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# CYCLING CARDING CRITERIA FOR ROAD NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2011 CARDING CYCLE

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**Note: In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence.**

**Note: From this point forward disciplines will be considered as cycling sports (ex. Track) and disciplines are considered as being events in a cycling sport. (Example: Track is cycling SPORT in which there are sport disciplines like the Team pursuit)**

## 1. Introduction

The goal of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is to contribute to improved Canadian performances at major international sporting competitions such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games and World Championships. To this end, the AAP identifies and supports athletes already at or having the potential to be in the top 16 in the world.

The AAP has three specific objectives:

- to identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships;
- to help Canada's international-caliber athletes excel at the highest level of competition while assisting them to prepare for a future career or engage in full- or part-time career activities; and
- to allow athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their high performance athletic goals.

Athletes approved by Sport Canada for the AAP are eligible for a living and training allowance, tuition support (in a Sport Canada approved University or College program), deferred tuition support, and special needs assistance. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly financial stipend as follows:

- Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)      \$1500/month
- Senior National Card (SR)                \$1500/month
- Senior Probationary Card (C1)            \$900/month
- Development Card (D)                    \$900/month

Further information on the AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada web site <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm>

## 2. Eligibility

In order to be considered for nomination for AAP support, an athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The athlete must compete in Olympic events
- Results posted in Olympic events, between December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will be considered.
- The athlete must have competed at the 2010 National Championships, unless a written exemption has been granted by the CCA.
- The athlete must complete the CCA application form (see CCA website) and return it to the CCA on or before October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- The athlete must be a licensed member of the CCA and be a member in good standing with their Provincial Association.
- The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.
- The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete shall 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. The athlete would normally be expected to have participated in CCA-sanctioned programs during that time period.
- The athlete, under the eligibility requirements of UCI, as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships.

Sport Canada recommends that an athlete with annual income after sport expenses of \$50,000 or more, decline AAP financial support. Funds declined in this way are reallocated to other athletes in the same sport whose income is below the voluntary income guideline.

## 3. Application Process

The Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) makes every effort to keep track of and recognize athletes' results that may qualify them for carding. However, given that a large proportion of results may be achieved at events outside of the national team program, it is impossible for the CCA to be aware of all relevant performances. Therefore; it is the responsibility of each athlete to ensure that the CCA is aware that they are eligible for carding support. Athletes who have met the criteria outlined in this document must apply to the CCA no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in order to be considered for AAP support in the 2011 cycle. Applications must be in by October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 but results can be compiled up until November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Athletes shall complete the application form posted on the CCA website and return it to the CCA on or before the deadline. The athlete's coach responsible for overseeing their training program must be identified on this form and must also sign it. A detailed 2011 Training and Competition Plan must accompany the application form. Failure of submitting any aforementioned details may result in a suspension of funding until the necessary information is submitted.

In the case of Track cycling the CCA will actively monitor the results of those athletes that are competing in events during the month of November 2010 that may make them eligible for carding support, but it is still the responsibility of the athlete to contact the CCA immediately if they feel they have met the carding criteria during this period.

#### **4. Decision-making Process**

The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) in consultation with the Cycling Sport specific National Coach evaluates all athletes who have submitted a complete application for AAP support, and based on Cycling Carding Criteria, recommends a prioritized list of athletes that are to be nominated for carding support. The prioritized list is submitted to the High Performance Committee or Selection Committee\* for approval.

This prioritized list will be posted on the CCA website and all the athletes who submitted an application form will be notified via email of the provisional status accorded to them by the CTO. Athletes will have a review period of seven (7) days, following the notification by e-mail, to appeal the decision not to nominate them for carding. Any appeal launched by an athlete will be expedited in accordance with the CCA Appeals Policy.

Following the review period, the names of the athletes who are eligible to be nominated for carding support will be submitted to Sport Canada for final approval.

Sport Canada reviews all nominations put forward by the CCA and approves nomination in accordance with Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) policies. Athletes whose nominations are approved by Sport Canada must sign the 2011 CCA Carded Athlete Agreement and complete the AAP Application Form before they can begin receiving carding support.

\* The Selection Committee is a group of people chosen by the High Performance Committee members that are experts in a specific cycling sport who assist the CTO and national sport Coach with High Performance decisions.

#### **5. Description of carding levels**

##### Senior International (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada sets the criteria for SR1/SR2 cards. They are based solely on results at the Elite World Championships or Olympic Games. Athletes who meet the SR1/SR2 criteria are eligible to be nominated for carding for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the second year referred to as SR2. If after meeting the SR International criteria an athlete meets the SR international criteria the subsequent year, that athlete may be eligible for another 1<sup>st</sup> year (SR1). Athletes must meet the maintenance criteria established by the CCA to be eligible for nomination for a SR2 card.

**Note:** In cases where the Olympic/Paralympic or World Championship field is restricted by the sport's International Federation (IF), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as a result of qualification processes or other types of entry restrictions, the number of entries and countries in the qualification process will be taken in consideration.

##### Senior National (SR/C1)

National criteria for Senior card has been designed to identify the athletes with the potential to be among the top-16 in the world, within five years. This carding level can be achieved through performances at the World Championships or through sport specific criteria. CCA identifies three levels of Senior National carding criteria – Automatic, Specific & Discretionary.

##### Development (D)

Development cards are intended to support the development needs of young senior/elite or Junior athletes who clearly demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior International card criteria.

In Women's Road, the Development cards are available to athletes in the Post Junior Transition age category (as defined below) and in the UCI Junior age category.

In Road CCA identifies four levels of Development carding criteria – International, Automatic, Specific, & Discretionary.

Athletes previously carded at SR1/SR2 level are not eligible for Development cards

## **6. Post Junior Transition Category**

The Post Junior Transition Category defines those athletes that have moved from Junior to Senior/Elite category in a cycling sport that does not have a U23 or Espoir category and is equivalent to the U23 age category as defined by UCI in the other cycling sports.

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## **7. Maximum number of years at the Senior National card level**

Once an athlete reaches the Elite age, as per UCI regulations, an athlete is expected to achieve progress in their results in order to maintain Senior National carding status. Normally, five (5) years is the maximum that an athlete will be carded at the Senior level (SR & C1) based on national criteria (excluding Injury card). After such time, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive thoroughly documented review of the athlete's performance over the past five years in order to demonstrate progress toward performance equivalent to top 16 and top half at the World Championships or Olympic Games, which then warrants nomination of "Senior National" card status for an additional year. This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the athlete is nominated at this level.

## **8. Maximum number of years at the Development carding level**

In Road, athletes in the Post Junior Transition or U23 age categories are eligible for carding support at the D level only 4 years into the Elite age category. An athlete may be carded at the D level for a maximum of seven (7) years including the years carded under the Junior and the Post Junior Transition age criteria but excluding any years that they were carded under Injury card provision.

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## **9. Athletes meeting criteria in more than one cycling sport**

In the case where one athlete has met carding criteria in more than one cycling sport; the sport by which that athlete has obtained a higher carding level (International, Automatic or Specific) in will prevail. In the case where the carding levels are the same, then the CTO along with the High Performance Committee will establish from what sport that particular athlete's card should come from.

## **10. Athletes that qualify for Development card and Senior card**

Athletes who qualify for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card have the choice of accepting any of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, the athlete in question would not be eligible for any subsequent year(s) of that 3-year International Development card.

Athletes who qualify for the Automatic or Specific Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card have the choice of accepting any of these.

## 11. Number of cards available and distribution

The maximum number of cards available to the CCA is the equivalent of 36 Senior cards. Sport Canada will review all sports carding allocations following the 2010 Olympic Winter Games; therefore, the number of cards allocated for CCA is subject to change by Sport Canada. Senior cards may be converted to Development cards using the following ratio: 1SR = 1D, 2SR = 3D, 3SR = 4D, 4SR = 6 D, etc.

A maximum of 23 Senior cards may be allocated to athletes eligible for SR1, SR2, SR, C1 and Injury cards. The remaining 13 Senior cards will be allocated at the Development level, for a total of 19 Development cards (D). In the case where Sport Canada reduces the carding allocations, a minimum of 50% of the cards shall remain SR's.

The cards will be distributed as follows to each cycling sport:

Cycling Sport	Objective Cards		Discretionary Cards	TOTALS
	Number of Senior cards available per sport.	Number of Development cards available per sport.	Number of discretionary cards	
<b>BMX</b>	2	1, plus BMX Objective SR not used	1SR + 1D	3 SR + 2 D
<b>MTB-XC</b>	4	4, plus MTB-XC Objective SR not used	2SR + 2D	6 SR + 6 D
<b>Road</b>	4	3, plus Road Objective SR not used	2SR + 2D	6 SR + 5 D
<b>Track</b>	6	4, plus Track Objective SR not used	2SR + 2D	8 SR + 6 D

## 12. Prioritization - ROAD

Objective cards will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority.

Within each cycling sport, Objective cards will be allocated before the Discretionary cards.

N.B.: This priority order of nominations does not apply to Discretionary cards – please see the section on Discretionary card criteria for more information at page 15 of this document.

SR CARD (Total of 6)	D CARD (Total of 5)
a) Athletes who meet the SR1 criteria	a) Athletes meeting the D international criteria in U23/Transitional category
b) Athletes who meet the SR2 criteria	b) Athletes meeting the D international criteria in Junior category
c) Athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR1 the preceding year	c) Athlete meeting the D automatic criteria in U23/Transitional category

d) Athletes meeting the SR automatic criteria	d) Athlete meeting the D automatic criteria in Junior category
e) Athletes meeting the SR specific criteria	e) Athletes meeting the D specific criteria in U23/Transitional category
	f) Athletes meeting the D specific criteria in Junior category

Within Road, athletes who are eligible for the same level of card will be prioritized as follows (except for Discretionary cards):

1. Highest finish at a 2010 Elite World Championship event in an Olympic program event
2. Highest finish at a 2010 U23 World Championship event in an Olympic program event or highest Post Junior Transitional finish in the women's Elite World Championship
3. The highest number of UCI points using the UCI ranking released immediately following the conclusion of the cycling sports 2010 World Championship. In Road, because of the differences in the level of competition between World Ranking and Continental Tour events, the value of points scored at Continental Tour events will be worth 50% of World Ranking points.
4. Highest finish at the 2010 Elite National Championship in an Olympic program event
5. Highest finish at the 2010 U23 National Championship event in an Olympic program event
6. Highest finish at the 2010 Junior National Championship event in an Olympic program event

If after all of the above, there still remains a tie, the expert judgment of the CTO will be used to prioritize among the tied athletes taking into account the factors listed in the Discretionary carding criteria section.

If after the allocation the Senior, Development and Discretionary cards in a cycling sport some cards have not been used, any remaining cards may be re-allocated to another cycling sport as additional Discretionary cards.

The distribution of these non-used cards will be made by the CTO and the High Performance Committee based on their expert judgement. The CTO and High Performance Committee will take in consideration the following elements:

- a detailed review of each cycling sport results at the:
  - o 2010 World Championships in an Olympic program event,
  - o 2010 National Championships in an Olympic program event and
  - o 2010 UCI Individual Rankings.
- the number of competitive athletes per cycling sport in the Canadian system;
- the number of cards already allocated to each cycling sport;
- the ranking of the athlete in his/her cycling sport;

In addition, a card can only "shift" status (From D to SR or vice-versa) when and if no other athlete from any other cycling sport has met that card's original status criteria. If the aforementioned proves to be the case, a card's status can be "shifted" and the priority will be given to the cycling sport that was originally in possession of that card.

## **13. ROAD – ELITE WOMEN – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA**

### **1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)**

At the 2010 World Championships, athletes finishing the women's road race in the top-16 and top 1/2 of the field or the women's individual time trial in the top-12 and top 1/2 of the field will be eligible to be nominated for a Senior International (SR1) card. This card has a two-year duration. The first year will be classified as SR1 and the second year as SR2. Athletes with a status of SR1 must meet one of the automatic criteria listed in section two or meet one of the specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in year 2 (SR2).

### **2) AUTOMATIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an Automatic Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Road World Championships, finish the elite women's road race among the top-20 or the elite women's individual time trial among the top-14 and top 1/2 of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-16 in the women's road race in the elite women's individual road race at the 2010 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the Chief Technical Officer. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and the National Road Cycling Team coach.
- Finish among the top-3 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on the UCI calendar
- At the 2010 Commonwealth Games medal in either the Road race or individual time trial events

### **3) SPECIFIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a Specific Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish two times among the top-12 at a UCI World Cup
- Finish two times among top-8 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on the UCI calendar
- Finish two times among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on the UCI calendar
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published CCA World Championships selection criteria and win the elite women's individual time trial event at the 2010 Road National Championships (Women's U23 category included, if applicable).
- Qualify for a Road spot at worlds based on the published CCA World Championships selection criteria and win the elite women's road race event at the 2010 Road National Championships (Women's U23 category included, if applicable).
- Have at least 25 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- At the 2010 Commonwealth Games finish in the top 5 positions in either the Road race or time trial events.
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing to the top-3 in women's road race at 2010 Commonwealth Games. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and National Road Cycling Team coach

## **14. ROAD – ELITE MEN – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA**

### **1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)**

At the 2010 World Championships athletes finishing the men's road race in the top-16 and top ½ of the field or the men's individual time trial in the top-12 and top ½ of the field will be eligible to be nominated for a Senior International card. This card has a two-year duration. The first year will be classified as (SR1 and the second year as SR2. Athletes with a status of SR1 must meet one of the automatic criteria listed in section two or meet one of the specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in year 2 (SR2).

### **2. AUTOMATIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Road World Championships, finish the elite men's road race among the top-25 or the elite men's individual time trial among the top-20 and top ½ of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-20 in the men's road race at the elite men's individual road race at the 2010 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the Chief Technical Officer. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top-3 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental calendar
- Finish among the top-25 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on the UCI Protour calendar or on the Historical Calendar
- Finish two times among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar (excluding any events specifically reserved for U23 riders only)
- Finish two times among the top-16 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on the UCI Protour calendar, European Tour UCI Hors Category (HC), or on the Historical Calendar
- At the 2010 Commonwealth Games medal in either the Road race or individual time trial events
- Score 120 UCI America Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Score 60 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### **3. SPECIFIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish two times among the top-6 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar (excluding any events specifically reserved for U23 riders only)
- Finish among the top-30 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Pro Tour calendar or on the Historical Calendar
- Finish among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar (excluding any events specifically reserved for U23 riders only)
- Finish among the top-16 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on the UCI Pro Tour calendar or on the Historical Calendar

- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published CCA world championships selection criteria and medal in the elite men's individual time trial event at the 2010 Road National Championships.
- Qualify for a Road spot at worlds based on the published CCA World Championships selection criteria and win the elite men's road race event at the 2010 Road National Championships.
- At the 2010 Commonwealth Games finish in the top 5 positions in either the Road race or time trial events
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing to the top-3 in men's road race at 2010 Commonwealth Games. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and National Road Cycling Team coach
- Score 70 UCI Continental Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Score 40 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## **15. ROAD – POST JUNIOR TRANSITION WOMEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)**

### **1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an international Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Road World Championships, finish the Elite women's individual road race among the top-20 or the Elite Women's individual time trial among the top-18
- Finish among the top-6 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any Elite Women's UCI calendar
- Have at least 30UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010
- At the 2010 Commonwealth Games finish in the top 3 positions in either the Road race or time trial events

### **2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Road World Championships, finish the Elite women's individual road race among the top-25 or the Elite Women's individual time trial among the top-20
- Finish among the top-8 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any Elite Women's UCI calendar
- Have at least 25 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010
- At the 2010 Commonwealth Games finish in the top 5 positions in either the Road race or time trial events

### **3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Road World Championships, finish the Elite women's individual road race among the top-30 or the Elite Women's individual time trial among the top-25
- Finish among the top-10 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI calendar
- Have at least 20 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Finish with a top 3 best time in the elite women's individual time trial event at the 2010 Road National Championships
- Medal in the elite women's road race event at the 2010 Road National Championships

## **16. ROAD – U23 MEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D )**

### **1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):**

At the 2010 Road World Championships, athletes finishing the U23 men's individual road race among the top 10 or individual time trial among the top-8 will be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card will have a three-year duration. The first year will be classified as D1, the second year as D2 and the third year as D3. In order to be eligible for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with the CCA National cycling sport coach.

N.B.: Athletes who qualified for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card (SR/C1) have the choice of accepting any of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

### **2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Road World Championships, finish the U23 men's individual road race among the top-16 or the U23 men's individual time trial among the top-12
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-8 in the U23 men's individual road race at the 2010 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the Chief Technical Officer. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and the National Road Coach
- In a U23 specific event, finish among the top-3 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar
- In a non U23 specific event, finish among the top 6 in the final classification of any one-day race or individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour Calendar
- Score 80 UCI America Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Score 40 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- In a non U23 specific event, finish two times among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar

### **3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- In a U23 specific event, finish two times among the top-8 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar
- In a U23 specific event, finish two times among the top-6 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published CCA world championships selection criteria and win the U23 men's individual time trial event at the 2010 Road National Championships.
- Qualify for a road spot at worlds based on the published CCA world championships selection criteria and win the U23 men's road race event at the 2010 Road National Championships.
- Score 60 UCI America Tour points (excluding Europe Tour) by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Score 20 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- In a non U23 specific event, finish among the top 8 in the final classification of any one-day race or individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour Calendar
- In a non U23 specific event, finish among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar

## **17. ROAD – JUNIOR WOMEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)**

### **1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):**

At the 2010 Junior Road World Championships, athletes finishing the junior women's individual road race among the top 6 and top ½ of field or individual time trial among the top-4 and top 1/2 of field will be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card will have a three-year duration. The first year will be classified as D1, the second year as D2 and the third year as D3. In order to be eligible for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with the CCA National cycling coach.

N.B.: Athletes who qualified for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card (SR/C1) have the choice of accepting any of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

### **2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Junior Road World Championships, finish the junior women's individual road race among the top-10 and top ½ of field or the junior women's individual time trial among the top-8 and top ½ of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-8 in the junior women's individual road race at the 2010 Junior Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and the approval of the Chief Technical Officer. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and the National Road Coach

### **3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Meeting the 2010 Junior Road World Championships individual road race minimum performance standards as outlined in the 2010 Junior Road World Championships selection criteria available on the CCA website and win the junior women's individual road race at the 2010 Road National Championships or win a road stage (Criteriums are not considered) at a UCI sanctioned event.
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published CCA world championships selection criteria and win the junior women's individual time trial at the 2010 Road National Championships or win a time trial stage\* at a UCI sanctioned event.

\* Stage race "prologues" are not considered unless they are more than 3km in length

## **18. ROAD – JUNIOR MEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)**

### **1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):**

At the 2010 Junior Road World Championships, athletes finishing the junior men's individual road race among the top 10 and top ½ of field or individual time trial among the top-8 and top ½ of field will be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card will have a three-year duration. The first year will be classified as D1, the second year as D2 and the third year as D3. In order to be eligible for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with the CCA National cycling coach.

N.B.: Athletes who qualified for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card (SR/C1) have the choice of accepting any of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

### **2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2010 Junior Road World Championships, finish the junior men's individual road race among the top-16 and top ½ of field or the junior men's individual time trial among the top-12 and top ½ of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-12 in the junior men's individual road race at the 2010 Junior Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and the approval of the Chief Technical Officer. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the Chief Technical Officer and the National Road Coach

### **3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Meeting the 2010 Junior Road World Championships individual road race minimum performance standards as outlined in the 2010 Junior Road World Championships selection criteria available on the CCA website and win the junior men's individual road race at the 2010 Road National Championships or win a road stage (Criteriums are not considered) at a UCI sanctioned event.
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published CCA world championships selection criteria and win the junior men's individual time trial at the 2010 Road National Championships or win a time trial stage\* at a UCI sanctioned event.

\* Stage race "prologues" are not considered unless they are more than 3km in length

## 19. INJURY CARD CRITERIA

Injury cards may be available to athletes carded the previous year 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, he or she may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

- 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 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 CCA, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- The CCA, based on its technical judgement and that of a CCA team physician or CCA 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.
- 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.

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>

All written materials pertaining to any injury must be submitted to the CCA no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Athletes eligible under the Injury card criteria, except for athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR1 the preceding year, will be prioritized as in the Discretionary card criteria as outlined below.

## 20. DISCRETIONARY CARD CRITERIA

Athletes that meet one of the carding criteria (International, Automatic, Specific or Transitional) but because of their ranking were not selected may be nominated for a Discretionary card if based on the expert judgement of the CTO and the Sport's National Coach the athlete has the potential to achieve top 16 international performances or assist teammates to achieve World Championships and/or Major Games podium. Prioritization will be given to athletes meeting International criteria over Automatic while Automatic will have priority over Specific and specific over Transitional. The two experts will rank the eligible athletes based on the evaluation of the following criteria:

- The athletes potential to meet the sports performance objectives as outlined in the 2009-2012 CCA Strategic Plan [http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/about/documents/strategic\\_plan.pdf](http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/about/documents/strategic_plan.pdf)
- The athletes potential to contribute to qualifying quotas for World Championships or Olympic Games
- The athletes UCI standings up to the last official UCI posting before immediately after October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. With exception of track where it will be the last official UCI posting immediately after November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- The athletes competitive readiness for major events outlined in the season's National Team Program
- The athletes contribution to overall team results in major National Program events
- The athletes placing in any UCI sanctioned events where an apparent depth and quality of field is present.
- The athletes training environment and competitive readiness as a whole