



MEN'S CARDED ATHLETE PROGRAM

Nominations for the 2019/2020 Carding Cycle

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SECTION 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 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. This includes all information pertaining to the establishment and application of criteria used by Boxing Canada.

SECTION 2 – GENERAL

2.1 Boxing Canada in and of itself does not make the final decisions regarding the carding of individual athletes but rather nominates eligible athletes for AAP support (carding) to Sport Canada based on the application of the criteria and procedures outlined in this document, and in compliance with Sport Canada's AAP Policies and Procedures.

2.2 Support under the AAP is only available to athletes in an Olympic weight category who are members of the Boxing Canada High Performance Program, who have executed a current Athlete Agreement, and who meet the eligibility criteria set out below.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 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.

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

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

SECTION 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;
- Compete in eligible Olympic weight categories or equivalent (see section 4) and meet the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) requirements to be eligible to represent Canada at major international events including World Championships and the Olympic Games;
- Be named as a team member of the 2019-2020 High Performance Program (HPP), which is defined as the National Team Pool or Development Pool.
- ◆ 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;
- ◆ Be in good standing with Boxing Canada. For example, all outstanding fees and invoices have been paid.
- ◆ Elite Athletes from the High Performance Program in the National Team Pool “A”, “B” and “C” 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.

SECTION 4 – MEN’S ELIGIBLE WEIGHT CATEGORIES

This selection procedure applies to the following updated weight categories:

Men’s	
Regular Weight Category	Olympic Weight Category Carding
49kg	N/A
52kg	52kg
56kg	57kg
60kg	N/A
64kg	63kg
69kg	69kg
75kg	75kg
81kg	81kg
91kg	91kg
+91kg	+91kg

- ◆ Due to the changes in men’s Olympic weight categories please note the modifications highlighted in yellow for carding eligibility.

SECTION 5 – CARDING ALLOCATIONS

The maximum number of cards allocated to Boxing Canada for the 2019/20 carding cycle (May 1st, 2019 to April 30th, 2020) is five (5) or equivalent (\$105,900).

The cards will be allocated by Boxing Canada as follows:

SENIOR CARDS: up to 5 athletes

Note: if after the application of the senior card criteria there are carding quota remaining, they will be allocated to the athletes eligible under the development card criteria.

SECTION 6 – CARDING CYCLE PERIOD

The 2019/20 Boxing carding cycle starts on May 1st, 2019 and ends on April 30th, 2020 (12 months).

SECTION 7 – 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 number of Cards available, meeting the Carding criteria does not automatically qualify an Athlete for a card.

7.1 – Senior Carding Prioritization:

- 1) Athletes who meet the SR1/SR2;
- 2) Athletes who meet the SR/C1.

7.2 – Development Carding Prioritization:

- 3) Athletes who meet the Development card criteria: Youth World Championship Criteria in an Olympic weight category;

SECTION 8 – CARDING CRITERIA

8.1 – Senior International Card (SR1 / SR2)

Criteria:

- As per Sport Canada policies and procedures, awarded to an eligible athlete placing in the top 8 and top half of the field, with at least one win, at the AIBA Men’s World Championships in one of the weight categories listed under “Olympic Weight Category Carding” in section 4. (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 (\$1,765 per month);
- **SR2:** Year two (\$1,765 per month).

8.2 – 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 (\$1,060 per month);
- SR:** Senior Card level (\$1,765 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 POLICY**. To be eligible for a "Senior Performance" card nomination, athletes must meet the following criteria:

Entering year as a senior athlete in the high performance program	Performance Standards required for carding	National Championships Standard*
1 to 4	National Team Member from Pool "C" and Higher	Participate in the 2019 Elite Canadian Championships*
5 & 6	National Team Member from Pool "B" and Higher	Participate in the 2019 Elite Canadian Championships*
7 & 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 2019 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.*

8.2.1 – Senior carding criteria prioritization:

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

2019 Elite National Team Members Pool "A";

- a) Podium at Olympic Games
- b) Podium at Elite World Championships

2019 Elite National Team Members Pool "B";

- 1) Top 8 at Olympic Games (with at least 1 win*)
- 2) Top 8 at Elite 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 2 wins*)

2019 Elite National Team Members Pool "C"

- 1) Three (3) Podiums at Elite International Tournament** (with at least 1 wins each event*)
- 2) Podium at Elite Continental Championships (with at least 2 wins*)
- 3) Elite Canadian Trial Champion
- 4) Elite Canadian Champion or 2019 Pan American Games Qualifier Participant
- 5) High Performance Director Discretionary Nomination

*** Walk-overs don't count as a win**

**** Dual matches don't count as an International Tournament**

8.2.2 - If there is a need to rank athletes beyond 8.2.1 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, 2017 and April 30th, 2019, 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 athletes with the highest number of International points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st, 2017 and April 30th, 2019, 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 athletes with the highest number of domestic points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st, 2017 and April 30th, 2019, with Boxing Canada's official National Elite Team Program, will be ranked higher.
- d) All unresolved ties will be settled by the High Performance Director based on the application of the Boxing Canada athletes assessment tool.

Note: See Annex 1 for the Boxing Canada Points System.

8.3 - Development Card (D)

To be eligible for a Development card, the athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

- 2019 Canadian Youth Champion

As well as satisfy the following requirement:

- Demonstrate a commitment to training and be located at a Boxing Canada approved Competition Development with a fully certified NCCP level three (or equivalent) coach.

In addition, the athlete must satisfy the criteria in 8.3.1

8.3.1 – AIBA Youth Men's World Championship Criteria

Youth National Team Members Pool "Development" placing in the top 8 with at least two wins at the AIBA Youth Men's World Championships in an Olympic weight category.

All athletes who place in the Top 8 at the AIBA Youth Men's World Championships in an Olympic weight category 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 below.

8.3.2 If there is a need to rank athletes beyond 8.3.1 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, 2017 and April 30th, 2019, 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 athletes with the highest number of International points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st, 2017 and April 30th, 2019, 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 athletes with the highest number of domestic points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between April 1st, 2017 and April 30th, 2019, with Boxing Canada's official National Elite Team Program, will be ranked higher.
- d) All unresolved ties will be settled by the High Performance Director based on the application of the Boxing Canada athletes assessment tool.

Note: See Annex 1 for the Boxing Canada Points System

SECTION 9 – HEALTH RELATED CONDITION

Boxing Canada will consider nominating athletes for an injury card in accordance with section 9.1.3 of the Sport Canada AAP policy. In order to be considered for nomination for an injury card for 2019-2020, an athlete must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The athlete must have been carded during the 2018-2019 carding cycle.
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 support such diagnosis.

If Boxing Canada nominates an athlete for injury carding, the athlete will be nominated for an injury card at the same level (i.e. Senior or Development) at which they were carded in 2018-19.

Boxers receiving an injury card:

1. Must report monthly to Boxing Canada's High Performance Director on their rehabilitation activity and progression. This must continue until such time as they are deemed fit to return to full training. Failure to report on a monthly basis may result, in the sole discretion of Boxing Canada, a recommendation to Sport Canada to withdraw carding. Injury reporting for a resident athlete at a Boxing Canada High Performance Centre is to be completed through the medical staff and documented in the bi-monthly medical report.
2. Must follow the conditions outlined in the Sport Canada AAP policy regarding curtailment of training and competition for health-related reasons (section 9.1.1 and 9.1.2).

Boxers may only be nominated for an injury card for one year.

SECTION 10 – 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.

SECTION 11 – 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.

SECTION 12 – FINANCIAL BENEFITS

More information on AAP financial support can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance.html>

SECTION 13 - 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 the NSO still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status, Boxing Canada must:

1. Provide written notification to the AAP Manager and the NSO's Sport Canada Program Officer, with a copy to the athlete, recommending withdrawal of the athlete's carded status. This letter must:
 - 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.

SECTION 14 – 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](#)).

Any member in good standing of Boxing Canada who is materially affected may appeal a decision of Boxing Canada with respect to a nomination/re-nomination/withdraw of an athlete to the Athlete Assistance Program. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Boxing Canada Appeals Policy, which is available on the Boxing Canada website (www.boxingcanada.org).

In the event of an appeal, the affected athletes will have their carding support placed on hold until the appeal is finalized.

SECTION 15 – 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 POINTS SYSTEM

Domestic Competitions:

(National Championships, Final Team Selection)

Each win	1 point
Bronze medal	1 additional point – (one win is required)
Silver medal	2 additional points – (one win is required)
	3 additional points – (two wins are required)
Gold medal	2 additional points – (one win is required)
	3 additional points – (two wins are required)
	4 additional points – (three wins are required)

Training Camps:

(Training camps that are part of the National Team Program and approved by Boxing Canada)

Participation	2 points
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Dual Matches:

(Dual matches that are part of the National Team Program and approved by Boxing Canada)

Participation	2 points
Each win	2 points

International and Continental Tournaments:

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

Participation	2 points
Each win	2 points
Bronze medal	1 additional point – (one win is required)
Silver medal	2 additional points – (one win is required)
	3 additional points – (two wins are required)
Gold medal	3 additional points – (one win is required)
	4 additional points – (two wins are required)
	5 additional points – (three wins are required)

Major Games and World Championships:

(Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Common and World Championships that are part of the National Team Program and approved by Boxing Canada)

Participation	3 points
Each win	3 points
Bronze medal	3 additional point – (one win is required)
Silver medal	3 additional points – (one win is required)
	4 additional points – (two wins are required)
Gold medal	5 additional points – (one win is required)
	6 additional points – (two wins are required)
	7 additional points – (three wins are required)