

2.3 CARDING CRITERIA - TRAMPOLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 CARDING CYCLE

1. BACKGROUND

The purpose of AAP 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. In order to strive for the AAP's goals, use of international results should be part of all card level nomination criteria.

Trampoline Gymnastics currently has access to nine (9) equivalent Senior cards (\$162,000). A minimum of eight (8) of these cards will be available for nominations under the Senior National (SR) and the Senior International Cards (SR1/SR2) and Injury carding criteria. One (1) Senior cards will be converted into two (2) Development (D) cards, 1 full for 12 months and the second one for 8 months, and will be available for nominations under the Development carding criteria.

If more cards are allocated they will all be available for nominations under the Senior National (SR) and the Senior International Cards (SR1/SR2) and Injury carding criteria.

Since Trampoline is not provided with a separate allotment of cards for women and men, a method of determining a reasonable and equitable allocation of the cards between men and women was established. In order to ensure that there is a practical balance between the National ranking list for men and women and their relative ranking to the world's top athletes, gender allocation priorities will consider the allocation of all types of cards before submitting nominations for carding.

The qualification period for all trampoline cards is January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

The carding period will be for 12 months from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

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

Senior International:	SR1, SR2,	\$ 1500/month
Senior National:	SR	\$ 1500/month
Senior National 1 st year:	C1	\$ 900/month
Junior National	D	\$ 900/month

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 Trampoline High Performance Director.

Senior Carding Criteria

Up to eight (8) Senior cards will be available for nominations under the Senior International Cards (SR1/SR2), Senior National (SR/C1) and Injury carding criteria.

A minimum of 3 athletes per gender will be nominated under the Senior carding criteria:

- A gender specific priority list will be created based on the application of the SR1/SR2 criteria plus gender specific SR/C1 criteria.
- Nominations for the remaining cards will be done based on a gender combined priority list that will be created based on the application of the SR criteria.

Carding priority will be as per the following card categories:

1. Athletes eligible under the SR1/SR2 carding criteria

2. Athletes carded the previous year at SR2 who meet the Injury carding criteria
3. Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 - Tier 1 - Senior National Team carding criteria
4. Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 - Tier 2 - Senior National Team carding criteria
5. Athletes carded the previous year at SR/C1 who meet the Injury Tier 2 carding criteria
6. Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 - Tier 3 - other Senior National Team carding criteria
7. Athletes carded the previous year at SR/C1 who meet the Injury Tier 3 carding criteria
8. Athletes eligible under the D - Tier 4 - Junior National Team carding criteria
9. Athletes carded the previous year at D who meet the Injury Tier 4 carding criteria (still Junior)
10. Athletes eligible under the D - Tier 5 - other Junior National Team carding criteria

2. 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 NSO-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 as a member of a Canadian Team at international events or in a domestic event or events sanctioned by the NSO for such purposes.

3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEAR AT SR

Normally an athlete may be nominated for carding at the Senior National level (SR/C1) for a maximum 8 years. After which time, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive thoroughly documented review of the athlete's performance over the past 8 years in order to demonstrate progress toward performance equivalent to top 8 and top half at the World Championships or top 8 at the Olympic Games, which then warrants nomination of "National Senior" card status for an additional year. This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the athlete is nominated at this level.

4. CARDING CRITERIA FOR 2016:

4.1 Senior International Card Criteria (SR1/SR2)

- 4.1.1 International Senior criteria (SR1/SR2): for the 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) Positions 1 to 8 in Finals at Olympic Games;

Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by the NSO (Gymnastics Canada) for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as a SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as a SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by the NSO and a training and competitive plan approved by the NSO and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO 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 set of criteria plus the Injury carding criteria, until available Senior cards are allocated.

Except for athlete(s) nominated under 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 Championships
- b) World Cups
- c) Flower Cup (Netherlands)
- d) Any other international competition approved in writing by the HPD

In order to be eligible for a Senior card, the athlete must compete in the Senior category for the entire 2015 domestic competitive season.

Failure to meet the requirement will render the athlete ineligible for nomination for carding support.

4.2.1 Tier 1: The Senior Tier 1 cards will only be consider for exceptional athletes, not going to be carded 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 the High Performance Director and of two International Judges performed a routine of a minimum score for Men of 100.000 and for Women of 93.300 2 months preceding their nomination for carding.
- This card can only be awarded for 1 year in the athlete career life.

4.2.2 Tier 2: The Senior Tier 2 cards will be awarded based on the following criteria in order of priority:

- a) Athletes earning a medal (minimum participants equivalent according to Annex 1 - Medals Table) at a World Cup event will be eligible for nomination, if they also met the Team Score (100.000 for Men and 93.300 for Women) and the minimum DD for National Team Senior (16.0 for Men and 13.3 for Women) during the preliminary round.
- b) Athletes making finals (minimum participants equivalent according to Annex 2 - Finals Table) at a World Cup will be eligible for nomination, if they also met the Team Score (100.000 for Men and 93.300 for Women) and the minimum DD for National Team Senior (16.0 for Men and 13.3 for Women) during the preliminary round.
- c) Athletes making top 16 (minimum participants equivalent according to Annex 3 - Top 16 Table) at World Cup event or at World Championships will be eligible for nomination, if they also met the Team Score (100.000 for Men and 93.300 for Women) and the minimum DD for National Team Senior (16.0 for Men and 13.3 for Women) during the preliminary round.
- d) Athletes meeting the National Merit score in at least one of the last three National Team Trials (*) in the qualifying period will be eligible for nomination.
 - For 2015, the preliminary merit score for Men's Individual Trampoline is 105.900
 - For 2015, the preliminary merit score for Women's Individual Trampoline is 100.000

4.2.3 Tier 3: The Senior Tier 3 cards will be offered to all athletes based on 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 2015, the preliminary funding score for Men's Individual Trampoline is 102.700
 - For 2015, the preliminary funding score for Women's Individual Trampoline is 96.600
- b) Athletes meeting the National Team score in at least one of the last three National Team Trials (*) in the qualifying period.
 - For 2015, the preliminary team score for Men's Individual Trampoline is 100.000
 - For 2015, the preliminary team score for Women's Individual Trampoline is 93.300

*** Tier 2 & 3 specific prioritization process**

In Tier 2 and Tier 3 criteria, priority in each sub-tier will be given to athletes having hit the score more often including international meets ranked by the highest preliminary score.

Athletes from different gender having hit a sub-tier score the same amount of time will be ranked on the percentage of base score (Gender Allocation Priority – see section 5).

To obtain the following National Score (Merit, Funding, Team), athletes will have to perform at least twice during the cycle an optional routine with a minimum DD value of 16.0 for men and 13.3 for women in any competition, one of which must be one of the 3 domestic trials.

4.3 Development Carding Criteria - National Junior cards (D)

The equivalent of one (1) Senior Card (18,000\$) will be given to development cards will be available for nominations under the following National Junior criteria.

2 athletes will be nominated under the Junior carding criteria:

- A gender specific priority list will be created based on the application of the D criteria;
- Nomination for the first reserve for the D card will be done based on a gender combined priority list that will be created based on the application of the D criteria.

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 1997 and 2000.

Athletes carded the previous year at the D level, must attend a minimum of one (1) International FIG registered event 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) Australian Youth Olympic Festival
- e) Flower Cup (Netherlands)
- f) Any other competition approved in writing by the HPD

In order to be eligible for a Development card, the athlete must compete in the Junior category for the entire 2015 domestic competitive season (up to Nationals 2015).

Failure to meet the requirement will render the athlete ineligible for nomination for carding support.

4.3.1 Tier 4: The remaining D cards will be awarded to athletes meeting the following criteria based on the following order of priority:

- a) Athletes ranking in final at Youth Olympic Games will be eligible for nomination, if they also met the Team Score (92.700 for Boys and 87.900 for Girls) and the minimum DD for National Team Junior (12.9 for Boys and 10.5 for Girls) during the preliminary round.

- b) Athletes earning a medal at a World Age Groups Competition in the 15-16 years old or 17-18 years old (minimum participants according to Annex 4 - WAGC Medals Table) will be eligible for nomination, if they also met the equivalent of the Team Score (92.700 for Boys and 87.900 for Girls) and the minimum DD for National Team Junior (12.9 for Boys and 10.5 for Girls) during the preliminary round.
- c) Athletes making finals at a World Age Groups Competition in the 15-16 years old or 17-18 years old (minimum participants according to Annex 5 - WAGC Finals Table) will be eligible for nomination, if they also met the equivalent of the Team Score (92.700 for Boys and 87.900 for Girls) and the minimum DD for National Team Junior (12.9 for Boys and 10.5 for Girls) during the preliminary round.
- d) Athletes meeting the Junior National Merit score in at least one of the last two (2) National Team Trials (**) in the qualifying period will be eligible for nomination
 - For 2015, the preliminary merit score for Boys Individual Trampoline is 100.200
 - For 2015, the preliminary merit score for Girls Individual Trampoline is 95.100

4.3.2 Tier 5: The remaining D cards will be awarded to athletes meeting 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.
 - For 2015, the preliminary funding score for Boys Individual Trampoline is 96.000
 - For 2015, the preliminary funding score for Girls Individual Trampoline is 91.400

**** Tier 4 & 5 specific prioritization process**

In Tier 4 and Tier 5 criteria, priority in each sub-tier, will be given to athletes having hit the score more often including international meets ranked by the highest preliminary score.

Athletes from different gender having hit a sub-tier score the same amount of time will be ranked on the percentage of their base score. (Gender Allocation Priority – see section 5).

To obtain any National Score (Merit, Funding, Team), athletes will have to perform at least twice during the cycle an optional routine with a minimum DD value of 12.9 for men and 10.5 for women in any competition, one of which must be one of the 2 domestic trials.

4.4 Injury Carding Criteria

Up to 2 cards may be considered for athletes ill, pregnant, injured or recovering from injury at the time of the Carding Selection. To be eligible the athletes must meet the following conditions:

- 4.4.1 The athlete must have been carded in the last carding cycle at the SR2, SR or C1 level.
- 4.4.2 The athlete must have competed in one of the following events during the current year to be considered for nomination in the upcoming carding cycle, unless pregnant or suffering from long term injury
 - Canada Cup
 - Canadian Championships
 - Team Selection (Senior only)
 - FIG competition (as approved by High Performance Director)
- 4.4.3 Injury Card may only be consider for athletes carded the previous year, who miss one or more of the above competitions, in such case a substitute score will be determined.
- 4.4.4 The athlete must have met the minimum National Team score in competition at one of National team trials, held between January 1st, 2015 and December 31st, 2015. That is, the substitution

score cannot be the only score that meets minimum score in the cycle. Exception may be made in case of pregnancy or long term injury where it could go up to 2 years.

- 4.4.5 A doctor's report must be submitted to the High Performance Director for these athletes explaining the nature of the injury, the treatment plan, period of convalescence, and the estimated return to training. This information must be received prior to the competition missed. If the injury happened prior or during a competition, then a doctor's report must be submitted to the High Performance Director within 2 weeks after the conclusion of the competition.
- 4.4.6 For all illness, injury, pregnancy, the High Performance Director will be responsible for creating a substitute score for the missed competition. The score for each of the 1st voluntary and 2nd voluntary routines will be numerically calculated by averaging the athlete's score from the previous 2 National team trials in which the athlete competed. The score for a Finals missed due to documented injury will be determined by taking the higher of the finals score from the last 2 National team trials in which the athlete competed. All substitute illness, injury or pregnancy scores are made by the High Performance Director.
- 4.4.7 An athlete who is considered eligible for an injury card will be provisionally nominated for carding for three (3) months provided he has indicated his commitment for the upcoming year.
- 4.4.8 The High Performance Director may require the athlete to take part in a test event after two months to confirm that the athlete has returned to at least 60% of training.
- 4.4.9 If the athlete has not been able to return to full training and competition within 6 months of the carding cycle, the High Performance Director will review the card with the possibility of extension or suspension.

5. GENDER ALLOCATION PRIORITY

The following process will be used to establish the gender combined list within each Senior 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 2 or several athletes of the same gender:

- 5.1 The average adjusted ranking score (2 x compulsory + 3 x optional both taken from preliminaries) of the top 20 from the 2015 World Championships in Men's Individual Trampoline will determine the Men's base score
- 5.2 For each man who has met points 4.2. National Senior Cards above, his National Team Ranking score as of December 31, 2015 will be calculated as a percentage of the Men's base score defined in 5.1.
- 5.3 The average adjusted ranking score (2 x compulsory + 3 x optional both taken from preliminaries) of the top 16 from the 2015 World Championships in Women's Individual Trampoline will determine the Women's base score.
- 5.4 For each woman who has met points 4.2. National Senior Cards above, her National Team Ranking score as of December 31, 2015 will be calculated as a percentage of the Women's base score defined in 5.3.
- 5.5 A carding priority list of all athletes combining men and women will be created by listing, in descending order, the athletes' percentages calculated in 5.2 & 5.4.

The following process will be used to establish the gender combined list within each Development

National Junior 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 2 or several athletes of the same gender:

5.6 The average adjusted ranking score (2 x compulsory + 2 x 2.1 for DD + 3 x optional from preliminaries) of the top 20 from the 2015 World Age Groups Competition in Boys 15-16 Individual Trampoline will determine the Men's base score

5.7 For each man who has met points 4.3. National Junior Cards above, his National Team Ranking score as of December 31, 2015 will be calculated as a percentage of the Boys base score defined in 5.6.

5.8 The average adjusted ranking score (2 x compulsory + 2 x 1.7 for DD + 3 x optional from preliminaries) of the top 20 from the 2015 World Age Groups Competition in Girls 15-16 Individual Trampoline will determine the Women's base score.

5.9 For each woman who has met points 4.3. National Junior Cards above, her National Team Ranking score as of December 31, 2015 will be calculated as a percentage of the Girls base score defined in 5.8.

5.10 A carding priority list of all athletes combining men and women will be created by listing, in descending order, the athletes' percentages calculated in 5.7 & 5.9.

6. COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM

In order to be nominated for carding, an athlete and his personal Coach must provide a written statement to the effect that, during the carding cycle, the athlete:

- a) Intends to continue to train and compete at the level expected of a carded athlete for the next twelve (12) months;
- b) Does not intend to attend an educational institute that would render him ineligible for carding within the next twelve (12) months;
- c) Will prepare for and compete at Elite Canada, Canadian Championships and Canada Cup unless ill, injured or granted special permission to miss the event prior to the event by the High Performance Director;
- c) Will take part in the training camps, monitoring and competitions activities of the National Team Program;
- d) 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 High Performance Director;

7. DE-CARDING

The High Performance Director, under the following conditions, may recommend the withdrawal of the carded status to Sport Canada:

- a) provide a verbal warning to the athlete, including the steps and timelines to remedy the situation and the consequences of a failure to heed the warning;
- b) where applicable, follow-up with a written warning to the athlete.
- c) If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and the NSO still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status the NSO must:
- d) send a letter to the NSO's Sport Canada Program Officer and the AAP Manager, with a copy to the athlete, recommending withdrawal of the athlete's carded status. This letter must:
 - indicate the grounds on which the recommendation is being made;
 - indicate the steps already taken to address the issue (verbal warning followed by formal letter of warning) and
 - provide notice to the athlete of the athlete's right to contest the NSO's recommendation to withdraw carded status through the NSO's internal appeal process within the prescribed time.

ANNEX 1 – MEDALS TABLE

MEN AND WOMEN

<u>Top</u>	<u>Number of competitors</u>
BRONZE	14 or more
SILVER	11 or more
GOLD	8 or more

ANNEX 2 – FINALS TABLE

MEN AND WOMEN

<u>Top</u>	<u>Number of competitors</u>
8	24 or more
7	22 or more
6	20 or more
5	18 or more
4	16 or more

ANNEX 3 – TOP 16 TABLE

MEN AND WOMEN

<u>Top</u>	<u>Number of competitors</u>
16	50 or more
15	45 or more
14	42 or more
13	39 or more
12	36 or more
11	33 or more
10	30 or more
9	27 or more

ANNEX 4 – WAGC MEDALS TABLE

<u>Top</u>	<u>Number of competitors</u>
BRONZE	30 or more
SILVER	20 or more
GOLD	10 or more

ANNEX 5 – WAGC FINALS TABLE

<u>Top</u>	<u>Number of competitors</u>
8	50 or more
7	45 or more
6	42 or more
5	39 or more
4	36 or more