

Carding Criteria for Nominations for the 2020 Athlete Assistance Program's Carding Cycle

A. Introduction

1. The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a program of direct funding to selected athletes by the Government of Canada and administered by Sport Canada. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) through its National Water Ski Team Coach (NTC) nominates water ski athletes to the program based on competition performance criteria developed by WSWC and approved by Sport Canada.
2. This document sets out the criteria to be used by WSWC to nominate athletes for the AAP. These criteria have been developed within the context of the Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures.
3. Appeals of a WSWC AAP nomination decision or of a WSWC recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through WSWC's review process, which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada. Appeals of an 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.
4. Sport Canada is responsible for approving nominations in accordance with AAP policies and the published WSWC approved AAP compliant carding criteria.
5. Athletes are recognized for funding (i.e. carded) at different levels of support depending on their competition results. The carding levels are Senior International (SR1 for the first year and SR2 for the second year of the two year carding cycle), Senior National (SR and C1) and Development (D).
6. The Sport Canada quota for the number of cards available to WSWC is the equivalent of seven Senior cards (\$148,260). The holder of a Senior International SR1 or SR2 card or Senior National SR card is eligible to receive up to \$21,180 of living and training support per year. Athletes who meet the Senior National criteria for the first time will receive a C1 card and will be funded at the Development card level (\$12,720 per year). This restriction applies even if the athlete previously held a Development card. However, if the athlete meeting the Senior National criteria has previously been carded at the Senior International SR1 or SR2 level before meeting the Senior National criteria, then the athlete will receive a SR card.
7. Achieving any of the carding criteria does not guarantee receipt of a card. If more athletes meet the criteria than there are cards available, WSWC will nominate athletes in the following order:

Nomination Order	Nomination Criteria
1.	Athletes who meet the Senior International (SR1) Carding Criteria and have accumulated 10 or more points (see Section C. below)
2.	Athletes carded in 2019 at the Senior International level (SR2) who meet the Health Issue Carding Criteria (see Section F. below)
3.	Athletes who meet the Senior International (SR1) Carding Criteria and have accumulated less than 10 points (see Section C. below)
4.	Athletes who meet the Senior National (SR/C1) Carding Criteria (see Section D. below)
5.	Athletes carded the previous year at the Senior National level (SR/C1) who meet the Health Issue Carding Criteria (see Section F. below)

8. Carded athletes are eligible to receive AAP support for a period of 12 months commencing on January 1, 2020. A minimum of 4 months of quota space must be available to award another card. For more information on AAP financial benefits see Section 8 of the AAP’s Policies and Procedures.

B. General Eligibility Requirements

1. To be eligible for carding, an athlete must:
 - (a) be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada on January 1, 2020;
 - (b) meet the citizenship or residency requirements of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) to represent Canada at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships; and
 - (c) sign and adhere to the WSWC Athlete Agreement.

C. Senior International (SR1) Carding Criteria

1. At the 2019 World Water Ski Championships, athletes placing in the top eight in at least one of the slalom, jump or trick events and the top half of the field are eligible for nomination for a SR1 card. If more than seven athletes meet this SR1 criterion, then the seven athletes will be ranked using the following criteria.

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<p>(e) Total overall points from top 8 finishes using final round scores</p>	<p>(i) For each slalom, jump or trick event in which the athlete places in the top eight, a single event overall score will be calculated using the athlete's and the first place final round scores. ¹</p> <p>(ii) All of the athlete's single event overall scores will be added together to determine the athlete's total overall score.</p> <p>(iii) Athletes will be ranked using their total overall score.</p>
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<p>(f) Total overall points from top 8 finishes using preliminary round scores</p>	<p>(i) For each slalom, jump or trick event in which the athlete places in the top eight, a single event overall score will be calculated using the athlete's and the first place preliminary round scores. ¹</p> <p>(ii) All of the athlete's single event overall scores will be added together to determine the athlete's total overall score.</p> <p>(iii) Athletes will be ranked using their total overall score.</p>
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<p>(g) Total overall points from 9th to 16th finishes using preliminary round scores</p>	<p>(i) For each slalom, jump or trick event in which the athlete places from 9th to 16th, a single event overall score will be calculated using the athlete's and the first place preliminary round scores. ¹</p> <p>(ii) All of the athlete's single event overall scores will be added together to determine the athlete's total overall score.</p> <p>(iii) Athletes will be ranked using their total overall scores.</p>
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<p>(h) Total overall points 17th or lower finish using preliminary round scores</p>	<p>(i) For each slalom, jump or trick event in which the athlete places 17th or lower, a single event overall score will be calculated using the athlete's and the first place preliminary round scores. ¹</p> <p>(ii) All of the athlete's single event overall scores will be added together to determine the athlete's total overall score.</p> <p>(iii) Athletes will be ranked using their total overall scores.</p>
<p>¹ All overall point calculations will be made using the IWWF overall formulas (see Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas) and all total overall scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number.</p>	

D. Senior National (SR/C1) Carding Criteria

1. To be eligible for nomination for a SR/C1 card, an athlete must:

- (a) compete in at least one of the slalom, jump or trick events at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships;
 - (b) not qualify for nomination for a Senior International (SR1) Card; and
 - (c) achieve at a record capability sanctioned tournament during the period from January 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019 at least two scores (“Qualifying Scores”) in one or more of the slalom, jump and trick events in which the athlete competed at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships equal to or greater than the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores (see Annex 3 - Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores).
2. The Qualifying Scores must be achieved at two separate tournaments, the results from which qualify for the IWWF’s World Ranking List. One of the two scores must be achieved in the Open (senior) division of a Major Tournament (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments). The other score may also be from a Major Tournament, but only if it is achieved in the Open (senior) division.
3. If more athletes meet this SR/C1 criteria than there are SR/C1 cards available, then the athletes will be ranked using the following criteria.

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(a) Each athlete’s Event Average Score will be calculated by averaging the athlete’s two highest Qualifying Scores.
(b) For each event in which an Event Average Score is calculated, the athlete’s Event Overall Score will be calculated using the athlete’s Event Average Score as the athlete’s score and the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Score as the first place score. ¹
(c) Each athlete’s Surplus Overall Points will be calculated by totalling the amount by which the athlete’s Event Overall Score in each event exceeds 1,000.
(d) Athletes will be ranked using each athlete’s Surplus Overall Points.
(e) If the Surplus Overall Points of two or more athletes are equal, those athletes’ ranking will be determined based on each athlete’s third highest event score (regardless of whether or not the score exceeds the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Score) converted to overall points using the Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Score as the first place score. If the overall points from the athletes’ third highest event scores are still equal, the process will be repeated using first each athlete’s fourth highest event score converted to overall points, then each athlete’s fifth highest event score converted to overall points, and so on until the tie is broken.
¹ All overall point calculations will be made using the IWWF overall formulas (see Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas), and all Surplus Overall Points will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

4. Progression Requirement: Athletes are expected to show progress toward meeting the Senior International carding criteria in order to continue being eligible for a Senior National (SR/C1) card.

For this reason:

- (a) an athlete who has been carded at the Senior International level for more than 12 years will not be eligible to be nominated for a SR/C1 card, unless the athlete:
 - (i) meets the Health Issue Carding Criteria (see Section F. below); or
 - (ii) is in the top eight for a male athlete or the top six for a female athlete in at least one of the slalom, trick or jump events on the IWWF May 2019 World Ranking List; and
- (b) generally, an athlete will be carded at the SR/C1 level for a maximum of four years; to be nominated for carding at this level beyond that period, the athlete must demonstrate steady improvement in his/her results and skills; the evaluation of an athlete's improvement will be made by the NTC and will be based on improvement in the following areas:
 - (i) the athlete's placement on the IWWF World Ranking List;
 - (ii) the athlete's performances at World Championships and Major Tournaments (see Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments); and
 - (iii) the athlete's results from sport science and strength and conditioning programs.

E. Development (D) Carding Criteria

- 1. No Development card nomination criteria have been determined. As WSWC is limited to seven Senior cards and will have more than seven athletes competing at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships, Development card nomination criteria are not required.

F. Health Issue (e.g. injury, illness, pregnancy) Carding Criteria

- 1. A carded athlete who is unable to meet the Senior International (SR1) Carding Criteria as a result of:
 - (a) being unable to compete at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships strictly due to a health related issue (e.g. injury, illness, pregnancy);
 - (b) competing at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships when not fully recovered from a health related issue (e.g. injury, illness, pregnancy); or
 - (c) being injured while competing at the 2019 World Water Ski Championships;

may be considered for nomination for 2020 provided the following two conditions are met:

 - (d) the athlete placed in the top three (maximum of three athletes per country) in one or more of the slalom, trick, jump or overall events at the 2015 and 2017 World Water Ski

Championships; and

- (e) the athlete makes a written submission to the Chairperson of the WSWC High Performance Committee within 14 days following the end of the 2019 World Water Ski Championships. The Chairperson may provide forms or other standardized documentation to be completed by the athlete. In such case, the athlete must complete these forms, but may also provide other documentation.
2. The decision whether or not to nominate the athlete will be made by a committee consisting of the NTC, the Chairperson of the WSWC High Performance Committee and a member of the WSWC Board selected by agreement of the NTC and the Chairperson of the WSWC High Performance Committee; provided always that no one who has a conflict of interest may serve on the committee.
 3. In its deliberations, the committee may consider whatever facts and matters it views as relevant to the decision, including, without limitation:
 - (a) the criteria set out in Section 9.1.3 (Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health Related Reasons) of Sport Canada's APP Policies and Procedures and/or other Sport Canada regulations;
 - (b) training reports and the performance level of the athlete immediately prior to the occurrence of the health issue;
 - (c) the circumstances that lead to the athlete's health issue, including whether the athlete was injured while in training or competition and if the athlete took reasonable precautions to avoid injury;
 - (d) the likelihood that the athlete would have been able to meet any of the other carding criteria if the health issue had not arisen;
 - (e) the likelihood of the athlete being able to return to the level at which he or she was performing prior to the occurrence of the health issue; and
 - (f) the athlete who would be deprived of a carding nomination, if the athlete with the health issue was nominated.
 4. If more than one athlete is eligible for carding nomination consideration under this Section F., the athletes to be nominated, if any, will be determined by the committee.

Annex 1 - List of Major Tournaments ¹

Moomba Masters	Canadian Championships	Canadian Open
The Masters (US)	King of Darkness	all World Cup tournaments
All tournaments the results from which qualify for the IWWF's World Ranking List (a list of such tournaments is posted on the IWWF web site).		
¹ Only results that qualify for the IWWF's World Ranking List will qualify as a Major Tournament score. For example, a World Cup tournament the results from which do not qualify for the IWWF's World Ranking List will not qualify as a Major Tournament score.		
<p>From time to time the NTC may add or delete any tournament (including the deletion of a World Cup tournament or an IWWF World Ranking List tournament) to or from the list of Major Tournaments.</p> <p>An athlete may apply to have a tournament added to the list of Major Tournaments by submitting (or having a coach or tournament organizer submit) to WSWC a written request for the inclusion of the tournament at least one month in advance of the tournament. The NTC will determine if the tournament should be added to the list.</p> <p>If any changes are made to the list of Major Tournaments as a result of a decision by the NTC, the above list will be updated and a revised Carding Criteria for Nominations for the 2020 Athlete Assistance Program's Carding Cycle will be posted on the WSWC web site. It is the responsibility of each athlete to be aware of the tournaments on the list of Major Tournaments by checking for updated information on the IWWF web site (with respect to the IWWF's World Ranking List tournaments) and the WSWC web site (with respect to updates to the above list of Major Tournaments).</p>		

Annex 2 - IWWF Overall Formulas

Slalom - Male and Female	$(\text{athlete's score} + 12) \times 1,000 \div (\text{first place score} + 12)$
Tricks - Male and Female	$\text{athlete's score} \times 1,000 \div \text{first place score}$
Jump - Male	$(\text{athlete's score} - 25) \times 1,000 \div (\text{first place score} - 25)$
Jump - Female	$(\text{athlete's score} - 17) \times 1,000 \div (\text{first place score} - 17)$

Annex 3 - Senior National (SR/C1) Card Minimum Scores

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Male	2.75 @ 10.75	9837 points	62.66 meters
Female	3 @ 11	8207 points	48.4 meters