



Athletes Assistance Program Criteria

For nominations for the 2022-2023 carding cycle

1. Introduction

1.1 THE AIM OF THIS DOCUMENT IS TO DESCRIBE THE CRITERIA THAT WILL BE USED BY THE CANADIAN LUGE ASSOCIATION (CLA) FOR NOMINATING ATHLETES FOR SPORT CANADA'S ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) FOR THE 2022-2023 CARDING CYCLE, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022 TO OCTOBER 31, 2023.

1.2 THE CLA IS ALLOCATED A MAXIMUM OF **16 SENIOR CARDS** OR EQUIVALENTS SENIOR CARDS MAY BE CONVERTED TO DEVELOPMENT CARDS, SPORT CANADA WILL BE REVIEWING THE CARD QUOTA OF ALL SPORTS AFTER THE 2022 OLYMPIC GAMES. THIS REVIEW MAY AFFECT CLA CARD QUOTA.

1.3 THE CLA HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOMINATING ATHLETES FOR CARDING.

1.4 SPORT CANADA'S ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT PRESENTS IN DEPTH INFORMATION FOR AUDIENCES WISHING TO ACCESS THE PROGRAM. THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance/policies-procedures.html>

2. Eligibility

2.1 In order to be considered for the Athlete's Assistance Program, you must be selected to the 2022-2023 National Luge Program comprised of either the National Team or NextGen (Junior National) Team.

2.2 AAP support is subject to athletes' availability and eligibility as per International Federation rules to represent Canada in major international competitions, including the World Championships and Olympic Games. The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete must have been a legal resident in Canada (student status, refugee status, work visa or permanent resident) for a minimum period of one year before being considered for AAP support.

3. Competition Qualification Period

The qualification period for earning World Cup/World Championships/Olympics results towards nominations for the 2022-2023 carding cycle occurs from November 1, 2021 until October 31, 2022

4. Card Types and Benefits

4.1 *The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) has three types of cards:*

- Senior International Cards (SR1 and SR2 Cards)
- Senior National Cards (SR and C1 Cards)
- Development Cards (D Cards)

4.2 Under the AAP, Eligible Athletes have access to the following benefits:

- Living and training allowance
- Tuition and deferred tuition support
- Supplementary AAP support

4.3 Eligible Athletes approved for carding by Sport Canada will receive a monthly living and training allowance according to carding status. This allowance is usually paid in advance every two months.

<u>Carding Status</u>	<u>Monthly Allowance</u>
Senior Card (SR1, SR2, SR)	\$1,765
Senior Card Injury / Illness (SRI)	\$1,765
First Year Senior Card (C1)	\$1,060
Development Card (D)	\$1,060

4.4 Tuition Support & Supplementary AAP Support

Please see section 8.3 and 8.4 in Sport Canada's AAP Policy and Procedures document:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance/policies-procedures.html>

5. Prioritization

5.1 Overall

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

Athletes eligible who meet the SR1 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the SR2 carding criteria

Athletes carded the previous carding cycle at the SR2 levels who meet the Injury Card Criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the SR/C1 Priority 1 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the SR/C1 Priority 2 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the SR/C1 Priority 3 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the SR/C1 Priority 4 carding criteria;

Athletes carded the previous carding cycle at the SR/C1 levels who meet the Injury Card Criteria;

Athlete carded the previous carding cycle at SR2 injury or SR injury who meet the Injury Card Criteria. The athlete would have to sustain a different injury/illness then the previous for this clause to apply;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 1 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 2 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 3 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 4 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 5 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 6 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 7 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 8 carding criteria;

Athletes eligible who meet the D Priority 9 carding criteria;

Athletes carded the previous carding cycle at the D level who meet the Injury Card Criteria

5.2 Prioritization Senior International Criteria

If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting the Senior International Criteria:

The athlete with the highest placing at the World Championships/Olympics will rank higher.

If two or more athletes have the same placing at the Worlds/Olympics, the athlete with highest ranking in a single run will be ranked higher.

If a tie still remains, the athlete with the closest time to the winner of the World Championships/Olympics.

5.3 Prioritization Senior Criteria

If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting any of the Senior Criteria:

The athlete with the highest placing at the World Championships/Olympics will rank higher.

If two or more athletes have the same placing at the Worlds/Olympics, the athlete with highest ranking in a single run will be ranked higher;

If a tie still remains, the athlete with the closest time to the winner of the World Championships/Olympics;

If there is a tie in Priority #2 or #3, the athlete with the best results will be ranked higher. If there is still a tie the athlete with highest ranked run will be ranked higher. If there is still a tie the athletes time behind the leader on the highest ranked run will break the tie.

5.4 Prioritization Development Criteria

If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting any of the Development Criteria:

The athlete will be ranked in the following order, Junior World Championships Result, Junior World Cup Standings, Junior World Cup Results (3 times), Youth A World Cup Standings, and Youth A World Cup Results (3 times), Junior Canadian Results top 3, Senior World Cup Result.

The Athletes who achieve the results needed in each of the above categories will be ranked in that order and will receive carding if enough cards are available. Within each priority if there is a tie the following tiebreaker will be used.

If there is a tie the athlete with the best results will be ranked higher. If there is still a tie the athlete with highest ranked run will be ranked higher. If there is still a tie the athlete's time behind the leader on the highest ranked run will break the tie.

If there is a tie in Priority 8, the Selection ranking will be used to break the tie.

6. Carding Criteria

6.1 Senior International (SR1/SR2) Carding Criteria

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results at the World Championships/Olympics

Men's singles, Women's singles, Doubles or Team Relay: top 8 (counting a maximum of 3 entries/country) and top ½ of the field.

Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are eligible for two years of AAP support, with the card for the first year referred to as an SR1 Card and the card for the second year referred to as an SR2 card. The second year is subject to the athlete being re-nominated by the CLA, a training and competitive program approved by CLA and Sport Canada and signing the AAP application and CLA/Athlete agreement.

6.2 Senior (SR 1, SR 2, SR & C1) Carding Criteria

The remaining number of Senior cards will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following priority order:

Priority #1 – World Championships/Olympics

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in the respective event at the World Championships/Olympics:

Men's singles: top 16 (counting a maximum of 3 men per country)

Women's singles: top 12 (counting a maximum of 3 women per country)

Doubles: top 12 (counting a maximum of 2 sleds per country)

Team Relay: top 8 (counting maximum of 1 sled per country)

Priority #2 – World Championships/Olympics

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in the respective event at the World Championships/Olympics:

Men's singles: top 30 (counting a maximum of 3 men per country)

Women's singles: top 24 (counting a maximum of 3 women per country)

Doubles: top 18 (counting a maximum of 2 sleds per country)

Priority #3 – FIL World Cup Overall Standings

Eligible athletes who obtained the following standing in their respective event on the Final FIL World Cup Overall Standings (inclusive of Olympic Events only):

Overall Standings:

Men: top 32

Women: top 24

Doubles: top 20 (results must be achieved with the same partner)

Priority #4 – World Cup Results

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in their respective event in at least 3 World Cup's:

Men's singles: top 32 (counting a maximum of 3 men per country)

Women's singles: top 24 (counting a maximum of 3 women per country)

Doubles: top 20 (results must be achieved with the same partner) (counting a maximum of 2 sleds per country)

6.3 Development Carding Criteria

Athletes who have previously been carded at SR1 or SR2 levels are not eligible to receive a D card, unless they are eligible to compete in FIL junior age competitions. Exceptions may be granted to the new Doubles team, see section 7.

The remaining number of Senior card(s) will be allocated as Development card(s) to eligible athletes in the following priority order:

Priority #1 – World Cup & Jr World Cup Combined

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in their respective events **in at least 2** Senior World Cup's **AND at least 1** Junior World Cup:

Men's singles: 2x top 32 SR.WC (counting a maximum of 3 men per country), AND top 12 JR.WC

Women's singles: 2x top 24 SR.WC (counting a maximum of 3 men per country), AND top 10 JR.WC

Doubles: top 20 SR.WC (results must be achieved with the same partner) (counting a maximum of 2 sleds per country), AND top 8 JR.WC

Priority #2 – World Junior Championships

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in their respective event at the World Junior Championships:

Men's singles: top 16

Women's singles: top 16
Doubles: top 12

Priority #3 – FIL Junior World Cup Standing

Eligible athletes who obtained the following standing in their respective event on the Final FIL Junior World Cup Standings:

Men's singles: top 12
Women's singles: top 10
Doubles: top 8 (results must be achieved with the same partner)

Priority #4 – Junior World Cup Results

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in their respective event in at least 3 Junior World Cup's:

Men's singles: top 12
Women's singles: top 10
Doubles: top 8 (results must be achieved with the same partner)

Priority #5 – FIL Youth A World Cup Standings

Eligible athletes who obtained the following standing in their respective event on the Final FIL Youth A World Cup Standings:

Men's singles: top 8
Women's singles: top 8
Doubles: top 6 (results must be achieved with the same partner)

Priority #6 – Youth A World Cup Results

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in their respective event in at least 3 Youth A World Cup's:

Men's singles: top 8
Women's singles: top 8
Doubles: top 6 (results must be achieved with the same partner)

Priority #7 – Junior Canadian Championships

Eligible athletes who obtain the following results in their respective event in the Junior Canadian Championships. Must be at least 5 competitors in the category.

Men's singles: top 1
Women's singles: top 1
Doubles: top 1

Priority #8 – World Cup

Eligible athletes who obtained the following results in their respective event in one Senior World Cup:

Men's singles: top 32 (counting a maximum of 3 men per country)
Women's singles: top 24 (counting a maximum of 3 women per country)
Doubles: top 20 (counting a maximum of 2 sleds per country)

Priority #9 – 2022-2023 Team Selection

National Team - ranked using the National Team Selection Ranking.

Junior National Team - ranked using the Junior National Team Selection Ranking

6.4 Injury carding criteria

Eligible athletes who were carded the previous year at the SR2, SR or C1 or D levels and were unable to meet the carding criteria strictly due to Injury, Illness or Pregnancy, may be nominated for carding if they meet the following criteria:

- The athlete does not withdraw from the National Team Program during that period and provides written confirmation of his or her intention to return to full participation in the NTP at the earliest possible date.
- Written evaluations are provided by both the CLA's High Performance Director and a CLA designated physician indicating that the athlete can be expected to return to full participation.
- The athlete undertakes in writing to train and/or rehabilitate under the supervision of the CLA or its designate at a level which minimizes risk to the athlete's personal health and ensures optimum return to full training and competition at the earliest possible date. Failure to follow such a program without due cause shall be grounds for immediate termination of carding.

If more athletes meet the Injury Carding Criteria then there are cards available, they will be ranked, within their respective injury card nominations, based on their previous year carding ranking.

7. Restrictions on Continued Nomination

7.1 Senior Cards

Once the athlete reaches the FIL senior age category, an athlete is generally expected to be a Senior Card (SR/C1) for no more than 7 years (not necessarily consecutive), at which time it would be expected an athlete would have had an opportunity to reach the Senior International Carding standards. However, an athlete may be carded at the SR/C1 levels for 8 years or beyond if he/she continues to demonstrate continued progression toward achieving the Senior International card level. This is demonstrated through stronger performances/placements at international events throughout the competitive season, as reported by CLA.

7.2 Development Cards

Once the athlete reaches the FIL senior age category, an athlete is generally expected to be a D Card for no more than 4 years (not necessarily consecutive and), at which time it would be expected an athlete would have had an opportunity to reach the Senior card level. In Doubles, consideration for D carding above and beyond the 5-year maximum, and regardless of previous carding status, may be granted to an athlete who regains D carding eligibility within a new partner.

Normally, a Development Card cannot be allocated to an athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more than two years, except for an athlete carded as a senior card while still eligible to compete at the Junior international age level.

7.3 New Doubles teams

Double Team members who have previously been carded as Senior International and Senior cards, and who begin a new partnership, may be considered for a Development Card (if the Development Card criteria has been achieved and if the new partnership has failed to achieve Senior National/International Card status).

8. Athletes Changing Partners

8.1 Prior to Carding Nominations

An athlete, in Doubles, who was previously carded (at any level) in the previous season who separates for whatever reason and is continuing to train and search for a partner while following a training program approved by CLA, shall be included in the carding nomination process as outlined above. In all such cases, eligibility and ranking shall be

determined according to their results with their previous partner. For an athlete carded at (or eligible for) the SR1 card level any change in partners would result in forfeit of the potential for a SR2 card.

In the case that the athlete(s) in question split more than four (4) months prior to the nomination then the nomination can only be considered if a new partnership has been established and a successful evaluation has been conducted by CLA.

CLA shall provide a maximum of four months from the date of the split for the athlete to secure a new partner and undergo an evaluation conducted by CLA. Carding will be put on hold until a new partnership is established, and successful evaluation is confirmed by CLA.

If the evaluation is positive, the originally carded athlete will be carded retroactive to the beginning of the carding cycle. The new partner will not be carded unless they otherwise qualified for carding independent of this new partnership.

If the athlete does not establish a new partnership or the evaluation is not considered positive by CLA, the athlete shall forfeit carding. This carding position shall, in turn, be redirected to another eligible athlete as per the carding prioritization and be retroactive to the beginning of the carding cycle.

8.2 Following the Approval of Carding Nominations

When an athlete, in Doubles, who separates for whatever reason after having been carded for the particular year and is continuing to train and search for a partner while following a training program approved by CLA, carding will be immediately put on hold. CLA shall provide a maximum of four months from the date of the split, but no later than September 1, for the athlete to secure a new partner and undergo an evaluation conducted by CLA.

a) If the evaluation is positive, the originally carded athlete will be carded retroactive to when carding had been put on hold. The new partner will not be carded unless they otherwise qualified for carding independent of this new partnership. For an athlete carded at the SR1 level this change in partners would result in forfeit of the potential for a SR2 card.

b) If, by September 1st, the athlete does not establish a new partnership in the same discipline or the evaluation is not considered positive by CLA, carding will be terminated.

9. Appeal Procedure

Appeals of Luge Canada's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a Luge Canada's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the Luge Canada's review process, which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Center 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.