

**NATIONAL BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON PROGRAMS  
SPORT CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CRITERION  
2016-17 CARDING CYCLE**

**1. CARDING PRE-REQUISITE & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton (BCS) – National Bobsleigh Program (NBP) is eligible for a maximum number of 23 Senior (equivalent to \$414,000) Sport Canada AAP Cards and the National Skeleton Program (NSP) is eligible for a maximum number of 10 Senior (equivalent to \$180,000) Sport Canada AAP Cards. In all cases, for athletes to be considered for nomination they must:

- Be a member in good standing of BCS current National Team Programs;
- Have signed and returned, a 2016-17 BCS Athlete Agreement;
- Be eligible, and continue to be eligible by virtue of the IBSF eligibility rules, to compete for Canada at the World Championships and/or Olympic Winter Games.

After every Olympic Games, Sport Canada reviews carding allocations. As a result the number of cards allocated to BCS is subject to change. If the allocation differs from that mentioned in this document, the High Performance Director will inform the athletes as soon as possible.

BCS High Performance Director is responsible to nominate eligible athletes for the AAP support. Sport Canada reviews all nominations put forward by BCS and approve nominations in accordance with the AAP policies and the published BCS approved, AAP compliant carding criteria.

For the purpose of determining eligibility throughout this document, the following participation levels at World Championships will be considered:

- **DISQUALIFIED (DSQ)** – A designation of “Disqualified” at World Championships / Olympic Winter Games, provided the infraction was not Anti-Doping related, will be considered as having participated in the competition, however not attaining an SR1 qualifying performance standard;
- **DID NOT FINISH (DNF)** – A designation of “Did Not Finish” at World Championships / Olympic Winter Games, implying that the team had begun the competition, however did not qualify a final time due to a crash or another incident, will be considered as having participated in the competition, however not attaining an SR1 qualifying performance standard;
- **DID NOT START (DNS)** – A designation of “Did Not Start” at World Championships / Olympic Winter Games, implying that the team had been entered and had fully intended on participating, however was removed from competition for health or equipment related reasons, provided the removal was not infraction based will be considered as having participated in the competition, however not attaining an SR1 qualifying performance standard.

## **2. CARDING ELIGIBILITY & NOMINATION CRITERION**

### **2.1. SR1 Carding Criteria**

Athletes who competed in the 2016 World Championships and achieved a Top 8 result (and top ½ of the field) will have achieved a SR1 qualifying result and are eligible for nomination at the SR1 level.

### **2.2. SR2 Carding Criteria**

2.2.1. SR1 carded athletes who competed in the 2016 World Championships, but did not achieve a SR1 qualifying result, are eligible for nomination at the SR2 level.

2.2.2. SR1 carded athletes that did not compete in the 2016 World Championships (including spares/alternates), are eligible for nomination at the SR2 level.

### **2.3. SR Carding Criteria**

2.3.1. SR2 / SR / C1 carded athletes who competed in the 2016 World Championships, but did not achieve a SR1 qualifying result, will be considered for nomination at the SR level.

2.3.2. SR2 / SR / C1 carded athletes that did not compete in the 2016 World Championships, but did compete in their respective 2015-16 IBSF circuits (WC / EC / NAC & ICC) will be considered for nomination at the SR level.

### **2.4. C1 Carding Criteria**

2.4.1. Un-carded or D carded athletes who competed in the 2016 World Championships, but did not achieve a SR1 qualifying result, will be considered for nomination at the C1 level.

### **2.5. D Carding Criteria**

2.5.1. Un-carded or D carded athletes that did not compete in the 2016 World Championships may be considered for nomination to the D carding level.

### **2.6. Spares (Alternates) Criteria - NBP**

NBP Athletes who were named to the 2016 World Championships Team, however did not compete by virtue of being the "spare", will not be automatically deemed as having attained the result of their respective team.

Provided these athletes are not presently SR1 carded, spares may be considered for carding based on the following criteria:

2.6.1. SR2 / SR / C1 carded athletes that did not compete in the 2016 World Championships by virtue of being named to the team as a spare, may be considered for nomination to the SR level.

2.6.2. Un-carded or D carded athletes that did not compete in the 2016 World Championships, by virtue of being named to the team as a spare, may be considered for nomination to the C1 level.

## 2.7. Returning Athletes Criteria

Accomplished NBP and NSP athletes who have taken (self-imposed) time away from their respective Program, either for personal or performance related reasons (retirement, injury etc.), may have their previously approved carding status recognized upon their return based on the following criteria:

- 2.7.1. Returning athletes previously carded at a SR1 / SR2 / SR carding level, that *did not compete* in the 2015-16 competition season, that have shown the appropriate level of commitment and performance may be considered for re-nomination at the SR level;

This is provided that the athlete meets all the necessary pre-requisite and eligibility requirements outlined in Sections 1 & 2 for the 2016-17 season.

## 2.8. Failure to meet carding criteria for health-related reasons

At the end of a carding cycle during which an athlete, carded the previous year at any levels, has, for strictly health-related reasons, did not achieve the standards required for renewal of carded status, he or she may be considered for re-carding for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

- 2.8.1. The athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a timely 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 the NSO, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- 2.8.2. The NSO, based on its technical judgment and that of an NSO team physician or equivalent, indicates in writing the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period.
- 2.8.3. 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.

## 2.9. Eligibility Length

- 2.9.1. Maximum number of years at SR / C1: An athlete may be carded at the SR / C1 level for a maximum of 5 years. In order to be carded for additional years at the SR / C1 level the athlete's past performance and future potential will be assessed to ascertain if the athlete is still progressing and if the athlete has the potential to reach the SR1 level.
- 2.9.2. Maximum number of years at the D level: An athlete may be carded at the D level for a maximum of 5 years. In order to be carded for additional years at the D level the athlete's past performance and future potential will be assessed to ascertain if the athlete is still progressing and if the athlete has the potential to reach the SR1 / SR / C1 level.

- 2.9.3. An athlete previously carded at the Senior Card levels (SR1, SR2, SR, SR-inj, C1) for more than 2 years is no longer eligible for a Development card.
- 2.9.4. Any Junior World Championship eligible athletes (26 years or under for bobsleigh and 23 years or under for skeleton) receiving carding, will not be subject to the maximum number of years' clauses stated above, until such time as they are no longer considered "Junior" by IBSF standards.

### **2.10. Athlete Ranking**

- 2.10.1. All Athletes being considered for nomination to the SR1 / SR2 / SR / C1 level (applies to 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4) will be ranked with respect to their past seasons performance and ranked accordingly within the Relative Ranking System (section 7.1).
- 2.10.2. All Athletes being considered for nomination to the D level (applies to 2.5) will be ranked with respect to their past seasons performance, evaluated with respect to their Technical Ability, Physical Testing, Attitude, Work Ethic and Team Dynamic and ranked accordingly within the Relative Ranking System (section 7.2).

## **3. CARDING ALLOCATION**

Sport Canada AAP Carding for NBP and NSP athletes will be allocated in the following manner:

### **3.1. Pre-Season: July 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 3.1.1 Upon completion of the 2015-16 AAP carding cycle (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016), those 2016-17 carding cycle SR1 / SR2 / SR / C1 eligible athletes having been named to the 2016 World Championships team (including NBP spares) and having committed themselves for return to the NBP or the NSP for the 2016-17 season, will be considered for the Pre-Season Carding allocation effective to the beginning of the carding cycle (July, August, September and October AAP's Living and Training Allowances).

### **3.2. In-Season: November 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 3.2.1. Upon completion of the 2016-17 Selection Process (NBP and NSP), Senior carded athletes (SR1, SR2, SR and C1) having been renamed to the NBP and NSP will be nominated for a full carding cycle for the AAP. Those athletes approved in the "Pre-Season" may be nominated for the remaining 8 months of the carding cycle, the others for 12 months.

Senior Carding will be allocated within each card level (see 3.3) based on the athletes ranking within the Relative Ranking System (section 7.1).

- 3.2.2. Once all athletes eligible for senior cards have been nominated, the remaining carding resources will be allocated as D cards. These D cards may be allocated to eligible athletes as a full eight (8) month allocation.

If after the allocation of the 8-month D cards is completed and there are carding months remaining, these remaining carded months may be allocated to the top ranked D-level athlete(s) as additional months (to a maximum of 12 months carding). Example:

if 6 months are remaining the top D card athlete will get 4 months (for a total of 12 months) and the second will get 2 months (for a total of 10 months).

### **3.3. Carding Allocation Priority**

3.3.1. Eligible athletes will be nominated for the AAP in the following priority order:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Athletes eligible for SR1 cards;
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Athletes eligible for SR2 cards;
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Athletes eligible for SR cards;
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Athletes eligible for C1 cards;
- 5<sup>th</sup> : Athletes eligible for SR injury cards;
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Athletes eligible for D cards;
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Athletes eligible for D injury cards.

## **4. CARDING QUALIFICATION PERIOD**

Selection for nominations for the 2016-17 carding cycle will occur at competitions that take place from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and through the athletes respective 2016-17 Selection Process (NBP & NSP) scheduled from May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## **5. CARDING WITHDRAWAL / SUSPENSION**

Carded athletes who have chosen to retire, will have their carding cycle end upon submission of Notice of Retirement or as deemed necessary by the Head Coach of their respective program & the High Performance Director. Those athletes in contravention of the BCS Athlete Agreement or who have failed to meet training / participation expectations of the program, may be subject to review for carding withdrawal as per Sport Canada's AAP Policies & Procedures – Section 11; "Withdrawal of Carded Status".

## **6. APPEAL PROCESS**

Appeals of BCS's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a BCS's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the BCS'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.

## 7. RELATIVE RANKING SYSTEM

### 7.1. SENIOR (SR1 / SR2 / SR / C1) CARDS' RELATIVE RANKING SYSTEM

The Relative Ranking System for athletes eligible for Senior carding is based on the athlete's results in respective races, ranked according to their finish in the respective competitive field (rank divided by number of entries). For the 2016-17 nominations the events to be considered will be the 2016 World Championships (WCH) and the 2015-16 Overall IBSF Ranking. The athletes with the lowest total score will rank highest.

The competitive field for the WCH is considered to be the total number of teams (NBP) or athletes (NSP) who participated in the race. The competitive field for the Overall IBSF ranking is the total number of teams who appear on the IBSF ranking summary.

Example of SR1 / SR2 / SR / C1 CARD Calculation

<b>SENIOR CARDING</b>		<b>2016 WCH-RANK</b>		<b>2015/16 IBSF-RANK</b>		<b>TOTAL (A+B)</b>	<b>2016-17 AAP Rank</b>	<b>Pre-Season Carding Eligibility</b>	<b>Pre-Season Value</b>	<b>In-Season Carding Eligibility</b>	<b>In-Season Value</b>
<b>Athlete Name</b>	<b>2015-16 AAP Status</b>	<b>Overall Result</b>	<b>Relative Result (A)</b>	<b>Overall Result</b>	<b>Relative Result (B)</b>						
<b>MENS / WOMENS BOBSLEIGH / SKELETON</b>											
Athlete A	SR1	3/26	0.12	4/93	0.04	0.16	1	SR1	\$6,000	SR1	\$12,000
Athlete B	SR1	7/26	0.27	5/93	0.05	0.32	2	SR1	\$6,000	SR1	\$12,000
Athlete C	D	8/26	0.31	7/93	0.08	0.39	3	SR1	\$6,000	SR1	\$12,000
Athlete D	SR1	11/34	0.32	9/138	0.07	0.39	3	SR2	\$6,000	SR2	\$12,000
Athlete E	SR	13/34	0.38	13/138	0.09	0.47	5	-	-	SR	\$18,000
Athlete F	D	15/34	0.44	14/138	0.10	0.54	6	-	-	C1	\$7,200
Athlete G	D	11/26	0.42	37/93	0.40	0.82	7	-	-	C1	\$7,200
Athlete H	SR	N/a	1.00	11/93	0.12	1.12	8	-	-	SR	\$18,000
Athlete I	SR	N/a	1.00	20/93	0.22	1.22	9	-	-	SR	\$18,000
Athlete J	SR	inj	1.00	inj	1.00	2.00	10	-	-	SR-inj	\$18,000

## 7.2. DEVELOPMENT (D) CARDS' RELATIVE RANKING SYSTEM

The Relative Ranking System for athletes eligible for D carding is based on the athlete's:

- results in respective races, ranked according to their finish in the respective competitive field (rank divided by number of entries). For the 2016-17 nominations the events to be considered will be the 2016 World Championships and the 2015-16 Overall IBSF Ranking. The athletes with the lowest total score will rank highest.
- off-ice testing, on-ice testing and evaluation races scheduled from May 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of November 2016. The coaching staff will evaluate the athletes' Technical Ability, Physical Testing, Attitude, Work Ethic and Team Dynamic.

The competitive field for the WCH is considered to be the total number of teams (NBP) or athletes (NSP) who participated in the race. The competitive field for the Overall IBSF ranking is the total number of teams who appear on the IBSF ranking summary.

### Example of D CARD Calculation

Athlete Name	2015-16 AAP Status	2016 WCH-RANK		2015/16 IBSF-RANK		Attribute Evaluation 1 to 3 (1 being excellent)						SUB-TOT (A+B+C)	2016-17 AAP Rank	Pre-Season Carding Eligibility	Pre-Season Value	In-Season Carding Eligibility	In-Season Value	
		Overall Result	Relative Result (A)	Overall Result	Relative Result (B)	SUB-TOT (A+B)	Technical Ability	Physical Testing	Attitude	Work Ethic	Team Dynamic							SUB-TOT (C)
<b>MENS / WOMENS BOBSLEIGH / SKELETON</b>																		
Athlete K	D	n/a	1.00	25/138	0.18	1.18	2	1	2	1	1	7.00	8.18	1	-	-	D	\$7,200
Athlete L	D	n/a	1.00	28/138	0.20	1.20	2	2	1	2	1	8.00	9.20	2	-	-	D	\$7,200
Athlete M	D	n/a	1.00	29/93	0.31	1.31	2	1	2	2	2	9.00	10.31	3	-	-	D	\$7,200
Athlete N	D	n/a	1.00	53/138	0.38	1.38	2	2	2	2	2	10.00	11.38	4	-	-	-	
Athlete O	D	n/a	1.00	60/138	0.43	1.43	3	2	2	2	2	11.00	12.43	5	-	-	-	
Athlete P	n/a	n/a	1.00	51/93	0.55	1.55	2	3	3	2	2	12.00	13.55	6	-	-	-	