CYCLING CARDING CRITERIA FOR TRACK NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 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)

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

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 1st 2010 and November 30th, 2011 will be considered.
- The athlete must have competed at the 2011 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 31st, 2011.
- 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.
- Athletes must have accepted participation to either world championships and/or Paralympic or Olympic Games if selected by the CCA *

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.

* Exceptions can be considered by the HPD and HPC if an athlete presents valid reasoning like financial, medical, etc

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 29th, 2011 in order to be considered for AAP support in the 2012 cycle. Applications must be in by October 31st, 2012 but results can be compiled up until November 30th, 2011. 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 2012 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 2011 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.

Decision-making Process

The High Performance Director (HPD) 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 (HPC) or sport specific Selection Advisory Group* 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 HPD. 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 2012 CCA Carded Athlete Agreement and complete the AAP Application Form before they can begin receiving carding support.

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

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 1st 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 Track, 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 Track 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

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.

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.

Maximum number of years at the Development carding level

In Track, athletes in the Post Junior Transition age category 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.

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.

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.

Team type of events

Athletes who compete in the finals of an Olympic program team type of events will be nominated for Senior Cards (SR1 or SR2 only) or Development (D1 only), depending on the result of the team in that final.

In the case where there are not enough cards available for the number of athletes having met criteria on the team, based on priority stated on pages 6 and 7 of this document, the number of available cards, either SR or D (Depending on the category in question) will be split equitably amongst the team members. In this case, Discretionary cards will be taken from that cycling sport to accommodate the need for all team members to strive at receiving "full' cards.

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	
BMX	2	1, plus BMX Objective SR not used	1SR + 1D	3 SR + 2 D
MTB-XC	4	4, plus MTB-XC Objective SR not used	2SR + 2D	6 SR + 6 D
Road	4	3, plus Road Objective SR not used	2SR + 2D	6 SR + 5 D
Track	6	4, plus Track Objective SR not used	2SR + 2D	8 SR + 6 D

Prioritization - TRACK

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)
1	Athletes who meet the SR1 criteria	Athletes meeting the D international criteria in U23/Transitional category
2	Athletes who meet the SR2 criteria	Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D international U23/Transitional the preceding year
3	Athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR1 the preceding year	Athletes meeting the D international criteria in Junior category
4	Athletes meeting the SR automatic criteria	Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D international junior the preceding year
5	Athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR automatic the preceding year	Athlete meeting the D automatic criteria in U23/Transitional category
6	Athletes meeting the SR specific criteria	Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D automatic U23/Transitional the preceding year
7	Athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR specific the preceding year	Athlete meeting the D automatic criteria in Junior category
8		Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D automatic junior the preceding year
9		Athletes meeting the D specific criteria in U23/Transitional category
10		Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D specific U23/Transitional the preceding year
11		Athletes meeting the D specific criteria in Junior category
12		Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D specific junior the preceding year

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

1) Highest finish at the 2011 Elite World Championship event in an Olympic program event
2) Highest finish at the 2011 Elite World Championship event in either the Individual Pursuit or the Points Race events
3) Highest finish at a World Cup between Dec. 1, 2010 and Nov. 30, 2011 in an Olympic program event.
4) Highest finish at a World Cup between Dec. 1, 2010 and Nov. 30, 2011 in either the Individual Pursuit or the Points Race events
5) In the Elite category Highest number of UCI points between Dec. 1 and Nov. 30, 2011
6) Highest finish at a 2011 Junior World Championship event in an Olympic program event
7) Highest finish at a 2011 Junior World Championship event in either the Individual pursuit or points race events
8) Highest finish at Pan Am Games in an Olympic program event
9) Highest finish at the 2011 Elite National Championship event in an Olympic program event

10) Highest finish at the 2011 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 HPD 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 HPD and the High Performance Committee based on their expert judgement. The HPD and High Performance Committee will take in consideration the following elements:

- a detailed review of each cycling sport results at the:
    - 2011 World Championships in an Olympic program event,
    - 2011 National Championships in an Olympic program event and
    - 2011 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.

TRACK – ELITE WOMEN – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

At the 2011 World Championships, athletes meeting the criteria below may be eligible to be nominated for a senior International card which may have a two-year duration. The first year will be classified as (SR1and 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 nomination for a SR2 card.

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at Worlds per nation	Result
Sprint	W	2	Top 12, top ½ of the field and 11:60 sec
Keirin	W	2	Top 12 and top ½ of the field
Team Sprint*	W	1 team	Top 8, top ½ of the field
Team Pursuit*	W	1 team	Top 8, top ½ of the field
Omnium	W	1	Top 8 and top ½ of the field

** See Team type event paragraph on page 6*

2. AUTOMATIC SENIOR NATIONALCARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)

At the 2011 World Championships, athletes meeting the criteria below will be eligible to be nominated for an Automatic Senior card which will have a one-year duration;

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at Worlds per nation	Result
Sprint	W	3	Top 12 and top ½ of field
Keirin	W	2	Top 12 and top ½ of field
Team Sprint*	W	1 team	Top 10 and top ½ of field
Team Pursuit*	W	1 team	Top 10 and top ½ of field
Omnium	W	1	Top 12 and top ½ of field
Individual pursuit	W		Top 12 and top ½ of field
Points race	W		Top 10 and top ½ of field

** See team type event paragraph on page 6*

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 (2) times among the top 8 in events on the Olympic program at a UCI World Cup event between Dec. 1 2010 and Nov. 30th 2011
- Finish two (2) times among the top 8 in either the Individual Pursuit or Points Race events at the UCI World Cup event between Dec. 1 2010 and Nov. 30th 2011
- Medal in an Olympic event at the 2011 Pan Am Games
- Athletes who meet the CCA World Championships minimum performance standards* as outlined in the 2010/2011 Track program selection policy available on the CCA website AND win a gold medal in an individual event on the Olympic program or in the individual pursuit or points race at the 2011 Track National Championships**.
- Medal in an Olympic program event at the 2011 Pan Am championships

* Minimum performance standards must be met during an official UCI or CCA event posted at least 2 months prior to the event in question. In addition, time standards must be met using electronic timing and in the presence of a UCI or CCA sanctioned commissaire.

** Athletes need to have achieved the minimum performance standards in the type of event *(Sprint Or endurance)* where they have medaled at the national championships. In the case of the Omnium, either the Sprint or the Endurance minimum performance standards will be accepted.

TRACK – ELITE MEN – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

At the 2011 World Championships, athletes meeting the criteria below may be eligible to be nominated for a senior International card which may have a two-year duration. The first year will be classified as SR1and 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 nomination for a SR2 card.

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at Worlds per nation	Result
Sprint	M	2	Top 12, top ½ of the field and
Keirin	M	2	Top 12 and top ½ of the field
Team Sprint*	M	1 team	Top 8, top ½ of the field and
Team Pursuit*	M	1 team	Top 8, top ½ of the field and
Omnium	M	1	Top 8 and top ½ of the field

** See Team type event paragraph on page 6*

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

At the 2011 World Championships, athletes meeting the criteria below will be eligible to be nominated for an Automatic Senior card which will have a one-year duration;

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at Worlds per nation	Result
Sprint	M	3	Top 12
Keirin	M	2	Top 12
Team Sprint*	M	1 team	Top 10
Team Pursuit*	M	1 team	Top 10
Omnium	M	1	Top 14
Individual pursuit	M		Top 12
Points race	M		Top 10

** see team type event paragraph on page 6*

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 (2) times among the top 8 in events on the Olympic program at a UCI World Cup between Dec. 1 2010 and Nov. 30th 2011
- Finish two (2) times among the top 8 in either the Individual Pursuit or Points Race events at the UCI World Cup event between Dec. 1 2010 and Nov. 30th 2011
- Medal in an Olympic event at the 2011 Pan Am Games
- Athletes who meet the CCA World Championships minimum performance standards* as outlined in the 2010/2011 Track program selection policy available on the CCA website AND win a gold medal in an individual event on the Olympic program or in the individual pursuit or points race at the 2011 Track National Championships**

- Medal in an Olympic program event at the 2011 Pan Am championships

* Minimum performance standards must be met during an official UCI or CCA event posted at least 2 months prior to the event in question. In addition, time standards must be met using electronic timing and in the presence of a UCI or CCA sanctioned commissaire.

** Athletes need to have achieved the minimum performance standards in the type of event *(Sprint Or endurance)* where they have medaled at the national championships. In the case of the Omnium, either the Sprint or the Endurance minimum performance standards will be accepted.

TRACK – POST JUNIOR TRANSITION WOMEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):

At the 2011 World Championships or a World Cup, athletes meeting the criteria below may be eligible to be nominated for an International development card which may have a three-year duration*. The first year will be classified as D1, the second as D2, the third as D3. Athletes with a status of D1 or D2 must meet one of the transitional automatic criteria listed in section two or meet one of the transitional specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in years 2 and 3 (D2 and D3). In order to be eligible for nomination for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with one of the CCA National Coaches.

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.

* The Post Junior Transition restrictions apply (See page 5 for more details)

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at Worlds per nation	Max # of starters at a World Cup per nation	Result
Sprint	W	3	2	Top 12 and top ½ of the field
Keirin	W	2	2	Top 12 and top ½ of the field
Team Sprint*	W	1 team	1 team	Top 8 and top ½ of the field
Team Pursuit*	W	1 team	1 team	Top 8 and top ½ of the field
Omnium	W	1	TBD	Top 12 and top ½ of the field

** See Team type event paragraph on page 6*

2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

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

- Win a medal at the Pan-American Championships in an Olympic event.
- Finish top 5 in a Olympic event on either the track at the 2011 Pan Am Games

3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes who meet the CCA World Championships minimum performance standards* as outlined in the 2010/2011 Track program selection policy available on the CCA website AND win a medal in an individual event on the Olympic program or in the individual pursuit or points race at the 2011 Track National Championships.

- Minimum performance standards must be met during an official UCI, CCA or PSO recognized event posted at least 2 months prior to the event in question. In addition, time standards must be met using electronic timing and in the presence of a UCI or CCA sanctioned commissaire.

TRACK – POST JUNIOR TRANSITION MEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):

At the 2011 World Championships or a World Cup, athletes meeting the criteria below may be eligible to be nominated for an International development card which may have a three-year duration*. The first year will be classified as D1, the second as D2, the third as D3. Athletes with a status of D1 or D2 must meet one of the transitional automatic criteria listed in section 2) two below or meet one of the transitional specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in years 2 and 3 (D2 and D3). In order to be eligible for nomination for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with one of the CCA National Coaches.

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.

* The Post Junior Transition restrictions apply (See page 5 for more details)

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at Worlds per nation	Max # of starters at a World Cup per nation	Result
Sprint	*M*	3	2	Top 12 and top ½ of the field
Keirin	*M*	2	1	Top 12 and top ½ of the field
Team Sprint*	*M*	1 team	1 team	Top 8 and top ½ of the field
Team Pursuit*	*M*	1 team	1 team	Top 8 and top ½ of the field
Omnium	*M*	1	TBD	Top 12 and top ½ of the field

** See Team type event paragraph on page 6*

2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

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

- Win a medal at the Pan-American Championships in an Olympic event.
- Finish top 5 in a Olympic event on either the track or the road at the 2011 Pan Am Games

3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes who meet the CCA World Championships minimum performance standards* as outlined in the 2010/2011 Track program selection policy available on the CCA website AND win a medal in an individual event on the Olympic program or in the individual pursuit or points race at the 2011 Track National Championships.

* Minimum performance standards must be met during an official UCI, CCA or PSO recognized event posted at least 2 months prior to the event in question. In addition, time standards must be met using electronic timing and in the presence of a UCI or CCA sanctioned commissaire.

TRACK – JUNIOR WOMEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):

At the 2011 Junior Track World Championships, athletes finishing among the top 8 in events on the Olympic program may be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card may have up to 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 nomination for D2 or D3 carded status, athletes must meet one of the junior automatic criteria listed in section two below or meet one of the junior specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in years 2 and 3 (D2 and D3). Athletes must also commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with the cycling sport specific national 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:

At the 2011 Junior Track World Championships, athletes finishing among the top-12 may be eligible to be nominated for a Development card.

3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes who meet the CCA World Championships minimum performance standards* as outlined in the 2010/2011 Track program selection policy available on the CCA website AND win a gold medal in an individual event on the Olympic program or the Individual Pursuit or points race at the 2010 Junior Track National Championships.

* Minimum performance standards must be met during an official UCI or CCA event posted at least 2 months prior to the event in question. In addition, time standards must be met using electronic timing and in the presence of a UCI or CCA sanctioned commissaire.

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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.

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3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes who meet the CCA World Championships minimum performance standards* as outlined in the 2010/2011 Track program selection policy available on the CCA website AND win a gold medal in an individual event on the Olympic program or the Individual Pursuit or points race at the 2011 Junior Track National Championships.

* Minimum performance standards must be met during an official UCI or CCA event posted at least 2 months prior to the event in question. In addition, time standards must be met using electronic timing and in the presence of a UCI or CCA sanctioned commissaire.

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 31st, 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.

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 HPD 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
- 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 13th, 2011. With exception of track where it will be the last official UCI posting immediately after November 30th 2011.
- 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 and/or trade team program

- 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