



**SPORT CANADA
ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CRITERION – SKELETON
2011-12 Season**

1. ELIGIBILITY

The Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton – Skeleton program is eligible for a maximum number of **13** SR equivalent cards. In all cases, for athletes to be considered for nomination they must have been participating in either the 2010-11 National Team Program or the National Development Program and have signed an Athlete Agreement. This quota is subject to revision by Sport Canada based on the pending revisions of AAP quotas for all sports.

All athletes nominated for SR carding must achieve a minimum competition participation standard. Athletes must have completed no less than 50% of the 2010-11 FIBT World Cup Races. The athlete must be ranked on the final race results sheet as provided by the FIBT. (ie. If an athlete competes in 2/8 World cups and additionally in 2/8 Intercontinental Cups, then he/she meets the 50% requirement noted above).

2. CARDING LEVELS

2.0.1 SR1 and SR2 Criteria

SR1

Any athlete who participated in the 2011 World Championships and achieved a Top 12 (and top ½ of the field) are eligible for nomination to SR1 carding, which is the first year of two year card.

SR2

SR1 carded athletes who participated in the 2011 World Championships, **but** who did not achieve SR1 qualifying result or for those SR1 carded athletes that did not participate in the 2011 World Championships, are eligible for nomination for an SR2 card, the second year of a two-year card. Continuation of carding beyond the 2011-12 Selection Process is subject to the athlete being renamed to the National Team or National Development Program and having signed the athlete agreement for the 2011-12 carding year.

2.0.2 SR / C1 criteria

Uncarded or “D” carded athletes who participated at the 2011 World Championships, but did not achieve an SR1 result, will be considered for carding at a C-1 level provided the athlete is named to the National Team Program and has signed the Athlete Agreement for the 2011-12 carding year.

C1 carded athletes who have participated at the 2011 World Championships, but did not achieve a SR1 result, will be considered for nomination for carding at the SR level provided the athlete is named to the National Team Program and has signed the Athlete Agreement for the 2011-12 carding year.

SR carded athletes who have participated at the 2011 World Championships, but did not achieve an SR1 result, will be considered for re-nomination to SR carding provided the athlete is named to the National Team Program and have signed the Athlete Agreement for the 2011-12 carding year.

SR / C1 carded athletes that did not participate in the 2011 World Championships, but did compete in their respective FIBT circuits (WC / IC / EC / AC) will be eligible for re-nomination to their existing carding level (based on prioritization of reassigned cards), provided the athlete is named to the National Team Program and has signed the Athlete Agreement for the 2011-12 carding year.

Any athletes that did not meet the SR1/SR2 criteria, will be required to be renamed to the National Team Program (via National Team Selection Process), prior to carding being reinstated. Once renamed to the Program, SR / C1 carding will be retroactive to July 1, 2010.

These athletes will be prioritized for nomination based on the Relative Ranking System for Skeleton. (See Addendum A)

An athlete may be carded at a SR / C1 level for a maximum of 5 years without reaching the SR1 / SR2 criteria. In order to be carded for a 6th year or more the athletes past performance and future potential will be assessed to ascertain if the athlete is still progressing and if the athlete has the potential to reach the SR1/SR2 level.

2.0.3 D card criteria

In the event that there are cards remaining following the allocation of all SR1/SR2/SR/C1 cards, the remaining cards will be allocated as D cards based on results from the **2010-11** FIBT rankings as part of the Relative Ranking System for Skeleton as outlined in Addendum A. Athletes must have participated in a minimum of 50% of the **2010-11 FIBT InterContinental, Europa or America's Cup** races to be considered for this carding level. If athlete has been SR carded athlete in previous years, the athlete can be carded as a development card for a maximum of 1 year only.

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Any junior athletes (23 years or under) that have been carded as a junior are not considered carded at the development level for the purpose of the above mentioned 5 year limit for development cards.

In order to be eligible for D level carding, any athlete must be renamed to either the 2011-12 National Team or National Development Program.

3. **SPECIAL CASES**

Failure to Meet Renewal Criteria for Health-related Reasons

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-carding for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

- 3.0.1 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.
- 3.0.2 The NSO, based on its technical judgment 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.
- 3.0.3 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.
- 3.0.4 Prioritization of carding

Allocation of carding will be prioritized as follows: SR1, SR2, SR2 injury, SR, C1, SR injury, C1 injury, D, D injury.

4 **CARDING CYCLE**

Selection for funding for 2011-12 carding cycle will occur at events from July 1st, 2010 – June 30th, 2011.