

Ski Jumping Canada – Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria for 2017-2018 Nominations

1. INTRODUCTION

The goal of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is to contribute to improved Canadian performances at major international sporting competitions such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games and World Championships. To this end, the AAP identifies and supports athletes already among, or having the potential to be among, the top 16 in the world.

Ski Jumping Canada (SJC) supports these aims when nominating athletes to Sport Canada for this funding stream. For the 2017-18 year, SJC targets is targeting

- those athletes performing at a high level that have potential to do well at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games for senior funding, and;
- those next generation athletes with potential to do well at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games and beyond with development level funding.

The Athlete Assistance Program is part of the total program of support that SJC gives its athletes with the goal of enabling them to reach their highest potential throughout their athletic career and beyond.

Athletes approved by Sport Canada for the AAP may be eligible for a living and training allowance, tuition support, deferred tuition support, and special needs assistance. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly financial compensation as follows:

Card Type	Monthly Compensation	Annual Value
Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)	\$1,500	\$18,000
Senior National Card (SR)	\$1,500	\$18,000
1 st Year Senior National Card (C1)	\$900	\$10,800
Development Card (D)	\$900	\$10,800

Further information on the Sport Canada AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada website at:

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514343755ELIGIBILITY>

DEFINITIONS

“FIS World Ranking List (WRL)” or “FIS List” refers to an athlete’s world ranking

“Canadian Ranking List (CRL)” – Refers to an athlete’s Canadian Ranking.

“Carding Cycle” is the twelve month period commencing June 1 of any year, athletes that have been successful in being awarded carding will be informed in May of that year.

“FIS Rankings” means the rankings set out in the FIS Ranking List, which is produced by the FIS exclusively for the National Sport Organization’s (“NSO”) for their use in making team selections for their national and developmental teams. The FIS Ranking List contains rankings for each discipline and is provided to the NSO by the end of April 2017.

“SJC” or “Ski Jumping Canada” means the Canadian Ski Jumping Team, including the National and the National Development Team.

“SJC Leadership Group” means the Head Coach and the High Performance Director.

2. PROCESS

In order to be nominated for AAP support, an athlete must:

- Meet the ELIGIBILITY requirements below
- Be nominated based on established PRIORITY OF NOMINATIONS (see section 3)
- Be ranked against other eligible athletes using the CARDING LEVEL CRITERIA (see section 4)

Note that when calculating results from a World Championship or Olympic Winter Games a maximum of three (3) entries per nation will be considered.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination for AAP support, each athlete must:

- Be named to the Canadian Ski Jumping National or National Development Team
- Be a Canadian citizen at the beginning of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being nominated.
- Be eligible per FIS rules to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships, at the beginning of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being nominated.
- Participate in national team preparatory and annual training programs during the period in which they are qualifying for AAP support.
- Meet published NSO approved, AAP compliant sport specific carding criteria.

3. PRIORITY OF NOMINATIONS

Ski Jumping Canada currently has a maximum card quota of 4 senior cards, equating to \$72,000. The card quota is subject to change based on Sport Canada's AAP review that normally takes place after every Olympic/Paralympic Games. Cards are allocated in the following priority order to eligible athletes named to the Canadian National Ski Jumping Team:

1. Athletes who meet Senior International criteria (4.1);
 - a. One card is available at this level
2. Athletes who meet the Senior National criteria (4.2);
 - a. One card is available at this level
3. Athletes who meet the Development criteria (4.3);
 - a. Two cards, plus any unused cards from #1 & #2 are available at this level

More detail is available in each section below, including injury exemptions.

4. CARDING LEVEL CRITERIA

The Athlete Assistance Program qualification criteria for Ski Jumping Canada are as follows:

4.1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada establishes the international criteria used to award the SR1 and SR2 cards. These criteria are based on results in Olympic events at the World Championships and at the Olympic Games.

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated 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. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by SJC and maintaining a training and competitive program approved by SJC.

4.1.1 Number of cards available

There will be a maximum of one card allocated to this level each year. In the event no athlete meets the criteria then the budget will go to the Development Card pool budget.

4.1.2 Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for SR1/SR2 cards:

Priority 1 – World Championships

1. Finish in the top 8 and the top half of the field in an Olympic event at World Championships or the Olympic Winter Games

Notes:

- 1) The next opportunity to qualify for a SR1 Card will be at the 2017 World Championships.
- 2) In a year in which there is neither an Olympics nor a World Championships there is no opportunity to meet SR1 requirements. This will next occur in 2020

4.1.3 Priority Ranking

If more than one athlete meets the eligibility criteria then the athlete with the highest World Championship result will receive the card.

4.2. SENIOR NATIONAL CARDING CRITERIA (SR/C1)

The criteria for Senior national cards has been designed to identify athletes with the potential to achieve the international criteria. Athletes nominated for Senior cards for the first time are awarded C1 cards.

4.2.1 Number of cards available

There will be a maximum of one card allocated to this level each year. In the event no athlete meets the criteria then the budget will go to the Development Card pool budget.

4.2.2 Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must meet the one of the following criteria to be nominated for SR/C1:

Priority 1 – World Championships

1. Athletes who met the criteria for a Senior International card but did not receive a card due to carding availability;
2. Placed 9th to 16th in an Olympic event at the 2017 World Championships, excluding team events.

Priority 2 - World Cup Results

1. An athlete may qualify for an SR/C1 card by achieving 3 World Cup results in the most recent season that are within 10% of the total score (distance plus judge points) of the podium in those competitions

4.2.3 Priority Ranking

1. Priority 1 – World Championship results – supersedes Priority 2
 - a. If one or more athletes qualifies under priority 1, any athletes qualifying under priority 2 will not be allocated a card.
 - b. If more than one athlete places 9th to 16th in World Championships (priority 1), then the athlete with the highest World Championship result will receive the card
 - c. In the event of a tie in world Championship results, the card will be allocated to the athlete with the highest position on the World Ranking List
2. If no card is allocated based on priority one, then an athlete that qualifies through priority 2 – World Cup results - will receive the card
 - a. If more than one athlete qualify through priority 2, the card will be allocated to the athlete with the highest position on the World Ranking List
 - b. If the more than one athlete are tied on the WRL, the card will be allocated to the athlete with the highest single World Cup result

4.2.4 C1 Card Funding

Athletes who are nominated for a Senior Card for the first time are awarded a C1 Card (funded at the Development Card level).

Maximum number of years at National Senior level

Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the National Senior Card (SR) status is five (5). Years carded at the SR injury, SR1 and SR2 will not count toward this maximum.

In order to be nominated for carding for six (6) or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward International Senior Card status (SR1 and SR2) by being ranked amongst the top 50 (men) and top 30 (women) on the FIS World Cup Ranking list and having competition results on average within 15% of the top five competitors.

4.3. DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA

Development cards are targeted at athletes who show potential for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games - and beyond - based on their current performance and their predicted future maximum potential. Athletes who fail to demonstrate future potential will not be carded.

4.3.1 Number of cards available

The remaining AAP budget will be allocated to athletes as Development cards. This will be a minimum of 2 cards (\$36,000) and a maximum of 4 cards (\$72,000).

Normally, a Development Card cannot be allocated to an athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more than two years, except for an athlete carded as a senior card while still eligible to compete at the Junior international age level.

4.3.2 Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must meet all of the following criteria to be nominated for Development cards:

- 1) meet the minimum requirements in their anthropomorphic tests as defined by the medical support team, AND
- 2) International performance
 - a) Male athletes must achieve at least one European Continental Cup (COC) point in the most recent season
 - b) female athletes must achieve at least one World Cup (WC) point in the most recent season AND be identified by SJC as NextGen talent with OTP;

4.3.3 Priority Ranking

As women's ski jumping provides SJC with highest probability of achieving podium results, the women's team will receive priority funding for AAP development cards. Should additional cards be available after the women are considered, the men will then be ranked.

Women's priority

- 1) Ranking will be done in order of number of top 30 world cup finishes
- 2) in the event of a tie in #1, the athlete's top world cup finish will be the tie breaker

Men's priority

- 1) Ranking will be done in order of number of top 30 world cup AND continental cup finishes
- 2) in the event of a tie in #1, the athlete's top world cup finish will be the tie breaker

The last ranked nominee may only receive partial Development Card funding if full funds are not available.

Maximum number of years at Development level

1. Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Development Card

(D) status is three (3). Years carded at the D injury will not count toward this maximum.

In order to be carded for four (4) or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward Senior Card status by improving their ranking in the WRL in each of the previous three years.

4.4. INJURY STATUS

A carded athlete who at the end of the carding cycle has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of carding status because of strictly health related reasons may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming year provided the athlete meet the requirements set out by Sport Canada's "Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health-related" AAP policy (section 9.1.3).

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514343755/1414514385181>

Athletes must provide written confirmation of their health-related condition, a plan for returning to training and competition approved by their Doctor and provide a written commitment to make a full return to training and competition by a specific date agreed by the athlete, medical team and the SJC Leadership Group prior to them being considered for re-nomination.

For exceptions to the SR, C1, and D card criteria made on the basis of athlete injuries, a specific criteria for the continuation of carding for future years shall be determined on a case by case basis considering details of the injury and expected recovery requirements.

When an athlete is carded on an injury provision in any given year, that year is not counted as a year for AAP qualification criteria toward the national senior card priority 2 criteria or development criteria. An athlete who receives injury status in year two (2) of the carding will be eligible for carding under the national senior card priority 2 criteria in year three based on year two criteria.

5. APPEALS

Appeals of SJC's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of an SJC's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the SJC appeals process.

Appeals of AAP Decision made under Section 6 (Application for and Approval of Cards or Section 11 (Withdrawal of Carding Status) may be pursued through Section 13 of the AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.