



CURLING CANADA **Able-Bodied Carding Program 2019-20** **CRITERIA**

Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (Carding) Criteria

- Sport Canada provides the equivalent of 13 Senior cards to the Men's program, 13 Senior cards to the Women's program (\$275,340 each). After every Olympic Games, Sport Canada reviews carding allocations for all sports. As a result the number of cards allocated to the Curling Men and Women Programs is subject to change.
- The AAP carding status of National Team Program athletes shall be based on their national/international performance, ability to meet National Team Program standards and Sport Canada carding guidelines and adhere to the National Team Program Athlete Agreement.
- Individual athlete ranking within each identified priority will be based on the athlete's CTRS ranking at the conclusion of the 2018-19 competitive season.

Priority for Nomination

Priority #1: Athletes eligible under the SR1/SR2 criteria, including Athletes that meet the Injury Card criteria for SR2.

Priority #2: Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 criteria, for 6 months of support

Priority #3: Athletes eligible under the SR/C1 criteria, for 4 to 6 months of support

SENIOR CARD CRITERIA

Sport Canada International Criteria (SR1/SR2)

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| World Championship | Men's Team | top 8 and ties, and top ½ of the field |
| | Women's Team | top 8 and ties, and top ½ of the field |

Note 1: Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are potentially eligible for two years of AAP support, with the card for the first year referred to as an SR1 Card and the card for the second year referred to as an SR2 card. To qualify for the 12-month SR1 card, the team must retain a minimum of 3 of the 4 players they earned their carding status with or their new team must be ranked in the top 6 teams on the CTRS. If their new team is ranked in the top 8 teams on the CTRS they qualify for the 8-month SR1 card. If their new team is ranked in the top 10 teams on the CTRS they qualify for the 6-month SR1 card. Athletes that are assigned an 8-month or 6-month card may earn an additional 4-6 months or carding by achieving a top 6 ranking in the NTP ranking system by December 31st of the carding cycle.

The second year of carding (SR2) is subject to:

- a) To qualify for the SR2 card an athlete must meet the training and competition requirements established within the Annual Competition and Training Plan, which must include their intention to participate in the 2020 World Championship play-down process as per the Curling Canada's National Team Program standards and guidelines.
- b) To qualify for SR2 12-month card, a team must retain a minimum of 3 players from the team they earned their carding status with and be ranked in the top 6 teams on

- the CTRS. If their team is ranked in the top 8 teams on the CTRS they qualify for the 8-month SR2 card. If their team is ranked in the top 10 on the CTRS they qualify for the 6-month SR2 card. If an athlete is no longer playing with the team they earned their carding status with commencing or during the SR2 carding cycle, in order to qualify for the 12 month SR2 card, their new team must be currently ranked in the top 6 teams on the CTRS. If their new team is ranked in the top 8 teams on the CTRS they qualify for the 8-month SR2 card. If their new team is ranked in the top 10 teams on the CTRS they qualify for the 6-month SR2 card. Athletes that are assigned an 8-month or 6-month card may earn an additional 4-6 months of carding by achieving a top 6 ranking in the NTP ranking system by December 31st of the carding cycle.
- c) The athlete must also be re-nominated for AAP carding by Curling Canada and submit a training and competitive program to be approved by Curling Canada and Sport Canada and sign the AAP application and Curling Canada/Athlete agreement and complete the online anti-doping courses.
 - d) If the SR1 Team and SR2 Team is the same, or some of the carded athletes are the same the remaining SR cards shall be awarded to the highest ranked team/athletes on the CTRS that meet National Team Program criteria.

Failure to meet renewal criteria for health-related reasons.

- An SR2 carded athlete who at the end of the carding cycle has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of carding status because of strictly health related reasons may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming year provided the following conditions are met:
The athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a speedy return to full high performance training and competition during the period of his or her injury, illness or pregnancy or is continuing a rehabilitation program approved by the Curling Canada;
- In the view of the Curling Canada, the athlete's failure to attain the applicable carding standards is strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy;
- Curling Canada, based on its technical judgement and that of a Curling Canada team physician or equivalent, indicates in writing to Sport Canada the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period;
- The athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his or her long-term commitment to high performance training and competition goals, as well as his or her intention to pursue full high performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he or she wishes to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria.

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

Note 3: The 5th player is not eligible for this card.

Senior National Team Criteria Priority #2 (SR/C1)

The 8 men and women athletes on the highest ranked men's and women's team on the CTRS at the conclusion of the 2018-19 season that participated in the Canadian Men's/Canadian Women's Olympic play-down process and who have not already qualified for SR1 or SR2 card in 2019-20.

Note 1: These cards are awarded for a 6-month period.

Note 2: Athletes meeting the National Team Criteria for the first time will be funded at the Development card level and designated as C1 cards.

Note 3: If an athlete is no longer playing with the team they earned their carding status with, their new team must be ranked in the top 10 on the Order of Merit among Canadian Teams.

Note 4: The 5th player is not eligible for this card.

Senior National Team Criteria Priority #3 (SR/C1)

The men and women athletes on the next-highest ranked men's and women's team on the CTRS at the conclusion of the 2018-19 season that participated in the Canadian Men's/Canadian Women's Championship play-down process in 2018-19.

Note 1: These cards are awarded for a 4 to 6 month period as determined by available funding.

Note 2: Athletes meeting the National Team Criteria for the first time will be funded at the Development card level and designated as C1 cards.

Note 3: If an athlete is no longer playing with the team they earned their carding status with, their new team must be ranked in the top 12 on the Order of Merit among Canadian Teams.

Note 4: The 5th player is not eligible for this card.

NOTE: Individual athlete ranking within each identified priority will be based on the athlete's CTRS ranking at the conclusion of the 2018-19 competitive season. In the case when there are more eligible athletes' cards, the cards will be awarded according to that ranking. (A skill based tie-breaking protocol has been developed and will be implemented as required.)