



SHOOTING FEDERATION OF CANADA

PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF 2012 ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CARDED ATHLETES

1.0 PREREQUISITES

The athlete must:

- 1.1 Comply with International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) eligibility regulations, the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) Athlete Agreement and Anti-Doping Policy and the Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport.
- 1.2 Have been a member of the SFC High Performance Program, in good standing, in an Olympic or Paralympic event, in the year preceding and the year in which prospective carding is to take place.
- 1.3 Participate in SFC High Performance Program selection trials for the ensuing year. Exception may be made in the case of an athlete who is unable to compete in or complete the trials for good reason, as approved in advance of the event by the SFC High Performance Committee. The athlete must provide any required supporting documentation upon request.
- 1.4 If qualified, participate in the World Championships in the event for which carding support is received. Exception may be made in the case of an athlete who is unable to compete in or complete the Championships for good reason, as approved in advance of the event by the SFC High Performance Committee. The athlete must provide any required supporting documentation upon request.
- 1.5 Follow an SFC approved training plan.
- 1.6 Provide true statements in their application and supporting documentation and to verify these statements if requested by Sport Canada.
- 1.7 Indicate if they are current or former federal government employees, and if so, to confirm that they are in compliance with the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service or the Conflict of Interest and Post-employment Code for Public Office Holders.
- 1.8 Be currently eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including World Championships under the eligibility requirements of the sport's International Federation (the ISSF) as it pertains to citizenship or residency status.

- 1.9 Provide an application for consideration of AAP carding support to the SFC Technical Director by a date to be determined in November annually.

2.0 PLACE OF RESIDENCE

- 2.1 Athletes living outside Canada are not normally eligible for AAP support. Any exceptions to this requirement must be approved by Sport Canada. Athletes leaving Canada should be fully aware that any exceptions will be made only through special submissions by the NSO concerned. Athletes living outside Canada for athletic or academic purposes must demonstrate to the satisfaction of Sport Canada that appropriate training programs are in place and are being maintained at an appropriate level by the NSO.
- 2.2 Athletes who are full-time permanent residents outside Canada for more than two successive years normally will not be considered eligible for AAP benefits. However, if these athletes are competing within the Canadian sport system and representing Canada at international competitions as a member of the NSO High Performance Program, carding may be considered.
- 2.3 Athletes who are eligible and meet the carding criteria but are not funded because they are living outside Canada should be nominated for carding by the NSO and recorded by Sport Canada. This could result in the C1 card status being waived should the athlete meet the national criteria for Senior Cards in subsequent years and move back to Canada.

3.0 CANCELLATION

- 3.1 Card status may be canceled during the carding year according to the Athlete Assistance Program guidelines by:
 - 3.1.1 the athlete, voluntarily, or
 - 3.1.2 the SFC for a lack of commitment; gross breach of discipline; non-performance; or because of a breach of contract (SFC Athlete Agreement), or
 - 3.1.3 Sport Canada because of false application, or
 - 3.1.4 Sport Canada because of a doping infraction.
- 3.2 Card status may not be renewed at the end of a carding year if:
 - 3.2.1 The athlete does not meet the approved carding criteria, or
 - 3.2.2 The athlete is not high enough within the carding nomination priority.

4.0 CARD ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 All cards will be awarded by Sport Canada through a process of nomination by the SFC High Performance Committee to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program, which includes a review of each nominated athlete's training program and competition performance.

- 4.2 Performance standards and recognized competitions will be determined before the start of each year and agreed upon by the Athlete Assistance Program and the SFC High Performance Committee.
- 4.3 Performance standards will be recorded according to ISSF courses of fire. When an event includes both full and partial courses, scores will be recorded in the order fired. Partial courses will not be recorded.

5.0 RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

- 5.1 Performances or results recognized for carding qualification are those achieved at international competitions, in which entries are made by the SFC, during the twelve months preceding the start of the carding year.

6.0 NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- 6.1 All athletes identified by the SFC High Performance Committee as eligible for nomination to the AAP for carding consideration will be sent a call for applications on or about the 15th of October annually. Said call for applications will also be posted to the SFC website.
- 6.2 It is the Athlete's sole responsibility to provide his or her own application for consideration of AAP carding support to the SFC Technical Director at the Federation's address according to the posted deadline.
- 6.3 If the Athlete does not make application to the High Performance Committee by the deadline, that Athlete will not be considered for carding.
- 6.4 The SFC High Performance Committee will inform currently carded athletes whether or not they are being recommended for continuation of carding and will also inform athletes who have applied whether or not they are being recommended for carding.
- 6.5 The SFC High Performance Committee reserves the right to request the submission of a written report of personal sport activities and performance gains for renewed carding.
- 6.6 The SFC High Performance Committee will nominate eligible athletes for AAP support and prepare a submission package for review by Sport Canada.
- 6.7 Sport Canada shall review and accept nominations based on the approved sport specific carding criteria and the policies and procedures of the AAP.
- 6.8 The SFC High Performance Committee will inform Sport Canada approved athletes. The High Performance Committee will also inform athletes who were not approved by Sport Canada.

- 6.9 Athletes not recommended for carding by the SFC High Performance Committee may apply for a review of their qualifications in writing to the SFC Vice President High Performance at the Federation's address within seven (7) days of being notified as per item 6.4, and must include performance records and/or other supporting documentation.

7.0 APPEAL PROCESS

- 7.1 An appeal against a decision of the SFC High Performance Committee may be made as per the published SFC Appeal Policy.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 7.1 above, for any matters related to Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow Section 13 of the Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures document found at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/114-eng.cfm>.

8.0 PRINCIPLES for SENIOR (SR) CARDS

- 8.1 Senior Cards are intended to support athletes already at or having the potential to reach international criteria. The carding support allows athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their athletic goals.
- 8.2 Senior cards are awarded to athletes actively participating in SFC High Performance Training Programs with the purpose of obtaining improvement in performance as measured by scores and placing obtained in international competitions. **Athletes are expected to improve each year in order to have their card status recommended for renewal.**
- 8.3 An athlete is generally expected to be Senior (SR) National carded (including C1 Card) for no more than five (5) years, at which time it would be expected that Senior International criteria have been met. Athletes may be eligible for an additional three (3) years of carding at the SR level subject to meeting annual performance standards and an annual review that determines the athlete's potential to attain the SR International Card level as described below.
- 8.4 Athletes previously having achieved the SR International Card (SR1/SR2) level will be eligible for a maximum of five(5) further years of SR Card support based on the National Criteria, pending an annual review that determines the athlete's potential to re-attain the SR International Card level as described below.

SENIOR CARD CONDITIONS FOR 2012 NOMINATIONS - OLYMPIC PROGRAM ATHLETES -

Senior card status is available for events on the Olympic program only. Senior Cards are awarded on the basis of 1) International Criteria and 2) National Criteria.

Sport Canada assigns a limited number of AAP Cards. Cards are first allocated to athletes who have achieved the International Criteria with any remaining cards allocated to athletes based on the National Criteria. For the 2012 carding year there will be the equivalent of **seven (7)** SR1/SR2/SR and C1 cards available to the SFC Olympic Program. All cards allocated for shooting are subject to change by Sport Canada.

INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA (SR1, SR2)

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at an ISSF recognized World Championship or the Olympic Games prior to consideration:

- 1.0 1.1 Top 8 in events limited to one entry per country, or
- 1.2 Top 12 in events limited to two entries per country, or
- 1.3 Top 16 in events limited to three or more entries per country, and

- 2.0 Athletes must finish in the top half of the field.

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by the NSO for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by the NSO and a training and competitive program approved by the NSO and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO Agreement and complete an AAP Application for Financial Support for the year in question.

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization is based on the rank achieved by an athlete within the mandatory performance standards (mentioned above) at the World Championships or Olympic Games. Regardless of shooting discipline, an athlete placing 4th for example would take precedence over an athlete placing lower in the ranking order of their respective discipline.

NATIONAL CRITERIA (SR/C1)

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained prior to consideration:

1. The athlete must be a member of the preceding and current year's SFC High Performance Program (as per Prerequisites item 1.2 of this criteria);
and
2. The athlete must have obtained an MQS (Appendix "A") at an ISSF sanctioned event within two (2) years of the application for carding support; this MQS must be listed on the ISSF website and written proof of its attainment provided at the time of application.

Athletes who have achieved these standards will then be ranked according to the **Canadian Shooting Athlete Ranking System**. (Please see Appendix "D")

There is no distinction between rankings amongst the various disciplines.

Example: An athlete who is ranked 20th in 10M Air Pistol Women is directly compared to an athlete who is ranked 35th in 50M Pistol Men. Thus, in this example, the 10M Air Pistol Women athlete would be ranked ahead of the 50M Pistol Men athlete.

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization is based on the **Canadian Shooting Athlete Ranking System (CSARS)**; the ranking achieved by an athlete at the end of the competitive season annually and in this instance as of October 31, 2011. Regardless of the shooting discipline, an athlete ranked 18th, for example, would take precedence over an athlete who has a lower ranking. The CSARS is defined as that established by the criteria described in Appendix "D" of this document.

If there are two or more athletes who have the same ranking and an insufficient number of cards to cover all the similarly ranked athletes, then the tie will be broken by the highest placing achieved at a World Cup or World Championship within the competition year that carding is being based upon. For prioritization among athletes with the same ranking there is no distinction made between World Cup placing and World Championship placing.

Example: There are only two Cards left to be distributed, but there are three athletes with the same ranking. Athletes A, B, and C are all ranked 34th in their respective disciplines. Athlete A achieved a 20th place at a World Cup, while athlete B achieved an 8th place at a World Cup, while athlete C achieved a 15th place at the World Championships. Therefore, athlete B and athlete C would receive carding because of the higher placings they earned at the respective events.

CARDING CONDITIONS FOR 2012 NOMINATIONS - PARALYMPIC PROGRAM ATHLETES -

Senior card status is available for events on the Paralympic program only. Senior Cards are awarded on the basis of 1) International Criteria and 2) National Criteria.

Sport Canada assigns a limited number of AAP Cards. Cards are first allocated to athletes who have achieved the International Criteria with any remaining cards allocated to athletes based on the National Criteria. For the 2012 carding year there will be the equivalent of **three (3)** SR1/SR2/SR and C1 cards available to the SFC for Paralympic shooters. Sport Canada is reviewing AAP card quotas for the Paralympic sports and the number of cards allocated to shooting may be subject to change.

INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA (SR1, SR2)

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Based on results achieved on the program of the Paralympic Games, the following standard must be obtained in the Paralympic Games or World Championships for consideration*:

- 1.0 1.1 Top 8 in events limited to one entry per country, or
- 1.2 Top 12 in events limited to two entries per country, or
- 1.3 Top 16 in events limited to three or more entries per country, and
- 2.0 Athletes must finish in the top half of the field.
- 3.0 To be eligible for carding consideration, athletes must meet the SFC carding score standards as outlined in Appendix "B".

** In Paralympic events that do not have a minimum of ten countries entered, Senior cards will be available to those athletes who place in the top 3 at Paralympic Games or World Championships with a minimum of ten (10) entries and a minimum of five (5) countries.*

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by the NSO for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by the NSO and a training and competitive program approved by the NSO and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO Agreement and complete an AAP Application for Financial Support for the year in question.

NATIONAL CRITERIA (SR/C1)

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Athletes must obtain the following standards prior to consideration*:

- 1.0 Equal or exceed SFC score standards as outlined in Appendix "B" in IPC sanctioned events,

AND

- 2.0 Place in the top 4 in the senior national team trials.

** A junior athlete who has achieved the SFC, Senior (SR) card score standard at National Championships or team trials may be eligible for Senior card nomination.*

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization of athletes will be developed by comparing athlete performances in the National Team Trials in eligible Paralympic event(s), against the winning result in that event at the 2008 Paralympic Games, less finals. Results comparisons will be carried to four (4) decimal points. Athletes with the highest percentage of the 2008 Paralympic event score will be prioritized first.

DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA (D)

Any unallocated or remaining Senior (SR) card(s) will be converted into D card(s). The conversion rate is as follows: 1SR = 1D; 2SR = 3D; 3SR = 4D; etc.

Athletes previously carded at the SR1/SR2 level are not eligible for D cards. Athletes previously carded at the SR/C1 level for 3 or more years will not be eligible for D cards. An athlete may not be carded more than 4 years at the Development level.

Athletes must obtain the following standards prior to consideration*:

- 1.0 Equal or exceed SFC score standards as outlined in Appendix "C",

AND

- 2.0 Place in the top 4 in the senior national team trials.

** A junior athlete who has achieved the SFC Development (D) card score standard at National Championships or team trials may be eligible for Development card nomination.*

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization of athletes will be developed by comparing athlete performances in the National Team Trials in eligible Paralympic event(s), against the winning result in that event at the 2008 Paralympic Games, less finals. Results comparisons will be carried to four (4) decimal points. Athletes with the highest percentage of the 2008 Paralympic event score will be prioritized first.

APPENDIX "A"

The score standards to be used for 2012 carding nominations for athletes competing within the Olympic program shall be:

Rifle Discipline: **Score Standard:**

50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	1135
50m Rifle prone Men	587
10m Air Rifle Men	570
50m Rifle 3 Positions Women	555
10m Air Rifle Women	375

Pistol Discipline:

50m Pistol Men	540
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	560
10m Air Pistol Men	563
25m Pistol Women	555
10m Air Pistol Women	365

Shotgun Discipline:

Trap Men	112
Double Trap Men	118
Skeet Men	114
Trap Women	58
Skeet Women	60

APPENDIX "B"

The score standards to be used for 2012 Senior (SR) card nominations for athletes with disabilities shall be:

EVENT	DISCIPLINE	CLASS	QUALIFICATION
R1 Men	Air Rifle Standing	SH1	563
R2 Women	Air Rifle Standing	SH1	367
R3 Coed	Air Rifle Prone	SH1	590
R4 Coed	Air Rifle Standing	SH2	585
R5 Coed	Air Rifle Prone	SH2	590
R6 Coed	English Match .22	SH1	570
R7 Men	Free Rifle .22	SH1	1090
R8 Women	Standard Rifle .22	SH1	540
P1 Men	Air Pistol	SH1	545
P2 Women	Air Pistol	SH1	355
P3 Coed	Sport Pistol .22	SH1	545
P4 Coed	Free Pistol .22	SH1	516

APPENDIX "C"

The score standards to be used for 2012 Development (D) card nominations for athletes with disabilities shall be:

EVENT	DISCIPLINE	CLASS	QUALIFICATION
R1 Men	Air Rifle Standing	SH1	545
R2 Women	Air Rifle Standing	SH1	355
R3 Coed	Air Rifle Prone	SH1	575
R4 Coed	Air Rifle Standing	SH2	570
R5 Coed	Air Rifle Prone	SH2	575
R6 Coed	English Match .22	SH1	560
R7 Men	Free Rifle .22	SH1	1060
R8 Women	Standard Rifle .22	SH1	525
R9 Coed	English Match .22	SH2	560
P1 Men	Air Pistol	SH1	535
P2 Women	Air Pistol	SH1	340
P3 Coed	Sport Pistol .22	SH1	530
P4 Coed	Free Pistol .22	SH1	490

APPENDIX "D"

CANADIAN SHOOTING ATHLETE RANKING SYSTEM (CSARS)

1. Ranking eligibility and participation is directed to members in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada National and Development Teams.
2. AAP cards shall be allocated to athletes based on their national ranking following the completion of all eligible competitions within the calendar year. For the purposes of these criteria, eligible competitions include:
 - Canadian National Championships
 - ISSF World Championships
 - ISSF World Cups
 - Commonwealth Games
 - Pan-American Games
 - Championships of the Americas (CAT)
 - Olympic Games
3. A minimum of two (2) competitions must be shot per year for athlete inclusion in the CSARS and to be eligible for AAP carding nomination – the National Championships and one other eligible shoot. Finals are not counted in the athlete score.
4. If any match exceeds the ISSF course of fire, the match score will be averaged and a ranking value calculated on an ISSF single course of fire (e.g. 50m prone score of 1188/1200 = 594/600).
5. To determine Athlete Ranking Values, the following formula will be used:

$$\left[\frac{\text{World Record} - \text{NT Cut Score}}{\text{NT Cut Score}} \right] \times 100 = \text{Max Percentage}$$

$$\left[\frac{\text{Athlete Score} - \text{NT Cut Score}}{\text{NT Cut Score}} \right] \times 100 = \text{Athlete Percentage}$$

$$\text{Athlete Ranking Value} = \frac{\text{Athlete Percentage}}{\text{Max Percentage}}$$

i.e.

If an athlete shoots equal to the cut score the ranking value will be '0',

If an athlete shoots below the cut score they will get a negative value (ex. -0.5),

If an athlete shoots above the cut score they will get a positive value (ex. +0.5),

If an athlete shoots equal to the world record they will get a '1'.

NOTE: A negative "-" ranking value does NOT disqualify an athlete. It is simply a lower value than "0" or a positive "+" value.

6. Where an athlete qualifies for carding in more than one event, the second card shall be forfeited to the next ranked athlete.

7. Byes may be granted only for the National Championships in each Olympic discipline providing application is made in advance of the Championships to the High Performance Committee.

7.1 Competition Bye

Athletes who were named to the National or Development Teams in the season prior to the National Championships will be considered providing they:

- a) Have met the requirements for team membership in the upcoming season; and
- b) Are scheduled to represent Canada at an ISSF World Championships or major games* that would directly interfere with participation in the National Championships.

[* For the purposes of these criteria, major games include the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, Commonwealth Games, and the CAT Championships.]

The score shot at the event for which the bye was granted will apply in place of the Canadian National Championship score.

7.2 Medical Bye

By application in advance, athletes who were named to the National or Development Teams in the season prior to the National Championships will be considered providing they have met the requirements for team membership, and for medical reasons substantiated by a doctor's certificate, cannot compete at the National Championships.

The injury or illness for which medical exemption is made will be such that the athlete is able to compete in the year of qualification for AAP carding support.

In the case of a medical bye, the score shot at a second "eligible competition" as listed above in item 3 will replace the Canadian National Championship score.

All byes will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to the approval of the High Performance Committee.