

SECTION 14.1

CARDED ATHLETE PROGRAM

NOMINATION FOR 2010-2011 CARDING CYCLE

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ARTICLE 1 - INTRODUCTION

The CAWA 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 wrestling. 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.

1.1 – Overview of the Carding System

SENIOR CARD

Awarded on the basis of international and national criteria.

- a) **International Criteria:** awarded to Freestyle and Greco-roman athletes who meet SR1/SR2 card criteria. These cards may be awarded for two consecutive years. The athletes must be nominated by CAWA for the second consecutive year, must sign an athlete agreement and must meet all requirements of a carded athlete.
- b) **National Team Criteria:** awarded to Freestyle athletes who demonstrate the potential to become SR1 or SR2 cards. Such athletes qualify through the CAWA carding identification system. These cards are awarded for a one year period and are designated as SR cards. First year recipients are awarded "C1" cards to identify that they have been carded for the first time **at the senior level** and are funded at the development card level.

DEVELOPMENT CARD

Awarded on the basis of international, national, and sport-specific criteria.

Awarded to Junior and Post-Junior Freestyle athletes from the allocation agreed to by the High Performance Committee on an annual basis. The development cards (D cards) will be split between men and women with a slightly larger number to men based on the number of Olympic weight classes for men being greater than that for women at the present time.

ARTICLE 2 - CARDING ALLOCATIONS

The number of senior cards (SR1/SR2/SR/C1) that the CAWA will distribute in each carding cycle will, as close as possible, reflect the Olympic Freestyle categories that we support for each gender and the performance realities of the respective men's and women's programs over the most recent years.

The same allocation principle would apply to the number of Development cards. This principle will be applicable should the international federation and IOC make changes to the number of weight classes at the international level.

CAWA is currently allocated a maximum of 33 Senior Cards or equivalents for both men's and women's programs. Based on the allocation principles described above, the cards will be allocated by CAWA as follows:

<u>Senior</u>		<u>Development</u>	
Men	15	Men	5 (1 Junior, 4 Post-Junior)
Women	<u>12</u>	Women	<u>4 (1 Junior, 3 Post-Junior)</u>
	27		9 (= 6 Senior Cards)

Total = 33 SR/C1

Following the 2008 Olympic Games, Sport Canada will conduct a full review of the carding quota. This may affect the total number of cards the CAWA will receive in the future and as a result, the number of development cards allocated by CAWA.

ARTICLE 3 – CARDING PRIORITIZATION

SENIOR CARDS will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority:

- a) Athletes who meet the SR1 carding criteria;
- b) Athletes who meet the SR2 carding criteria;
- c) Athletes who meet the SR automatic criteria;
- d) Athletes nominated based on their ranking in the Senior Carding Identification System

There will be no more than 3 senior cards (SR1, SR2, SR, C1) awarded per weight class unless all eligible athletes are carded. Then the fourth highest ranking person in any weight class who has qualified for carding may be nominated. **Should there be a minimum of two SR cards still remaining, the remaining cards will be used for Development cards (2 SR cards = 3 D card) with the same ratio by gender as noted in Article 2.**

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CARDS will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority for up to one (1) male and one (1) female athlete:

- a) Athletes who meet the D automatic carding criteria;
- b) Athletes nominated based on their ranking in the carding point structure for Junior National Team D cards

POST-JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CARDS will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority for up to four (4) male and three (3) female athletes:

- a) Athletes nominated based on their ranking in the carding point structure for Post-Junior National Team D cards

ARTICLE 4 - CARDING CYCLE (QUALIFICATION PERIOD)

Effective May 1, 2008 the twelve month carding cycle, which includes Junior and Post-Junior D cards, will run from May 1st to April 30th (12 months). Since some of the D card criteria fall within the summer months, nominations to Sport Canada for D cards will take place at the end of the summer once the final ranking has been established and these cards will be retroactive to the beginning of the current carding cycle (i.e. May 1, 2008).

Athletes will have from the end of one Senior National Freestyle Championship to the end of the next most recent one to obtain carding points (international and domestic) -i.e. points for the 2009-2010 carding cycle are calculated from the start of the 2008 season, immediately after the 2008 Senior National Freestyle Championships, up to and including the 2009 Senior National Freestyle Championships.

ARTICLE 5 – GRECO-ROMAN ATHLETES

Greco-roman athletes must qualify for carding by meeting the stated criteria for SR1 and SR2 cards through World Championships and Olympic Games. Greco Roman athletes are not eligible for SR/C1 or development cards.

ARTICLE 6 – 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 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 CAWA-sanctioned programs during that time period.

The athlete, under the eligibility requirements of the FILA, as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international events, including World Championships. **Athletes would start to earn carding points from the day they become eligible to represent Canada at World Championships or Olympic Games.**

Athletes must meet the carding criteria as a member of the National Team at international events and/or in domestic events or events sanctioned by the CAWA for such purposes.

Athletes living outside Canada are not normally eligible for carding support. Any exceptions to this requirement must be approved by Sport Canada. Athletes leaving Canada should be fully aware that any exceptions will be made only through special submissions by the CAWA. Athletes living outside Canada for athletic or academic purposes must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Sport Canada, that appropriate training programs are in place and are being maintained at an appropriate level by the CAWA.

Athletes who are full-time permanent residents outside Canada for more than two successive years normally will not be considered eligible for carding benefits. However, if these athletes are competing within the Canadian sport system and representing Canada at international competitions as a member of the National Team, carding may be considered.

ARTICLE 7 – AUTOMATIC SENIOR CARD SELECTION

The purpose of automatic SR cards is to permit outstanding athletes the opportunity to plan an international competitive schedule during the months January to May as a priority over domestic competition and to serve as an incentive for athletes to perform at the international level.

Based on exceptional international results an athlete can automatically qualify for carded status as follows:

7.1 – Senior International Criteria (SR1/SR2 Cards)

Awarded to Greco-roman and Freestyle athletes who place in the top 8 in the Senior World Championships (except in Olympic years) or Olympic Games AND top one half (1/2) of the field **in Olympic weight categories only**. Results are not retroactive and will be used for nomination for the next carding cycle (i.e. results obtained at the 2008 Olympic Games will qualify athletes for nomination for the 2009 – 2010 cycle).

If there are Senior World Championships and Olympic Games in the same year for Women's Freestyle, only results from the Olympic Games will be counted for Olympic weight classes for carding purposes at the SR1/SR2 level. However, results from Senior World Championships will still be used for nomination under Senior National Criteria (Article 7.2) and International Tiering (Article 8.1)

Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are eligible to be nominated by CAWA for two (2) years of AAP support, with the card for the 1st year referred to as an SR1 card and the card for the 2nd year referred to as an SR2 card. The 2nd year is subject to the athlete being re-nominated by CAWA, a training and competitive program approved by CAWA and Sport Canada, and signing the AAP application and CAWA Athlete Agreement.

7.2 – Senior National Criteria (SR/C1 Cards)

- a) Men's Freestyle – athletes who achieve an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater (International Tiering System) within the carding cycle qualification period (from one Senior National Freestyle Championship to the next, most recent one) will automatically qualify for nomination with the following conditions:

***A maximum of one automatic SR card per weight class can be allocated using the tiering index. If more than one athlete per weight class has achieved a tiering index of 1.0 or greater, the athlete with the highest number of international tiering points will be awarded the automatic SR card.**

***In weight classes with SR1 or SR2 cards, there will be no automatic SR cards.**

- b) Women's Freestyle – athletes who medal in a non-Olympic weight class at the Senior World Championships will automatically qualify for nomination for the next carding cycle. (i.e. results obtained at the 2008 Senior World Championships will qualify for nomination for the 2009-2010 cycle).

7.3 – Performance Requirement (Maximum number of years at SR/C1)

Athletes who are entering their 8th year past FILA Junior age **AND** have been carded for four (4) years in Freestyle at the senior level, must achieve international performance standards as outlined below, in addition to meeting all other senior national carding and ranking criteria.

- a) An athlete who HAS achieved Senior International Criteria (Article 7.1) before the 8th year post FILA Junior age may be nominated at the SR level for **four (4) additional consecutive years**, after which he/she must meet Senior International Criteria (Article 7.1) or an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater in order to be eligible for nomination in a given year.

****An athlete who has placed in the top 5 in the Olympic Games or Senior Freestyle World Championships at any point in his/her career, MAY be eligible for nomination at the SR level for**

one (1) additional bonus year in any given year beyond the 12th year past FILA Junior age, based on the recommendation of the National Head Coach and the High Performance Manager.

- b) An athlete who HAS achieved an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater before the 8th year post FILA Junior age may be nominated at the SR level for **two (2) additional consecutive years**, after which he/she must meet Senior International Criteria (Article 7.1) or an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater in order to be eligible for nomination in a given year.
- c) An athlete who HAS NEVER met Senior International Criteria (Article 7.1) or an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater, must meet Senior International Criteria (Article 7.1) or an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater in order to be eligible for nomination in any given year.

Summary of Article 7.3 – Performance Requirements (for illustration purposes)

Entering year past FILA Junior age	7.3 a) Athlete has achieved Senior International Criteria	7.3 b) Athlete has achieved international tiering index of 1.0 or greater	7.3 c) Athlete who has NEVER achieved Senior International Criteria or international tiering index of 1.0 or greater
*8 th year	Eligible for nomination at SR level	Eligible for nomination at SR level	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index
9 th year	Same as above	Same as above	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index
10 th year	Same as above	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index
11 th year	Same as above	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index
12 th year and beyond	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index	Must meet Senior International Criteria OR 1.0 tiering index

*turning 28 years of age in the calendar year in which the carding cycle is initiated

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE FOR PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Athletes who are affected by the change in international performance standards will have until the end of the 2011-2012 carding cycle to achieve the necessary international performance requirements for nomination for the 2012-2013 carding cycle, after which they must meet Senior International Criteria (Article 7.1) or an international tiering index of 1.0 or greater in order to be nominated for carding.

ARTICLE 8 – SENIOR NATIONAL CARDING IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

The CAWA Carding Identification System is a totally objective method used to rank order athletes in terms of an athlete's potential to perform at the elite level of international wrestling. The identification system will be the same for both women and men. The number of SR/C1 cards that the CAWA will distribute in each carding cycle will, as close as possible, reflect the Olympic freestyle categories that we support for each gender and the performance realities of the respective men's and women's programs over the most recent years.

Results are measured from the end of one Senior National Championships to the end of the next most recent Senior National Championships. Results are specific to the weight class in which they were obtained. Example: an athlete winning the 63 kilogram weight class at the Guelph Open will earn 15 carding points at 63 kilograms only.

There are four factors used to obtain an athlete's ranking:

- a) the athlete's international tiering index in Freestyle only
- b) the athlete's domestic results at either the Hargobind International or the Guelph Open
- c) placement at the Senior National Freestyle Championships
- d) the number of years the athlete has been carded at the SR1, SR2, SR and C1 levels

The weighting and scale of each factor is summarized in Table 8.1 below.

TABLE 8.1 - CARDING POINT STRUCTURE FOR SENIOR CARDS

International		Domestic Result		Senior Nationals		Years Carded (C1, SR, SR1, SR2)		
Tier =	MPts*	WPts**	Place	Points	Place	Points	Years	Points
1.7	35	17.5	1 st	15	1 st	25	<3	5
1.6	33	16.5						
1.5	30	15	2 nd	11	2 nd	18	3	4
1.4	27	13.5						
1.3	24	12	3 rd	7	3 rd	12	4	3
1.2	21	10.5						
1.1	18	9	4 th	3			5	2
1.0	15	7.5						
0.9	12	6	5 th	2			6	1
0.8	9	4.5						
0.7	6	3	6 th	1			>6	0
0.6	3	1.5						
0.5	0	0						

*MPts: Men's Points

**WPts: Women's Points

8.1 - International Tiering - Maximum 35 Points (Men), Maximum 17.5 Points (Women)

The international tiering index indicates the overall success of the athlete at international competitions. The calculation of the index is outlined in "The International Tiering System" document (CAWA Policy Manual Section 14.2). Table 8.1 converts the index value into carding points.

MEN - The equivalent formula: $(\text{Tiering Index} - 0.50) \times 30 = \text{Carding Points}$

WOMEN - The equivalent formula: $(\text{Tiering Index} - 0.50) \times 15 = \text{Carding Points}$

****NOTE – the international tiering index is rounded to the nearest decimal place***

8.2 - Domestic Carding Tournaments - Maximum 15 Points

The results of domestic carding tournaments are counted up to 6th place with only the best result of the two tournaments counting for carding points.

Carding tournaments must hold a certified weigh-in using FILA weight classes with a maximum of 2 kilograms weight allowance. For all national carding tournaments, any athletes who are attempting to gain carding points must weigh in on-site; all other domestic athletes may weigh in off-site provided the weigh-in is carried out by a nationally accredited official or Athletic Director.

WEST - Hargobind International - November

EAST - Guelph Open - January

In the event that athletes place in Domestic Freestyle Tournaments, but are NOT eligible for carding points, these athletes (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, athletes that did not weigh in on site, etc.) will be removed from the placement (for carding purposes) and eligible athletes will be moved up in the ranking and receive corresponding points.

8.3 - Senior National Freestyle Championships - Maximum 25 Points

The results of Senior National Freestyle Championships are counted up to 3rd place.

In the event that athletes place at the Senior Nationals, but are NOT eligible for carding points, these athletes (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, etc.) will be removed from the placement (for carding purposes) and eligible athletes will be moved up in the ranking and receive corresponding points.

8.4 - Years Carded - Maximum 5 Points

Athletes that have been carded for several years at the Senior levels (SR1, SR2, SR and C1) are expected to perform and gain points through international tiering results. Athletes are expected to have better results as they gain international experience as National Team members. An athlete that has been carded less than 3 years at the Senior levels will receive the full 5 points, whereas an athlete that has been carded for more than 6 years at the Senior levels will not receive any points.

ARTICLE 9 – OLYMPIC GAMES

An athlete **QUALIFYING** for the Olympic Games in Freestyle will be automatically nominated for a card at the senior level **for the Olympic year carding cycle**.

The winner of the Canadian Olympic Freestyle Trials will receive 25 carding points (equivalent to 1st place at the Senior National Freestyle Championships), and the carding points at the next Senior National Freestyle Championships in the Olympic year will change to:

- 1st place – 18 points
- 2nd place – 12 points
- 3rd place – 6 points

This is with the provision that in the event the winner of the Olympic Trials competes in the Senior National Championships they would be treated as a non-Canadian and receive no carding points, and that other competitors will be adjusted accordingly.

ARTICLE 10 - INJURY PROVISION (SENIOR CARDED ATHLETES ONLY)

Injury may prevent a currently carded athlete from attending a sufficient number of competitions in order to re-qualify for carding. The injured carded athlete will still be able to obtain carding points through the injury provision as outlined below. The injured carded athlete will then be ranked with all other athletes using the points obtained through the injury provision **and must still re-qualify for carding based on the points total.**

***Injury provision will not be considered for non-carded athletes.**

****Athletes will only be carded for one year due to an injury provision.**

When using the injury provision:

- 1) Men's Freestyle athletes who placed in the top 8 at the Senior World Championships, or have achieved a tiering index of 1.0 or greater in the previous carding cycle AND Women's Freestyle athletes who placed in the top 8 (Olympic weight classes only) or medallists at non-Olympic weight classes at the Senior World Championships in the previous carding cycle:
 - a) 100% of the **international tiering points** will be awarded from the previous carding cycle if the athlete is unable to complete twelve (12) international matches in the current carding cycle;
 - b) 100% of the **domestic tiering points** will be awarded from the previous carding cycle if the athlete is unable to compete in either or both carding tournaments in the current carding cycle. Only the best result of the two will be counted for domestic tiering points.
 - c) 100% of the **Senior National Championship points** will be awarded from the previous carding cycle if the athlete is unable to compete at the Senior National Freestyle Championships in the current carding cycle.
 - d) Points for years carded will follow the yearly progression as outlined in Article 8.4.
- 2) Other senior carded athletes not outlined above:
 - a) 50% of the **international tiering points** will be awarded from the previous carding cycle if the athlete is unable to complete twelve (12) international matches in the current carding cycle;
 - b) 50% of the **domestic tiering points** will be awarded from the previous carding cycle if the athlete is unable to compete in either or both carding tournaments in the current carding cycle. Only the best result of the two will be counted for domestic tiering points.
 - c) 50% of the **Senior National Championship points** will be awarded from the previous carding cycle if the athlete is unable to compete at the Senior National Freestyle Championships in the current carding cycle.
 - d) Points for years carded will follow the yearly progression as outlined in Article 8.4.

In addition to the requirement that the injured carded athlete re-qualify for carding based on his/her point total, the coach must submit a written petition to the High Performance Manager, **as soon as possible after the injury has occurred**. The petition must include the following:

- the official CAWA Inability to Participate medical certificate, completed by an approved CAWA physician prior to the nearest upcoming carding related event, indicating the date and nature of the injury with the prescribed rehabilitation program and an estimated recovery period. A full medical recovery must be possible within the next carding period. CAWA reserves the right to have a second medical opinion;
- for the period of time for which the athlete is unable to fulfil the training and competition commitments which are part of the normal carded athlete's contract, the athlete undertakes in writing to train and/or rehabilitate under the supervision of the CAWA at a level which minimizes risk to the athlete's personal health, and ensures optimum return to full training and competition at the earliest possible date;
- the athlete signifies in writing his/her intention to return to full high performance training and competition at the earliest date possible following the illness or injury;

ARTICLE 11 - CARDING PROCEDURE

At the conclusion of the Senior National Freestyle Championships, the carding point totals for all athletes will be calculated. The names of the athletes will be rank ordered as outlined in Article 3 – Carding Prioritization. Athletes and coaches will have one week in which to verify the results as presented at the Coaches' Meeting at the Senior National Freestyle Championships. After this date the points will remain as presented.

****An athlete must place in the top three Canadians at the most recent Senior National Freestyle Championships (non-Olympic years) in order to be considered for nomination for carding. Canadian Olympic Trial Winners will be exempt in Olympic years. This clause can be waived by the High Performance Committee under exceptional circumstances.**

Athletes ineligible for SR card support (based on failure to reach an SR1/SR2 card or 1.0 tiering index within the specified time period, as outlined in Article 7.3) will be removed from the list.

The ranked carding list, with all eligible nominees, will be presented to Sport Canada for review and acceptance.

11.1 - Tie-Breaking Criteria

If athletes are tied in carding points, then the tie-breaking criteria shall consist of the following;

- a) Placement at the most recent Senior National Freestyle Championships
- b) The total sum of the domestic and international carding points
- c) The International Tiering Index
- d) Placement at most recent Canada Cup
- e) Placement at previous year's Senior National Freestyle Championships

ARTICLE 12 - DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D Cards)

12.1 - Introduction

The rationale for the following developmental cards is to allow for a smooth transition for the top up-and-coming wrestlers from the CAWA Junior National Team Program to the Senior National Team Program and the Senior carding program. This program would assist these wrestlers during this critical period of time when many of the top young wrestlers drop out of the sport (or have to focus a significant amount of time and effort on a part-time job). There are two categories of D cards. There are Junior National Team D cards and Post-Junior National Team D cards awarded each year.

The development carding level recognizes the importance of, and allows the CAWA to take on responsibilities and a leadership role in the development process of our exceptionally talented younger athletes.

The D card level provides a means and the opportunity for identified athletes to embark on an enriched training and competitive schedule designed to ensure that the athlete is exposed to and gains the necessary skills that are critical to international success at the senior level.

NOTE: Athletes who qualified for a development card and who also qualify for a senior card, have the choice of accepting the senior card or the development card. If the athlete chooses to accept a senior card, he/she will be eligible for the development card in future carding cycles, providing that all the necessary eligibility requirements are met.

12.2 – Junior National Team D Cards

The minimum criteria for a Junior National Team D card will be winning the most recent Junior National Freestyle Championships or being a World Team member at the most recent World Championships. Athletes must also demonstrate a commitment to training and be located at a National Training Centre or a CAWA approved high performance club with a fully certified NCCP level four coach.

The following criteria have been developed in order to identify only those athletes with superior international potential.

a) *Automatic Selection*

Freestyle athletes will be automatically nominated for the Junior National Team D cards by finishing top 5 AND top half at the Junior World Championships **with a minimum of two wins**.

If there is more than one male or female athlete qualifying through automatic selection, the athlete with the highest ranking (placement) from the Junior World Championships will be nominated for automatic selection. If there is still more than one male or female athlete qualifying through automatic selection, the criteria outlined below (Table 12.1 - Carding Point Structure - Junior National Team D cards) will rank the athletes to determine the Junior National Team D card for each male and female.

b) *Additional Selection Criteria*

For 2007-08 and beyond, should the automatic selection process not identify one man and one woman for Junior National Team D cards, the card will be selected using the following criteria summarized in Table 12.1;

TABLE 12.1 - CARDING POINT STRUCTURE - JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM D CARDS

Canada Cup		Domestic Events		Senior Nationals		Junior World Championships		International Potential	
Place Points		Place Points		Place Points		Place Points		Points	
1 st	10	1 st	6	1 st	10	1 st	15	between 10 & 1	
2 nd	8	2 nd	5	2 nd	8	2 nd	14		
3 rd	7	3 rd	4	3 rd	7	3 rd	13		
4 th	6	4 th	3	4 th	6	4 th	12		
5 th	5	5 th	2	5 th	5	5 th	11		
6 th	4	6 th	1	6 th	4	6 th	10		
7 th	2			7 th	2	7 th	8		
8 th	1			8 th	1	8 th	6		
						9 th	4		
						10 th	3		
						11 th	2		
						12 th	1		

12.3 - Post-Junior National Team D Cards

The minimum criteria for a Post-Junior National Team D card will consist of a former Junior National Freestyle Champion, or a top six placement at any Senior National Freestyle Championships. The Post-Junior National Team D card may not be awarded to an athlete older than 23 years of age as of the 31st of December in the year in which the card is initiated. Athletes must also demonstrate a commitment to training and be located at a National Training Centre or a CAWA approved high performance club with a fully certified NCCP level four coach. Juniors with enough points, who have not qualified for a Junior D card, may qualify for a Post-Junior card.

For 2007-08 and beyond, the Post-Junior National Team D cards will be selected using the following criteria summarized in Table 12.2;

TABLE 12.2 - CARDING POINT STRUCTURE - POST-JUNIOR TEAM D CARDS

Canada Cup		Domestic Events		Senior Nationals		International Potential	
Place Points		Place Points		Place Points		Points	
1 st	10	1 st	6	1 st	10	between 10 & 1	
2 nd	8	2 nd	5	2 nd	8		
3 rd	7	3 rd	4	3 rd	7		
4 th	6	4 th	3	4 th	6		
5 th	5	5 th	2	5 th	5		
6 th	4	6 th	1	6 th	4		
7 th	2			7 th	2		
8 th	1			8 th	1		

12.4 – Canada Cup - Maximum 10 Points

The results of Canada Cup are counted up to 8th place.

12.5 – Domestic Carding Tournaments - Maximum 6 Points

The results of domestic carding tournaments are counted up to 6th place with only the best result of the two tournaments counting for carding points.

Carding tournaments must hold a certified weigh-in using FILA weight classes with a maximum of 2 kilograms weight allowance. For all national carding tournaments, any athletes who are attempting to gain carding points must weigh in on-site; all other domestic athletes may weigh in off-site provided the weigh-in is carried out by a nationally accredited official or Athletic Director.

WEST - Hargobind International - November

EAST - Guelph Open - January

In the event that athletes place in Domestic Freestyle Tournaments, but are NOT eligible for carding points, these athletes (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, athletes that did not weigh in on site, etc.) will be removed from the placement (for carding purposes) and eligible athletes will be moved up in the ranking and receive corresponding points.

12.6 - Senior National Freestyle Championships - Maximum 10 Points

The results of Senior National Freestyle Championships are counted up to 8th place.

In the event that athletes place at the Senior Nationals, but are NOT eligible for carding points, these athletes (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, etc.) will be removed from the placement (for carding purposes) and eligible athletes will be moved up in the ranking and receive corresponding points.

12.7 – Junior Freestyle World Championships – Maximum 15 Points

The results of the Junior Freestyle World Championships are counted up to 8th place.

12.8 – International Potential – Maximum 10 Points

A maximum of 10 points will be allocated to each eligible athlete by a committee composed of the respective men's or women's Head Coach and Assistant Coach from the most current Junior Men's & Women's World Team, the Senior Men's & Women's National Head Coaches and the two Senior National Assistant Coaches for each gender (total of 5 per gender). The committee will assess athlete potential to compete successfully at the senior international level. The guideline for subjective point allocation is as follows:

- 10 – future top 3 at senior worlds
- 8 – future top 8 at senior worlds
- 6 – expected to consistently make senior world team
- 4 – chance to make senior world team
- 2 – national team potential

12.9 - Tie-Breaking Criteria (D Cards)

If athletes are tied in carding points, then the tie-breaking criteria shall consist of the following;

- a) Placement at the most recent Senior National Freestyle Championships
- b) The total sum of the domestic and international potential points
- c) The International Potential points
- d) Placement at most recent Canada Cup
- e) Placement at previous year's Senior National Freestyle Championships

ARTICLE 13 - CARDING CONTRACTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Athletes are nominated for carding by the CAWA to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program. An athlete's carding status is subject to the obligations and commitments as detailed in the CAWA's Carded Athlete Contract (CAWA Policy Manual Section 14.3) and Sport Canada's Guide to Athlete Assistance.

No carding contacts will be processed without the \$100 athlete fee.

ARTICLE 14 - FINANCIAL BENEFITS

More information on AAP financial support can be found at:

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm>

ARTICLE 15 - 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 National Head Coach and High Performance Manager 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;
- c) If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and CAWA still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status, CAWA must:

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:

- Indicate the grounds on which the recommendation is being made;
- Indicate the steps already taken to address the issue (verbal warning followed by a formal letter of warning);
- Provide notice to the athlete of the athlete's right to contest the CAWA recommendation to withdraw carded status through CAWA's internal appeal process within the prescribed time.

Athletes may also withdraw from the AAP by expressing their wish to do so to CAWA. This may involve retiring permanently or temporarily foregoing the commitments of carded status. If recommended by CAWA, 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 16 - APPEALS

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/pgm/sc/pol/athl/114-eng.cfm>.