



**SPORT CANADA
ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CRITERION – SKELETON
2010 – 2011 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 2009 – 2010 National Team Program or the National Development Program and have signed an Athlete Agreement.

All athletes nominated for SR carding must achieve a minimum competition participation standard. Athletes must have completed no less than 50% of the 2009-2010 World Cup and/or InterContinental Cup races (the athlete must be ranked on the final race results sheet as provided by the FIBT). Eg. 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 2010 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) 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 2010 OWG, **but** who did **not** achieve SR1 qualifying result, or for those SR1 carded athletes that did not participate in the 2010 OWG, are eligible for nomination for an SR2 card, the second year of a two-year card. Continuation of carding beyond the 2010-11 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 2010-11 carding year.

2.0.2 SR / C1 criteria

Uncarded or "D" carded athletes who participated at the 2010 OWG, **but** who 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 2010-2011 carding year.

C1 carded athletes who have participated at the 2010 OWG, **but** who 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 2010-2011 carding year.

SR carded athletes who have participated at the 2010 OWG, **but** who 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 2010-2011 carding year.

SR / C1 carded athletes who did not participate in the 2010 OWG, but did compete in their respective FIBT circuits (WC / IC), 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 2010-2011 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 (approximately November 2010), SR / C1 carding will be allocated retroactively 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 **2009-10** 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 **2009-10 FIBT InterContinental, Europa or America's Cup** races to be considered for this carding level.

If an athlete has been SR/C1 carded 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 2010-2011 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.

3.0.5 Injury Status

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, by BCS, considering details of the injury and expected recovery requirements.

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

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.

Failure to Meet Carding Criteria by means of Athlete Agreement Contravention

Should an athlete fail to meet the expectations and agreed upon terms of the 2010-11 Athlete Agreement, Sport Canada may be notified of the infraction and sanctions imposed at the discretion of BCS. Such sanctions may include, but are not limited to those disciplinary actions as laid out within the BCS Dispute Policy, and / or may result in the recommendation to withdrawl funding, resulting in AAP Carding revocation.

4 CARDING CYCLE

Selection for funding for 2010-2011 carding cycle will occur at events from July 1st, 2009 – June 30th, 2010.

Addendum A – Relative Ranking System for Skeleton

The Relative Ranking System of the athletes for carding purposes is based on athlete results in respective races ranked according to finish in respective competitive field. The competitive field for the World Championships is considered to be the total number of athletes who participated in the race. The competitive field for the Overall FIBT ranking, is the total number of athletes who appear on the FIBT ranking summary.

Example

Team Designation	2009-10 AAP Carding Status	2009-10 Olympic Winter Games		2009-10 Season FIBT Rank			Total (A+B)	2010-11 AAP Rank	2010-11 AAP Carding NOMINATION
		Overall Result	Relative (A)	Overall Result	Relative (B)	# of FIBT RACES participated in			
Men's Skeleton Team									
Athlete A	SR1	8/31	0.23	12/143	0.08	1/8	0.31	4	SR1
Athlete B	SR1	N/A	1.00	34/143	0.24	3/8	1.24	11	SR2
Athlete C	C1	2/31	0.07	2/143	0.01	8/8	0.08	1	SR1
Athlete D	SR	N/A	1.00	32/143	0.22	0/8	1.22	10	SR Injury
Athlete E	Uncarded	N/A	1.00	22/143	0.15	4/8	1.15	8	C1
Athlete F	C1	15/31	0.48	16/143	0.11	8/8	0.59	7	SR
Women's Skeleton Team									
Athlete G	SR2	6/26	0.23	3/92	0.03	8/8	0.26	3	SR1
Athlete H	SR1	4/26	0.15	2/92	0.02	8/8	0.17	2	SR1
Athlete I	SR1	N/A	1.00	15/92	0.16	0/8	1.16	9	SR2
Athlete J	SR1	11/26	0.42	6/92	0.07	8/8	0.49	5	SR1
Athlete K	C1	N/A	1.00	22/92	0.24	0/8	1.24	11	N/A
Athlete L	D	8/26	0.31	25/92	0.27	0/8	0.58	6	C1