



SHOOTING FEDERATION OF CANADA (SFC)

PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF 2024 ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CARDED ATHLETES

1. PREREQUISITES

The athlete must:

- 1.1. Comply with International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), International Olympic Committee (IOC) or World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) eligibility regulations as applicable, the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) Athlete Agreement and Anti-Doping Policy, and the Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport.
- 1.2. Be a member of the SFC High Performance Program (National Team or Development Team), in good standing, in an Olympic or Paralympic event.
- 1.3. Senior (SR) Card athletes must be a member for the entire year preceding and the year in which prospective carding is to take place. Development Card Athletes may not be a member of the High Performance Program for the previous 5 years but must, at minimum, be a Development Team Athlete during the year of carding.
- 1.4. Participate in SFC High Performance Program selection trials for the ensuing year. Exceptions 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 (HPC). The athlete must provide any required supporting documentation upon request.
- 1.5. If qualified, participate in the All Event World Championships in the event for which carding support is received. Exceptions 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.
- 1.6. Senior Card athletes must be currently eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including All Event World Championships under the eligibility requirements of the sport's International Federation (the ISSF and WSPS) as it pertains to citizenship or residency status.
- 1.7. Compete in an event that is currently included in the Olympic/Paralympic program (Mixed Team event is excluded from carding criteria).
- 1.8. Follow an SFC approved training plan that meets the minimum requirements as laid out in the "YTP minimum requirements" [document](#).
- 1.9. Compete 'for score' to be considered for AAP carding. Scores shot for Ranking Points only at international competitions will not be considered in the carding process.
- 1.10. 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.
- 1.11. Provide true statements in their application and supporting documentation and to verify these statements if requested by Sport Canada.

2. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- 2.1. All athletes achieving 2024 SFC National or Development Team status may be eligible for nomination by the HPC to the AAP for carding consideration.
- 2.2. The SFC High Performance Committee will inform currently carded athletes whether or not they are being recommended for a continuation of carding.

- 2.3. The SFC High Performance Committee reserves the right to request the submission of a written report of personal sport activities and performance gains for carding.
- 2.4. The SFC High Performance Coordinator under the auspices of the High Performance Committee, will nominate eligible athletes for AAP support and prepare a submission package for review by Sport Canada.
- 2.5. Sport Canada shall review and accept nominations based on the approved sport specific carding criteria and the policies and procedures of the AAP.
- 2.6. The SFC High Performance Committee will inform Sport Canada approved athletes.
- 2.7. 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 (vphp@sfc-ftc.ca) within seven (7) days of being notified as per item 2.2 and must include performance records and/or other supporting documentation. Full appeal procedures can be found here.

3. CARD ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1. The Shooting Federation of Canada carding cycle correlates with the 2023 calendar year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
- 3.2. Senior (SR1, SR2, and SR) Cards have an annual value of \$21,180. Development (D) Cards have an annual value of \$12,720
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. Performance standards will be recorded according to ISSF/WSPS 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.

4. PRINCIPLES and CONDITIONS for CARDING CONSIDERATION

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SENIOR CARDS (SR1/SR2/SR)	DEVELOPMENT CARDS (D)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● are intended to support athletes already at or having the potential to reach international criteria. Carding support allows athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their athletic goals. ● awarded to athletes actively participating in SFC High Performance Training Programs as measured by, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ scores and placing obtained in international competitions; ○ adherence to ALL criteria of the YTP minimum requirements, Athlete Agreement, Behavioural Contract, Code of Conduct and Anti-doping agreements; ○ being in good standing with the SFC throughout the previous year and during the carding year. ● athletes must attend a minimum of one (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have been on the High Performance (National/Development) team within the past five years you are not eligible. ● If you have ever been carded at an SR level you are not eligible. ● Administered to athletes who meet the Senior Card criteria at the discretion of the High Performance Committee ● are intended to support athletes having the potential to reach senior carding criteria. Carding support allows athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their athletic goals. ● may be presented to athletes who were not on the High Performance Team (National or Development) for the previous 5 consecutive years, or have never been part of the High Performance Team, but are demonstrating competition achievements that would put

<p>High Performance training camp (if held) conducted by the National Coach in their respective discipline during the preceding and carded year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletes who have been carded for more than five years (total) are expected to demonstrate improvement toward the achievement of a top-8 world performance and receive the recommendation of the SFC High Performance Committee for the renewal of card status. ** <p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The athlete’s season best (derived from one of their six (6) allowable attempts to make the HP Team) must be greater than their AVERAGE score from the past three seasons. Scores must be obtained at a recognized International Competition (Olympic events only) See Section 5 below. 	<p>them in the running for Carding should they have been on the team the previous year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The scores used must be internationally achieved ● are awarded to athletes actively participating in SFC High Performance Training Programs as measured by, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ scores and placing obtained in international competitions (includes US Championships) ○ adherence to ALL criteria of the YTP minimum requirements, Athlete Agreement, Behavioural Contract, Code of Conduct and Anti-doping agreements; being in good standing with the SFC throughout the previous year and during the carding year. ○ being in good standing with the SFC throughout the previous year and during the carding year.
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** Determining improvement will begin using scores achieved in 2023 and all athletes will be reset to year one, regardless of how many years they have previously been carded. The need to determine improvement will not come into play until the 2027 carding year. (e.g. Trap Athlete A achieves a score in 2026 of 119. His average score from the past three years (2025, 2024, 2023) is 118. He has now shown improvement and can be carded).

5. SENIOR CARD CONDITIONS FOR 2024 NOMINATIONS - OLYMPIC PROGRAM ATHLETES

If there are two or more athletes who have achieved the same NEW CSARS ranking in any of the prioritization of card allocation scenarios, and an insufficient number of cards to cover all the similarly ranked athletes, then the tie will be broken by the highest placing achieved within the eligible competition year at an event in the below list.

For prioritization among athletes with the same ranking, there is no distinction made between World Cup placing and World Championship placing. When applicable, rankings achieved in qualification rounds shall take precedence over rankings achieved in elimination rounds.

There is no distinction between rankings amongst the various disciplines.

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

All international scores to determine carding for SR cards will be obtained at one of the following events:

- ISSF World Cup or World Championship
- ISSF Grand Prix
 - An ISSF Grand Prix is defined as a Grand Prix run by the ISSF that the athlete is entered to compete by the SFC via the ISSF Entry Portal.
- CAT Games
- CAT Championship
- PanAm Games
- Commonwealth Games
- Jr. World Cups and World Championships*

*Jr. World Cups and Junior World Championships are the only approved Junior competition for AAP funding.

All international scores to determine carding for Development Cards will be obtained at one of the following events:

- QSDR approved events (except US Events)

All Domestic scores (Development Team cards only) will be obtained at one of the following events:

- High Performance Team Trials
- National Championships
- QSDR approved US Events

Here is the prioritization for how cards will be allocated:

- A. Athlete(s) who have met the International Criteria (All Event World Championships and Olympics: Top 8 and Top ½ of the field)
- B. Athlete(s) who have met the High Level SR Criteria. (R/P World Championships (excluding all event WCh) and World Cups, Shotgun World Championships (excluding All Event WCh) and World Cups: Top 8 and top ½ of the field)
- C. Athletes who have met High Level Development Criteria. (Approved QSDR international events (sans US events); Top 8 and top ½ of the field)
- D. Athletes who have met Mid Level SR Criteria (CAT/PanAm/PanAm Championships/ISSF GP/ Final Olympic Qualification Championship: Top 8 and top ½ of the field)
- E. Athletes who have met Mid Level Development Criteria. (Approved QSDR international events (including US events; Top 16 and top ½ of the field)
- F. Athletes who have met other SR Criteria. (via New CSARS List)
- G. Athletes who have met other Development Criteria (via New CSARS List)

A. INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA (SR1, SR2)

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at an ISSF recognized All Events World Championship (Olympic events only) or the Olympic Games prior to consideration:

- 1.0 Top 8 counting a maximum of three 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 All Events 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.

B. HIGH LEVEL SR CRITERIA

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at an ISSF recognized World Championship (excluding the All Event World Championship) and World Cup (Olympic events only):

- 1.0 Top 8 counting a maximum of three entries per country;
and**
- 2.0 Athletes must finish in the top ½ of the field.**

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization is based on the rank achieved by an athlete within the mandatory performance standards (mentioned above) at a World Cup or World Championship (excluding All Event World Championships). 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.

The following standards must be obtained prior to consideration:

- The athlete must be a member (in good standing) of the preceding and current year's SFC High Performance Program (National Team or Development Team) as per Prerequisites item 1.3 of these criteria.
- RPO scores will not be accepted.

C. HIGH LEVEL DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at a QSDR approved International Competition (sans US Event) (Olympic events only):

- 2.0 Top 8;
and**
- 2.0 Athletes must finish in the top ½ of the field.**

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization is based on the rank achieved by an athlete within the mandatory performance standards (mentioned above) at a QSDR approved International Competition (sans Canadian and US events). 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.

The following standards must be obtained prior to consideration:

- The athlete must be a member (in good standing) of the current year's SFC High Performance Program (National Team or Development Team) as per Prerequisites item 1.3 of these criteria.
- RPO scores will not be accepted.

D. MID LEVEL SR CRITERIA

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained in an Olympic event at a recognized competition (CAT/PanAm/PanAm Championships/ISSF Grand Prix/ Final Olympic Qualification Championship) (Olympic events only):

- a. Top 8 counting a maximum of three entries per country;
and**
- b. Athletes must finish in the top ½ of the field.**

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization is based on the rank achieved by an athlete within the mandatory performance standards (mentioned above) at a CAT/PanAm/PanAm Championships/ISSF Grand Prix/Final Olympic Qualification Championship competition. 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.

The following standards must be obtained prior to consideration:

- The athlete must be a member of the preceding and current year's SFC High Performance Program (National Team or Development Team) as per Prerequisites item 1.3 of these criteria.
- RPO scores will not be accepted.

E. MID LEVEL DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at a QSDR approved International (including US Events) Olympic events only):

- 3.0 Top 16;
and**
- 2.0 Athletes must finish in the top ½ of the field.**

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization is based on the rank achieved by an athlete within the mandatory performance standards (mentioned above) at an approved International (SR and Development Team), and US Events. 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.

The following standards must be obtained prior to consideration:

- The athlete must be a member (in good standing) of the current year's SFC High Performance Program (National Team or Development Team) as per Prerequisites item 1.3 of these criteria.
- RPO scores will not be accepted.

F. OTHER SR CRITERIA

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at a recognized International Competition (Olympic events only):

Four (4) Cards will be allocated to National team athletes using the **New CSARS** formula. Athletes will be ranked and cards awarded in sequential order.

$(\text{Athlete Score} - 8^{\text{th}} \text{ place average score from 2022 WC}) / (\text{Perfect Score} - 8^{\text{th}} \text{ place score}) = \text{Athlete Ranking}$

- Score used for CSARS will be obtained at recognized International Competitions.
- The athlete must be a National Team member of the current year's SFC High Performance Program.
- RPO scores will not be accepted.

G. OTHER DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following standards must be obtained at a recognized International and Domestic Competition (Olympic events only):

One (1) Cards will be allocated to National or Development team athletes using the **New CSARS** formula. Athletes will be ranked and cards awarded in sequential order.

$(\text{Athlete Score} - 8^{\text{th}} \text{ place average score from 2022 WC}) / (\text{Perfect Score} - 8^{\text{th}} \text{ place score}) = \text{Athlete Ranking}$

- Score used for CSARS will be the best achieved score from the athletes chosen QSDR attempts obtained at recognized International Competitions.
- The athlete must be a National or Development Team member of the current year's SFC High Performance Program.
- RPO scores will not be accepted.

6. CARD CANCELLATION

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.

Card status may not be renewed at the end of a carding year if:

- 3.1.5. the athlete does not meet the approved carding criteria, or
- 3.1.6. the athlete is not high enough within the carding nomination priority.

**CARDING CONDITIONS FOR 2024 NOMINATIONS
- PARALYMPIC PROGRAM ATHLETES -**

Senior card status is available for events on the Paralympic program only. Senior Cards are awarded in the following priority: 1) Athlete(s) who have met the International Criteria and 2) Athlete(s) who have met the 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. All cards allocated to shooting are subject to change by Sport Canada.

Regardless of shooting discipline, an athlete confirmed to participate in the Paralympic Games prior to the start of that carding year shall take precedence over any other athlete nominated for carding in the year of the Games.

Results must be achieved in the 2023 calendar year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023).

Senior (SR1, SR2, and SR) Cards have an annual value of \$21,180. Development (D) Cards have an annual value of \$12,720

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 World Championships for consideration:

- 1.0 **Top 8;**
- 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".

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:

- Equal or exceed SFC score standards as outlined in Appendix "B" in two (2) WSPS sanctioned events.

PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION

Prioritization of athletes will be developed by comparing athlete performances in two (2) WSPS sanctioned events against the bronze medal performance (3rd place result) in that event at the 2020 Paralympic Games, less finals. Results comparisons will be carried to four (4) decimal points. Athletes with the highest percentage of the 2020 Paralympic event score will be prioritized first.

APPENDIX “B”

The score standards to be used for 2024 Senior (SR) card nominations for athletes with disabilities shall be:

EVENT	DISCIPLINE	CLASS	QUALIFICATION
R1 Men	Air Rifle Standing	SH1	608.0
R2 Women	Air Rifle Standing	SH1	613.0
R3 Mixed	Air Rifle Prone	SH1	627.0
R4 Mixed	Air Rifle Standing	SH2	623.0
R5 Mixed	Air Rifle Prone	SH2	630.0
R6 Mixed	50m Rifle Prone	SH1	610.0
R7 Men	50m Rifle 3 Positions	SH1	1134.0
R8 Women	50m Rifle 3 Positions	SH1	1135.0
R9 Mixed	50m Rifle Prone	SH2	611.0
P1 Men	Air Pistol	SH1	551
P2 Women	Air Pistol	SH1	544
P3 Mixed	Sport Pistol .22	SH1	546
P4 Mixed	Free Pistol .22	SH1	515