



CYCLING CARDING CRITERIA FOR PARA-CYCLING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 CARDING CYCLE

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Note: *In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence.*

Note: From this point forward disciplines will be considered as cycling sports (ex. Track) and disciplines are considered as being events in a cycling sport. (Example: Track is cycling SPORT in which there are sport disciplines like the Team pursuit)

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 at or having the potential to be in the top 8 in the world.

The AAP has three specific objectives:

- to identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 8 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships;
- to help Canada's international-caliber athletes excel at the highest level of competition while assisting them to prepare for a future career or engage in full- or part-time career activities; and
- to allow athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their high performance athletic goals.

Athletes approved by Sport Canada for the AAP are eligible for a living and training allowance, tuition support (in a Sport Canada approved University or College program), deferred tuition support, and special needs assistance. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly financial stipend as follows:

- Senior International Card (SR1/SR2) *\$1500/month*
- Senior National Card (SR) *\$1500/month*
- Senior Probationary Card (C1) *\$900/month*
- Development Card (D) *\$900/month*

Further information on the AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada web site <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734>

2. Eligibility

In order to be considered for nomination for AAP support, an athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The athlete must compete in 2016 Paralympic events
- Results posted in Paralympic events, between December 1st 2012 and November 30th, 2013 will be considered.
- The athlete must have competed at the 2013 National Championships, unless a written exemption has been granted by Cycling Canada (CC).
- The athlete must complete CC application form (see the CC website) and return it to CC on or before October 31st, 2013.
- The athlete must be a licensed member of CC and be a member in good standing with their Provincial Association.
- The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.
- The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete shall 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 CC-sanctioned programs during that time period.
- The athlete, under the eligibility requirements of UCI, as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships.
- Athletes must have accepted participation to either world championships and/or Paralympic or Olympic Games if selected by Cycling Canada *

Sport Canada recommends that an athlete with annual income after sport expenses of \$50,000 or more, decline AAP financial support. Funds declined in this way are reallocated to other athletes in the same sport whose income is below the voluntary income guideline.

* Exceptions can be considered by the HPD and HPC if an athlete presents valid reasoning like financial, medical, etc

3. Application Process

Cycling Canada (CC) makes every effort to keep track of and recognize athletes' results that may qualify them for carding. However, given that a large proportion of results may be achieved at events outside of the National Team program, it is impossible for CC to be aware of all relevant performances. Therefore; it is the responsibility of each athlete to ensure that CC is aware that they are eligible for carding support. Athletes who have met the criteria outlined in this document must apply to CC no later than October 31st, 2013 in order to be considered for AAP support in the 2014 cycle. Applications must be in by October 31st, 2013 but results can be compiled up until November 30th, 2013. Athletes shall complete the application form posted on CC's website and return it to CC on or before the deadline. The athlete's coach responsible for overseeing their training program must be identified on this form and must also sign it. A detailed 2014 Training and Competition Plan must accompany the application form. Failure of submitting any aforementioned details may result in a suspension of funding until the necessary information is submitted.

4. Decision-making Process

The High Performance Director/Head Coach (HPD) in consultation with the Cycling Sport specific National Coach evaluates all athletes who have submitted a complete application for AAP support, and based on Cycling Carding Criteria, recommends a prioritized list of athletes that are to be nominated for carding support. The prioritized list is submitted to the High Performance Committee (HPC) or sport specific Selection Advisory Group* for approval.

This prioritized list will be posted on Cycling Canada website and all the athletes who submitted an application form will be notified via email of the provisional status accorded to them by the HPD. Athletes will have a review period of seven (7) days, following the notification by e-mail, to appeal the decision not to nominate them for carding. Any appeal launched by an athlete will be expedited in accordance with the CC Appeals Policy.

Following the review period, the names of the athletes who are eligible to be nominated for carding support will be submitted to Sport Canada for final approval.

Sport Canada reviews all nominations put forward by CC and approves nomination in accordance with Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) policies. Athletes whose nominations are approved by Sport Canada must sign the 2014 CC Carded Athlete Agreement and complete the AAP Application Form before they can begin receiving carding support.

* The sport specific selection advisory group is a group of people chosen by the High Performance Committee members who are experts in a specific cycling sport who assist the HPC and national sport Coach with High Performance decisions.

5. Description of carding levels

Senior International (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada sets the criteria for SR1/SR2 cards. They are based solely on results at Paralympic Games. Athletes who meet the SR1/SR2 criteria are eligible to be nominated for carding for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the second year referred to as SR2. Athletes must meet the maintenance criteria established by the CCA to maintain their card in year two (SR2).

Note: In cases where the Olympic/Paralympic or World Championship field is restricted by the sport's International Federation (IF), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as a result of qualification processes or other types of entry restrictions, the number of entry and country in the qualification process will be taken in consideration.

Senior National (SR/C1)

National criteria for Senior card has been designed to identify the athletes with the potential to be among the top-12 in the world, within five years. This carding level can be achieved through performances in Paralympic events at the World Championships or through sport specific criteria.

Development (D)

Development cards are intended to support the needs of developing athletes who clearly demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior International card criteria.

6. Maximum number of years at the Senior National card level

Once an athlete reaches the Elite age, as per UCI regulations, an athlete is expected to achieve progress in their results in order to maintain Senior National carding status. Normally, seven (7) years is the maximum that an athlete will be carded at the Senior level based on national criteria (excluding Injury card). After such time, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive thoroughly documented review of the athlete's performance over the past five years in order to demonstrate progress toward performance equivalent to top 8 and top half at the World

Championships or Paralympic Games, which then warrants nomination of “Senior National” card status for an additional year. This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the athlete is nominated at this level.

7. Maximum number of years at the Development carding level

An athlete may be carded at the D level for a maximum of one (1) year (excluding years at Injury card).

8. Team type of events

Athletes who compete in the finals of Paralympic program team type of events may be nominated for Senior Cards (SR1 or SR2), depending on the result of the in that final.

In the event that there remain only one or two cards to be awarded and that there is a team eligible to be nominated for this/these card(s), the eligible athletes on the team will receive equal portions of the remaining card(s). Discretionary cards may be used to accommodate the team needs.

9. Card Quota** available and distribution

The maximum number of cards available to CC Para program is the equivalent of 15 Senior cards*. Sport Canada is currently reviewing all sports carding allocations; therefore, the number of cards allocated for CC is subject to change by Sport Canada.

Senior cards may be converted to Development cards at the discretion of Cycling Canada.

*As Sport Canada is in a review process the amount of cards may differ from what is mentioned in this document. If the amount of cards were to differ from those amount mentioned in this document the HPC would take measures to re-distribute new allotted number of cards.

	Objective cards	Discretionary cards
Cycling Sport	Number of Senior cards available per discipline	Number of discretionary
PARA	12	3

**Card Quota of 15 Senior card represent \$270,000. A Senior card has a value of \$18,000 (\$1500/month) and a Development card as a value of \$10,800 (\$900/month). In general, athletes are recommended for 12 months of carding support but if after the application of the carding criteria there are less the 12 months of carding support available, the NSO may recommend an athlete if there are at least 4 months of support available.

10. Prioritization – PARA CYCLING

Objective cards will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority.

Within each cycling sport, Objective cards will be allocated before the Discretionary cards.

N.B.: This priority order of nominations does not apply to Discretionary cards – please see the section on Discretionary card criteria for more information at page 9 of this document.

Within each cycling sport, athletes who are eligible for the same level of card will be prioritized as follows (except for Discretionary cards):

- a) Athletes who are eligible for a first year Senior International Card (SR1);
- b) Athletes who are eligible for a second year Senior International Card (SR2);
- c) Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR1 level during the 2013 cycle;
- d) Athletes who are eligible for an Automatic Senior Card (SR/C1)
- e) Athletes who are eligible for a Specific Senior Card (SR/C1);
- f) Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR1/C1 level during the 2013 cycle;
- g) Athletes who are eligible for a Development card (D);

If more than one athlete meets a particular standard noted immediately above, the following process will be used until a particular athlete is prioritized ahead of another:

1. If a tie still remains, the athlete who has beaten the standard of his/her carding qualification event outlined in Appendix 1 of this document by the greatest percentage will be given priority.
2. If after the application of the above 2 tie breaker a tie remains, the athlete ranked as the first or second Canadian among the top-half on the UCI Para-cycling international ranking as of the last UCI event of the 2013 season.
3. If a tie still remains after the application of the above - Recommendation from the High Performance Director of Cycling Canada based on OTP Benchmark and Rio 2016 medal hopes.

11. Tandem

It should be noted that in normal circumstances, a tandem approved for nomination will result in two cards being allocated (one for the visually impaired athlete and one for the pilot). Throughout the processes noted above, in any situation where a tandem is prioritized, two athletes will be put forward for nomination. In the event that there remains only one card to be awarded and that there is a tandem eligible to be nominated for this card, these two athletes will receive equal portions of the remaining card.

If two pilots were to meet the carding criteria with the same visually impaired athlete, the pilot chosen by the visually impaired athlete to compete for the next season will receive carding.

11.1 Change of pilot during the carding cycle

If during the carding period, CC in conjunction with the visually impaired athlete find it necessary to change pilot for performance based reasons, a new pilot may be recommended for the remaining carding support if he/she:

- is currently carded, or
- was carded in the previous year, or
- meets the performance standard described in Appendix 1 or 2 for the specific tandem category

11.2 Change of pilot prior to carding recommendation

If a carded pilot was to retire at the end of the racing season, the visual impaired athlete's new pilot would be eligible for recommendation if she/he:

- is currently carded, or
- was carded in the previous year, or
- meets the performance standard described in Appendix 1 or 2 for the specific tandem category

11.3 Carding level of the new pilot

In both of the above situations, the new pilot will be eligible for recommendation as follow:

- If the new pilot is currently carded at the SR1, SR2, SR or C1 level – will maintain this carding level
- If the new pilot is not currently carded and the visually impaired athlete is currently carded at SR/C1 - the pilot will be eligible for a SR card if he/she was previously carded at the C1 level.
- If the new pilot is not currently carded and the visually impaired athlete is currently carded at D - the pilot will be eligible for a D card.

12. PARA –SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

At the 2013 World Championships any athlete placing among the top-8 (counting a maximum of 3 entries per country) and top ½ of the field in an event on the 2016 Paralympic program will be eligible to be nominated for a SR1 card. SR1 carded athletes are eligible for a second year of carding providing they meet the SR2 maintenance criteria describe below;

2) SR2 MAINTENANCE CRITERIA (SR2)

Athletes carded at the SR1 level are eligible to be nominated for a second year of carding provided these athletes meet ALL of the points mentioned below:

- participate in the 2013 National Championships (Road and/or Track);
- meet the published time standards for either road or track;
- finish Top 5 and top ½ of the field at a UCI sanctioned event (World Cups, European P1) or being Top Canadian in his or her class on the UCI Para-cycling international rankings as of October 31st, 2013; and
- commit to the published 2013 National Team program.

3) AUTOMATIC SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1):

Athletes meeting the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an Automatic Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Place in the top 3 and top ½ of the field at a UCI sanctioned event (World Cup, European P1)

4) SPECIFIC SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1):

Athletes meeting the following 2 criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a Specific Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish Top 8 and top ½ at a UCI sanctioned event (World Cup, European P1); and
- Place in the top 3 and top ½ at the 2013 National Championships (Road and/or Track).

5) DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D):

Athletes who have been carded at the SR1/SR2 or at the SR/C1 level for more than two years are not eligible for nominations for a Development card.

Development athletes who meets one of the following 3 criteria will be eligible for nomination:

- a) Place in the top 3 and top ½ of the field at the 2013 Road or Track National Championships in a Paralympic program event;
- b) ranked as the first or second Canadian among the top 1/2 on the UCI Para-cycling international rankings as of October 31st 2013;
- c) Has met 95% of the time standard outlined in Appendix 1.

10. INJURY CARD CRITERIA

Injury cards may be available to athletes carded the previous year who have failed to meet renewal criteria strictly due to health-related reasons. At the end of a carding cycle during which a carded athlete has, for strictly health-related reasons, not achieved the standards required for renewal of carded status, he or she may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

- 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 or 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 CC, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- Cycling Canada based on its technical judgement and that of CC's team physician or CC approved equivalent, indicates in writing, to Sport Canada, the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period.
- The athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his or her long-term commitment to high-performance training and competition goals, as well as his or her intention to pursue full high-performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he or she wishes to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria.

Athletes should familiarize themselves with the policy explained in Section 9.2 of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures. This document can be found online at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734>

All written materials pertaining to any injury must be submitted to CC no later than October 31st, 2013.

Athletes eligible under the Injury card criteria, except for athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR1 the preceding year, will be prioritized as in the Discretionary card criteria as outlined below.

11. DISCRETIONARY CARD CRITERIA

Athletes that meet one of the carding criteria (International, Automatic or Specific) but because of their ranking were not selected may be nominated for a Discretionary card if based on the expert judgement of the HPD and the Sport's National Coach the athlete has the potential to achieve top 16 international performances or assist teammates to achieve World Championships and/or Major Games podium. Prioritization will be given to athletes meeting International criteria over Automatic while Automatic will have priority over Specific. The two experts will rank the eligible athletes, using a rubric, based on the evaluation of the following discretionary criteria.

		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
A	Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12 month period prior to the selection to pool or team in international competition		Rider has not demonstrated significant improvement in individual performances during the last 12 months.	Rider has demonstrated results that show improvement and progression toward the podium in "P" sanctioned events. <i>i.e. Top quarter of the field</i>	Rider has achieved podium results in "P" sanctioned events	Rider has demonstrated results that show improvement and progression toward the podium in World Cup events. <i>i.e. Top quarter of the field or better at a World Cup</i>	Rider has achieved podium results in World Cup events. <i>ie. achieved a top 10 performance at a major international event.</i>
		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
B	The rider's UCI individual classification for specific Events for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);		Rider is among the top 100 riders in the Para-cycling UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 80 riders in the Para-cycling UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 60 riders in the Para-cycling UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 40 riders in the Para-cycling UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 20 riders in the Para-cycling UCI Individual Classification.
		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
C	The rider's technical ability including their racing approach (aggressive vs. passive), bicycle handling skills, racing skills and tactics;		Rider's overall technical ability requires significant improvement.	Rider's overall technical ability is below average.	Rider's overall technical ability is average.	Rider's overall technical ability is above average.	Rider's overall technical ability is excellent.

		N/A	1 pts	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
D	The rider's tactical ability. The ability to read and react to the race; including being able to influence the outcome of a race to favor the team's performances		Rider's overall tactical ability requires significant improvement.	Rider's overall tactical ability is below average.	Rider's overall tactical ability is average.	Rider's overall tactical ability is above average.	Rider's overall tactical ability is excellent.
		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
E	Consideration of the performance of any rider who has been involved in an intense training or competition program;		The riders training and racing schedule are unknown. Rider has not proactively communicated with National Team Coach about their plans.	Parts of the rider's proposed training and racing schedule are known. Some effort has been made to consult with the National Team coach. More pro-active effort is required on the part of the athlete to insure that training and racing plans are discussed.	The rider's proposed training and racing schedule are known. The training and racing schedule has been communicated to the National Team coach. The program has been designed to support the athlete's ambition to become part of the National Team.	The rider's proposed training and racing schedule are known. The training and racing schedule has been communicated to the National Team Coach. The program is designed to help the athlete improve to the international performance level	The riders training and racing schedule are known. The training and racing schedule has been communicated to the National Team Coach. The program has been designed to support the goals of the National Team. International success is a priority.
		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
F	The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (project competition and training camp);		Unacceptable. Contributes negatively to the team atmosphere.	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
G	The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results; and		Unacceptable	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent

Appendix 1

Road time standards

The standards for the Road time trial and the Road race represent results posted by athletes finishing in the top half of the field at the 2012 Paralympics. In the case of extreme circumstances (weather, course outline), an additional correction indexation may be added to the final time result to offset the extreme circumstances. Any indexation would need to be added by a CCA official on competition day and once on site.

Road time standards		
Men	Individual time trial (average speed for determined distance)	
Tandem	45.30 km.h	30 km
C1	37.00 km.h	20 km
C2	37.80 km.h	20 km
C3	41.40 km.h	20 km
C4	41.10 km.h	20 km
C5	43.50 km.h	20 km
T1	26.80 km.h	10 km
T2	30.30 km.h	10 km
H1	26.50 km.h	10 km
H2	33.60 km.h	20 km
H3	34.20 km.h	20 km
H4	36.80 km.h	20 km
Women	Individual time trial (average speed for determined distance)	
Tandem	39.60 km.h	20 km
C1	35.20 km.h	20 km
C2	35.80 km.h	20 km
C3	35.60 km.h	20 km
C4	36.40 km.h	20 km
C5	39.50 km.h	20 km
T1	20.90 km.h	10 km
T2	22.80 km.h	10 km
H2	26.47 km.h	10 km
H3	25.40 km.h	10 km
H4	34.00 km.h	10 km

Road Time Standards

Men			Women		
Classification	Average Speed	Distance	Classification	Average Speed	Distance
B&VI	45.4	30	30.4	B&VI	40.4
C1	37.0	20	15.2	C1	29.2
C2	37.8	20	15.2	C2	30.9
C3	41.4	20	15.2	C3	35.6
C4	41.1	20	30.4	C4	37.1
C5	43.5	20	30.4	C5	39.5
T1	26,8	10	15.2	T1	22.8
T2	30.2	10	15.2	T2	22.8
H1	27.2	10	15.2	H1	20.9
H2	33.7	20	15.2	H2	28.3
H3	36.2	20	15.2	H3	31.1
H4	37.1	20	15.2	H4	34.0
Average speed of the last rider of the top half					

Note: time standard time will only be accepted from athletes having met the aforementioned time in the presence of CCA accredited commissaire/official and where electronic timing was used.

Appendix 2 Track time standards

The track time standards to arrive at an international standard time have been obtained based on the top half from para-cycling athletes at the 2012 Track Paralympics.

The time standards are subject to changes before April 1, 2013. For any additional information, please contact National Para-cycling coach, Eric Van den Eynde: paracoach@canadian.cycling.com.

Track time standards						
Men	Pursuit		Kilometer		Flying 200m	
	Indoors	Outdoors	Indoors	Outdoors	Indoors	Outdoors
Tandem	04:32,6	04:40,8	01:07,045	01:09,8	11,070	11,4639
C1	04:20,4	04:28,2	01:23,5	01:26,0		-
C2	04:04,1	04:11,4	01:20.998	01:24,2		-
C3	03:55,9	04:03,0	01:16.498	01:19,4		-
C4	05:04,9	05:14,0	01:11.982	01:14,9		-
C5	04:56,2	05:05,1	01:11.775	01:14,5		-
Women	Pursuit		Kilometer*/ 500m		Flying 200m	
	Indoors	Outdoors	Indoors	Outdoors	Indoors	Outdoors
Tandem	03:44,23	03:51,4	01:12,9	01:15,1	12.187	-
C1	04:49,2	04:57,9	47,196	49,337		-
C2	04:44,9	04:53,4	45,277	49,0795		-
C3	04:31,5	04:39,6	45,9	47,0607		-
C4	04:26,6	04:34,6	42.998	44,9595		-
C5	04:06,4	04:13,8	41,57	42,8171		-

Time are equivalent to Top 16 and Top Half -1 position

For Categories with less than 10 riders, time is Top Half and for uneven numbers, times are Top Half + 1

Note: Track standard time will only be accepted from athletes having met the aforementioned time in the presence of CCA accredited commissaire/official and where electronic timing was used.

Track time standards will be posted within 10 days of the publication of the new UCI Classification list of athletes.