

**Alpine Canada Alpin – Sport Canada
Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria
for 2007-2008 Nominations**

Qualification Criteria

The Canadian Alpine Ski Team (CAST) program, in order to qualify for the benefits of the Athlete Assistance Program, must comply with the criteria stipulated by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program.

Eligibility

The program is only available to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team Members (**National A, B, C team members and National Development Members**) who meet the card qualification criteria.

Definitions

World Cup Starting List (WCSL) refers to the final standings for each discipline (March 2007) at the completion of all World Cup races for the 2006-2007 season.

*Exception for the Combine discipline. Combine ranking will only apply if the athlete is rank in the top 50% of all athlete rank on the WCSL.

FIS World Ranking (WR) refers to an athlete's world ranking in a discipline according to the final list (April) including all race results of the prior season on the FIS List.

Priority of Nominations:

Alpine Canada is eligible to receive the equivalent of 32 SR/C1 cards, This includes SR1/SR2/SR/C1 and D cards.

Cards will be allocated in the following Priority order.

- 1. Athletes who meet SR1 criteria;**
- 2. Athletes who meet SR2 Criteria;**
- 3. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR2 level the previous year;**
- 4. Athletes who meet the SR/C1 criteria based on FIS List/WCSL rank (FIS list, end April);**
- 5. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the SR/C1 level the previous year, ranked based on FIS list ranking (FIS list, end April);**

If all there are cards remaining after all athletes who meet the above criteria have been approved, the remaining SR cards will be allocated as D cards on the basis of 3D cards for 2SR cards:

Eg,

1 SR card = 1 D card

2 SR cards = 3 D cards

3SR cards = 4D cards, etc

The remaining cards will be allocated to athletes who met D card criteria based on the following prioritization:

- 1. Athletes who meet the D card criteria based on FIS list/WCSL rank:**
- 2. Athletes who meet injury requirements and were carded at the D level the previous year, ranked based on FIS list ranking (FIS list, April);**

Athlete Assistance Program Qualification Criteria

The Athlete Assistance Program qualification criteria are as follows:

International Senior Card

Sr1: First year of a two year card based on achieving international criteria

Sr2: Second year of a two-year card, and also to designate athletes that meets a one-year cards international criteria (e.g. World ranking, Overall World Cup placing, etc.)

Sr1 and Sr2 cards are awarded based upon World Cup Overall Standings, World Championships, and Olympics. Results are for a two-year period.

International Senior (Sr1, Sr2)

IN 2007 the criteria will be based on results in events on the Olympic program at the 2007 World Championships based on a maximum of three athletes per nation.

OR

For SR2 cards athletes carded at the SR1 card level the previous year or Top 16 in the final (March 2007) World Cup Start List (WCSL) in events on the Olympic Program and based on a maximum of three athletes per nation.

Note: Should an athlete's name appear on the final World Cup Start List and it has been formally confirmed that this athlete has retired; this name would not count for Sr1 and Sr2 carding purposes.

Senior Card (Sr)

Athletes must be selected to the National A, B or C team in order to be eligible for SR/C1 cards

Note: Athletes who are ranked Top 60 in the WCSL can select either the best result in top 60 WCSL or FIS World Rank whatever is more favourable for them. For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates meeting criteria, rankings will be used from the unaltered lists. The maximum three per nation lists will not be used for this calculation.

Women:

Year 4 and 5 1 Discipline: Top 70 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 95 WR or less

Year 3 1 Discipline: Top 85 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 120 WR or less

Year 2 1 Discipline: Top 105 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 145 WR or less,

Year 1 1 Discipline: Top 130 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 170 WR or less

Men:

Year 5	1 Discipline: Top 70 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 100 WR or less.
Year 4	1 Discipline: Top 90 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 120 WR or less,
Year 3	1 Discipline: Top 125 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 155 WR or less,
Year 2	1 Discipline: Top 155 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 190 WR or less,
Year 1	1 Discipline: Top 190 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 220 WR or less,

C-1 card

A C-1 card (C1) designation will be given to all Senior carded (Sr) athletes the first year they become Senior carded (Sr). The carding criteria start with the first year an athlete becomes carded. The above ranking criteria then apply to each successive year that the athlete remains carded. An athlete in first year of carding will be carded if the athlete meets 2nd, 3rd or 4th year criteria in the first year. For the purpose of creating a priority listing of candidates meeting criteria, rankings will be used from the unaltered lists. The maximum three per nation lists will not be used for this calculation.

Generally

1. Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Senior Card (Sr/C1) status is five (5).

In order to be carded for six (6) or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward International Senior Card status (Sr1 and Sr2) and be recommended by Alpine Canada.

Development Card (D)

Athletes must be selected to the National Development team in order to be eligible for D cards.

Women:

Year 3	1 Discipline: Top 140 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 180 WR or less
Year 2	1 Discipline: Top 150 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 190 WR or less,
Year 1	1 Discipline: Top 160 WR, or 2 Disciplines: Average 200 WR or less

Men:

- Year 3** **1 Discipline: Top 200 WR, or**
2 Disciplines: Average 230 WR or less,
- Year 2** **1 Discipline: Top 210 WR, or**
2 Disciplines: Average 240 WR or less,
- Year 1** **1 Discipline: Top 220 WR, or**
2 Disciplines: Average 250 WR or less,

Generally

- 1. Normally, the maximum number of years an athlete may remain at the Development Card (D) status is three (3).**

In order to be carded for four (4) or more years the athlete must demonstrate improvement toward Senior Card status and be recommended by Alpine Canada.

- 2. Athlete who have been previously carded at the C1, SR, SR1 or SR2 levels and fail to Re-qualify for SR card status, are eligible for a Development Card on a one time only basis, subject to D card Eligibility Requirements.**

Injury Status

- 1 For exceptions to the Sr, C-1 or D card criteria made on the basis of athlete injuries, specific criteria for the continuation of carding for future years shall be determined on a case-by-case basis considering details of the injury and expected recovery requirements.**

The athlete must meet the requirements set out by Sport Canada's "Curtailed Training and Competition for Health-Related Reasons" policy in order to be eligible for consideration under injury status.

- 2 When an athlete is carded on an injury provision, this year, as a carded athlete is not included for AAP qualification criteria in the next year.**

I.e.: An athlete who receives injury status in year two of the carding will be carded in year 3 based on 2nd year criteria.