

CYCLING CARDING CRITERIA

FOR TRACK AND ROAD NOMINATIONS
FOR THE 2015 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 on terminology: The different types of cycling competition (e.g. Track, Mountain Bike) are considered cycling SPORTS, while the events within that sport (e.g. Team Pursuit, XCO) are considered DISCIPLINES.



SCHEDULE A: GENERAL CARDING CRITERIA

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 16 in the world.

The AAP has three objectives:

- to identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships;
- to help Canada's international-calibre 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 may be 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:

Card type	Monthly stipend	Annual value
Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)	\$1,500	\$18,000
Senior National Card (SR)	\$1,500	\$18,000
Senior Probationary Card (C1)	\$900	\$10,800
Development Card (D)	\$900	\$10,800

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

2. Eligibility

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

- Compete in cycling events on the Olympic program;
- Achieve results meeting the carding criteria between Dec. 1, 2013 and Nov. 30, 2014;
- Compete at the 2014 National Championships, unless a written exemption has been granted by Cycling Canada (CC);
- Complete the CC application form (see CC website) and return it to CC on or before Oct. 31, 2014;
- Be a licensed member of CC and be a member in good standing with their Provincial Association;
- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and have been a legal resident in Canada (student status, refugee status, work visa or permanent resident) for a minimum period of one year before the beginning of the carding cycle. The athlete would normally be expected to have participated in CC-sanctioned programs during that time period.
- Be eligible to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships, as per the eligibility requirements of UCI;
- Participate in world championships and/or Paralympic or Olympic Games if selected by Cycling Canada*;
- Participate in national team preparatory and annual training programs.

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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. Non Eligibility

Road elite or U23 men athlete having signed a contract for the 2014 season with either a UCI sanctioned Pro-Continental or World Tour team are not eligible for Sport Canada AAP funding support.

Athletes are also ineligible if they:

- Have made a false application and have been declared ineligible for AAP benefits by Sport Canada;
- Have been ruled ineligible to participate in sport for two years or more as a result of an anti-doping rule violation and who have not, in the case of pre-2004 violations, subsequently been reinstated;
- Are serving an anti-doping rule violation sanction of less than two years of sport ineligibility at the start of the carding cycle; and
- Meet the carding criteria as members of the national team of another nation.

Athletes competing in World Championship events that are not on the Olympic program are not eligible for carding based on performances in those events.

Other eligibility conditions are outlined in the Athletes Assistance Program Policies and Procedures available on the Sport Canada website.

4. Application Process

Cycling Canada (CC) makes every effort to track athletes' results that may qualify them for carding. However, a large proportion of results may be achieved at events outside the National Team program so 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 the CC no later than Oct. 31, 2014 in order to be considered for AAP support in the 2015 cycle. However, results can be compiled up until Nov. 30, 2014. Athletes who have met the criteria, or who expect to meet the criteria by Nov. 30, must complete the application form posted on CC website and return it to CC on or before the deadline by mail or as an electronic document in pdf format. The athlete's coach responsible for overseeing their training program must be identified on this form and must also sign it. A detailed Training and Competition Plan for the upcoming carding cycle must accompany the application form. Failure to respect the application deadlines may result in a suspension of funding until the necessary information is submitted.

5. Decision-making Process

The High Performance Director/Head Coach (HPD) in consultation with the Cycling Sport specific National Coach will evaluate all athletes who have submitted a complete application for AAP support, and based on Cycling Carding Criteria, recommend a prioritized list of athletes 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.

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This prioritized list will be posted on the Cycling Canada website and all the athletes who submitted an application form will be notified via email of their provisional status (nominated for carding, eligible for carding but not nominated, or ineligible for carding). Athletes will have a review period of seven (7) days following the notification by e-mail to appeal the decision. Any appeal launched by an athlete will be expedited in accordance with 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 CC Carded Athlete Agreement, complete the AAP Application Form and complete the CCES AAP online anti-doping education module before they can begin receiving carding support.

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

6. Description of carding levels

a. Senior International (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada sets the criteria for SR1/SR2 cards. They are based on results at the Olympic Games in Games years and World Championships in other years, as follows:

- Finish in the top-8 counting a maximum of 3 entries per country; and
- Finish in the top half of the field

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 maintenance criteria established by CC to be eligible for nomination for a SR2 card.

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 entries and countries in the qualification process may be taken in consideration.

b. Senior (SR/C1)

The criteria for Senior cards have been designed to identify athletes with the potential to achieve the international criteria. Senior cards can be awarded through performances in international competitions or through sport-specific criteria. CC identifies three levels of Senior carding criteria: Automatic, Specific and Discretionary.

Athletes nominated for Senior cards for the first time are awarded C1 cards and are funded at the Development Card level.

c. Development (D)

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Development cards are intended to support the development needs of younger athletes who clearly demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior International criteria but are not yet able to meet the Senior criteria.

There are two types of D cards in cycling:

- <u>D U23/Transitional</u>, for athletes achieving results in the UCI U23 class or the equivalent age (19-22 years old on Dec. 31) in the cycling sports in which no such UCI class exists, such as in women's road or BMX.
- <u>D Junior</u>, for athletes achieving results in the UCI junior class (17 and 18 years old on Dec. 31)

There are three levels of D cards:

- <u>D International</u> based on results at the World Championships. Athletes who meet the D International criteria are eligible to be nominated for carding for three consecutive years. In the first year this will be a D1 card. Athletes who meet maintenance criteria in subsequent years will be eligible for D2 and D3 cards.
- D Automatic based on international results
- <u>D Specific</u> based on international and national results

Athletes previously carded at SR1/SR2 level are not eligible for Development cards

7. 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 (SR & C1) based on national criteria (excluding Injury card). After such time, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive and thoroughly documented review of the athlete's performance over the previous five years in order to demonstrate progress toward performance equivalent to top-8 and top-half at the World Championships or Olympic Games in order to justify nomination to "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.

8. Maximum number of years at the Development carding level

An athlete may be carded at the D level for a maximum of seven (7) years including the years carded under the Junior and the Post Junior Transition age criteria but excluding any years that they were carded under Injury card provision.

Athletes in the Post Junior Transitional or U23 age categories are eligible for carding support at the D level only 4 years into the Elite age category.

9. Athletes meeting criteria in more than one cycling sport

Athletes who meet carding criteria in more than one cycling sport will be carded in the sport in which they achieve the highest carding level (International, Automatic or Specific). In the case where the carding levels are the same, then the HPD along with the High Performance Committee will establish which sport that athlete will be carded in.

10. Athletes qualifying for both Development and Senior cards

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Athletes who qualify for the 2-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card have the choice of accepting either of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 2 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

Athletes who qualify for the Automatic or Specific Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card have the choice of accepting either of these.

11. Card Quota and distribution

The quota available for able-bodied cycling is the equivalent of 38 Senior cards.

A maximum of 20 Senior cards may be allocated to athletes eligible for SR1, SR2, SR, C1 and Injury cards. The remaining 18 Senior cards will be allocated at the Development level, for a total of 30 Development cards (D).

The cards will be distributed as follows to each cycling sport:

Cycling Sport Objective Card Quota		Discretionary Card Quota		TOTALS		
BMX	2 SR	2 D	1 SR	2 D	3 SR	4 D
MTB	3 SR	5 D	3 SR	3 D	6 SR	8 D
Track and Road	7 SR	12 D	4 SR	6 D	11 SR	18 D

Senior cards may be converted to Development cards at the discretion of Cycling Canada as long as the final amount is within the carding quota. Due to the limited funds available meeting carding criteria does NOT automatically qualify an athlete for a card.

Each year, Sport Canada reviews carding allocations based on international results indicating Olympic/Paralympic podium potential. As a result, the number of cards allocated to cycling is subject to change. If the allocation differs from that mentioned in this document the HPC will determine the distribution. In the case where Sport Canada reduces the carding allocations, a minimum of 50% of the cards shall remain SRs.

The quota of 38 Senior cards represents \$684,000. A Senior card has a value of \$18,000 (\$1500/month) and a Development card has a value of \$10,800 (\$900/month). In general, athletes are recommended for 12 months of carding support but an athlete may be nominated for part of the carding cycle if there are at least 4 months of funding available.

It is to be noted that the distribution of SR and D cards within each cycling sport may vary depending on where the carding cycle lies in an Olympic quadrennial. In order to grow the talent pool more Development cards will be made available early in an Olympic quadrennial, while towards the end of a quadrennial the proportion of SR cards will increase in order to support identified medal-potential athletes.

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12. Prioritization of Objective Cards

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

- 1. Objective cards will be allocated before Discretionary cards.
- 2. If a portion of the SR objective card quota in a cycling sport has not been used, the remainder may be reallocated as D objective cards quota in that sport.
- 3. If a portion of the Development card quota in a cycling sport has not been used, the remainder may be reallocated as Discretionary cards in that sport.

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

PRIORITY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR OBJECTIVE SENIOR CARDS:

- 1. Athletes meeting SR1 criteria
- 2. Athletes meeting SR2 criteria
- 3. Athletes meeting injury criteria who were SR1 the previous year
- 4. Athletes meeting SR Automatic criteria
- 5. Athletes meeting SR Specific criteria
- 6. Athletes meeting injury criteria who were SR2 the previous year

PRIORITY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR OBJECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CARDS:

- 1. U23/Transitional athletes meeting D International criteria
- 2. Junior athletes meeting the D international criteria
- 3. U23/Transitional athletes meeting the D automatic criteria
- 4. Junior athletes meeting D automatic criteria
- 5. U23/Transitional athletes meeting D Specific criteria
- 6. Junior athletes meeting D Specific criteria

PRIORITY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR ATHLETES ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAME LEVEL OF CARDING:

If two or more athletes are eligible for the same level of carding as outlined above, the criteria below will be used to rank them.

- 1. Highest finish at Elite World Championships
- 2. Highest finish at U23 World Championships, or highest finish at Elite World Championships among U23/Transitional athletes
- 3. Highest finish at Junior World Championships
- 4. Highest finish at Elite Canadian Championships
- 5. Highest finish at U23 Canadian Championships, or highest finish at Elite Canadian Championships among U23/Transitional athletes
- 6. Highest finish at Junior Canadian Championships

If, after all of the above, there still remains a tie, the discretionary process outlined in Schedule C will be used to prioritize among the tied athletes.

If fewer athletes qualify for Senior cards than there are cards available in a particular cycling sport, the remaining funds may be allocated as additional D Discretionary cards in that cycling sport. If there are still funds left over, they may be allocated to other cycling sports.

The allocation of the remaining funds to other cycling sports will be made by the HPD and the High Performance Committee based on their expert judgement, comparing the following elements between sports:

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- 1. World Championships results
- 2. UCI Individual Rankings
- 3. International depth of field
- 4. The number of competitive athletes in the Canadian system
- 5. The number of cards already allocated to each cycling sport
- 6. Quadrennial plan strategic objectives

13. Discretionary Cards

Athletes who meet carding criteria but were not nominated for an Objective card may be nominated for a Discretionary card.

Nominations will be based on the expert assessment of the High Performance Director and the Sport's National Coach that the athlete has the potential to achieve top-16 international performances or assist teammates to achieve World Championships and/or Major Games podiums.

Athletes will also be assessed by the National Coach(es) using the rubric in Schedule C of these criteria. The scores from this rubric will be used to rank athletes who meet the same level of carding criteria.

14. Injury Cards

Injury cards may be available to athletes carded at the SR1 or SR2 level the previous year who have failed to meet carding criteria strictly due to injury, illness or pregnancy, under the following conditions:

- The athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a speedy return
 to 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, has failed to do so, in the view of the
 Cycling Canada for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- The athlete is expected to meet criteria in the upcoming carding period, based on CC's expert opinion and that of a team physician or approved equivalent. This must be indicated in writing to Sport Canada.
- The athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his or her long-term commitment to highperformance training and competition goals, as well as his or her intention to pursue full highperformance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he or she wishes to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria.

The injury card policy is explained in Section 9 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 documentation pertaining to any injury must be submitted to CC no later than Oct. 31, 2014.

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SCHEDULE B: TRACK AND ROAD CARDING CRITERIA

1. SENIOR CARDS

SR1					
Elite women	Finish top-8 and top-half at the Elite Track or Road World Championships in any Olympic program event				
Elite men	Finish top-8 and top-half at the Elite Track or Road World Championships in any Olympic program event				
SR2	This top o and top han at the line that of hour world entirploisings in any orympic program event				
Elite women	Meet any automatic or specific criteria				
Elite men	Meet any automatic or specific criteria				
SR AUTO					
Elite women	Any one of the following:				
	Finish top-12 and top-half at the Track World Championships in an Olympic program event				
	Finish top-6 and top-half at the Track World Championships in any non-Olympic event				
	Finish top-6 and top-half at a Track World Cup in an Olympic program event				
	Finish top-3 and top-half at a Track World Cup in any non-Olympic event				
	Finish top-16 and top-half in the Road World Championships Road Race				
	Finish top-14 and top-half in the Road World Championships Individual Time Trial				
	Finish top-8 and top-half at a Road World Cup				
	Win any UCI road event overall (World Cup, Class 1 or Class 2)				
	Score 50 UCI road points by Nov. 30, 2014				
Elite men	Any one of the following:				
	Finish top-16 and top-half at the Track World Championships in an Olympic program event				
	Finish top-8 and top-half at the Track World Championships in any non-Olympic event				
	Finish top-8 and top-half at a Track World Cup in an Olympic program event				
	Finish top-3 and top-half at a Track World Cup in any non-Olympic event				
	Finish top-24 and top-half in the Road World Championships Road Race				
	Finish top-16 and top-half in the Road World Championships Individual Time Trial				
	Win any UCI road event overall (WorldTour, HC, Class 1 or Class 2)				
	Score 25 WorldTour points by Nov. 30, 2014				
	Score 120 Continental Ranking points by Nov. 30, 2014				
SR SPECIFIC					
Elite women	Any one of the following:				
	Qualify for the UCI Track World Cup in an individual event on the Olympic program AND meet				
	published CC track worlds performance standards (The standards are posted on the CC website)				
	Twice finish top-3 and top-half in any UCI track event (not including C3 events)				
	Contribute to a top-16 result in the elite road race at the World Championships*				
	Twice achieve one of the following results in UCI road events:				
	Class Overall Result Stage result**				
	World Cup Top-16				
	1.1 or 2.1 Top-8 Top-5				
	1.2 or 2.2 Top-5 Top-3				
	** not including prologue time trials				
	Score 25 UCI road points by Nov. 30, 2014				
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Elite men	Any	one of the followin	g:			
	•	 Qualify for the UCI Track World Cup in an individual event on the Olympic program AND meet CC track worlds performance standards (The standards are posted on the CC website). 				
	•	Twice finish top-3	and top-half in any	UCI track event (no	ot including C3 events)	
	•	Contribute to a top	o-24 result in the el	ite road race at the	World Championships*	
	•	Twice achieve one	of the following re	sults in UCI road ev	ents:	
		Class	Overall Result	Stage Result**		
		WorldTour	Top-16	Top-12		
		1.HC or 2.HC	Top-12	Top-8		
		1.1 or 2.1	Top-8	Top-5		
		1.2 or 2.2	Top-5	Top-3		
	** not including prologue time trials					
	•	Score 15 WorldToo	ur points by Nov. 30	0, 2014		
	•	Score 70 continent	al ranking points b	y Nov. 30, 2014		

^{*} The athlete must have made a positive contribution to his or her teammate's result. This is based on the expert evaluation of the athlete's contribution by the National Coach and High Performance Director.

2. DEVELOPMENT U23/TRANSITIONAL CARDS

D1						
U23/T women	Any one of the following:					
•	Finish top-16 and top-half at the elite Track World Championships in any Olympic event					
	Finish top-24 and top-half in the Elite Road Race or Time Trial at the World Championships					
U23/T men	Any one of the following:					
	Finish top-16 and top-half at the elite Track World Cham					
	Finish top-8 and top-half in the U23 Road Race or Time T	rial at the World Championships				
D2						
U23/T women	Meet any D U23/T automatic or specific criteria					
U23/T men	Meet any D U23/T automatic or specific criteria					
D AUTO	Any and of the following:					
U23/T women	Any one of the following: • Finish top-3 and top-half in any UCI track event (not included)	uding C2 ayonts)				
	Achieve one of the following results in UCI road events:	dulig C5 events)				
	Class Overall Result Stage result**					
	World Cup Top-16					
	1.1 or 2.1 Top-8 Top-5					
	1.2 or 2.2 Top-5 Top-3					
	** not including prologue time trials					
	 Score 15 UCI road points by Nov. 30, 2014 					
U23/T men	Any one of the following:					
•	Finish top-3 and top-half in any UCI track event (not included)	uding C3 events)				
	Achieve one of the following results in UCI road events:	-				
	Class Overall Result Stage Result**					
	WorldTour Top-16 Top-12					
	1.HC or 2.HC Top-12 Top-8					
	1.1 or 2.1 Top-8 Top-5					
	1.2 or 2.2 Top-5 Top-3					
	** not including prologue time trials					
	Score 50 continental ranking points by Nov. 30, 2014					
D SPECIFIC						
U23/T women	Any one of the following:					
	Compete for the Canadian team at the Elite Track or Road World Championships					

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	Finish top-6 and top-half in any UCI track event (not including C3 events)				
	Score 10 UCI road points by Nov. 30, 2014				
	Win the Canadian Championships in any Olympic event, including the U23 category in the Road Race				
	and Time Trial				
U23/T men	Any one of the following:				
	Compete for the Canadian team at the Elite Track or U23 Road World Championships				
	Finish top-6 and top-half in any UCI track event (not including C3 events)				
	Score 30 continental ranking points by Nov. 30, 2014				
	Win the Canadian Championships in any Olympic event, including the U23 category in the Road Race				
	and Time Trial				

3. DEVELOPMENT JUNIOR CARDS

D1					
Junior women	Finish top-3 and top-half in any event on the Olympic program at the Junior Track or Road World Championships				
Junior men	Finish top-3 and top-half in any event on the Olympic program at the Junior Track or Road World Championships				
D2					
Junior women	Meet any D Junior automatic or specific criteria				
Junior men	Meet any D Junior automatic or specific criteria				
D AUTO					
Junior women	Any one of the following:				
	 Finish top-6 and top-half in any event on the Olympic program at the Junior Track or Road World Championships 				
	Contribute to a top-6 finish in the Junior Road Race at the Road World Championships*				
Junior men	Any one of the following:				
	 Finish top-10 and top-half in any event on the Olympic program at the Junior Track or Road World Championships 				
	Contribute to a top-10 finish in the Junior Road Race at the Road World Championships*				
D SPECIFIC					
Junior women	Any one of the following:				
	 Finish top-12 and top-half in any event on the Olympic program at the Junior Track or Road World Championships 				
	• Contribute to a top-12 finish in the Junior Road Race at the Road World Championships*				
Junior men	Any one of the following:				
	Finish top-16 and top-half in any event on the Olympic program at the Junior Track or Road World Championships				
	 Contribute to a top-16 finish in the Junior Road Race at the Road World Championships* 				

^{*} The athlete must have made a positive contribution to his or her teammate's result. This is based on the expert evaluation of the athlete's contribution by the National Coach and High Performance Director.

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SCHEDULE C: DISCRETIONARY RUBRIC

All athletes eligible for carding will be assessed by the High Performance Director and National Coach(es) using the rubric below.

Scoring guideline:

Score	Assessment
0	Unacceptable or nonexistent
5	Average, what is expected of a national team athlete
10	World class, an example to others

Rubric:

RACING ABILITY (70%)	SCORE (0-10)
Performances in international events	
Technical ability	
Tactical ability	
Potential to reach Olympic podium this quadrennial	
Potential to reach Olympic podium next quadrennial	
Potential to contribute to Olympic qualification	
Overall racing progression in the last 12 months	
ATTITUDE (30%)	SCORE (0-10)
Positive contribution to team environment	
Shares training plans and data with National Coach	
Communication with National Coach	
Attendance and performance at training sessions	
Takes personal responsibility for self and results	
Attitude progression in the last 12 months	

If the coach is unable to assess any one area, that will be left blank and won't be included when calculating the average scores. The total score will be calculated as follows:

	Average Racing Ability score	X 7	= total Racing Ability score
+	Average Attitude score	Х3	= total Attitude score
=	TOTAL SCORE /100		

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