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CANOE KAYAK CANADA CANOE SLALOM CARDING CRITERIA

For recommendation for the 2019-20 carding cycle
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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 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 Tokyo as well as "[Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program - Policies and Procedures](#)".

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 in an Olympic event. 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 Canoe Slalom Olympic Program is as follows:

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

Note: Sport Canada will only approve athlete carding recommendations based on performance(s) achieved in events included in the 2020 Canoe Slalom Olympic program.

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 Canoe Slalom High Performance Committee (HPC) those athletes eligible for nomination for a Sport Canada AAP Card. The HPC is responsible for approving 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 Canoe Kayak Canada's published carding criteria.

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.

2.2. Athlete Eligibility

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

- 2.2.1. Must be a current registered member of, and in good standing with, CKC;
- 2.2.2. Must have participated in the appropriate competitions required for carding purposes (see [Events for Performance Evaluation](#)) unless a request for an exemption due to injury, medial condition, or illness is approved, in advance, by the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) - ([See Injury Illness or Pregnancy Card Criteria](#));
- 2.2.3. Must possess Canadian citizenship, or Permanent Resident status, by November 1st, 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;
- 2.2.4. Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense;
- 2.2.5. Must sign the Athlete Agreement as required by CKC and/or Sport Canada;
- 2.2.6. Must otherwise comply with all eligibility requirements set out by Sport Canada in its publication "[Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program - Policies and Procedures](#)";
- 2.2.7. Must satisfy the appropriate [Progression Card Criteria](#);
- 2.2.8. Must have met the specific [International Card Criteria](#), [National Card Criteria](#) or [Development Card Criteria](#);
- 2.2.9. Does not have an outstanding account(s) with CKC that are more than 30-days in arrears or are without and approved payment plan;
- 2.2.10. 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 at a CKC training centre and/or a training hub approved by the CTO.

2.3. Events for Performance Evaluation

Decisions on Carding nominations will be based upon performance in the following events. Only the events listed in the table below will be considered eligible events for assessing an athlete's performance and progression. The prioritization of carding nominations is described in Section 4.

| Type of Card or Performance Level | WC ² 1 | WC 2 | WC 5 | Senior WCH ³ | U23 WCH | JR WCH | CKC/ICF Ranking | CKC National Ranking |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|-------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|
| SR1/SR2 cards | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Senior (SR/C1) Cards | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Development (D) Cards | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Evidence of Progression | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

3. FUNDING ALLOCATION

Sport Canada has awarded the Canoe Slalom High Performance Program the equivalent of six Senior Cards or \$127,080 in AAP funding for the November 2019 to October 2020 Carding Cycle. Sport Canada reviews its carding allocations regularly therefore this amount is 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.

² WC - World Cup

³ WCH - World Championships

4. PRIORITIZATION OF CARDING NOMINATIONS

The following priorities constitute the sequential order for nominating eligible athletes until there are no funds remaining. 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 Performance Benchmarks identified under International Card Criteria |
| PRIORITY 2 | Athletes carded the previous year at SR1 or SR2 and who meet the Injury, illness, or Pregnancy Card Criteria . |
| PRIORITY 3 | Athletes eligible for SR or C1 cards who meet the Performance Benchmarks identified under National Card Criteria . |
| PRIORITY 4 | Athletes carded the previous year at SR or C1 who meet the Injury, illness, or Pregnancy Card Criteria . |
| PRIORITY 5 | Athletes eligible for D cards who meet the Performance Benchmarks identified under Development Card Criteria . |

5. INTERNATIONAL CARD CRITERIA

Athletes who meet the International Card Performance Benchmark 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.

5.1. International Card Performance Benchmark

| International Card Performance Benchmark | |
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| 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 |

5.2. International Card Prioritization Procedure

- 5.2.1. Athletes who satisfy the International Card Criteria will be ranked in a top-down fashion and prioritized for SR1 nominations based on their result in the final standings at the Senior World Championships.
- 5.2.2. 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](#))
- 5.2.3. 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](#))

6. NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA

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 in a top-down fashion to eligible athletes according to the National Card Prioritization Procedures.

6.1. National Card Performance Benchmarks

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| <p style="text-align: center;">National Card Performance Benchmark Level 1 CKC/ICF Points Ranking and satisfy the following Performance Benchmark</p> |
| <p>Top-20 result in the final standings at the ICF Canoe Slalom Senior World Championships.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">National Card Performance Benchmark Level 2 CKC/ICF Points Ranking and satisfy one of the following Performance Benchmark</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Finish top-18 nation in K1 at the Senior World Championships; or2) Finish top-11 nation in C1 at the Senior World Championships; or3) Top Pan-American (North and South America) placement in the final standings of an event at the Senior World Championships; or4) Finish top 50% of competitive field at any eligible World Cup or the Senior World Championships; or5) Advance to a semifinal at any eligible World Cup or the Senior World Championships. |

6.2. National Card Prioritization Procedures

- 6.2.1. 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](#))
- 6.2.2. 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](#))
- 6.2.3. 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](#))

7. DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA

After the application of all eligible carding nominations based on the [International Card Criteria](#) and [National Card Criteria](#), any remaining AAP funding will be allocated as Development Cards in a top-down fashion to eligible athletes according to the Development Card Prioritization Procedures.

7.1. Development Card Performance Benchmarks

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

7.2. Development Card Prioritization Procedures

- 7.2.1. 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.
- 7.2.2. 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.
- 7.2.3. 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](#))
- 7.2.4. 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](#))

8. PROGRESSION CARD CRITERIA

8.1. Senior Card Progression Criteria

- 8.1.1. Athletes are expected to make progress in their results to maintain carding status. Normally, seven years is the maximum that an athlete will be carded at the senior level (SR or C1) based on the [National Card Criteria](#).

- 8.1.2. If an athlete, who has reached the maximum number of years for support is nominated for a Senior Card based on [National Card Criteria](#), the athlete's year-to-year improvement, progression toward the [International Card Criteria](#) and future potential will be reviewed by the CTO.
- 8.1.3. This seven-year period may be extended if an athlete is demonstrating improvement towards SR1/SR2 status, and after a thorough review (Conducted by the CTO), is recommended by CKC and approved by Sport Canada. Any extension would be for a one-year period only.
- 8.1.4. Those athletes who place top-20 in an Olympic event at an eligible World Cup or the Senior World Championships will not be subject to a progression criteria review.
- 8.1.5. Those athletes who qualify an Olympic quota spot for Canada according to the ICF Global Qualification System at the 2019 Senior World Championships will not be subject to a progression criteria review.
- 8.1.6. Those athletes who compete at the Senior World Championships in an Olympic event and under the ICF Olympic Qualification System are still eligible to earn a quota spot for Canada at the Continental Olympic Qualification event will not be subject to a progression criteria review.

8.2. Development Card Progression Criteria

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

- 8.2.1. An athlete can be nominated for a D card for a maximum of **4 years** after which point, the athlete must meet the [National Card Criteria](#) or [International Card Criteria](#) to be re-nominated for carding.
- 8.2.2. A U23 eligible athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) can be nominated for a D card for an additional **2 years** after which point, the athlete must meet the [National Card Criteria](#) or [International Card Criteria](#) to be re-nominated for carding.
- 8.2.3. A Senior athlete (as defined in the ICF regulations) who is no longer U23 eligible that was previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) cannot be nominated for a D card.

9. INJURY, ILLNESS 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](#).

9.1. SR1/SR2 or National Card Injury, Illness or Pregnancy Card Criteria

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:

- 9.1.1. 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 CTO will assume responsibility for the assessment and management of such injuries, medical conditions⁴ or illnesses and for the determination of whether such injuries or illnesses are career-ending;
- 9.1.2. In the case of injury or illness, no Carding nominations will be made for injuries that are determined by the CTO in consultation with medical professionals to be career-ending;
- 9.1.3. If an Athlete competes in a qualifying event, they may not invoke Section 9 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 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;
- 9.1.4. 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:
 - i. the number of Cards available;
 - ii. the nature and details of the diagnosis and prognosis;
 - iii. assessment of objective training data provided by the athlete that is verifiable by the athlete's primary coach and Integrated Support Team;
 - iv. evidence of the athlete's level of performance prior to injury;
 - v. the strength of the athlete's rehabilitation and training plan as evaluated by the CTO in conjunction with the athlete's primary coach;
 - vi. the advice of medical experts provided to the CTO; and
 - vii. 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.

10. 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.

⁴ CMO will not be responsible for assuming responsibility for the assessment and management of a pregnancy

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances as determined by CKC staff, the CTO will, where possible, consult with the HPM 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.

11. 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 "[Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program - Policies and Procedures](#)".

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APPENDIX

1. 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 event in which they compete. 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.

1.1. General Formula for ICF Ranking Points

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

Note: 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.

1.2. Phase Factor

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

1.3. Phase Offset

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

1.4. Quality Factor

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

1.5. Score leader

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

1.6. Score

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

1.7. 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 |

2. SENIOR NATIONAL INTERCLASS RANKING SYSTEM

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

| Event | Interclass Ranking Coefficient |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| K1M | 1.00 |
| K1W | 1.13 |
| C1M | 1.06 |
| C1W | 1.26 |
| C2M | 1.15 |

- 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](#)

3. 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 Calculations

Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field for a K1M Athlete who places 15th in a field of 101 athletes.

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

Calculation of the result relative to the Competitive Field for a C1W Athlete who places 9th in a field of 67 athletes.

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

In this example, the C1W Athlete placing 9th ranks higher relative to the competitive field size compared to the K1M athlete placing 15th.