



CANOE KAYAK CANADA'S ATHLETE ASSISTANCE POLICY – SPRINT

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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.

Canoe Kayak Canada's AAP objectives for the Sprint Discipline are based on Sport Canada's AAP International and National Objectives (*Section 1 and 5 of the Sport Canada AAP Policy and Procedures Document*).

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 ICF 2020 Olympic Program is as follows:

	200 m	500 m	1000 m
Men	K1	K4	K1 K2
			C1 C2
Women	K1	K1 K2 K4	
	C1	C2	

Note: The Sport Canada AAP will only approve Athletes based on performance in the ICF 2020 Olympic Program events.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 Canoe Kayak Canada's 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 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 the National Sport Organization's published Carding criteria.

¹ **Note:** In 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.

2.2 Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for a Carding nomination, an Athlete must meet all the following requirements:

- A. Must be a current registered member of, and in good standing with, CKC;
- B. Must have participated in the applicable competitions required for Carding purposes (see section 2.4) unless a request for an exemption due to injury, medical condition, or illness is approved, in advance, by the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) – (Section 5);
- C. Must possess Canadian citizenship, or Permanent Resident status, by November 1, 2018, and must satisfactorily demonstrate that he/she will be eligible to compete for Canada in International Canoe Federation (ICF) competitions and the Olympic Games;
- D. Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense;
- E. Must sign the Athlete Agreement as required by CKC and/or Sport Canada;
- F. Must otherwise comply with all eligibility requirements set out by Sport Canada in its publication "[Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program 2015](#)";
- G. Must have met the Specific Criteria set out in Section 4, 5 (where relevant), and 6 (Progression Criteria);
- H. Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30-days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan;
- I. Carded athletes who are no longer in secondary school must be under the supervision of a National Team Coach. The athlete is required to be in a quality training environment offered at a recognized CKC training center and / or at a training hub approved by the NDC in consultation with the CTO.

2.3 Events for Performance Evaluation

Decisions on Carding nominations will be based upon performances in the following events.

Priority ranking is listed in Section 4:

Type of Card or Performance Level	NTT1	NTT2	Senior World Championships	U23 World Championships	Jr World Championships
SR1/SR2 Cards			✓		
Senior (SR/C1) Cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Development (D)	✓	✓			✓
Evidence of Progression	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

3. FUNDING ALLOCATION

Sport Canada has awarded the Sprint Discipline the equivalent of 30 Senior Cards or \$635,400 in AAP funding for the November 2019 to October 2020 Carding cycle. Sport Canada reviews its carding allocations regularly therefore this amount is therefore subject to change.

The Sport Canada AAP Program provides three types of cards – Senior International, Senior National, and Development – and 2 levels of funding, \$1765 / month for Senior International and Senior National, and \$1060/month for first-year Senior National and Development cards. A Senior International Card is awarded to an athlete who achieves a Top 8 Performance at a Senior World Championships or Olympic Games.

Depending on performances and the Carding history of athletes in 2019, CKC will split the allocated funds creating a combination of Senior (SR1, SR2, SR, and C1) and Development (D) Cards.

It should be noted that where an athlete qualifies for both a D card and a Senior National Card, the athlete will have the choice to decline the Development card in favor of being nominated for a Senior

National Card.

Athletes who meet the national criteria for Senior Cards for the first time are normally awarded C1 Cards and are funded at the Development Card level. If, however, the athlete has been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 level or was named to the Senior World Championship Team or an Olympic Team before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card for the first time, the athlete will be funded at the Senior National Card (SR) level rather than at the Development Card level.

4. SPECIFIC CARDING CRITERIA

The following priorities constitute the sequential order for nominating eligible athletes until there are no funds remaining.

In the event that there are insufficient funds to award a Development or Senior Card to all athletes within each of the priorities 4.1 to 4.6 below then the method used to rank athletes will be:

Position of finish (e.g. 2nd will be ranked ahead of 3rd and so on). In the event that there is a tie the percentage time differential from the Gold Medal Time will determine who will be nominated.

4.1 Priority 1: Senior International Cards (SR1/SR2)

The crew must have placed in the Top 8 AND Top Half of the competing field in an ICF 2020 Olympic Program event at the:

- **SR1 card:** 2019 Senior World Championships;
- **SR2 card:** 2018 Senior World Championships;

Athletes will be nominated as an SR2 card if they are maintaining a training and competition program supervised by the National Discipline Coach.

4.2 Priority 2: Allocation of Senior World Championship Senior National Cards

Crews who achieve a Top 1/3 finish in an ICF 2020 Olympic Program event at the 2019 Senior World Championships will be eligible for nomination for Senior National Card.

4.3 Priority 3: Allocation of Illness, Injury and Pregnancy Cards for SR1/SR2 Athletes

See criteria in Injury and Illness, Section 6.1

4.4 Priority 4: Allocation of U23 World Championship Team Podium Senior National Cards

U23 eligible Athletes who achieve a Podium Performance in an ICF 2020 Olympic Program event at the 2019 U23 World Championships will be eligible for nomination as a Senior National Card.

4.5 Priority 5: Allocation of Junior World Championship Podium Performance Based Development Card

Junior eligible Athletes who achieve a Podium Performance in an ICF 2020 Olympic Program event at the 2019 Junior World Championships will be eligible for a nomination as a Development Card.

4.6 Priority 6: Allocation of Senior World Championship Team Senior National Cards

Athletes who were named to, and competed at, the 2019 Senior World Championships, will be nominated for a Senior National Card. Athletes will be nominated in order of performance rank achieved.

4.7 Priority 7: Allocation of Remaining Cards

For those athletes who are not already carded through Priorities 1-6 the allocation of the remaining Senior National and Development cards will be determined according to a National Rank and a Performance Rank.

The athlete with the highest National Rank on each discipline ranking list will be assessed to determine a Performance Rank. The athlete with the highest performance rank will be nominated for a Senior National Card.

Following the nomination of the first Senior National Card described above the U21 athlete with the highest National Rank on each discipline ranking list will be assessed to determine a performance rank. The athlete with the highest performance rank will be nominated for a U21 Development Card.

Exception: If the athlete with the highest U21 performance rank is also the athlete with the highest National Rank (including seniors in the same discipline) and has the highest Performance Rank across disciplines then the athlete will be offered a Senior National Card. If the athlete accepts the Senior National Card the next U21 athlete with the highest National Rank and Performance Rank amongst U21 athletes will be nominated as a Development Card. If the athlete declines the Senior National Card then the next athlete with the highest national rank and performance rank amongst all athletes (U21 and Senior) will be nominated for a Senior National Card.

The process of alternating from Senior National Card to Development Card assessment will continue until no funding remaining.

4.7.1 National Rank

4.7.1.1 Your National Rank will be based on the following ranking lists:

- Men's Kayak 1000m
- Men's Kayak 200m
- Women's Kayak 500m

- Women's Kayak 200m
- Women's Canoe 200m
- Men's Canoe 1000m

4.7.1.2 All athletes will compete in open events (combined senior and junior) to establish an overall National Rank for each event identified in 4.7.1.1 above. The ranking list will be calculated by adding the points achieved at NTT1 & NTT2.

4.7.1.3 Points will be applied to the position of finish with 1st place scoring 18 points, 2nd place 17 points, 3rd place 16 points, and so on. The scores from trials NTT1 and NTT2 are added to establish an overall score. Athletes will be ranked according to this combined score.

4.7.1.4 Only results from the A or B final at any trials will be used. Race-off results related to team selections will not be considered;

4.7.2 Performance Rank

Athlete's will also be ranked according to an assessment of performance. This performance rank will be used to determine a rank between two athletes within a discipline and between disciplines.

4.7.2.1 Factors that will be considered when assessing the quality of performance can include:

- % time differential from the GMT - An athlete/crew's performance against a Gold Medal Time (see Appendix A)
- % time differential from the Winner
- % time differential from the previous finisher
- Performance Progression (See Section 5)
- Injury, Illness and Pregnancy (See Section 6)
- Unforeseen Circumstances (See Section 7)

These factors are in no particular order and one or more may be used to either support or dismiss a selection. Other factors not listed may also be considered.

Should a tie breaker be required the % time differential from the GMT will be used.

5 PROGRESSION CRITERIA

- 5.1 A progression criteria will apply to all athletes who are senior carded (excludes U21 athletes) and do not achieve SR1 /SR2 status (Priority 1) in 2019 but qualify for a senior national card through the other means (See section 4). CKC performance objectives are to support athletes who show the potential of a top 8 performance and are progressing toward podium performances at Senior World Championships and Olympic Games. An athlete who satisfies nomination criteria for a senior national card but do not show performance progression toward the performance objectives identified above will be evaluated and may not be nominated.
- 5.2 Normally, an athlete who does not meet one of the following criteria will not be nominated:
- 5.2.1 An athlete who is carded for any combination of four years and does not achieve a nomination to a Senior World Championship Team. Excludes the U21 carding period.
 - 5.2.2 An athlete who is nominated to any combination of 6 Senior World Championship Teams, Olympic Teams or AAP Senior Card Teams and does not achieve SR1 status. Excludes the U21 carding period.
 - 5.2.3 An SR2 athlete who has not regained SR1 status within two competition years following their SR2 nomination. Excludes the U21 carding period.
 - 5.2.4 An athlete previously nominated to the Senior World Championships Team who does not earn a nomination to the Senior World Championship Team for two successive competition years after U21 Eligibility.
- 5.3 Exceptions
- 5.3.1 An assessment of competition results in year 2 or 3 of the quadrennial indicates that the athlete or crew hold the highest Continental Rank in an Olympic event and therefore may qualify a quota position for Canada at the Olympic Games.

6 INJURY, ILLNESS AND PREGNANCY CARDS FOR ICF 2020 OLYMPIC EVENTS

Canoe Kayak Canada will consider nominating Athletes for an injury card in accordance with section 9.1.3 of the Sport Canada AAP policy.

6.1 **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:

6.2.1 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;

6.2.2 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;

6.2.3 If an Athlete competes in a qualifying event, they may not invoke Section 6 in respect to the qualifying event in which he or she competed. The intention of this provision is to ensure that Athletes who are injured, suffering from an illness, or 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;

6.2.4 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;

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

- the nature and details of the diagnosis and prognosis;
- assessment and training data provided by the Athlete that is verifiable and objective by the discipline coach and IST;
- 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 discipline 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.

7 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

These criteria are intended to apply where fair racing conditions exist. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond CKC's control do not allow racing or team/crew selection to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria; or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances as determined by CKC staff, the CTO will, where possible, consult with the HC and the HPC to determine if the circumstances justify racing or selection should take place in an alternative manner. The CTO will determine whether to allow racing or selection to take place so that the priorities and general principles of selection as indicated in these criteria and the nomination procedure as described in this document may be applied in a fair and just manner.

8 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 the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). Appeals of AAP Decision made under 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 Guideline



APPENDIX A

Performance Times

Any performance times to be compared against the A-Final Time (AFT) will be rounded to the 10th of a second
E.g. 3.49.46 becomes 3.49.5 another example 45.88 would become 45.9.

Event	Senior GMT	Senior AFT
MC1 1000m	3:50.0	3:58.0
MC2 1000m	3:34.0	3:39.0
MK1 200m	34.0	35.2
MK1 1000m	3:27.0	3:33.1
MK2 1000m	3:10.0	3:15.0
MK4 500m	1:18.0	1:20.0
WK1 200m	38.5	40.5
WK1 500m	1:48.5	1:52.0
WK2 500m	1:39.0	1:44.0
WK4 500m	1:31.6	1:35.5
WC1 200m	46.0	49.0
WC2 500m	1:57.0	2:05.0