



CURLING CANADA

Wheelchair Carding Program 2021-22 CRITERIA

Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (Carding) Criteria

- The AAP carding status of National Team Program athletes shall be based on their national/international performance, ability to meet National Team Program standards and Sport Canada carding guidelines and adhere to the National Team Program Athlete Agreement. In the carding cycle (July 1st to June 30th) that includes the Paralympics, athletes must be selected to and maintain their status in the Paralympic Team Athlete Pool.
- Sport Canada provides the equivalent of 7 Senior Cards in card quota to the National Wheelchair Team program. Senior cards may be converted to Development Cards. After every Olympic/Paralympic Games, Sport Canada reviews carding allocations for all sports. As a result, the number of cards allocated to the Curling Paralympic Program is subject to change.
- Curling Canada may nominate a minimum of 7 eligible Wheelchair athletes at the Senior card level (SR1/SR2/SR or C1).

SENIOR CARD CRITERIA

Sport Canada International Criteria (SR1/SR2 Cards)

World Wheelchair/Paralympic Championship top 8 and top ½ of the field including ties

Note 1: Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are eligible for two years of AAP support, with the card for the first year referred to as an SR1 Card and the card for the second year referred to as an SR2 card. The second year is subject to the athlete having been selected to the National Team representing Canada at the most recent World Wheelchair Curling Championship. The athlete must also be re-nominated for AAP carding by Curling Canada, submit a training and competitive program to be approved by Curling Canada and Sport Canada and sign the AAP application and Curling Canada/Athlete agreement.

Note 2: In the Paralympic years, only the results of the Paralympic Games are considered for new Senior International carding status.

National Team Criteria (SR/C1 Cards)

If the 5 Team Canada athletes do not meet the Senior international criteria, they will be eligible for a one-year SR card. The highest ranked athlete(s) in the National Team/Paralympic Team Athlete Pool that were not selected to Team Canada may be nominated for a 6 month SR or C1 card. Additional cards may be assigned providing there are sufficient funds available to allocate a minimum of a 4-month card.

Note: Athletes meeting the National Team SR/C1 Card Criteria for the first time will be funded at the Development card level and designated as C1 cards.

Failure to meet renewal criteria for health-related reasons (“Injury” Card criteria)

- A SR2 carded athlete who at the end of the carding cycle has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of carding status because of strictly health related reasons may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming year provided the following conditions are met:
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 or is continuing a rehabilitation program approved by the Curling Canada;
- In the view of the Curling Canada, the athlete’s failure to attain the applicable carding standards is strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy;
- Curling Canada, based on its technical judgement and that of a Curling Canada team physician or 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.

Priority for Nomination

There may be a minimum of 7 athletes nominated by Curling Canada at the SR1, SR2, SR, C1 card level. The eligible athletes will be nominated in the following priority order:

Priority #1: Athletes eligible under the SR1/SR2 criteria

Priority #2: Athlete(s) that meet the Injury Card criteria

Priority #3: Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 criteria

APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals of Curling Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a Curling Canada’s recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the Curling Canada’s review process, which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). Appeals of AAP Decision made under Section 6 ([Application for and Approval of Cards](#)) or Section 11 ([Withdrawal of Carding Status](#)) may be pursued through Section 13 of the AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.