



# Curling Canada

## National Mixed Doubles Carding Program 2018-19

### CRITERIA

#### **Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)(Carding) Criteria**

- Sport Canada provides the equivalent of 6 Senior cards to the Mixed Doubles Program. After every Olympic/Paralympic Games, Sport Canada reviews carding allocations for all sports. As a result, the number of cards allocated to the Curling Mixed Doubles Program is subject to change.
- The AAP carding status of National Team Program athletes shall be based on their national/international performance, their ability to meet National Team Program standards, Sport Canada carding guidelines and adherence to the National Team Program Athlete Agreement.
- To qualify for carding, the athlete must be playing with the same partner with whom he/she earned his/her carding status unless otherwise approved by Curling Canada.

#### **Priority for Nomination**

In general there will be a minimum of 8 athletes nominated at the Senior levels (SR1, SR2, SR & C1).

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

#### **SENIOR CARD CRITERIA**

#### **Sport Canada International Criteria (SR1/SR2)**

Olympics – finish in the top 8

Note 1: Athletes/teams that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are eligible for two years of AAP support, with the card for the first carding cycle being referred to as an SR1 Card, which results in a 12-month card. Athlete's that were carded at SR1 the previous year may qualify for a second year of carding referred to as an SR2 card. The athlete/team must earn SR2 status by meeting the competition and performance criteria outlined below. The second year is also subject to:

- a) The athlete/team meeting the training and competition requirements established within the initial year's Annual Competition and Training Plan. This includes participation in the World Championship playoff process as per Curling Canada's National Team Program standards and guidelines.

- b) The athlete must be playing with the same partner with whom he/she earned his/her carding status.
- c) To earn the SR2 12-month card, the athlete/team must finish within the top 4 at the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials/Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship, or be ranked within the top 4 on the CMDR system. To earn the SR2 8<sup>th</sup>-month card, the athlete/team must finish in the top 8 at the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials/Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship or be ranked in the top 6 on the CMDR system.
- d) 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, complete the online anti-doping courses, complete and sign the AAP application and Curling Canada/Athlete agreement.

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

### **Senior National Team Criteria (SR/C1)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority: The highest ranked two athletes on the Canadian Mixed Doubles Team Ranking System as of April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, not already eligible under the Senior International carding criteria will be eligible for nomination.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority: The highest placed team two athletes, not already carded, at the Curling Canada sanctioned Elite Mixed Doubles Event scheduled for the fall of 2018 at a location TBA. The two athletes must qualify for the playoffs at this event and if not, the card[s] will be awarded to the next eligible athlete[s] on the CMDRS at the conclusion of the above noted Elite Mixed Doubles Event.

Note 1: These cards are designated as SR cards and awarded for a 6-month period.

Note 2: Athletes meeting the National Team Criteria that have not previously been carded at the SR1/2 level will be funded at the Development card level and designated as C1 cards.

-3<sup>rd</sup> Priority: If after filling the above carding quotas there are sufficient funds remaining to provide a minimum of 4 months of AAP support, the card[s] will be awarded to the next eligible athlete[s] on the CMDR system at the conclusion of the above noted Elite Mixed Doubles Event..

Note: Normally, an athlete is expected to improve each year to maintain a Senior National Card and eventually achieve the international criteria. Therefore an athlete is generally expected to hold a Senior National Card for no more than 5 years (not necessarily consecutive). In that time it is expected that an athlete would have had an opportunity to reach the International Senior Card standards. However, an athlete may be carded at the Senior National Card level (SR/C1) for 6 years or beyond if he/she continues to demonstrate continued progression toward achieving the Senior International card level. This is demonstrated through stronger performances/placements at national/international events throughout the competitive season as reported by Curling Canada.

## **Failure to meet renewal criteria for health-related reasons.**

- A potential SR2 carded athlete who at the end of the SR1 carding cycle has not achieved the competition and performance criteria required to earn an SR2 card, because of strictly health related reasons, may be nominated for an SR2 8-month card, providing 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.

## **ATHLETES CHANGING PARTNERS**

### ***Prior to or after Carding Nominations***

Athletes, that separate from his/her partner, for whatever reason will forfeit their cards and those cards will be reassigned to the next highest ranked MD Team.

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

Appeals of Curling Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decisions or of 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.