

2014 – 2015 Canadian Sailing Team Sport Canada Carding Criteria

Mission of the Canadian Sailing Team:

To Win Olympic and Paralympic Medals and have athletes consistently achieve top 16 results at World Championships and Olympic Games.

General Program Description and Purpose:

The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is a national-level funding program designed to contribute toward improved Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. To this end, the AAP identifies and provides funding directly to athletes for the carding cycle who have demonstrated an ability to finish in the Top 16 and Top ½ of the field at the Senior World Championships or an Olympic Games.

Athletes who are approved for AAP support are referred to as Carded Athletes. AAP support is known as Carding. AAP funding is intended to contribute to an athlete's living and training costs. It is not intended to serve as an athlete's sole source of income.

These criteria are to be applied to determine AAP nominations for the carding cycle starting February 1st, 2014.

These criteria are published by Sail Canada are subject to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures (AAP Policies and Procedures). In the event, that these criteria conflict with those policies and procedures, the Sport Canada AAP policies and procedures shall take precedence.

The version of these criteria that is posted on the Sail Canada website may be subject to corruption from various causes including but not limited to hardware and software issues. The version that is posted shall not be the governing version of this document. The governing version shall be that which was accepted by Sport Canada as meeting the requirements of AAP Policy and Procedures and on file at the Sail Canada office.

Sail Canada does not make decisions to grant carding to athletes, but rather submits a list of nominations for carding based on the application of these criteria. Sport Canada approves nominations in accordance with the AAP policies and the published National Sport Organisation's carding criteria.

Olympic Class Carding Criteria:

Allocation of Cards: Sail Canada has been awarded the equivalent of 24 Senior Cards (\$432,000) for the 2014-2015 carding cycle. Sail Canada will allocate the 24 Senior cards as a combination of Senior Cards (SR2, SR1, SR and C1) and Development Cards (D). If Sail Canada's quota exceeds the number of Athletes who have met Senior Card standards, the available funds from any unused Senior Cards will be reallocated to Developments Cards or partial Development Cards, until the financial equivalent of 24 Senior Cards has been met.

Sail Canada has reserved a minimum of \$64,800 from the total allocation of support to fund 6 Development Cards. The number of Development Cards may increase dependent upon the number of athletes achieving Senior Card standards.

Sport Canada AAP policies and procedures allow the National Sport Organization (Sail Canada) to set criteria for Senior National Team Cards (Sail Canada Tiers 2- 5) and Development Cards. Sport Canada sets the Carding Criteria for Senior International Cards. (Sail Canada Tier 1)

Sail Canada has divided the Qualification system into a 5 Tier system for Olympic Senior Cards, and a 3 Tier system for Development Cards. These criteria shall apply for Carding in 2014.

Rules of General Application for Olympic Class Carding

There are two stages to achieving carding status. The first stage is achieving the performance criteria as outlined below, the second stage is fulfilling the requirements outlined in the “Additional Criteria” section of this document. In the event that an athlete achieves the performance criteria as outlined for Senior Cards and/or Development Cards, but does not meet the “Additional Criteria”, the next athlete in line who meets both the Performance and Additional Criteria, will be nominated to receive AAP carding.

All athletes must agree to and sign the Sail Canada Athlete Agreement to be eligible to receive Sport Canada Carding support.

For the purposes of these criteria, an individual athlete may be described as “athlete or team”. The term “team” shall also apply to the entire crew including skipper on a particular boat for all double and triple handed classes.

Restrictions on Senior Cards:

(A) No athlete will be guaranteed a Senior Card under Tiers 3-5 for more than four years.

To be considered eligible for a Senior Card under Tiers 3-5, in their current class for more than 4 years, an athlete must:

- 1) Demonstrate performance improvements at ISAF Grade 1 events, taking into consideration fleet size and quality over the duration of the carding period in question; **and**
- 2) Demonstrate improving World Championship and/or European Championship results taking into consideration fleet size and quality over the duration of the carding period in question; **and**
- 3) Demonstrate commitment to a quality program, as determined by HPD in consultation with class coaches and National Team Coach/Manger, directed towards continued improvement.

An athlete that changes classes and subsequently qualifies for a Senior Card under Tiers 3 - 5 may be carded at the Senior Card level for a further 4 years before the above-mentioned criteria takes effect.

Further a team that changes team/crew make-up by changing 1 or more crew members is eligible to be carded at the Senior Card level via Tiers 3-5 for an additional 2 years, when qualifying in the class they have been previously carded.

An athlete carded as Senior Injury Card, having qualified under Senior Card Tiers 2 - 5, will not have the injury card year counted against the 4 year total referred to in the criteria.

Athletes having achieved Senior Card status within 5 years of ISAF youth age will not have these years of Senior card status counted against their total of 4 years of support at this level.

(B) The number of Senior Cards per class at the Tier 1 level shall not be fixed, except as limited by the total number of Senior Cards available to Sail Canada. If the number of Tier 1 cards for a particular class reaches 5 or more, there shall be no further Senior or C1 cards available to that class at the Tier 2 - 5 levels.

(C) An individual class shall not receive a total of more than 7 Senior and Development cards, unless all cards are achieved at the International level.

(D) If a class does not include an Internationally Carded team the maximum number of Senior and Development Cards available shall not exceed 6 carded teams. Under this circumstance where there are no international cards in a class, the class shall not qualify more than 4 teams at the Tier 5 Senior Card level.

(E) Development Cards achieved via Tiers 1 and 2 of the Development Card Criteria will not be included in the overall maximum number of cards per class.

(F) In the event that the maximum number of cards in a class is met, and after all other eligible athletes have received carding nominations, carding support remains, the top ranked athlete(s) not already supported from a class having achieved the maximum number of cards may be considered for carding support.

- (G) At the time of the Sport Canada review if an athlete is ineligible for carding, and does not wish to accept Canadian Sailing Team status or has retired, the next Canadian team at that Tier will be eligible for a Senior Card or C1 card provided they meet the requirements of that Tier and other restrictions set out herein.
- (H) Prior to the first race of the National Qualifying Regatta for each specific class an athlete may declare themselves ineligible to receive carding support so that their finish position at an event is not considered amongst eligible qualifiers.
- (I) For the purpose of calculating overall finish positions for all carding qualification events at any and all Tiers for gender restricted classes that have a mixed fleet of men and women, the scores of the men's fleet and women's fleet shall be recorded and considered separately.
- (J) Athletes who meet the Senior Card National Criteria (Tiers 2, 4 and 5) for the first time will be funded at the Development Card level and designated as C1 cards. (Sport Canada AAP policy)
- (K) **Senior Card – International Criteria (Tier 1) (SR1/SR2 Cards):** Sport Canada sets these criteria for Senior Cards. Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by Sail Canada for two consecutive years, with the card for 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 being re-nominated by Sail Canada and a training and competitive program approved by Sail Canada and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO agreement and complete an AAP Application form for the year in question.

Injury Cards

The injury card policy shall apply to teams in both **Olympic and Paralympic** classes. The policies set out in section 9 of the AAP Policies and Procedures shall apply, the most relevant of which state:

At the end of a carding cycle during which an athlete has, for strictly health-related reasons, not achieved the standards required for renewal of carded status, he or she may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

- 1) 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 and despite making every reasonable effort to attain the applicable carding standards during the year in which the injury, illness or pregnancy occurred, has failed to do so, in the view of the NSO, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- 2) The NSO, based on its technical judgement and that of an NSO team physician or equivalent, indicates in writing the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period.
- 3) 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.

Carding Priority for Injury Cards

An athlete, who is eligible for a Carding Nomination under these injury card provisions, shall be eligible for a carding nomination at the bottom of the Tier in which he or she was carded the previous year. (e.g. An athlete who was carded at the Tier 2 level in 2013 would receive the last available Tier 2 carding nomination in his/her class for 2014 cards after first considering all athletes who did in fact compete in the selection event(s). If awarded, injury cards will result in one or more athletes who do compete in the selection events not getting a card for which they would have otherwise be nominated.)

Transfer of Senior Cards to Development Cards

In the event that not all Senior Cards can be awarded to athletes based on the outlined criteria, the unallocated Senior Cards will be transferred to the Development Card Criteria for allocation to athletes based on availability of additional cards and athletes meeting all requirements and restrictions of the Development Card Criteria.

In the event that a single Senior card or Development card remains following the application of the criteria, the card will be split amongst the eligible team members of the boat in question, thus for a two person class the team members are carded for a 6 month period, for a three person class the team members are carded for a 4 month period.

Qualification System for Senior and C1 Cards

Tier 1:

Sport Canada Senior International Criteria (SR1/SR2) (2 year card)

2013 Performance Criteria: Top 8 and top ½ of the fleet at the 2013 Olympic Class World Championships.

Tier 2:

1 year Senior Card (SR/C1)

Availability: If any cards remain after the application of Tier 1 criteria then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Tier 2 criteria.

2013 Performance Criteria:

Top 12 and top ½ of the fleet at the 2013 European Championships or Top 25 and top ½ of the fleet at the 2013 Olympic Class World Championships.

If more athletes qualify under this Tier than the number of cards available, then all athletes in this group will be ranked as follows:

Finish position/total fleet size in the relevant Championship. Lower fractions rank ahead of higher fractions. Ties will be resolved based on the application of Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Tier 3:

1 year Senior Card (SR)

Availability: If any cards remain after the application of Tiers 1 & 2 criteria then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Tier 3 criteria.

Transitional Performer/Returning Performer:

A returning performer athlete (Defined as Top 10 at World Championships or Top 10 at Olympic Games during the past 2 quadrennials) or transitional performer (Defined as Top 10 at World Championships or Top 10 at Olympic Games during the past 2 quadrennials) that has proven themselves in an Olympic Class can be carded at this level **for 2 years.**

It is recognized that a transitional athlete/returning performer may not attend the World Championships in the first year back in a class nor will they have the time to get to a level to immediately finish within the parameters of Tiers 1-2, within the first two years of returning.

2013 Performance Criteria:

The identified transitional performer/returning performer must qualify for the team via a minimum of Tier 5 and will be ranked within the overall ranking of athletes prior to those athletes qualifying at Tier 4 and Tier 5.

Tier 4:

1 year Senior Card (SR/C1)

Availability: If any cards remain after the application of Tier 1 – 3 criteria then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Tier 4 criteria.

2013 Performance Criteria: Top 40% of fleet at an Olympic Class World Championships in 2013.

If more athletes than the number of cards available finish in the top 40% at the World Championship, then all athletes in this group will be ranked as follows:

Finish position/total fleet size in the relevant World Championship. Lower fractions rank ahead of higher fractions. Ties will be resolved based on the application of Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Tier 5:

1 year Senior Card (SR/C1)

Availability: If any cards remain after the application of Tiers 1-4 criteria then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Tier 5 criteria.

Tier 5 Carding Nominations:

Athletes will be rank ordered against each other based on the modified scores as outlined below from their respective NQRs. (See Carding Regatta Schedule). The lowest Athlete % scores will be nominated for Senior Cards until no further Senior cards remain. Modified scores shall be calculated using the criteria found below.

Determining Athlete % Score:

Within each class, athletes/teams not already nominated for carding, will be ranked according to the athletes/teams % score (lower % score rank ahead of higher % score). The % score is defined as the team overall finish position as determined by the Sailing Instructions for the National Qualifying Regatta (NQR) modified as follows:

- a) Removal of the top 20 placing teams (must also be in top ½ of World Championships) from the 2013 World Championships from the NQR final scores,
- b) Athlete % score = modified finish position/modified number of entries.
- c) Where more than one NQR event is held for a particular class, the Athlete % score will equal the average Athlete % score for those NQR events.
- d) Athletes must place within the top 40% of the % score to be considered eligible for carding.
- e) % score will be rounded to 3 decimals

Example of application of determining Athlete Score:

Athlete A result as determined by Sailing Instructions is 10th of 30 entries.

- 9 athletes from the 2013 World Championships having finished in the top 20 were in attendance. Of those 9 8 were in the top 10 at the NQR.
- After the removal of these 9 athletes scores, athlete A's modified score is 2 of 21 or 9.5 % of modified fleet.
- Athlete A would be eligible to be ranked for carding at the Tier 5 level.

Athlete B result as determined by Sailing Instructions is 35th of 40 entries.

- 10 athletes from the 2013 World Championships having finished in the top 20 were in attendance. Of those 10 all were in the top 10 at the NQR.
- Athlete B modified Score is 25 of 30 or 83.3 % of modified fleet.
- Athlete B would not be eligible to be ranked for carding at the Tier 5 level.

In the event of a tie between teams, they will be resolved based on the application of Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, applied against the series scores for the NQR.

Qualification System for Development Cards

Availability: 6 cards (1 year)

Sail Canada has reserved a minimum of \$64,800 from the total allocation of support to fund 6 Development Cards. The number of Development Cards may increase dependent upon the number of athletes achieving Senior Card standards.

Restrictions:

1. No athlete having obtained a Senior Card greater than C1 in any class will be considered eligible for a Development Card, with the exception of youth aged athletes as defined by ISAF Youth World Championship ages and in consideration of points 6 &7 of the criteria.
2. An athlete having previously received a C1 card is eligible to receive a Development card in the same class only once, with the exception of youth aged athletes as defined by ISAF Youth World Championships ages and in consideration of points 6 &7 of the criteria.
3. No more than 3 teams may receive Development Cards in each class, provided the class remains within the overall parameters for the maximum number of cards allowed for each class.
4. For the purpose of calculating overall finish positions for any carding qualification event that has a mixed fleet of men and women, the scores of the men's fleet and women's fleet shall be recorded and considered separately.
5. Except as set in paragraph 2 above and paragraphs 6 and 7 below, an athlete is only eligible to receive a Development Card for a maximum of 2 years in the same class. An athlete is eligible to receive a Development Card for an additional 2 years when qualifying in a different class.
6. For youth athletes, all Development Cards earned before the standard youth age as defined by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) for the ISAF Youth World Championships shall not be counted when considering the two year restrictions.
7. For youth athletes meeting Development Card Criteria, who are not more than 5 years older than the ISAF youth age, a Development Card may be received for a maximum of 3 years. This accommodates the need to fund athletes in the transition from ISAF youth category until they are more senior athletes.

Development Card

Tier 1:

Performance Criteria: An athlete/team placing in the top 8 and top ½ of the fleet at the ISAF Youth Worlds in 2013 will be eligible to apply for carding status in an **Olympic class**. In order for an athlete to receive a Development Card, they must demonstrate their ability to fulfill the commitments of a NT program and be based at a suitable training location as directed by their regional National Team Coach/Manager and High Performance Director. If the athlete is not able to adequately demonstrate this commitment required for progression in performance, the nomination will go to next eligible athlete for a Development Card.

In the event of a tie and more than 6 athletes meeting the Tier 1 performance criteria, it shall be resolved on the basis of comparing all athletes scores based on Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Tier 2:

Availability: If any Development cards remain after application of Development Card Tier 1 then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Development Card Tier 2 criteria.

Performance Criteria: An athlete/team placing in the top 8 and top ½ of the fleet at the following identified 2013 Championships, will be eligible to apply for carding status in an **Olympic class**. In order for an athlete to receive a Development Card, they must demonstrate their ability to fulfill the commitments of a NT program and be based at a suitable training location as directed by their regional National Team Coach/Manager and High Performance Director. If the athlete is not able to adequately demonstrate this commitment required for progression in performance, the nomination will go to next eligible athlete for a Development Card.

2013 Championships: 29er Worlds, I420 Worlds, World Laser Standard Junior Championship, World Laser Radial Youth Championships, Finn Silver Cup. The events listed must be stand alone events hosted by the class, events sailed as part of a Senior championship will not be considered.

In the event of a tie between teams, it shall be resolved on the basis of comparing all athletes scores based on Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Tier 3:

Availability: If any Development cards remain after application of Development Card Tier 1 and 2 then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Development Card Tier 3 criteria.

Carding Nominations:

Athletes will be rank ordered against each other based on the modified scores as outlined below from their respective NQRs. (See Carding Regatta Schedule). The lowest Athlete % scores will be nominated for Development Cards until no further Development cards remain. Modified scores shall be calculated using the criteria found below.

Determining Athlete Score:

Within each class, athletes/teams not already nominated for carding, will be ranked according to the athletes/teams % score (lower % score rank ahead of higher % score). The % score is defined as the team overall finish position as determined by the Sailing Instructions for the National Qualifying Regatta (NQR) modified as follows:

- f) Removal of the top 20 placing teams (must also be in top ½ of World Championships) from the 2013 World Championships from the NQR final scores,
- g) Athlete % score = modified finish position/modified number of entries.
- h) Athletes must place within the top 75% of the % score to be considered eligible for carding.
- i) % score will be rounded to 3 decimals

Example of application of determining Athlete Score:

Athlete A result as determined by Sailing Instructions is 10th of 30 entries.

- 9 athletes from the 2013 World Championships having finished in the top 20 were in attendance. Of those 9 8 were in the top 10 at the NQR.
- After the removal of these 9 athletes scores, athlete A's modified score is 2 of 21 or 9.5 % of modified fleet.
- Athlete A would be eligible to be ranked for carding at the Tier 3 level.

Athlete B result as determined by Sailing Instructions is 35th of 40 entries.

- 10 athletes from the 2013 World Championships having finished in the top 20 were in attendance. Of those 10 all were in the top 10 at the NQR.
- Athlete B modified Score is 25 of 30 or 83.3 % of modified fleet.
- Athlete B would not be eligible to be ranked for carding at the Tier 3 level.

In the event of a tie between teams, they will be resolved based on the application of Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, applied against the series scores for the NQR.

Carding Regatta Schedule:

The following Regattas will be considered the Carding Qualification events when applying the Senior Card Tier 5 Performance Criteria and Tier 3 of Development Card Criteria.

Olympic Class National Qualifying Regattas

Laser	CORK OCR (Kingston, Aug 17-21, 2013) + Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
Radial	CORK OCR (Kingston, Aug 17-21, 2013) + Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
Finn	Canadian Finn Championships (Toronto, Oct 2013) + Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
49er	CORK OCR (Kingston, Aug 17-21, 2013) + Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
470 (M&W)	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
RS:X (M&W)	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
FX Skiff W	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)
Nacra Mixed	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 (Miami, January 2014)

Additional Criteria

Meeting the outlined performance criteria alone does not guarantee a nomination for AAP support. In line with the performance targets and objectives of Sail Canada for World Championships and Olympic/Paralympic Games, and to optimise the development of athletes along the Performance Pathway, the additional criteria must also be met for any athlete to be nominated for carding.

- a) An athlete must be able to demonstrate progression in their performance, as shown by performance indicators such as, in comparison to performances in previous years, performance on fitness assessments, and maintenance of appropriate body composition for the class in question.
- b) The athlete must agree to engage with the designated National Team Coach/Manager (NTC/M) or High Performance Director (HPD) to complete an individual annual training plan, and must agree to and follow the training recommendations to meet the aims and objectives of the athlete for 2014-15.
- c) The athlete must be based at a training location identified by the NTC/M and the HPD or at a suitable location agreed to by the NTC/M and HPD, making it possible for the athlete's training plan to be carried out under regular coaching supervision.
- d) The athlete must be able to show a history of engagement with the Sail Canada National Team (NT) where applicable, including taking part in NT training camps, training groups, tests and assessments.
- e) The athlete must agree to follow the NT program as outlined by the NTC/M and HPD in its entirety and attend all NT training camps and competitions as required. Some exceptions may be made with consultation and agreement of NTC/M and HPD.

Paralympic Class Carding Criteria:

Allocation of Cards: Sail Canada has been awarded the equivalent of 6 Senior Cards (\$108,000) for the 2013-2014 carding cycle. Depending on the results at the various qualifying events listed below, the 6 Senior Cards will be a combination of Senior International Criteria (Tier 1), and Senior National Team Criteria (Tier 2, 3 & 4).

To be considered eligible for any carding under these criteria, all members of the team must meet the Classification requirement in force for the 2016 Paralympic Games for the class in which that team seeks carding nomination.

Rules of General Application for Paralympic Class Carding

There are two stages to achieving carding status. The first stage is achieving the performance criteria as outlined below, the second stage is fulfilling the requirements outlined in the "Additional Criteria" section of this document. In the event that an athlete achieves the performance criteria as outlined for Senior Cards, but does not meet the "Additional Criteria", the next athlete in line who meets both the Performance and Additional Criteria, will be nominated to receive AAP carding.

All athletes must agree to and sign the Sail Canada Athlete Agreement to be eligible to receive Sport Canada Carding support.

For the purposes of these criteria, an individual athlete may be described as "athlete or team". The term "team" shall also apply to the entire crew including skipper on a particular boat for all double and triple handed classes.

Restrictions on Senior Cards:

(A) No athlete will be guaranteed a Senior Card under Tiers 2, 3 and 4 for more than four years.

To be considered eligible for a Senior Card under Tiers 2, 3 and 4, in their current class for more than 4 years, an athlete must:

- 1) Demonstrate performance improvements at international events, taking into consideration fleet size and quality over the duration of the carding period in question; **and**
- 2) Demonstrate improving results in Open and IFDS World Championships in Paralympic classes, taking into consideration fleet size and quality over the duration of the carding period in question; **and**
- 3) Demonstrate commitment to a quality program, as determined by HPD in consultation with class coaches and National Team Coach/Manager, directed towards continued improvement.

An athlete that changes classes and subsequently qualifies for a Senior Card under Tiers 2, 3 and 4 may be carded at the Senior Card level for a further 4 years before the above mentioned criteria takes effect.

Further a team that changes team/crew make-up by changing 1 or more crew members is eligible to be carded at the Senior Card level via Tiers 2, 3 and 4 for an additional 2 years, when qualifying in the class they have been previously carded in.

- (B) At the time of the Sport Canada review if an athlete is ineligible for carding, and does not wish to accept Canadian Sailing Team status or has retired, the next Canadian team at that Tier will be eligible for a Senior Card or C1 card provided they meet the requirements of that Tier and other restrictions set out herein.
- (C) Prior to the first race of the National Qualifying Regatta for each specific class an athlete may declare themselves ineligible to receive carding support so that their finish position at an event is not considered amongst eligible qualifiers.
- (D) For the purpose of calculating overall finish positions for all carding qualification events at any and all Tiers for Paralympic events that have both able bodied and athletes with a disability competing, the scores for the athletes with a disability shall be recorded and considered separately.
- (E) Athletes who meet the Senior Card National Criteria (Tiers 2, 3 and 4) for the first time will be funded at the Development Card level and designated as C1 cards. (Sport Canada AAP policy)
- (F) **Senior Card – International Criteria (Tier 1) (SR1/SR2 Cards):** Sport Canada sets these criteria for Senior Cards. Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by Sail Canada for two consecutive years, with the card for 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 being re-nominated by Sail Canada and a training and competitive program approved by Sail Canada and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO agreement and complete an AAP Application form for the year in question.

In the event that a single card remains following the application of the criteria, the card will be split amongst the eligible team members of the boat in question, thus for a two person class the team members are carded for a 6 month period, for a three person class the team members are carded for a 4 month period.

Qualification System for Paralympic Senior and C1 Cards

Tier 1:

2 year Senior Card (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada International Criteria:

Performance Criteria: Top 8 and top ½ of the fleet at 2013 IFDS World Championships.

Tier 2:

1 year Senior Card (SR/C1)

Availability: If any cards remain after application of Tier 1 criteria then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Tier 2 criteria.

Performance Criteria: A team achieves a podium finish at the 2013 IFDS World Championships (in a Paralympic class) but does not meet the international criteria due to the top ½ fleet restrictions. A minimum of 5 entries are required to satisfy this criteria.

Tier 3:

1 year Senior Card (SR/C1)

Availability: If any cards remain after the application of Tier 1 & Tier 2 criteria then eligible teams may be considered under Tier 3 criteria.

Performance Criteria:

1. The first Canadian team at the IFDS World Championships in a Paralympic Class not meeting the Tier 1 & Tier 2 Criteria in each Paralympic event; and
2. In the top 2/3 of the overall fleet at the IFDS World Championship in a Paralympic Class, as determined by finish position/fleet size.

For the purpose of carding nomination the classes will be rank ordered based on the top Canadian Team not already nominated for carding within a class. Finish position/total fleet size at World Championships. Lower fractions rank ahead of higher fractions. Ties will be resolved based on the application of Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Tier 4:

1 year Senior Card (SR/C1)

Availability: If any cards remain after application of Tier 1, Tier 2 & Tier 3 criteria then eligible teams may be considered for nomination under Tier 4 criteria.

Carding Nominations:

Cards will be awarded to teams based on the Class Ranking and Athlete/Team ranking process explained below. The top ranked eligible team prioritized on the class ranking shall be recommended for carding until no Senior cards remain. Should any Senior cards remain after considering all the eligible top ranked teams in each class, then the second ranked eligible team in each class based on the class ranking priority will be recommended and so on until no Senior cards remain.

Following is the description of the processes used to determine the class ranking (Step 1) and the athlete/team ranking within the class (step 2).

Step 1 – Determining the Class Ranking:

The classes will be ranked 1-3 according to the position of the top eligible Canadian Team in Tier 4 divided by the total of their fleet size at their respective NQR. Results rounded to 3 decimals.

Step 2 – Ranking of Teams:

The finish position as determined by the Sailing Instructions, for the National Qualifying Regatta will establish the ranking priority of teams not already nominated for carding within an individual class.

Teams must finish within the top 75% of the fleet size to be considered eligible for carding as determined by finish position divided by fleet size. Scores will be rounded to 1 decimal place.

In the event of a tie between teams, they will be resolved based on the application of Rule A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, applied against the series scores for the NQR.

Paralympic National Qualifying Regattas – Tier 4 Qualifiers

All Classes Miami Olympic Classes Regatta 2014 January 2014

Additional Criteria

Meeting the outlined performance criteria alone does not guarantee a nomination for AAP support. In line with the performance targets and objectives of Sail Canada for World Championships and Olympic/Paralympic Games, and to optimise the development of athletes along the Performance Pathway, the additional criteria must also be met for any athlete to be nominated for carding.

- a) An athlete must be able to demonstrate progression in their performance, as shown by performance indicators such as, in comparison to performances in previous years, performance on fitness assessments, and maintenance of appropriate body composition for the class in question.
- b) The athlete must agree to engage with the designated National Team Coach/Manager (NTC/M) or High Performance Director (HPD) to complete an individual annual training plan, and must agree to and follow the training recommendations to meet the aims and objectives of the athlete for 2014-15.
- c) The athlete must be based at a training location identified by the NTC/M and the HPD or at a suitable location agreed to by the NTC/M and HPD, making it possible for the athlete's training plan to be carried out under regular coaching supervision.

- d)** The athlete must be able to show a history of engagement with the Sail Canada National Team (NT) where applicable, including taking part in NT training camps, training groups, tests and assessments.
- e)** The athlete must agree to follow the NT program as outlined by the NTC/M and HPD in its entirety and attend all NT training camps and competitions as required. Some exceptions may be made with consultation and agreement of NTC/M and HPD.