



KARATE CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CARDING CRITERIA

For nominations for the 2010-2011 carding cycle

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The aim of this document is to describe the criteria used by KARATE CANADA for nominating athletes competing in the kumite discipline for Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).
- 1.2 The carding cycle for karate is from March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.
- 1.3 The Sport Canada quota for the number of cards available to KARATE CANADA is the equivalent of four (4) Senior cards (SR1, SR2, SR, C1).
- 1.4 The National Head Coach (NC) is responsible for nominating athletes for Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP). Sport Canada is responsible for approving nominations in accordance with AAP policies and procedures.
- 1.5 The Sport Canada policy and procedures which govern the AAP and the establishment and application of criteria, can be found on the Sport Canada website at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm>.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- In order to qualify for AAP carding supports, an athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:
- 2.1 The athlete, under the karate eligibility requirements of the World Karate Federation, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including World Championships. This means that the athlete must possess a Canadian passport at the beginning of the carding cycle.
 - 2.2 The athletes must complete and sign both the Athlete Agreement and Athlete Assistance Program Application Form for the year in question.
 - 2.3 To be eligible for nomination for AAP carding for the 2010-2011 carding cycle the athletes must meet the performance standards, described hereafter, between February 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010

2.4 The athlete must be a member in good standing of the National Senior Team.

3. CRITERIA

3.1 Senior International Carding Criteria (SR1/SR2)

These criteria are set by Sport Canada. To be considered for carding under the Senior International carding criteria:

- 3.1.1 The athletes must place in the top 8 and top half of the field (pool) with at least one win, in the kumite discipline, at the most recent World Karate Federation's Senior World Championships (Senior World Championships). Bye and absence of adversary do not count as a win.
- 3.1.2 Athletes who meet the International criteria are eligible to be nominated for carding for two consecutive years, with the first year card referred as SR1 and for the second year card referred as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent upon the athlete meeting the eligibility criteria, being re-nominated by KARATE CANADA and maintaining a training and competitive program approved by KARATE CANADA and Sport Canada.
- 3.1.3 If there are fewer cards than the number of athletes that meet the Senior International carding criteria, the ranking process noted below will be applied in the following order:
 - a. The athlete with the highest placing at the most recent Senior World Championships will be ranked higher;
 - b. If two or more athletes have the same placing, the athlete with the most wins at the most recent Senior World Championships will be ranked higher;
 - c. If two or more athletes still have the same number of wins, the athlete with the highest placing at the most recent Senior Pan-American Championships will be ranked higher;
 - d. If two or more athletes still have the same placing, the athlete with the most wins at the most recent Senior Pan-American Championships will be ranked higher;
 - e. If after the application of this ranking process a tie still exists, a final decision will be made by the National Head Coach. The coach's decision may include a challenge match, if the athletes are of the same gender and in the same weight class.

3.2 Senior National Carding Criteria (SR/C1)

The remaining number of Senior cards will be allocated to eligible athletes that meet the following performance standard:

On Senior World Championships year	On other years
Athletes placing in the top 12 and top half of the field (pool) with at least one win, in the kumite discipline, at the World Karate Federation's World Senior Championships. Bye and absence of adversary do not count as a win.	Athletes placing in the top 5 and top third of the pool with at least one win, in the kumite discipline, at the Senior Pan American Championships. Bye and absence of adversary do not count as a win.

If there are fewer cards than the number of athletes who meet the Senior National carding criteria, the ranking process noted below will be applied in the following order:

- a. The athlete with the highest placing at the Senior World Championships (or Senior Pan-American Championships on non-Worlds year) will be ranked higher;
- b. If two or more athletes have the same placing, the athlete with the most wins at the Senior World Championships (or Senior Pan-American Championships in non-Worlds year) will be ranked higher;
- c. If two or more athletes still have the same number of wins, the athlete with the highest placing at the most recent North American Cup will be ranked higher.
- d. If two or more athletes still have the same placing, the athlete with the most wins at the most recent North American Cup will be ranked higher;
- e. If after the application of this ranking process a tie still exists, a final decision will be made by the National Head Coach. The coach's decision may include a challenge match, if the athletes are of the same gender and in the same weight class

NB: Senior cards awarded to athletes who meet the SR card criteria for the first time are called C1 cards and are funded at the development card level (\$900/month).

3.3 Maximum number of years at SR/C1 level – This criteria applies once the athlete reached the WKF post-junior age category:

Once the athlete reaches the WKF post-junior age category, he can be carded at the SR/C1 Card level for a maximum of four (4) years, after which the National Head Coach will review the athlete's performance annually to determine the potential to progress to the Senior International Card level. If approved by Sport Canada, an athlete will be eligible for a maximum of two more years at the SR level subject to meeting the annual performance standards and an annual review.

4. Injury card criteria

4.1 Injury cards may be available to athletes carded the previous year at SR1 or SR2 level 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, the athlete may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

4.1.1 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 their 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 the KARATE CANADA, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.

4.1.2 KARATE CANADA, based on its technical judgment and that of a KARATE CANADA team physician or 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.

- 4.1.3 The athlete, based on the technical judgment of the National team coaches, has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate a long-term commitment to high-performance training and competition goals, as well as his/her intention to pursue full high-performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he/she wishes to be renewed, despite not having met the carding criteria.
- 4.2. If there are fewer cards than the number of athletes that meet the Injury carding criteria, the athletes will be ranked as per the previous year AAP nomination ranking.
- 4.3 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/pgm/sc/pol/athl/110-eng.cfm>.

5. Priorization

Nominations for AAP support will be made in the following order of priority:

- 1) Athletes eligible for "Senior International" cards;
- 2) Athletes carded the previous year at the SR1 or SR2 levels, eligible for Injury cards;
- 3) Athletes eligible for "Senior National" (SR/C1) cards.

6. Appeal Procedure

For any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/114-eng.cfm#a1>.