



MEN'S CARDED ATHLETE PROGRAM

Nominations for the 2017/2018 Carding Cycle

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ARTICLE 1 – INTRODUCTION

The Boxing Canada carding program is funded by Sport Canada through the Athlete Assistance Program. The purpose of the carding program is to ensure that athletes identified with international potential are afforded the necessary opportunities in order to achieve international success.

Carded athlete status is a privilege designated for athletes that have demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate, outstanding abilities and commitment to the sport of boxing. The card is not a reward for past work, but rather, it is intended to allow the athlete to enter into a training and competitive schedule which, by design, will lead to consistent improvement with respect to international results.

Boxing Canada High Performance Director is responsible for the nomination of the eligible athletes for the AAP. The High Performance Director is also responsible for the review and approval of the nominations in accordance to the AAP policies and the published NSO approved AAP compliant carding criteria.

Sport Canada's general policies and procedures governing AAP can be found on the Sport Canada website at <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514343755/1414514385181>. This includes all information pertaining to the establishment and application of criteria used by Boxing Canada.

ARTICLE 2 – GENERAL

2.1 Support under the AAP is only available to athletes who are members of the National Team Pool, who have executed a current Athlete Agreement, and who meet the eligibility criteria set out below.

2.2 Carding nominations are submitted by Boxing Canada to Sport Canada on an annual basis, usually in late April. Any athlete who, as of the date of the Boxing Canada submission of carding nominations to Sport Canada has not provided evidence of his or her intention to compete in the coming year is not eligible for Carding.

2.3 There are a number of grounds for the withdrawal of funding from a Carded athlete. These include voluntary withdrawal, withdrawal due to lack of participation and withdrawal for violation of agreement. Detailed information concerning grounds for withdrawal of funding is included in this document.

2.4 In addition to the regular stipend, other forms of financial assistance may be available to carded athletes through the Athlete Assistance Program. These include tuition payment, special needs assistance, and deferred tuition assistance for retired athletes. Athletes should refer to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policy and Procedures document for further information.

2.5 A minimum of four (4) months of AAP support must be available to nominate an athlete to the AAP.

2.6 There are three (3) general types of Cards: International Senior Cards; Senior Cards; and Development Cards.

ARTICLE 3 – ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

To be eligible for carding the athlete must:

- Be an Open Class boxer who has competed in more than 10 bouts;
- Sign a fully executed Athlete Agreement as required by Boxing Canada and Sport Canada carded athletes. No Carding application will be processed without the signed Athlete Agreement being filed with Boxing Canada;
- Not have any outstanding fines/fee payable to Boxing Canada;
- Be a member in good standing of the National Team Pool;
- Commit to follow Boxing Canada’s approved Training Plan & Competitions program and the lead coach must commit to work in consultation with Boxing Canada High Performance Director. No Carding application will be processed until the annual training plan has been received at Boxing Canada’s office;
- Pool “C” athletes with a SR1, SR or C card must be based at the designated Boxing Canada National Training Centre (NTC). Being based at the Boxing Canada designated training centre (NTC) means that these carded athlete commits to train full-time at the Boxing Canada NTC in Montreal. These carded athletes accept to following the yearly training plan designed by the National Coaching Staff and High Performance Director. This plan includes all NTC-based daily boxing training sessions, other types of training (e.g. strength training, mental training etc.), performance tests, medical exams, tournaments, training camps or training periods that may take place in Canada or abroad, as approved by the National Coaching Staff and High Performance Director (exception of athletes in Pool “A” or “B” with a SR1, SR or C card and of athletes with a D card under the age of 18 on December 31st, 2017).

ARTICLE 4 – CARDING ALLOCATIONS

The maximum number of cards allocated to Boxing Canada for the 2017/18 carding cycle (March 1st, 2017 to April 30th, 2018) is seven (7) or equivalent (\$126,000). Sport Canada will review the AAP card quota for all sports after the 2016 Olympic Games. This review may affect Boxing’s card quota.

The cards will be allocated by Boxing Canada as follows:

SENIOR CARDS: minimum of 6 athletes

DEVELOPMENT CARDS: minimum of 2 athletes (NB.: one full 12 months and one 8 months)

*Note: if after the application of the senior card criteria there are carding quota remaining, they will be allocated in the following priority order:

1st to the athlete eligible under the development card criteria for the 8-month D card;

2nd to the next athlete eligible under the senior card criteria;

3rd to the athletes eligible under the development card criteria.

In the event that Boxing Canada’s carding quota changes, Boxing Canada may have to modify the allocation of cards based on the principles noted above. Any modifications will be approved by Sport Canada and will be communicated to athletes and coaches in a timely manner.

ARTICLE 5 – CARDING CYCLE PERIOD

The 2017/18 Boxing carding cycle starts on March 1st, 2017 and ends on April 30th, 2018 (12 months).

ARTICLE 6 – CARDING PRIORITIZATION

Cards will be allocated to eligible Athletes in the order of priority listed in the phased steps set out below. Each step will be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified Athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step. As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be reached and that Cards may not be allocated in some categories. Therefore, due to the limited amount of Cards available, meeting the Carding criteria does not automatically qualify an Athlete for a card.

6.1 – Senior Carding Prioritization:

- a) Athletes who meet the SR1/SR2;
- b) Athletes who meet the SR/C1.

6.2 – Development Carding Prioritization:

- a) Athletes who meet the Development card criteria: Youth World Championship Criteria;
- b) Athletes who meet the Development card criteria: Youth Card Identification System Criteria.

ARTICLE 7 – CARDING CRITERIA

7.1 – Senior International Card (SR1 / SR2)

Criteria:

- Awarded to an eligible athlete placing in the top 8 and top half of the field, with at least one win, at the 2016 Olympic Games (*Walk-Over does not count as a win*).
- Eligible athletes who meet the international criteria may be nominated for carding for two consecutive years, with 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 meeting the eligibility requirements, being re-nominated by Boxing Canada and a training and competitive program approved by Boxing Canada and Sport Canada being maintained. The Athlete must also sign an Athlete Agreement, complete the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Application Form for the year in question and complete the online anti-doping courses.

International Senior Cards provide two years of Carding:

- **SR1:** Year one (\$1,500 per month);
- **SR2:** Year two (\$1,500 per month).

7.2 – Senior National Card (SR / C1)

Senior National Cards are intended to support athletes with the potential to reach Senior International cards status. Athletes are expected to improve each year to maintain Senior National card level.

After an athlete has been carded for four (4) consecutive years at the “Senior National Card (SR/C1)” level, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive thoroughly documented review of the Athlete’s performance over the past four (4) years that will be conducted by the High Performance Director. In order for continue carding to be approved, the High Performance Director must have demonstrated a clear progression of the athlete toward performance equivalent to top 8 and top half at the World Championships/Olympic Games. (This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the Athlete is nominated under the senior national criteria)

Senior Cards provide one year of funding, but may be renewed for further years if the athlete demonstrates continuing improvement toward International Senior Card status. Senior Cards awarded to athletes the first time are called C1 Cards and are funded at the Development Card level:

C1: Year one at the Senior Card level (\$900 per month);

SR: Senior Card level (\$1,500 per month).

Senior Performance Carding Criteria (SR/C1) are awarded for a one-year period to athletes according to their rank in **HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL (p.3 to 5)**. To be eligible for a "Senior Performance" card nomination, athletes must meet the following criteria:

ENTERING year carded as a senior age athlete	Performance Standards required for carding	National Championships Standard*
1 to 4	National Team Member from Pool “C” and Higher	Participate in the 2017 Elite Canadian Championships*
5 to 6	National Team Member from Pool “B” and Higher	Participate in the 2017 Elite Canadian Championships*
7 to 8	National Team Member from Pool “A” or National Team Member who has placed in the top 8 at the World Championship or Olympic Games within the past 4 years.	Participate in the 2017 Elite Canadian Championships*

* Unless granted an exemption by the High Performance Director for exceptional circumstances. This may include: a death in the immediate family, an injury, or conflict with another competition or training camp deemed more appropriate by the High Performance Director for the athlete’s preparation for performance at the World Championships/Olympic Games. Participation in a tournament is defined as actually taking part in the first bout of the tournament.

7.2.1 – Senior carding criteria prioritization:

If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting the above senior carding criteria/priority, the following process, in priority order, will be followed to rank the nominations:

- a) 2016 Elite National Team Members Pool “A”
 1. Podium at Olympic Games
 2. Podium at World Championships

- b) 2016 Elite National Team Members Pool “B”
 1. Top 8 at Olympic Games (with at least 1 win*)
 2. Top 8 at World Championships (with at least 1 win*)
 3. Podium at Pan American Games (with at least 1 win*)
 4. Podium at Commonwealth Games (with at least 1 win*)

- c) 2016 Elite National Team Members Pool “C”
 1. Top 16 at Olympic Games (with at least 1 win*)
 2. Top 16 at the World Championships (with at least 2 wins*)
 3. Podium at Continental Championships (with at least 2 wins*)
 4. Three (3) Podium at International Events (with at least 1 win*)
 5. Elite Canadian Trial Champion
 6. Elite Canadian Champion
 7. High Performance Committee Assessment

*** Walk-over does not count as a win**

7.2.2 - If there is a need to rank athletes beyond 7.2.1 process, the following will apply, in priority order:

- a) The athlete with the highest ranked in the top 15 in the most recent AIBA ranking at the time of selection.

- b) The athlete with the highest number of points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st 2015 and April 29th, 2017, with Boxing Canada’s official National Elite Team Program, will be ranked higher.

- c) If there are two or more athletes with the same number of points as per B, the athlete with the highest number of domestic points from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st 2015 and April 29th, 2017, will be ranked higher.

- d) If there are two or more athletes with the same number of points as per C, the athlete with the best international bouts win/loss ratio in the last two years, will be ranked higher.

- e) All unresolved ties will be settled by the High Performance Committee based on the application of the High Performance Program Selection Protocol.

Note: See Annex 1 for the National Men’s Points System

7.3 – Development Card (D)

To be eligible for a Development card, the athlete must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- 2017 Canadian Youth Champion; OR
- 2016 Youth World Team member

As well as satisfy the following requirement:

- Demonstrate a commitment to training and be located at a Boxing Canada approved high performance club with a fully certified NCCP level four (or equivalent) coach.

In addition, the athlete must satisfy the criteria in either 7.3.1 or 7.3.2

7.3.1 – Youth World Championship Criteria

2016 Youth National Team Members Pool “Development” placing in the top 8 with at least two wins at the Youth World Championships.

All athletes who place in the Top 8 at the 2016 Youth World Championships may be nominated for a card under these criteria up to the maximum remaining carding quota.

If there is a tie or there are too many eligible athletes for the remaining carding quota, athletes will be nominated based on their final rank on the youth card identification system, summarized in 7.3.3.

7.3.2 – Youth Card Identification Criteria

If after the application of the above card criteria there is quota left; Athletes may be nominated based on their position on the based on the Youth Card Identification System described in the chart below.

Development Performance Carding Criteria (D) are awarded for a one-year period to athletes according to their rank in **HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL (p.6)**. To be eligible for a "Development Performance" card nomination, athletes must meet the following criteria:

ENTERING year carded as a development age athlete	Performance Standards required for carding	National Championships Standard
1 to 2	National Team Member from Development Pool	2017 Canadian Youth Champion

7.3.3 – Development carding criteria prioritization:

The following process will be used to rank the athlete eligible for nomination for a D card. The athlete rank 1st will be eligible for the 12-month D card and the athlete ranked 2nd for the 8-month D card:

2017 Youth National Team Members Development Pool (born in 1999 or 2000):

1. Top 8 at Youth World Championships (with at least 2 wins*)
2. Top 8 at Youth Olympic Games (with at least 2 wins*)
3. Podium at Youth Commonwealth Games (with at least 2 wins*)
4. Canadian Youth Champion
5. High Performance Committee Assessment

*** Walk-over does not count as a win**

7.3.4 – If there is a need to rank athletes beyond 7.3.3 process, the following will apply, in priority order:

- a) The athlete with the highest number of points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st, 2015 and April 29th, 2017, with Boxing Canada's official National Elite Team Program, will be ranked higher.
- b) If there are two or more athletes with the same number of points as per A, the athlete with the highest number of domestic points from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st, 2015 and April 29th, 2017, will be ranked higher.
- c) If there are two or more athletes with the same number of points as per B, the athlete with the best international bouts win/loss ratio in the last two years, will be ranked higher.
- d) All unresolved ties will be settled by the High Performance Committee based on the application of the High Performance Program Selection Protocol.

Note: See Annex 1 for the Boxing Canada Men's Points System

ARTICLE 8 – HEALTH RELATED CONDITION

8.1.1 - The athlete was carded at the Senior Internationals card level at the end of the previous carding cycle.

8.1.2 - The athlete duly notified the Boxing Canada High Performance Director, or delegate, in writing of her or his injury or health status within 14 days of the date of diagnosis or of the date when the athlete had to interrupt his training. A licensed sport medicine practitioner approved by Boxing Canada must signed on such diagnosis.

8.1.3 - Conditions outlined in the Sport Canada AAP Policies and Procedures section 9 "Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health-related Reasons" apply to all injury and health related condition applications.

ARTICLE 9 – RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Carding 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 Carded Athlete Agreement.

The athlete must be a Canadian citizen, 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 Boxing Canada sanctioned programs during that time period.

Athletes living outside Canada are not usually eligible for carding support. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by Sport Canada. Athletes living outside Canada for athletic or academic purposes must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Boxing Canada and Sport Canada that an appropriate training and competitive program is in place and is being maintained at a level that will facilitate the continuous development of the athlete towards the international podium.

ARTICLE 10 – CARDING CONTRACTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Athletes are nominated for carding by Boxing Canada to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program. An athlete's carding status is subject to the obligations and commitments as detailed in the Boxing Canada athlete agreement and Sport Canada's Guide to Athlete Assistance.

Financial support will be contingent upon successful completion of the monthly athlete monitoring form, along with submission of the annual training and competition plan through the lead coach of each athlete.

ARTICLE 11 – FINANCIAL BENEFITS

More information on AAP financial support can be found at:
<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1414514343755/1414514385181>

ARTICLE 12 - ATHLETE WITHDRAWAL AND NON-RENEWAL

Athletes may lose their carding status or have carded status withdrawn under certain conditions, including the following:

- Non-renewal of carded status;
- Failure to meet training or competitive commitments;
- Violation of the athlete/NSO agreement;
- Athlete's failure to meet responsibilities outlined in AAP policies;
- Gross breach of discipline; and
- Fraudulent misrepresentation.

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

- 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.

If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and Boxing Canada still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status, Boxing Canada must:

1. Send a letter to the Sport Canada Program Officer and the AAP Manager with a copy of the athlete's carded status. This letter must indicate:
 - a) Indicate the grounds on which the recommendation is being made;
 - b) Indicate the steps already taken to address the issue (verbal warning followed by a formal letter of warning);
 - c) Provide notice to the athlete of the athlete's right to contest the Boxing Canada recommendation to withdraw carded status through Boxing Canada internal appeal process within the prescribed time.

Athletes may also withdraw from the AAP by expressing their wish to do so to Boxing Canada. This may involve retiring permanently or temporarily foregoing the commitments of carded status. If recommended by Boxing Canada, athletes who retire permanently in mid-season may be allowed two (2) months of AAP support past the date of their actual retirement to help them adjust to their post-athletic situation. This does not preclude the athlete from applying for or receiving special-needs assistance or deferred tuition support.

ARTICLE 13 – APPEAL

Appeals of Boxing Canada's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a Boxing Canada's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the Boxing 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.

Boxing Canada's Appeals Policy is attached in Annex 2.

ARTICLE 14 – LANGUAGE

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and the English version of this document, the English version shall prevail.

ANNEX 1 – Boxing Canada Men’s Points System

Domestic Competitions:

(National Championships, Final Team Selection)

	49kg to 56kg	60kg to +91kg
Each win	1 point	1 point
Bronze medal	1 additional point – (one win is required)	1 additional point – (one win is required)
Silver medal	2 additional points – (one win is required)	2 additional points – (two wins are required)
Gold medal	3 additional points – (two wins are required)	3 additional points – (two wins are required)

International and Continental Tournaments:

(International and Continental Tournaments that are part of the National Team Program and approved by Boxing Canada)

Participation	2 points <i>(including dual matches)</i>
Loss to Gold medalist	1 point
Each win	2 points
Bronze medal	2 additional points – (one win is required)
Silver medal	3 additional points – (two wins are required)
	2 additional points – (if there is only one win)
Gold medal	5 additional points – (three wins are required)
	3 additional points – (if there are only two wins)
	2 additional points – (if there is only one win)

Major Games and World Championships:

(Major Games and World Championships that are part of the National Team Program and approved by Boxing Canada)

Participation	3 points
Loss to Gold medalist	2 points
Each win	3 points
Bronze medal	3 additional points – (one win is required)
Silver medal	5 additional points – (two wins are required)
	3 additional points – (if there is only one win)
Gold medal	8 additional points – (three wins are required)
	5 additional points – (if there are only two wins)
	3 additional points – (if there is only one win)

ANNEX 2 – Appeals Policy

APPEALS POLICY

Purpose:

1. The purpose of this policy is to enable disputes between individuals and Boxing Canada to be dealt with fairly, expeditiously and affordably, without recourse to formal legal and court-like procedures.

Application:

2. This policy applies to all members of Boxing Canada including athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, employees and directors. It applies to decisions made by the Board of Directors of Boxing Canada, by any Boxing Canada Committee, by any Boxing Canada Discipline Committee or by anybody or individual who has been delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of Boxing Canada. Any member who is affected by such a decision may appeal the decision, provided there are sufficient grounds for the appeal as defined in this policy.
3. This policy does not apply to:
 - a. Matters of employment;
 - b. Matters that are within the jurisdiction of a provincial association or AIBA;
 - c. Matters relating to the Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport and the Canadian Doping Control Regulations;
 - d. The rules of Boxing Canada.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2. above, for any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13 <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734>

Timing of appeal:

5. Any member who wishes to appeal a decision will have 10 days from the date on which they received notice of the decision, to submit written notice of their intention to appeal, along with detailed reasons for the appeal, to the Executive Director of Boxing Canada.
6. Any member who wishes to initiate an appeal beyond 10 days' period must provide a written request stating reasons for an exemption to the requirement of Section 4 the decision to allow, or not allow an appeal outside the 10 days' period will be at the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

Grounds of appeal:

7. A decision cannot be appealed nor can an appeal be heard, on the merits of the decision. Decisions may only be appealed and appeals may only be heard, on procedural grounds. Procedural grounds are limited to Boxing Canada:

- a. Making a decision for which it did not have the authority or jurisdiction as set out in Boxing Canada's governing documents;
- b. Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the bylaws or approved policies of Boxing Canada;
- c. Misinterpreting a rule of Boxing Canada;
- d. Making a decision which was influenced by bias.

Screening of appeal:

8. Within 3 days of receiving the notice of appeal, the Executive Director will decide whether or not the appeal is based on one or more of the grounds described in Section 6.
9. If the appeal is denied on the basis of insufficient grounds, the member will be notified of this decision in writing, giving reasons. This decision is at the sole discretion of the Executive Director and may not be appealed.

Appeals panel:

10. If the Executive Director is satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for an appeal, within 10 days of having received the original notice of appeal the Executive Director will appoint three unbiased individuals to serve as an Appeals Panel, one whom will serve as Chairman.

Preliminary Conference:

11. The Panel may determine that the circumstances of the dispute warrant a preliminary conference. The matters that may be considered at a preliminary conference include:
 - a. Format for the appeal (hearing by documentary evidence, oral hearing in-person, oral hearing by telephone conference, or a combination of these methods);
 - b. Date and location of hearing;
 - c. Timelines for exchange of documents;
 - d. Clarification of issues in dispute;
 - e. Clarification of evidence to be presented to the Panel;
 - f. Order and procedure of hearing;
 - g. Remedies being sought;
 - h. Identification of witness;
 - i. Any other matter that may assist in expediting the appeal proceedings.

12. The panel may delegate to its Chairman or to one of its members the authority to deal with these preliminary matters.

Procedure for the appeal:

13. Where the Panel has determined that the appeal will be held by way of oral hearing, the Panel will govern the hearing by such procedures as it deems appropriate in the circumstances, provided that:
 - a. The hearing will be held within 21 days of the Panel's appointment.

- b. The quorum will consists all three (3) Panel members.
- c. Decisions will be by majority vote, where the Chairman carries a vote.
- d. If the decision of the Panel may affect another party to the extent that the other party could have recourse to an appeal under this policy, that party will become a party to the appeal in question.
- e. The appellant, respondent and any affected parties will be given 10 days written notice of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing.
- f. The panel may direct that any other individual participate in the appeal.
- g. In the event that one of the Panel's members is unable or unwilling to continue with the appeal, the matter will be concluded by the remaining two (2) Panel members who will make their decision unanimously.
- h. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, there will be no communication between Panel members and the parties except in the presence of, or by copy to, the other parties.

Procedure for a documentary hearing:

14. Where the Panel has determined that the appeal will be held by way of documentary evidence, it will govern the appeal by such procedures as it deems appropriate in the circumstances provided that:
- a. All parties are given an opportunity to provide written submissions to the Panel, to review written submissions of the other parties, and to provide written rebuttal.
 - b. The applicable principles and timelines of Section 12 are respected.

Evidence that may be considered:

15. As a general rule, the Panel will only consider that evidence that was before the original decision-maker. At its discretion the Panel may hear new evidence that is material and that was not available at the time of the original decision.

Appeal decision:

16. Within 5 days of concluding the appeal, the Panel will issue its written decision, with reasons. In making its decision, the Panel will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Panel may decide:
- a. To void or confirm the decision being appealed;
 - b. To vary the decision where an error occurred and such an error cannot be corrected by the original decision-maker for reasons which include, but are not limited to, lack of clear procedure, lack of time or lack of neutrality;
 - c. To refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision;

d. To determine how cost of the appeal will be allocated, if at all.

17. A copy of this decision will be provided to each of the parties and to the President and Executive Director.

Timelines:

18. If the circumstances of the dispute are such that this policy will not allow a timely appeal, the Panel may direct that these timelines be abridged. If the circumstances of the dispute are such the appeal cannot be concluded within the timelines dictated in this policy, the panel may direct that these timelines be extended.

19. Where there is a need to render a decision quickly, the Panel may issue a summary decision with reasons to follow, provided the written decision, with reasons, is rendered within 5 days of concluding the appeal or such other timeline as may be agreed to by the parties.

Jurisdiction:

20. The decision of the Panel will be final and binding upon the appellant, respondent and Boxing Canada.

21. There is no further internal appeal procedure within Boxing Canada. Once all aspects of Boxing Canada internal appeal procedure are exhausted, any further action on the issue must be forwarded directly to the Federal Government sponsored Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (CRDSC-SDRCCC) mechanism.

22. No action or legal proceeding will be commenced against Boxing Canada in respect of a dispute, unless Boxing Canada has refused or failed to abide by the provisions for appeal of the dispute, as set out in this policy.