

Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada

Carding Criteria for Nominations for the 2011 Athlete Assistance Program's Carding Cycle

A. Introduction

1. The Athlete Assistance Program (**AAP**) is a program of direct funding to selected athletes by the Government of Canada and administered by Sport Canada. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (**WSWC**) through its National Team Coach (**NTC**) nominates athletes to the program based on competition performance criteria developed by WSWC and approved by Sport Canada. Athletes are recognized for funding (i.e. "**carded**") at different levels (SR1/SR2, SR/C1 and D cards) of support, depending on their competition results.
2. The purpose of the AAP is to identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships.
3. This document sets out the criteria to be used by WSWC's NTC to recommend athletes for the AAP. These criteria have been developed within the context of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures document.
4. Sport Canada is responsible to approve nominations in accordance with AAP policies.
5. To be considered for a 2011 card, performance results must be achieved during the 2010 calendar year.
6. The Sport Canada quota for the number of cards available to WSWC is the equivalent of five Senior (**SR**) cards. Unused SR cards will be made available as D cards on an exchange of one SR card for one D card; two SR cards for three D cards; three SR cards for four D cards; etc., depending on the number of unused SR cards.
7. The sequence for nomination of Senior (SR1/SR2, SR/C1) and Development (D) cards is as follows:
 - (a) for years in which nominations are made for SR1 cards:

Nomination Sequence	Criteria Under Which Athletes Are Eligible For Nomination ¹
1.	SR1 Priority 1 (top 3 in one event)
2.	Injury Carding Criteria ² and was carded the previous year at SR2 and qualified for SR2 card as a result of having met one of SR1 Priorities 1 to 6 ¹ criteria the year prior to the SR2 card year
3.	SR1 Priorities 2 to 11 ¹
4.	SR/C1
5.	D
¹ see paragraph C-4 below for definitions of SR1 Priority levels ² see section F below for Injury Carding Criteria	

(b) for years in which nominations are made for SR2 cards:

Nomination Sequence	Criteria Under Which Athletes Are Eligible For Nomination
1.	SR2
2.	Injury Carding Criteria ¹ and who were carded the previous year at SR1
3.	SR/C1
4.	Injury Carding Criteria ¹ and who were carded the previous year at SR or C1
5.	D
¹ see section F below for Injury Carding Criteria	

8. Athletes should note that achieving the SR1/SR2, SR/C1, D or Injury Carding Criteria does not guarantee receipt of a card. If more athletes achieve the SR1/SR2, SR/C1, D or Injury Carding Criteria than there are cards available, WSWC will nominate athletes in the order set out above and in the order referred to below under section C - Senior International (SR1/SR2) Carding Criteria, section D - Senior National (SR/C1) Carding Criteria and Section E - Development (D) Carding Criteria.
9. Carded athletes are eligible to receive AAP support for a period of twelve months commencing on January 1 of the relevant year. For more information on AAP policies and procedures (see: http://www.pch.gc.ca/Sportcanada/prog/athlete_e.cfm).
10. For any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13.1.
11. Every effort has been made to ensure that the carding nomination criteria contained in this document are clear and will cover all possible circumstances. However, if any circumstance arises that is not covered by this document or if there is any ambiguity with respect to how the carding criteria should be applied to any circumstance, then WSWC will determine the athletes to be nominated for cards based on the spirit and intent of the criteria contained in this document.

B. General Eligibility Requirements

1. To be eligible for carding, an athlete must:
 - (a) be available to represent Canada in major international competitions, including World Championships; participate in preparatory and annual training programs; and adhere to his/her Athlete/National Sport Organization (NSO) Agreement;

- (b) be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete must 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 WSWC sanctioned programs during that time period;
- (c) under the eligibility requirements of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (**IWWF**), as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, be currently eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including World Championships; and
- (d) meet the carding criteria at international events or at a domestic event or events sanctioned by WSWC for such purposes.

C. Senior International (SR1/SR2) Carding Criteria

SR1 Criteria

1. Canadian athletes competing at the IWWF World Water Ski Championships (the “**Worlds**”) in the medal disciplines of slalom, jump, trick and/or overall are eligible for nomination for a SR1 card. In order for the overall event to be eligible, it must be an independent event with a separate final. Competitions awarding overall titles on the basis of totaling athletes’ individual event performances to determine overall is not sufficient for carding purposes.
2. Athletes finishing in the top 16 (counting a maximum of three athletes per country) and the top half of the field at the Worlds will be eligible for nomination for SR1 carding.
3. The Worlds are held every two years during the odd years (e.g. 2011, 2013 and so on).
4. If the number of athletes eligible for nomination for a SR1 card under paragraph C-2 exceeds the number of SR1 cards available, then the NTC will recommend athletes in the following order:

Priority	Placement at the Worlds
1	top 3 in one or more events ¹
2	top 8 in two or three events ¹
3	top 12 in three events ¹
4	top 8 in one event ¹ & top 12 in one event ¹
5	top 12 in two events ¹
6	top 8 in one event ¹
7	top 16 in three events ¹
8	top 12 in one event ¹ & top 16 in one event ¹
9	top 12 in one event ¹
10	top 16 in one or two events ¹

11	top 16 in one or more events (counting a maximum of three athletes per country)
¹ placement will be determined based on the actual results from the event (i.e. there will be no limitation on the number of athletes per country)	

Athletes within each Priority level will be ranked using the following criteria:

- (a) for each qualifying slalom, trick and jump event score, a **Single Event Overall Score** will be calculated using the athlete's event placement score, the first place score in the event and the IWWF overall formula for the event (see Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas);
- (b) for each qualifying overall event score, an **Overall Event Score** will be calculated using the following formula: Overall Event Score = athlete's overall event placement score ÷ the first place score in the overall event x 1,000;
- (c) all of each athlete's Single Event Overall Scores and Overall Event Score will be added together to determine the athlete's **Total Overall Score**; and
- (d) the athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest using their Total Overall Scores, and the recommendations for nomination will be based on this ranking.

If two or more athletes' Total Overall Scores are the same, then the following tie breaking criteria will be applied in the following order until the tie is broken:

- (e) each athlete's Total Overall Score will be recalculated using his/her event World's final round score; the athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest using their recalculated Total Overall Scores, and the recommendations for nomination will be based on this ranking;
- (f) each athlete's Total Overall Score will be recalculated using his/her event World's preliminary round score; the athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest using their recalculated Total Overall Scores, and the recommendations for nomination will be based on this ranking;
- (g) each athlete's Total Overall Score will be recalculated using his/her event three score average used for the World's Canadian Team selection purposes; the athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest using their recalculated Total Overall Scores, and the recommendations for nomination will be based on this ranking; and
- (h) each athlete's Total Overall Score will be recalculated using his/her highest event score from a Major Tournament that met the World's Canadian Team selection criteria and that was not included in his/her event three score average; the athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest using their recalculated Total Overall Scores, and the recommendations for nomination will be based on this ranking; the foregoing will be repeated as many times as is necessary until the tie is broken using each athlete's next highest event score from a Major Tournament that met the World's Canadian Team selection criteria and that was not included in his/her event three score average.

SR2 Criteria

5. Athletes who receive a SR1 card are eligible to be nominated by WSWC the following year for a SR2 card. This second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by WSWC and a training and competitive program approved by WSWC and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/WSWC Agreement and complete an AAP Application Form. To be considered for re-nomination by WSWC for a SR2 card, the athlete must also equal or exceed in the 2010 calendar year one of the following performance criteria in at least one event in which the athlete qualified for a SR1 card:
 - (a) finish in the top 12 and the top half of the field in the open category of a Major Tournament (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments for 2010), except for the U.S. Masters, where only a finish in the top eight is required; or
 - (b) finish in the top five in the Open division of the Pan American Championships; or
 - (c) finish in the top three for men or top two for women in the Open division of the Canadian Championships; or
 - (d) equal or exceed at a Major Tournament (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments for 2010) 95% of any of the athlete's final placement scores from the Worlds used by the athlete to qualify for his/her SR1 card.

D. Senior National (SR/C1) Carding Criteria

1. Generally, an athlete will be carded at the SR/C1 carding level for a maximum of four years. To receive carding at this level beyond that period, the athlete must demonstrate steady improvement in his/her results and skills. The evaluation of an athlete's improvement will be made by the NTC and will be based on improvement in the following areas:
 - (a) the athlete's performances used for the current and past World Ranking Lists;
 - (b) the athlete's performances at Major Tournaments (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments for 2010);
 - (c) the athlete's results from sport science and strength and conditioning programs; and
 - (d) the athlete's performances compared to the Senior National (SR/C1) card minimum score performance criteria (see Annex 3 - Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores).
2. To be eligible for nomination for a SR/C1 card, an athlete must achieve at a record capability sanctioned tournament during the 2010 calendar year at least two scores in at least one event equal to or greater than the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores (see Annex 3 - Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores). The two scores must be achieved at two separate tournaments and at two separate tournament sites. One of the two scores must be achieved in the Open (senior) division of a Major Tournament. The other score may also be from a Major Tournament, but only if it is achieved in the Open (senior) division.

3. If the number of athletes eligible for nomination for a C1 or SR card exceeds the number of cards available, WSWC will nominate athletes using the following procedure:
- (a) For each event in which an athlete qualifies for nomination, the athlete's **Event Average Score** will be calculated by averaging the athlete's two highest qualifying scores in each event equal to or in excess of the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores.
 - (b) For each event in which an Event Average Score is calculated, the athlete's **Event Overall Score** will be calculated using the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores as the first place scores, the athlete's Event Average Scores as the athlete's scores and the IWWF overall formulas (see Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas).
 - (c) Each athlete's **Total Surplus Overall Points** will be calculated by totaling the amount by which the athlete's Event Overall Score in each qualifying event exceeds 1,000.
 - (d) Athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest based on each athlete's Total Surplus Overall Points, and the nominations will be based on this ranking.
 - (e) If the Total Surplus Overall Points of two or more athletes are equal, such athletes' ranking will be determined based on each athlete's third highest qualifying event score (regardless of whether or not such score exceeds the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores) converted to overall points using the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores as the first place scores and the IWWF overall formulas. If the overall points from the athletes' third highest qualifying event score are still equal, the process will be repeated using first each athlete's fourth highest qualifying event score converted to overall points, then each athlete's fifth highest qualifying event score converted to overall points, and so on until the tie is broken.

E. Development (D) Carding Criteria

1. Any athlete who has previously been carded at the Senior International (SR1/SR2) or Senior National (SR/C1) level is not eligible for nomination for a D card.
2. Only athletes who are 5 years older than the IWWF Junior age limit or younger at the end of the 2010 calendar year (e.g. December 31, 2010 for a 2011 card nomination) are eligible for nomination for a D card.
3. Generally, an athlete will be carded in this category for a maximum of four years. To receive carding in this category beyond that period, the athlete must demonstrate steady improvement in his/her results and skills. The evaluation of an athlete's improvement will be made by the NTC and will be based on improvement in the following areas:
 - (a) the athlete's performances used for the current and past World Ranking Lists; and
 - (b) the athlete's performances at Major Tournaments (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments for 2010).
4. To be eligible for nomination for a D card, an athlete must achieve at a record capability sanctioned tournament during the prior calendar year (e.g. 2010 for a 2011 card nomination)

at least two scores in at least one event equal to or greater than the Development (D) Card Minimum Scores (see Annex 4 - Development (D) Card Minimum Scores). The two scores must be achieved at two separate tournaments and at two separate tournament sites. One of the two scores must be achieved at a Major Tournament (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments for 2010) or one of the following tournaments:

- (a) Junior World Championships;
- (b) Pan Am Championships (U21 and Junior);
- (c) Rolex Junior Masters; or
- (d) Junior US Open (Junior and 17-21).

5. If the number of athletes eligible for nomination for a D card exceeds the number of D cards available, WSWC will nominate athletes using the following procedure:

- (a) For each event in which an athlete qualifies for nomination, the athlete's **Event Average Score** will be calculated by averaging the athlete's two highest qualifying scores in each event equal to or in excess of the Development (D) Card Minimum Scores.
- (b) For each event in which an Event Average Score is calculated, the athlete's **Event Overall Score** will be calculated using the Development (D) Card Minimum Scores as the first place scores, the athlete's Event Average Scores as the athlete's scores and the IWWF overall formulas (see Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas).
- (c) Each athlete's **Total Surplus Overall Points** will be calculated by totaling the amount by which the athlete's Event Overall Score in each qualifying event exceeds 1,000.
- (d) Athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest using each athlete's Total Surplus Overall Points, and the nominations will be made based on this ranking.
- (e) If the Total Surplus Overall Points of two or more athletes are equal, such athletes' ranking will be determined based on each athlete's third highest qualifying event score (regardless of whether or not such score exceeds the Development (D) Card Minimum Scores) converted to overall points using the Development (D) Card Minimum Scores as the first place scores and the IWWF overall formulas. If the overall points from the athletes' third highest qualifying event score are still equal, the process will be repeated using first each athlete's fourth highest qualifying event score converted to overall points, then each athlete's fifth highest qualifying event score converted to overall points and so on until the tie is broken.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing and provided that there is at least one athlete of each gender who has met the criteria in paragraph E-4, if there are three or more D cards available at least one athlete of each gender will be nominated;. For example, if the first two athletes eligible for nomination based on the foregoing performance criteria are of one gender, then the third athlete nominated will be of the other gender, provided that the third athlete has met the criteria in paragraph E-4.

F. Injury Carding Criteria

1. A Senior carded athlete who is unable to meet the carding criteria strictly due to health-related reasons may be nominated for carding if the criteria of the Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health Related Reasons policy forming part of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures document are satisfied. Those criteria currently are:
 - (a) the athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a speedy return to full high performance training and competition during the period of his/her injury, illness or pregnancy and, despite making every reasonable effort to attain the applicable carding standards during the year in which the injury, illness or pregnancy occurred, has failed to do so, in the view of the NTC, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy;
 - (b) WSWC, based on the technical judgment of the NTC and the WSWC National Team medical personnel, indicates in writing to Sport Canada the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for renewal carding during the upcoming carding period; and
 - (c) the athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his/her long term commitment to high performance training and competition goals, as well as her/his intention to pursue full high performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he/she wishes to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria.
2. If more athletes meet the Injury Carding Criteria than there are cards available, they will be ranked, amongst the injury card nominations, based on their previous year carding ranking.

G. Appeal

For any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13 - <http://www.pch.gc.ca/Sportcanada/pol/athl/114-eng.cfm>

Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments for 2010

List of Major Tournaments for 2010		
Ski West Pro Am	Malibu Open	Skyview
Canadian Championships	Princes Pro Am	Liquid Leisure
Diablo Shores	US Open	Pan Am Championship
World Cup Events	Lake Crichton, New Zealand	Moomba Masters
The Masters (US)	Swerve H2O Pro Event	Record Roundup (jump only)
<p>In addition to the tournaments listed above:</p> <p>(a) all World Cup tournaments; and</p> <p>(b) all tournaments the results from which qualify for the IWWF's Elite Rankings List (a list of such tournaments is posted on the IWWF web site);</p> <p>are automatically included in the List of Major Tournaments, unless the NTC decides that the tournament should not be included in the list.</p> <p>From time to time the NTC may add or delete any tournament (including the deletion of a World Cup tournament or an IWWF Elite Rankings List tournament) to or from the List of Major Tournaments.</p> <p>An athlete may apply to have a tournament added to the List of Major Tournaments by submitting (or having a coach or tournament organizer submit) to WSWC a written request for the inclusion of the tournament at least one month in advance of the tournament. The NTC will determine if the tournament should be added to the list.</p> <p>If any changes are made to the List of Major Tournaments as a result of a decision by the NTC, the above list will be updated and a revised 2011 Carding Criteria will be posted on the WSWC web site. It is the responsibility of each athlete to be aware of the tournaments on the List of Major Tournaments by checking for updated information on the IWWF web site (with respect to the IWWF's Elite Rankings List tournaments) and the WSWC web site (with respect to updates to the above List of Major Tournaments).</p>		

Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas

IWWF Overall Formulas		
Slalom	Male and Female	$(\text{athlete's score} \times 1000) \div \text{first place score}$
Tricks	Male and Female	$(\text{athlete's score} \times 1000) \div \text{first place score}$
Jump	Male	$((\text{athlete's score} - 25) \times 1000) \div (\text{first place score} - 25)$
	Female	$((\text{athlete's score} - 17) \times 1000) \div (\text{first place score} - 17)$

Please note that all slalom scores will be based on the IWWF scoring system:

- (a) complete 13.00 m pass = 48 buoys;
- (b) complete 12.00 m pass = 54 buoys;
- (c) complete 11.25 m pass = 60 buoys; and
- (d) complete 10.75 m pass = 66 buoys.

Annex 3 - Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores

National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores			
	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Male	4 @ 10.75 m (64 buoys)	10,100 points	64.6 m
Female	3 @ 11.25 m (57 buoys)	7,100 points	49.0 m

Please note that all slalom scores will be based on the IWWF scoring system:

- (a) complete 13.00 m pass = 48 buoys;
- (b) complete 12.00 m pass = 54 buoys;
- (c) complete 11.25 m pass = 60 buoys; and
- (d) complete 10.75 m pass = 66 buoys.

Annex 4 - Development (D) Card Minimum Scores

Development (D) Card Minimum Scores			
	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Male	5 @ 11.25 m (59 buoys)	7,800 points	54.3 m
Female	0.5 @ 11.25 m (54.5 buoys)	5,900 points	42.5 m

Please note that all slalom scores will be based on the IWWF scoring system:

- (a) complete 13.00 m pass = 48 buoys;
- (b) complete 12.00 m pass = 54 buoys;
- (c) complete 11.25 m pass = 60 buoys; and
- (d) complete 10.75 m pass = 66 buoys.