



Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program

Men and Women Bobsleigh 2011-2012 Criteria

Eligibility

To be considered for Sport Canada's Athlete Assistant Program the athlete must:

- a) Be named to the World cup or National Development teams
- b) Sign the 2011-12 Bobsleigh Canada Bobsleigh Athlete agreement
- c) Be a member in good standing with BCS
- d) Be eligible and continue to be eligible, by virtue of I.F. eligibility rules to compete for Canada at the World Championships or Olympic Games
- e) Be ranked on the National bobsleigh team according to BCS selection criteria

The men's and women's Bobsleigh Program is eligible for a maximum of 24 Senior cards or equivalent.

Carding cycle

The carding period for Bobsleigh will be from the July 1st through June 30th of each year. **The qualification will be the 2011 World Championships competition and the Oct/Nov 2011 National team selection races**

Carding Criteria

Senior International Cards (SR1/SR2)

1) SR1 Card

First year of a two-year card based on achievement of international results for pilots and crewmen who finished in the top-12 World Championships or Olympic Games, and within the top half of the competitive field. Athletes nominated at SR1 level must continue to compete at the international (World Cup, Europa Cup, America's Cup) level **in 2011-2012.**

* Note: Athletes who finish outside the top 12 **will be eligible for SR/C1 card nomination** depending on the individual's eligibility.

2) SR 2 Card

Second year of a two year card based on achieving the international criteria referenced in the SR1 criteria above. Athletes nominated at SR2 level must continue to compete at the international (World Cup, Europa Cup, America's Cup) level **in 2011-2012.**

*** Note: To be nominated for either card, the athletes must continue to follow all BCS programming and attend all national team training camps.**

3) Senior National Team Cards (SR/C1)

SR Card

Pilots and crewmen who raced at the 2011 World Championships, but did not achieve SR1 results and who are named to the National Bobsleigh World Cup or National Development Teams following the on ice selection in Oct / Nov 2011, will be carded at SR/C1 level. These cards will be retroactive to July 1st 2010.

The Head Coach reserves the right to nominate one (1) male and one (1) female alternate who participated at the 2011 World Championships for SR carding.

* Note: Selection to the National Bobsleigh team will take place as per the National Bobsleigh Program selection criteria and carding priority as listed below.

C1 Card

First time Athletes who meet the SR/C1 carding criteria will be awarded C1 cards.

4) Development cards (D)

D Card

Athletes who did not participate in the 2011 World Bobsleigh Championships may be eligible for nomination as D cards.

To be eligible for nomination as a development card pilots and crewmen must be:

a) Named to the World Cup or National Development team

* Note: Selection to the National team will take place as per the National Bobsleigh Skeleton selection and carding priority listed below.

Pilots and Brakeman can be nominated for a development card for up to 5 years.

Priority for Development cards

a) Athletes named to the World Cup Team

b) Athletes named to the National Development team in the following priority order:

Carding priority FOR SR1/SR2/SR/C1/D Cards

Card # 1	Can 1 Pilot (m)	Card # 2	Can 1 Pilot (w)
Card # 3	Can 1 Brake (m)	Card # 4	Can 1 Brake (w)
Card # 5	Can 2 Pilot (m)	Card # 6	Can 2 Pilot (w)
Card # 7	Can 2 Brake (m)	Card # 8	Can 2 Brake (w)
Card # 9	Can 1 Crew (m) (2 cards)	Card # 11	Can 1 Spare (w)
Card # 12	Can 2 Crew (m) (2 cards)	Card # 14	Can 2 Spare (w)
Card # 15	Can 1 Spare (m)		
Card # 17	Can 3 Pilot (m)	Card # 16	Can 3 Pilot (w)
Card # 19	Can 3 Brake (m)	Card # 18	Can 3 Brake (w)
Card # 21	Can 4 Pilot (m)	Card # 20	Can 4 Pilot (w)
Card # 23	Can 4 Brake (m)	Card # 22	Can 4 Brake (w)
Card # 26	Can 3 Crew (m) (2 cards)	Card # 24	Can 3 Spare (w)
Card # 29	Can 4 Crew (m) (2 cards)	Card # 27	Can 4 Spare (w)
Card # 30	Can 3 Spare (m)		

- **Note: A maximum of 24 Senior Cards (SR1/SR2/SR/C1) or equivalent cards will be available. Three (3) Development cards (D) can be allocated for 2 senior cards.**

Health issues

In well-founded cases, where an athlete currently carded at the SR, SR2 or C1 level is unable to achieve the standards required for carding nomination, due strictly to health related reasons, they will be nominated for continued carding if:

- a) The maximum allocation of SR cards hasn't been reached
- b) The athlete has demonstrated, and continues to demonstrate, their long-term commitment to the pursuit of high-performance training and competition goals
- c) All reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements are being fulfilled by the athlete to return to high-performance training and competition during the upcoming carding cycle
- d) In view of the National Team coach and physicians it is anticipated that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum performance standards during the upcoming carding cycle
- e) Documentation regarding the injury is always up-to-date and completed

* Note: A SR-injury card cannot be received for more than 2 consecutive years.