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Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Carding Criteria for 2018 Nominations

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Sport Canada's "Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a federal government grant program that provides direct financial assistance to Canadian high-performance athletes"
- 1.2 Taekwondo Canada develops its sport-specific AAP criteria, which are aligned with Sport Canada's AAP policies and procedures. The criteria are submitted to Sport Canada for their review prior to being published and circulated.
- 1.3 Carded athlete status is a privilege designated for athletes who have demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate, outstanding abilities and commitment to regimented training and performance in the sport of taekwondo.
- 1.4 The purpose of the program is to identify and provide funding to the athletes who have met the international Carding criteria or demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior international Carding criteria.
- 1.5 Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director is responsible for the nomination of the eligible athletes for the AAP. The High Performance Director is responsible for the nominations and Sport Canada approves the nominations in accordance to the AAP policies and the published NSO approved AAP compliant carding criteria.

2 The Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

- 2.1 The Taekwondo Canada AAP is funded by Sport Canada through its Athlete Assistance Program. The maximum number of Cards for each cycle is determined by Sport Canada.
- 2.2 The Carding cycle for 2018 shall be January 1st, 2018 to December 31st, 2018.
- 2.3 In 2018, Sport Canada has allocated of \$108,000, equivalent to six (6) Senior cards.
- 2.4 Sport Canada reviews the allocations on a regular basis and therefore the total available to Taekwondo Canada is subject to change. (any change to this number will be communicated) in living and training allowance to be allocated through the application of the 2018 Taekwondo Canada Athlete Assistance Program Criteria.
- 2.5 The Sport Canada AAP funds taekwondo in Olympic events at two levels:
 - 2.5.1 Senior Cards/C1:
 - 2.5.1.1 Senior International Card (\$1,500.00/month)
 - 2.5.1.2 Senior Card (\$1,500.00/month)
 - 2.5.1.3 C1 card (\$900.00/month)
 - 2.5.2 Developmental Cards: (\$900.00/month)
 - 2.5.2.1 Where the term C1 is used, this is defined as a first year Senior Card who, regardless of the number of years at a Development Card level, receives Senior Card status but is funded at Development Card level.
 - 2.5.3 The Sport Canada AAP also offers Taekwondo athletes who receive AAP funds the following additional financial benefits:
 - 2.5.3.1 Tuition Support, and
 - 2.5.3.2 Supplemental SupportThese are Sport Canada benefits and are subject to change by Sport Canada. More information regarding these additional financial benefits is in section 8 of the Sport Canada AAP Policy posted at the Sport Canada website.



- 2.6 The Sport Canada policy and procedures which govern the AAP and the establishment and application of criteria can be found on the Sport Canada website at: [Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program](#)

3 Eligibility Requirements

- 3.1 The athlete must have achieved the Carding criteria within an Olympic Weight Class, which includes World Weight Divisions where ranking points are earned and cumulated into WTF Olympic Weight Ranking.
- 3.2 The athlete must be a Competitive Registered Participant in good standing with Taekwondo Canada.
- 3.3 Athletes must have a valid WTF Global Athlete License.
- 3.4 The athlete must currently be a Canadian citizen and be eligible to represent Canada at all major international events (including World Championships, Olympic Games, and Grand Prix events) under the eligibility requirements of the World Taekwondo Federation as it pertains to citizenship.
- 3.5 In general, an athlete must maintain his or her residence within Canada during the carding period to remain eligible for Carding. To remain eligible for Carding while living outside of Canada, the athlete must request special permission from Taekwondo Canada and is subject to approval by Sport Canada. Taekwondo Canada reserves the right to reject such a request.
- 3.6 The athlete must have competed in the following:
 - 3.6.1 2017 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships, March, 2017; and
 - 3.6.2 Minimum 3 WTF-sanctioned G ranked international competitions held within January to December 2017 representing Canada.
- 3.7 To obtain and maintain Carded athlete status the athlete must sign, accept, and adhere to the obligations as outlined in Taekwondo Canada's Carded Athlete Agreement. The athlete must also complete the AAP application form and the online anti-doping courses.
- 3.8 No Carding application will be processed without the signed Athlete Agreement being filed with Taekwondo Canada.

4 Card Allocation and Number of Cards

- 4.1 Due to the limited amount of cards available, meeting carding criteria does not automatically qualify an athlete for a card.
- 4.2 A maximum of two athletes from the same WTF Olympic weight division may be nominated for a Senior Card (SR1/SR2, SR/C1).
- 4.3 A maximum of two athletes from the same WTF Olympic weight divisions can be nominated for a Development Card.



5 Priority Order

Eligible athletes will be nominated for AAP support in the following priority order:

- 5.1.1 Athletes eligible for the Senior International (SR1/SR2) card.
- 5.1.2 Athletes eligible under the Health-Related conditions.
- 5.1.3 Athletes eligible for SR/C1 cards.
- 5.1.4 Athletes eligible for D cards.

Note: A minimum of four (4) months of AAP support must be available to nominate an athlete to the AAP.

6 Carding Criteria

6.1 Senior International Carding Criteria (SR1/SR2).

- 6.1.1 Sport Canada establishes the performance standards for international criteria used to award Senior International Cards. The following are the current standards for international criteria:

- 6.1.1.1 Finish in top 8 in the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships and finish in the top half of the division in the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships. Athlete must have won at least one match, bye is considered as a win.

- 6.1.2 Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by Taekwondo Canada for two consecutive years; the card for the first year is referred to as an SR1 card, while the second year card is known as an SR2 card. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by Taekwondo Canada and following an approved training and competitive program.

6.1 Senior National Carding Criteria (SR/C1)

- 6.1.1 Available SR/C1 Cards are awarded to athletes who have achieved the following minimum performance results:

- 6.1.1.1 Finish in top 16 at the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships and finish with a minimum of one win or,
 - 6.1.1.2 Finish in top 16 at one of 2017 Grand Prix Series event (#1, #2 or #3), with minimum of one win.

- 6.1.2 Tie Breaking:

If there are fewer cards than the number of athletes that meet the Senior National carding criteria, the following process will apply to determine the athletes eligible for nominations:



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- 6.1.2.1 Highest finish at the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships, with minimum of one win, a bye is considered as a win;
- 6.1.2.2 If there is still a tie, priority will be given to the athlete who had the greater number of wins including a bye at the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships;
- 6.1.2.3 If there is still a tie, the athlete with highest points earned in the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships will be given the priority;
- 6.1.2.4 If there is still a tie, the highest rank athlete in the top 32 on the WTF Olympic ranking published in December 2017 (reflecting ranking points earned up until November 30, 2017), plus points earned at 2017 Grand Prix Final in December, 2017 will be given the priority
- 6.1.2.5 If there is still a tie, Taekwondo Canada's High Performance Director, or designate, will select a 3 to 5 member panel tasked with determining which athlete will be nominated. The panel shall include the Executive Director, HP Director, or designate, Chair of Coaches Committee and one external member. The criteria will be based on athletes with overall performance in 2017 at all WTF G Events.

6.2 Development Carding Criteria (D)

- 6.2.1 If after the application of the Senior international and the Senior national carding criteria a carding quota is available, athletes who meet the following Development card criteria will be eligible for nominations:
 - 6.2.1.1 The highest ranked Canadian athletes within the top 50 on the WTF Olympic Ranking published in December 2017 , nominated in order of their ranking (reflecting ranking points earned up until November 30, 2017)

7 Health Related Condition

- 7.1 At the end of a carding cycle during which an athlete has, strictly for health-related reasons, not achieved the standards required for the renewal of carded status, she or he may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions
 - 7.1.1 The athlete was carded at the Senior Internationals card levels at the end of the previous carding cycle.
 - 7.1.2 The athlete duly notified the Taekwondo Canada High Performance Director, or delegate, in writing of her or his injury or health status within 14 days of the date of diagnosis or of the date when the athlete had to interrupt her or his training. A licensed sport medicine practitioner must make any such signed diagnosis.
 - 7.1.3 Conditions outlined in the Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures section 9.1.3 "Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health-related Reasons" apply to all injury and health related condition applications





8 Approval and Appeal Process

- 8.1 Athletes will have a review period of seven days commencing on the date of the nominations announcement to advise Taekwondo Canada of any omissions or errors related to results and/or rankings in the nomination list. Final approval of nominations is determined by Sport Canada.
- 8.2 Appeals of Taekwondo Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decisions or of a Taekwondo Canada recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued through Taekwondo Canada's review process. Appeals of AAP decisions made under Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards) or Section 11 (Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures.