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CANADA

TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CARDING CRITERIA

2019

1. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this criteria is to identify and support Canadian athletes, performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 8 results at the Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. Performance should be the cornerstone of the selection process. Consistent with the objectives of the AAP's goals, use of international results should be part of all card level nomination criteria.

Sport Canada allocates AAP cards to eligible sports/disciplines. The 2019 carding allocation for Trampoline is the equivalent of 7 senior cards or \$148,260. Sport Canada reserves the right to adjust AAP annual card allocations to Trampoline based upon overall AAP system reviews – any changes may require further adjustments to existing criteria by Gymnastics Canada.

1.1 A minimum of 6 eligible athletes may be nominated for senior cards (SR1, SR2, SR, C1 or Injury);

Eligible athletes for senior cards will be nominated in the following priority order:

- Athletes eligible under the SR1/SR2 carding criteria
- Athletes carded the previous year at SR2 who meet the Injury carding criteria
- Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 - Tier 1 - Senior National Team carding criteria
- Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 - Tier 2 - Senior National Team carding criteria
- Athletes carded the previous year at SR/C1 who meet the Injury Tier 2 carding criteria
- Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 - Tier 3 - other Senior National Team carding criteria
- Athletes carded the previous year at SR/C1 who meet the Injury Tier 3 carding criteria

1.2 Minimum Gender allocation based upon Sport Canada AAP card allocation to Trampoline:

- If the AAP card allocation is 9 or higher, then a minimum of three (3) Senior cards (SR1, SR2, SR, C1 or Injury) will be allocated to each gender;
- If the AAP card allocation is between 6-8, then a minimum of two (2) Senior Cards (SR1, SR2, SR, C1 or Injury) will be allocated to each gender;
- If the AAP card allocation is between 3-5, then a minimum of one (1) Senior Card (SR1, SR2, SR, C1 or Injury) will be allocated to each gender;
- If the AAP card allocation is less than 3, then there will not be a minimum card allocation by gender

1.3 A maximum of two (2) eligible athletes may be nominated for Development cards, both for 10 months. In no way does this imply that there is a minimum nomination requirement.

1.4 After the nominations of the athletes eligible for Senior and Development cards, if a quota remains it will be allocated to the next athlete(s) for Senior (SR1, SR2, SR, C1 or injury) card(s). If a quota still remains it will be allocated to Development cards.

The qualification period for all trampoline cards is January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The carding period will be for 12 months from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

The amount of funding is based on the following carding levels:

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| • Senior International: | SR1, SR2 | \$ 1765/month |
| • Senior National: | SR | \$ 1765/month |
| • *Senior National 1 st year: | C1 | \$ 1060/month |
| • Development | D | \$ 1060/month |

** C1 carded athletes are funded at the Development Card level in the first year they meet the national criteria for a Senior Card even if they have previously been carded at the Development (D) level. If, however, the athlete has been previously carded at the SR1 or SR2 level, has been named to the national senior team, or has competed in World Championships before meeting the national criteria for the Senior Card for the first time, the athlete will be funded at the Senior Card (SR) level rather than at the Development Card level.*

Sport Canada also provides tuition support to athletes able to attend school and meet the high -performance training and competition requirements. For more information on the AAP program, please consult the Sport Canada Web site: <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514343755/1414514385181>

Final authority on carding nomination rests with the GCG High Performance Director.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 AAP support is subject to athletes' availability to represent Canada in major international competitions, including World Championships and Olympic Games; participation in preparatory and annual training programs; and adherence to their Athlete/National Sport Organization (NSO) Agreement.
- 2.2 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 GCG-sanctioned programs during that time period.

- 2.3 The athlete, under the eligibility requirements of the sport's International Federation (FIG), **as it pertains to citizenship or residency status**, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including World Championships.
- 2.4 Athletes must meet the carding criteria at international events or at a domestic event sanctioned by GCG for such purposes. To clarify, "domestic events" are National events, not Provincial events.
- 2.5 In order to be nominated for carding, an athlete and their personal Coach must provide a written statement to the effect that, during the carding cycle, the athlete:
 - Intends to continue to train and compete at the level expected of a carded athlete for the next twelve (12) months;
 - Does not intend to attend an educational institute that would render them ineligible for carding within the next twelve (12) months;
 - Will prepare for and compete at Canada Cup, Canadian Championships and 3rd domestic trial (Senior only) unless ill, injured, pregnant or granted special permission to miss the event prior to the event by the GCG High Performance Director;

- Will take part in the training camps, monitoring and competitions activities of the National Team Program;
- Will prepare for and take part in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan American Games selection process and preparation plan within the carding cycle period, unless ill, injured or granted special permission prior to the event to miss the event by the GCG High Performance Director;

3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS AT SR

An athlete may be nominated for carding at the Senior National level (SR/C1) for a maximum 6 years. Should Gymnastics Canada consider nominating an athlete beyond the 6-year maximum period, Gymnastics Canada must present a comprehensive statistical analysis of the nominated athlete's potential to progress toward the performance equivalent of top 8 and top half at a World Championships or top 8 at the next Olympic Games.

Improvements relative to World standards will be used to monitor progression using Section 6 below (percentage of the base score).

4. SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

4.1 Senior International Card Criteria (SR1/SR2)

4.1.1 International Senior criteria (SR1/SR2): for athletes who attain the following Sport Canada-international criteria:

- a) Positions 1 to 8 after Finals (maximum 2 per country) and top 1/2 of the field at World Championships;
- b) In Olympic year - Positions 1 to 8 in Finals and top-half at Olympic Games;

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by Gymnastics Canada for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as "SR1" and the card for the second year referred to as "SR2". The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by GCG and a training and competitive plan approved by GCG and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign the GCC national team agreement and complete the AAP application form for the year in question.

4.2 Senior National Carding Criteria (SR/C1)

The remaining number of SR/C1 cards will be awarded based on the following 3 sets of criteria and the Injury carding criteria.

Senior National Card - Athlete eligibility requirements:

- All athletes eligible for Senior National Card consideration must compete in the Senior category at domestic and international competitions for the full AAP qualification period (1.4).
- Except for athlete(s) eligible under the Senior National Tier 1 carding criteria, athletes carded the previous year at the SR/C1 level, must attend a minimum of **one** (1) International FIG registered event outside Canada per carding cycle and listed below, in order to be eligible for nomination for carding:
 - a) World or Continental Championships
 - b) World Cups
 - c) Other International GCG sanctioned competitions.

- 4.2.1 Tier 1: The Senior Tier 1 cards will only be considered for athletes who meet the following conditions:
- Have previously achieved podium performances in an Olympic event at World Championships or at the Olympic Games and
 - Through the expert evaluation of a committee composed of three International Judges, performed a routine with a minimum score for Men of 105.0 and for Women of 98.3 within 2 months preceding their nomination for carding.
 - This card is awarded for a one-year period
- 4.2.2 Tier 2: The Senior Tier 2 cards will be awarded to athletes meeting the following scores at least once in the AAP qualification period (1.4). Counting scores are those from competitions listed below in (2):

Tier (Men)	Preliminary Score	Optional or Final Score
2a)	115.0	62.6
2b)	114.3	61.8
2c)	113.6	60.9
2d)	112.8	60.1
2e)	112.0	59.2

Tier (Women)	Preliminary Score	Optional or Final Score
2a)	105.9	57.0
2b)	105.3	56.3
2c)	104.7	55.6
2d)	104.1	54.9
2e)	103.5	54.2

Athletes with higher tier results will be ranked ahead of athletes in lower tiers. If two or more athletes are tied at the same tier, this tie shall be decided by comparisons below, until the tie is broken:

- 1) The higher number of times they have achieved results at that tier
- 2) The level of competition and number of results they have achieved at the same competition (ranked in order of priority below):
 - a. Olympic Games
 - b. World Championships
 - c. World Cups
 - d. Pan American Games
 - e. International Competitions for which athletes have received GCG travel sanction
 - f. Canada Cup, Nationals, or 3rd Team Trials
- 3) The round in which the results were obtained and the number results they have achieved at the same competition (ranked in order of priority below):

For International Competitions

- a. Individual Finals
- b. Semi-Finals
- c. Team Finals (Worlds only)
- d. Preliminaries
- e. Optionals

For Domestic Competitions

- a. Preliminaries
- b. Individual Finals
- c. Optionals

- 4) The highest single tiered score obtained.
- 5) In the unlikely event that there is still a tie, the tie will be broken using the procedure in section 6.

4.2.3 Tier 3: The Senior Tier 3 cards will be awarded to athletes that achieve the following criteria in order of priority:

- a) Athletes meeting the National Funding score in at least one of the last three National Team Trials (*) in the qualifying period.
 - For 2018, the preliminary funding score for Men's Individual Trampoline is 108.5
 - For 2018, the preliminary funding score for Women's Individual Trampoline is 100.3
- b) Athletes meeting the National Team score in at least one of the last three National Team Trials (*) in the qualifying period.
 - For 2018, the preliminary team score for Men's Individual Trampoline is 105.0.
 - For 2018, the preliminary team score for Women's Individual Trampoline is 98.3.

In Tier 3, priority between tied athletes will be given first to athletes having achieved the score more often at any competition listed in section 4.2.2, and then to the one with the highest percentage of the base score (see section 6).

To be eligible for Tier 2 or Tier 3 carding, a preliminary round with a minimum DD for 14 DD elements of 20.6 M and 17.0 F, must be achieved at a competition listed in section 4.2.2. during the cycle.

4.3 Injury card criteria

Up to 2 athletes ill, pregnant, injured, or recovering from injury at the time of the Carding Selection may be consider for nomination under this criterion provided they meet the following conditions:

- 4.3.1 The athlete must have been carded in the last carding cycle at the SR2, SR or C1 level.*
- 4.3.2 The athlete must have competed during the current year to be considered for nomination in the upcoming carding cycle, at any **one** competition of types listed in section 4.2.2.*
- 4.3.3 An injury Card may only be considered for athletes carded the previous year, who miss one or more of the above competitions, in such case a substitute score will be determined.*
- 4.3.4 The athlete must have met the minimum National Team score in competition at one of the National team trials, held in the qualification period. That is, the substitution score cannot be the only score used.*

* Exceptions can be made if pregnant or suffering from long term injury.

4.3.5 A doctor's report must be submitted to the GCG office for these athletes, explaining the nature of the injury, the treatment plan, period of convalescence, and the estimated return to training plan. This information must be received prior to the competition missed. If the injury happened just prior to or during a competition, a doctor's report must be submitted within 2 weeks after the conclusion of the competition.

4.3.6 For all properly documented reasons, a substitute score will be created for the missed

competition. The score for each routine will be numerically calculated by averaging the athlete's score from the previous 2 National team trials in which the athlete competed.

- 4.3.7 An athlete who is considered eligible for an injury card will be provisionally nominated for carding for three (3) months provided they have indicated their commitment for the upcoming year.
- 4.3.8 The athlete may be required to take part in a test event after two months to confirm that the athlete has returned to at least 60 % of training capacity.
- 4.3.9 If the athlete has not been able to return to full training and competition within 6 months of the carding cycle, the card will be reviewed with the possibility of extension or suspension.

5. DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA - NATIONAL JUNIOR CARDS (D)

Eligible athletes for development cards will be nominated in the following priority order.

- 1. Athletes eligible under the D - Tier 4 - Junior National Team carding criteria
- 2. Athletes carded the previous year at D who meet the Injury Tier 4 carding criteria (still Junior)
- 3. Athletes eligible under the D - Tier 5 - other Junior National Team carding criteria

Development national card specific athlete eligibility requirements:

- In order to receive a development card, an athlete must be aged between 15 and 18 years old during the qualification period, i.e. born between 2000 and 2003.
- Athletes carded the previous year at the D level, must attend a minimum of **one** (1) International competition outside Canada per carding cycle and listed below, in order to be nominated for carding:
 - a) Youth Olympic Games
 - b) World Age Group Competitions
 - c) Pacific Rim Championships
 - d) Other GCG sanctioned International competitions.

In order to be eligible for a Development card, the athlete must compete in the Junior category for the entire 2018 domestic competitive season (up to and including National Championships).

- 5.1 Tier 4: The Junior Tier 4 cards will be awarded to athletes meeting the following scores at least once in the AAP qualification period (1.4). Counting scores are from competitions listed below in (2)

Domestic Prelim. scores will have the 1st routine DD removed to compare to the scores below.

Tier (Men)	Preliminary Score	Optional or Final Score
4a)	108.5	59.2
4b)	107.0	58.4
4c)	105.5	57.6
4d)	104.0	56.8
4e)	102.5	56.0

Tier (Women)	Preliminary Score	Optional or Final Score
4a)	101.2	54.9
4b)	100.0	54.0
4c)	98.8	53.1
4d)	97.6	52.2
4e)	96.4	51.4

Athletes with higher tier results will be ranked ahead of athletes in lower tiers. If two athletes are at the same tier, this tie shall be decided by comparisons below, until the tie is broken:

- 1) The higher number of times they have achieved results at that tier, and number of results they have achieved at the same competition (ranked in order of priority below
- 2) The level of competition at which the results were obtained
 - a. Youth Olympic Games
 - b. World Age Group Championships
 - c. International Competitions for which athletes have received GCG travel sanction
 - d. Canada Cup or Nationals
- 3) The round in which the results were obtained and number of results they have achieved at the same competition (ranked in order of priority below

For International Competitions

- a. Individual Finals
- b. Preliminaries
- c. Optionals

For Domestic Competitions

- d. Preliminaries
- e. Individual Finals
- f. Optionals

- 4) The highest score obtained.
- 5) In the unlikely event that there is still a tie, the tie will be broken using the procedure in section 6.

5.2 Tier 5: The remaining D cards will be awarded to athletes that achieve the following criteria based on the following order of priority:

- a) Athletes meeting the Junior National Funding score in at least one of the last two (2) National Team Trials in the qualifying period. (Note these scores include the 1st routine difficulty.)
 - For 2018, the Junior National Funding score for Boys Individual Trampoline is 101.0
 - For 2018, the Junior National Funding score for Girls Individual Trampoline is 94.0

In Tier 5, priority between tied athletes will first be given to athletes having achieved the score more often at the two (2) National team trials, and then to the athlete with the highest percentage of the base score (see section 6) should a further tie exist.

To be eligible for Tier 4 or Tier 5 carding, athletes must perform an Optional or Finals Routine with a minimum DD of 13.5 for men or 11.2 for women at least once during the two National team trials in the qualification period.

6. GENDER ALLOCATION PRIORITY

The following process will be used to establish the gender combined list within each Senior National card tier. It will also be used if, after the application of the tier specific prioritization process, there is a need to break a tie between 2 or more athletes of the same gender:

- 6.1 The average adjusted ranking score (2 x compulsory + 3 x optional both taken from preliminaries) of the top 30th percentile of athletes completing 20 skills from the 2018 World Championships will be taken as the base score for 2018.
- 6.2 For each athlete who has met the criteria outlined in 4.2. (National Senior Cards) above, their National Team Ranking score *as of December 31, 2018* will be calculated as a percentage of their gender base score.
- 6.3 A carding priority list of all athletes, combining men and women, will be created by listing the athletes' percentages calculated in 6.2. in descending order

The following process will be used to establish the gender combined list within each Junior National card tier. It may also be used if, after the application of the tier specific prioritization process, there is a need to break tie between two or more athletes of the same gender:

- 6.4 The average adjusted ranking score (2 x compulsory + 2 x (3.2M,2.6F) for DD + 3 x optional from preliminaries) of the top 30th percentile of athletes completing 20 skills from the 2018 World Age Groups Competition in 15-16 Individual Trampoline (in 2017 was 17M and 15F) will be taken as the base score for 2018.
- 6.5 For each athlete who has met criteria outlined in section 5 of this document, their National Team Ranking score *as of December 31, 2018* will be calculated as a percentage of their gender base score as defined in 6.4 above.
- 6.6 A combined gender carding priority order will be created by listing, in descending order, the athletes' percentages calculated in 6.5 above.

7. WITHDRAWAL OF CARDING STATUS

Gymnastics Canada will follow the protocols as outlined in Section 11 of the Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures Manual in instances where consideration or action is required to remove an athlete from AAP carding status.

https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/pch/documents/services/funding/athlete-assistance/athlete_assistance_program_2015-eng.pdf