



SHOOTING FEDERATION OF CANADA

PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF 2023 ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CARDED ATHLETES

COVID-19 CRITERIA (SR/C1)

The Shooting Federation of Canada has carefully followed the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it has impacted the athletes in fulfilling the criteria found within this document. Situations related to the coronavirus pandemic have arisen that required this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic or the current war in Ukraine, should international scores be unattainable, athlete's best score from a US event, HPTT or Nationals will be used in lieu. If an athlete does obtain an international score that is better than one achieved at US events, HPTT or Nationals, that International score will be used.

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#### **1.0 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 Have been a member of the SFC High Performance Program (National Team or Development Team), in good standing, in an Olympic or Paralympic event, for the entire year preceding and the year in which prospective carding is to take place.
- 1.3 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. The athlete must provide any required supporting documentation upon request.
- 1.4 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.

- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Compete in an event that is currently included in the Olympic/Paralympic program (Mixed Team event is excluded from carding criteria).
- 1.7 Follow an SFC approved training plan that meets the minimum requirements as laid out in the "YTP minimum requirements document."
- 1.8 Compete 'for score' to be considered for AAP carding. Scores shot for Ranking Points only or MQS events at international competitions will not be considered in the carding process.
- 1.9 Shoot a score for consideration. An athlete is not eligible for nomination if named to the High Performance Program by way of a bye.
- 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.

## **2.0 CANCELLATION**

- 2.1 Card status may be canceled during the carding year according to the Athlete Assistance Program guidelines by:
  - 2.1.1 the athlete, voluntarily, or
  - 2.1.2 the SFC for a lack of commitment; gross breach of discipline; non-performance; or because of a breach of contract (SFC Athlete Agreement), or
  - 2.1.3 Sport Canada because of false application, or
  - 2.1.4 Sport Canada because of a doping infraction.
- 2.2 Card status may not be renewed at the end of a carding year if:
  - 2.2.1 the athlete does not meet the approved carding criteria, or
  - 2.2.2 the athlete is not high enough within the carding nomination priority.

## **3.0 CARD ADMINISTRATION**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Senior Cards based on national criteria are normally awarded for one year and are called SR or C1 Cards. Athletes who meet the national criteria for Senior Cards for the first time are awarded C1 Cards and are funded at the Development Card level.

If the athlete has been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 level, has been named to the national senior team, or has competed in World Championships before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card for the first time, the athlete will be funded at the Senior Card (SR) level rather than at the Development Card level.

#### **4.0 RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS**

- 4.1 Performances or results recognized for carding qualification are those achieved at international competitions in which entries are made by the SFC, during the shooting season in the twelve months preceding the start of the carding year. Please see Annex A for a complete list of qualified competitions.

#### **5.0 NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

- 5.1 All athletes achieving 2023 SFC National or Development Team status may be eligible for nomination by the HPC to the AAP for carding consideration.
- 5.2 The SFC High Performance Committee will inform currently carded athletes whether or not they are being recommended for a continuation of carding.
- 5.3 No more than two athletes from the same shooting event will be nominated for carding in any given year.
- 5.4 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.

- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 Sport Canada shall review and accept nominations based on the approved sport specific carding criteria and the policies and procedures of the AAP.
- 5.7 The SFC High Performance Committee will inform Sport Canada approved athletes. The High Performance Committee will also inform athletes who were not approved by Sport Canada.
- 5.8 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 within seven (7) days of being notified as per item 5.2 and must include performance records and/or other supporting documentation.

## 6.0 **APPEAL PROCESS**

- 6.1 Appeals of the NSO's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a NSO's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the [NSO's review process](#), which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). 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 found at: [http://canada.pch.gc.ca/DAMAssetPub/DAM-PCH2-sport-sport/STAGING/texte-text/athleteAssistanceProgram\\_1421333786429\\_eng.pdf?WT.contentAuthority=13.0](http://canada.pch.gc.ca/DAMAssetPub/DAM-PCH2-sport-sport/STAGING/texte-text/athleteAssistanceProgram_1421333786429_eng.pdf?WT.contentAuthority=13.0)

## 7.0 **PRINCIPLES and CONDITIONS for SENIOR (SR) CARDS**

- 7.1 Senior Cards 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.
- 7.2 Senior cards are awarded to athletes actively participating in SFC High Performance Training Programs as measured by, but not limited to:
- scores and placing obtained in international competitions;
  - active participation in the High Performance Program;
  - adherence to **ALL** criteria of the YTP minimum requirements, Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct and Anti-doping agreements;
  - being in good standing with the SFC throughout the previous year and during the carding year.

Athletes are expected to demonstrate improvement toward the achievement of a top-8 world performance or world ranking and receive the recommendation of the SFC High Performance Committee for the renewal of card status.

- 7.3 The AAP carded athlete must attend a minimum of one (1) High Performance training camp conducted by the National Coach in their respective discipline during the preceding and carded year.

### **SENIOR CARD CONDITIONS FOR 2023 NOMINATIONS - OLYMPIC PROGRAM ATHLETES -**

Senior card status is available for events on the Olympic program only (excluding Mixed Team Events). 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 who has won an Olympic Quota for Canada shall take precedence over any other athlete nominated for carding in the year following the Quota confirmation. The score shot that achieved the Olympic Quota will be used for ranking purposes. If the number of quotas achieved exceeds the number of available AAP cards, athletes will be nominated in priority order based on the Canadian Shooting Athlete Ranking System (CSARS) detailed in Appendix A. An athlete confirmed to participate in the Olympic 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.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> for example would take precedence over an athlete placing lower in the ranking order of their respective discipline.

### **NATIONAL CRITERIA (SR/C1)**

#### **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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 1.2 of these criteria.

### **PRIORITIZATION of CARD ALLOCATION**

Athletes who have attained National Team status by having achieved two qualifying scores at the SFC High Performance Team Trials (HPTT) to be held in conjunction with the National Championships or at an approved qualifying score event. The top international score shot by the athlete at one of the competitions listed in Appendix A will be used. Athletes will be nominated in priority order based on the CSARS and adherence to the YTP minimum requirements, 2023 Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct Agreement and Anti-doping Agreement.

Should there be card/s available after completing the process above, athletes from the Development Team will be considered for carding. The same process would be used to determine which Development Team athlete would receive a card.

The CSARS is defined as that established by the criteria described in Appendix A of this document.

If there are two or more athletes who have achieved the same ranking in any of the above 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 at a World Cup or World Championship within the eligible competition year (see item 4.1).

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.

## **CARDING CONDITIONS FOR 2023 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.

### **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 Paralympic Games or 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 A

### CANADIAN SHOOTING ATHLETE RANKING SYSTEM (CSARS)

1. Ranking eligibility and participation is directed to members who are in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada National and Development Teams.
2. AAP cards shall be allocated to athletes based on National Team or Development Team ranking following the completion of all eligible competitions within the calendar year.
3. To be eligible for AAP carding, an athlete must compete, for score, in a minimum of one (1) of the competitions listed below:
  - ISSF World Cups
  - ISSF All Event World Championships
  - Commonwealth Games
  - Pan-American Games
  - Championships of the Americas (CAT)
  - Olympic Games
4. Only the relays that are used for athlete ranking permitted by the SFC 2023 Athlete Selection Criteria will be considered in CSARS calculations.

5. To determine Athlete Ranking Values, the following formula will be used:

$$\left[ \frac{\text{Average Athlete Score} - \text{NT Qualifying Score}}{\text{NT Qualifying Score}} \right] \times 100 = \text{Athlete Percentage}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\text{World Record} - \text{NT Qualifying Score}}{\text{NT Qualifying Score}} \right] \times 100 = \text{Max Percentage}$$

$$\text{Athlete Ranking Value} = \frac{\text{Athlete Percentage}}{\text{Max Percentage}}$$

- i.e. If an athlete shoots equal to the qualifying score the ranking value will be '0',  
 If an athlete shoots below the qualifying score they will get a negative value (ex. -0.5),  
 If an athlete shoots above the qualifying score they will get a positive value (ex. +0.5),  
 If an athlete shoots equal to the world record they will get a '1'.

**NOTE:** A negative "-" ranking value does NOT disqualify an athlete. It is simply a lower value than "0" or a positive "+" value.

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

**APPENDIX "B"**

The score standards to be used for 2023 Senior (SR) card nominations for athletes with disabilities shall be:

| <b>EVENT</b> | <b>DISCIPLINE</b>     | <b>CLASS</b> | <b>QUALIFICATION</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|              |                       |              |                      |
| 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                  |