



Rhythmic Gymnastics Program

Sport Canada AAP - Carding Criteria 2009-2010

I. INTRODUCTION

The principle of the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is to provide support to athletes whose performances have demonstrated the ability or the potential to perform at the highest levels in an Olympic discipline. Support is provided primarily through a monthly allowance, intended to offset the training expenses of the athlete. Other benefits include payment of tuition, and other special needs. Additional information on the Athlete Assistance Program may be found at:

http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/prog/athlete_e.cfm

Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are defined by Sport Canada and eligible for two years of AAP support. The card for the first year referred to as a SR1 Card and the card for the second year referred to as a SR2 Card. The second year is subject to the athlete being re-nominated by GCG, a training and competitive program approved by GCG and Sport Canada and signing an Athlete/GCG agreement and completing the AAP application.

Senior (SR) National cards are available on a yearly basis, based on the NSO's criteria. The first year designation is C1, and for any subsequent year the designation is SR. The C1 card recipients are given the same funding as a development card.

To obtain a Senior National card, an athlete must be eligible to represent Canada at the World Championships and the Olympic Games of the carding cycle. This means that the athlete must be a Canadian citizen and have the minimum age set by FIG.

There are 4 SR Cards allocated for 2009 – 2010 to the Rhythmic Gymnastics Program.

Following the 2008 Olympic Games, Sport Canada will conduct a full review of the carding quota. This may affect the number of cards Rhythmic Gymnastics will receive in the future.

II. PERIOD

The carding cycle for the Rhythmic Gymnastics program is from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and is based on competitions taking place between July 1st 2008 and June 30th 2009.

III. CARDING CRITERIA

GCG/ RG Program National Team Advisory Committee is responsible for the nomination of eligible athletes for AAP support on an annual basis. The ranking calculation will be based on eligibility and performance criteria.

1. Eligibility

1.1. Age

Senior and Junior athletes who are age eligible according to FIG

1.2. Citizenship

Athletes must be Canadian citizens

1.3. Commitment to the National Team Program

In order to be nominated for carding, an athlete and her personal coach must provide a written statement (see annex 1 and 2) to the effect that, during the carding cycle, the athlete:

1. Intends to continue to train at the level expected of a carded athlete for the next 12 months
2. Does not intend to attend an educational institute that would render her ineligible for carding within the next twelve months
3. Will prepare for and compete at Elite Canada and Canadian Championships unless ill, injured or for other causes sanctioned by GCG/ RG Program
4. Will take part in the training, monitoring and competitions activities of the National Team Program (training camps, selections and mock competitions organized by the NTAC as well as in the evaluations of her routines done by our Brevet judges)
5. Will prepare for and take part in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan American Games or Commonwealth Games selection process and preparation plan within the carding cycle, unless ill or injured (or other causes sanctioned by GCG/RG Program)

2. Performance Criteria

2.1. Senior International Card Criteria (SR1/SR2)

At the 2009 World Championships:

- Top 8 and top half of the field in the individual all-around competition;
- Top 8 and top half of the field in the group competition.

2.2 Senior National Card Criteria (SR/C1)

Nominations for SR/C1 cards will be based on the Senior Ranking List and on the Junior Ranking List for the junior age athletes. Calculation of points for these two rankings is explained in the performance criteria section.

Goal:

∅ To identify the gymnasts having the greatest potential to achieve top 8 results for Canada at World Championships and Olympic Games

Objectives:

∅ To identify the gymnasts who will be reaching their peak at the Olympic qualification year

∅ To provide a system offering a long term support to those gymnasts who are showing a constant improvement

∅ To provide continuity of the programs from one cycle to another

Performance criteria:

Ø The ranking of the gymnasts for AAP nominations will be based on a point system consisting of **regular** points, and **bonus** points. Top spots will be awarded to the gymnast who collected the highest total number of points from the National and International Strategic Competitions.

Ø The competitions taken in consideration are the ones mentioned in this document: Elite Canada and Canadian Individual Championships and possibly Portimao (see below) for junior category and Elite Canada, Canadian Individual Championships and Corbeil-Essonnes for the Senior category.

Ø Points of retiring athletes will remain in the scoring system at all time.

A. REGULAR POINT SYSTEM FOR SR/C1 RANKING

Regular points will be awarded based on athletes' combined results from the following **National Competitions**:

- Elite Canada 2009 for the Senior and Junior Categories
- Canadian Individual Championships 2009 for the Senior and Junior Categories

And the following **International Strategic Competitions**:

- Corbeil – Essones 2009 - for Senior category
- Portimao, POR 2009 provided that there will be an opportunity for at least two Junior athletes to compete at minimum two events (routines) each.

The distribution of the points will be as follows:

Combined Results from Elite Canada and Canadian Individual Championships*

Senior category	Junior category
Individual All Around Competition: Rank: Points awarded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Champion 100 p. • AA Second ranked 80 p. • AA Third ranked 70 p. • AA 4 50 p. • AA 5 40 p. • AA 6 30 p. • AA 7 20 p. • AA 8 15 p. • AA 9 10 p. • AA 10 5 p. 	Individual All Around Competitions: Rank: Points awarded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Champion 100 p. • AA Second ranked 80 p. • AA Third ranked 70 p. • AA 4 50 p. • AA 5 40 p. • AA 6 30 p. • AA 7 20 p. • AA 8 15 p. • AA 9 10 p. • AA 10 5 p.
Individual Apparatus Finals: Rank: Points awarded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First place 35 p. • Second place 28 p. • Third place 24 p. • 4th 18 p. • 5th 14 p. • 6th 10 p. • 7th 7 p. • 8th 5 p. 	Individual Apparatus Finals: Rank: Points awarded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First place 35 p. • Second place 28 p. • Third place 24 p. • 4th 18 p. • 5th 14 p. • 6th 10 p. • 7th 7 p. • 8th 5 p.

***Note: The combined results will consist of the weighted results (of actual scores) from Elite Canada and the Canadian Individual Championships with 35% from the scores from Elite Canada and 65% from Canadian Individual Championships).**

Example
1. AA

Athlete	Actual mark at Elite	35%	Actual mark at the CIC	65%	Total mark	# of points for Domestic competitions
A	91	31.85	91	59.15	91	70
B	90	31.5	93	60.45	91.95	80
C	89	31.25	97	63.05	94.3	100

Then we add the points for each apparatus for example apparatus 1

Athlete	Actual mark at Elite	35%	Actual mark at the CIC	65%	Total mark	# of points for Domestic competitions
A	17	5.95	14	9.1	15.05	24
B	18	6.3	18	11.7	18	35
C	15	5.25	16	10.4	15.65	28

Total :

Athlete	AA	Finals	Total # of points	Final national team ranking
A	70	24	94	3
B	80	35	115	2
C	100	28	128	1

Corbeil – Essonnes 2009

Senior category	
Individual All Around Competition:	
Rank:	Points awarded:
AA 1-8	00 p.
AA 9- 12	300 p.
AA 13 – 16	250 p.
AA 17 – 22	200 p.
AA 23 – 30	80 p.
AA 31 – 40	50 p.
AA 41 - 55	15 p.
Individual Apparatus Finals:	
Rank:	Points awarded:
Gold medal at Finals	400 p. per event
Silver medal at Finals	300 p. per event
Bronze medal at Finals	250 p. per event.
4 -8 at Finals	200 p. per event

Portimao 2009 TBC

Junior category	
Individual All Around Competition:	
Rank:	Points awarded:
AA 1-3	400 p.
AA 4	300 p.
AA 5	275 p.
AA 6	250 p.
AA 7	225 p.
AA 8	200 p.
AA 9	150 p.
AA10	125p.
AA11	100p.
AA12	75p.
AA13 – 18	50p.
AA19 – 25	25p.
AA26 – 40	10p.

*Note: If athletes have to compete at individual events only there will be no AA ranking taken into consideration, but only ranking per apparatus. The points awarded per apparatus will be 50% of the AA points for the respected spot. For example if an athlete ranks 3 on rope and 8 on Hoop she will receive 200p.(for rope) and 100 points for Hoop for the total of 300p.

B) BONUS POINT SYSTEM FOR THE RANKING LISTS

Canadian Ranking Bonus Points will be added to the higher ranked Canadian athlete at an International Strategic Competition. The size of the bonus points will be 10 points for each athlete ranked below the higher ranked Canadian athlete. To score, the higher ranked Canadian athlete must be placed in the top 25. For example: athlete A has ranked 17, athlete B 23, athlete C 56 and athlete D 61. Athlete A will receive $200 + 10 + 10 + 10 = 230$ points; athlete B: $80 + 10 + 10 = 100$ p.; athlete C: 0 p. because not in top 25 and athlete D: 0 p.

For showing a consistently outstanding results:

30 points for gold AA medal at the **two** National events (Canadian Individual Championships and Elite Canada)

60 points for ranking as the top Canadian athlete & top 25 at the two International Strategic Competitions.

For showing an extraordinary result at the International Strategic Competitions:

Two points will be awarded for each full point spread in the AA results greater than 5 points between the Canadian gymnast considered and the next Canadian ranked one, i.e., gymnast X's AA score is 98.00 p. and gymnast Y's score is 80.00 – for the 18 p. difference the top athlete will receive 26 p. bonus points; difference less than a full point will not be considered, i.e., 97.8 vs. 80.00 – the bonus points will be 24 p. To get these bonus points, the Canadian athletes must be placed in the top 25.

3. Special Cases

A. ABSENCE TO ANY OF THE DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS

1. If a gymnast is unable to attend Elite Canada or the Canadian Individual Championships due to illness or injury, or is forced to withdraw during the competition due to illness or injury, she will receive regular points according to her points from the immediately preceding competition (Canadian Individual Championships or Elite Canada) minus 15% from her AA score and 5% from her Finals score. The injury or illness must be supported by an official medical report/certificate received at the National Office, no later than three working days after the end of the competition
2. An athlete who is assigned by RGC to compete at an international competition at the time of Elite Canada or the Canadian Individual Championships will receive regular points according to her points from the immediately preceding competition (Canadian Individual Championships or Elite Canada)
3. A Senior athlete who is unable to attend a designated international competition due to illness or injury or is forced to withdraw during the competition due to illness or injury will receive regular points according to her points from the immediately preceding international competition minus 15% from her AA score and 5% from her Finals score.
4. A gymnast can use this "special case" points adjustment only once in this selection process.

4. Nomination priorities

Nominations to the AAP will be done in the following priority order* until the 4 Senior cards (SR1, SR2, SR, C1) have been awarded:

- **1st priority:** athlete who met the SR1/SR2 carding criteria;
- **2nd priority:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked athletes on the 2009 Senior Ranking List up to a maximum of 3 athletes – including SR1 and SR2;
- **3rd priority:** 1st ranked athlete, not already nominated for carding under priority 1 or 2, on the 2009 Junior Ranking List;

*Prior to the beginning of the carding cycle, priority order will be applied after the retirements of the gymnasts. After the beginning of the carding cycle, in case of retirement/s and if approved by AAP, the next ranked athletes on the 2009 Senior or Junior Ranking Lists will take the spot/s on the nomination priority list in a manner that ensure there are at all at all times during the carding cycles, 3 athletes from the 2009 Senior Ranking List and 1 athlete from the 2009 Junior Ranking List.

Example: If a carded athlete, who was nominated based on her position on the 2009 Senior Ranking List retired after the AAP review, the next athlete on the 2009 Senior Ranking list, not already carded, will be nominated to replace the carded athlete retiring. If a carded athlete, who was nominated based on her position on the 2009 Junior Ranking List retired after the AAP review, the next athlete on the 2009 Junior Ranking list, not already carded, will be nominated to replace the carded athlete retiring.

Note: In case of a tie at any place, the tie will be broken as follows (in priority order):

- Ø the ranking from Corbeil – Essonnes' Individual All Around Competition will decide the priority;
- Ø the highest obtained score (A(Artistry) + D (Difficulty) + E (Execution) in the Individual All Around Competition from the Corbeil – Essonnes will decide the priority;
- Ø the highest obtained score (A + D + E) in the Individual All Around Competition from either National Competitions (Canadian Individual Championships and Elite Canada) will decide the priority.

5. Decarding

Gymnastics Canada, under the following conditions, may initiate a de-carding process:

1. There is a lack of commitment of the athlete to the National Team Training and Competition Program as indicated by, but not exclusively:

a) absence of the athlete from the National team activities without the submission of verifiable documents with regard to injury and rehabilitation protocols including:

- Required competitions
- Training/ monitoring
- Session activities

b) Lack of availability of the athlete for verification of health and training status by the NC/HPD or failure by the athlete to take part in a test event after two months when pre-arranged with the NC/HPD

- c) Failure by the athlete to follow the mutually agreed upon rehabilitation protocol in case of an injury
 - d) Failure of the athlete to take part in the development of her individual training plan with her coaches and the GCG/ RG Program National Team Advisory Committee.
 - e) Failure by the athlete to meet the expectations set out in her plan or in the Athlete Agreement or, in the case of injury or illness, failure to meet the optimal expectations considering her injury or illness
 - f) Failure of the athlete to meet the terms and regulations as set in the Athlete Agreement
2. The National Team Advisory Chair or her representative will meet with the athlete and her coach to set corrective steps, timelines for completion of those steps and parameters according to which the situation will be evaluated within a set period of time up to six months within the carding cycle
3. The athlete will be de-carded if she has failed to correct the situation as per the steps, timelines and evaluation parameters set in 2.

Appeal

For any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13
http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/pol/athlete05/1_e.cfm.

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