12.2. Development Card Progression Criteria

The maximum number of years that any athlete can be nominated for a D card is **4 years** after which point, the athlete must meet the [National Card Criteria](#) or [International Card Criteria](#) to be re-nominated carding.

13. Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria

Canoe Kayak Canada will consider nominating athletes for an injury card in accordance with section 9.1.3 of the Sport Canada AAP policy. Athletes eligible for injury cards will be ranked to determine the carding prioritization based on the prioritization procedure described under [Prioritization of Carding Nominations](#).

A SR1/SR2 or a Senior National Card athlete who was a member of the Senior World Championship or Olympic Team in the previous year, who at the end of the Carding cycle, has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of Carding status strictly because of health-related reasons, may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming year provided the following conditions are met:

- g. In the case of injury or illness, no Carding nominations will be made for injuries that are determined by the CTO in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to be career-ending;
- h. An Athlete must, immediately following the incident or occurrence, report injuries, a medical condition (including pregnancy) or illnesses in writing and provide a medical certificate to the CTO. The CMO will assume responsibility for the assessment and

management of such injuries, medical conditions² or illnesses and for the determination of whether such injuries or illnesses are career-ending;

- i. If an Athlete competes in a qualifying event, they may not invoke the Illness, Injury or Pregnancy Card Criteria in respect to the qualifying event(s) in which he or she competed. The intention of this provision is to ensure that Athletes who are injured, suffering from an illness, or a medical condition do not compete, which could cause further ill health, or harm. If an Athlete does compete, they must accept the race result they have achieved;
- j. The Athlete may be nominated for a Senior Card on the grounds of injury, a medical condition (including pregnancy) or illness at the sole discretion of the CTO based on the following factors:
 - the number of Cards available;
 - the nature and details of the diagnosis and prognosis;
 - assessment of objective training data provided by the athlete that is verifiable by the athlete's primary coach and Integrated Support Team;
 - evidence of the athlete's level of performance prior to injury;
 - the strength of the athlete's rehabilitation and training plan as evaluated by the CTO in conjunction with the athlete's primary coach;
 - the advice of medical experts provided to the CMO; and
 - the realistic expectation that the Athlete can return to full fitness and continue to demonstrate the potential to perform at the Top-8 level and progress toward the podium.
- k. In the event where the athlete misses an entire competitive season due to an injury, the [Progression Card Criteria](#) review will consider the athletes' results in the last two competitive seasons where the athlete competed.

14. Athlete Responsibilities

14.1. Carding Status Requirements

Athletes who are nominated for carding must supply Canoe Kayak Canada with a signed athlete agreement, AAP application form and upon request 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. All athletes who are receiving AAP support in the 2018-19 carding cycle must sign and fulfill all of the athlete obligations listed in the National Team athlete agreement.

² CMO will not be responsible for assuming responsibility for the assessment and management of a pregnancy

14.2. Breach of Carding Status Requirements and Loss of Carding Status Process

If in non-compliance of the athlete agreement, the CTO may recommend the withdrawal of the carding status of an athlete to Sport Canada according to the following process:

- a. 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.
- b. Where-reasonable follow-up with a written warning letter.
- c. If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and the Canoe Kayak Canada still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status the CTO 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.
 - Indicate the grounds on which the recommendation is being made;
 - Indicate the steps already taken to address the issue (e.g., verbal warning followed by a formal letter of warning);
 - 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.

15. Canoe Kayak Canada ICF Points Ranking System

Canoe Kayak Canada will establish a ranking of all Canadian athletes who participate in eligible World Cups and the Senior World Championships using a modified ICF Points Ranking system. The objective of this ranking will be to prioritize AAP resources to athletes based on international performances. The CKC/ICF Points ranking system will use the ICF Points formula to determine points of Canadian athletes based on their performance at eligible ICF World Cups and the Senior World Championships (see [Canoe Slalom Carding Cycle Competition Schedule](#)). No other races will be included in the CKC/ICF Points ranking. Canoe Kayak Canada will generate an average ranking for each athlete's lowest ranking scores awarded at three separate events. Athletes must have accumulated points at a minimum of three eligible events in order to receive a CKC/ICF Points ranking. Athletes who compete in multiple classes will receive a separate ranking for each class that they compete in. In addition, [CKC/ICF Points Ranking Interclass Adjustment Factor](#) will also be applied to normalize the variance in ICF points distribution across the four Olympic classes.

ICF points are calculated separately for each phase (Heats, Semifinal or Final) in which a boat participates. The lowest point value out of the three phases is the ICF points earned by the boat for that race.

15.1. General Formula for ICF Ranking Points

ICF Points = Phase Offset + $\left(\frac{\text{Phase Factor} \times \text{Score}}{\text{Score Leader}}\right)$ - Phase Factor + Quality Factor

15.2. Phase Factor

For ICF World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Games the Phase Factor will be "150".

15.3. Phase Offset

| Phase of competition | Phase Offset |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Final | 0 |
| Semifinal | 10 |
| Heats | 20 |

15.4. Quality Factor

For ICF World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Games the Quality Factor will be "0".

15.5. Score leader

The phase of competition leader's total result including penalties in seconds.

15.6. Score

The athlete's total result including penalties for the appropriate phase of competition in seconds.

15.7. CKC/ICF Points Ranking Interclass Adjustment Factor

The following adjustment factors will be used to normalize CKC/ICF points and generate the interclass ranking of Canadian athletes.

| Event | CKC/ICF Points Ranking adjustment factor |
|-------|------------------------------------------|
| K1M | No adjustment |
| K1W | Athlete ICF Points * 0.7230 - 0.4249 |
| C1M | Athlete ICF Points * 0.9057 - 0.3367 |
| C1W | Athlete ICF Points * 0.4721 - 0.6498 |

16. Senior National Interclass Ranking System

- 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.
- The interclass adjustment ranking coefficients are as follows:

| Event | Interclass Ranking Coefficient |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| K1M | 1.00 |
| K1W | 1.13 |
| C1M | 1.06 |
| C1W | 1.26 |

- c. 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.
- d. The rankings will be compiled by Canoe Kayak Canada 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.
- e. 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

17. Result Relative to the Competitive Field

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

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

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

Example Calculation

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 15th out of a Competitive Field of 101 competitors at the World Championships and the C1M Athlete placed 9th 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 9th would rank higher to the K1M athlete placing 15th. Consequently, the C1M athlete would be nominated for the final SR card quota due to achieving a better result relative to the Competitive Field.