



2020-21 Athlete Assistance Program Qualification Criteria – Golf Canada

Golf Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact the AAP carding criteria for November 1, 2020-October 31, 2021. With the approval of Sport Canada, Golf Canada reserves the right to modify the published AAP criteria based on the best available information. Any modifications will be made promptly and will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

If by August 1st, 2020, the situation is such that a fair and reasonably complete evaluation of the athletes is not possible in advance of November 1, 2020, Golf Canada will develop a new process to be used to determine the nominations of athletes for carding to the AAP and will inform affected individuals.

Purpose:

To identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at the World Amateur Team Championships.

The GOLF CANADA Carding Cycle runs from November 1st to October 31st on a one-year basis. There will be the equivalent of eight (8) senior cards (\$169,440 available to both male and female players each year). Each gender will be allocated the equivalent of four (4) senior cards. These cards will be allocated based on the priority order established below. Please note that Sport Canada may review the card quotas for all sports and that this exercise may affect the number of cards available to Golf Canada.

Should AAP resources (\$84,720) allocated to a specific gender not be fully allocated following the application of the carding criteria for all National Amateur Squad members of that gender, the remaining cards from that gender will be allocated to National Amateur Squad members of the other gender, prior to the consideration of any National Junior Squad members.

Pre-requisite:

In order to be considered for nomination, an athlete must be selected to the GOLF CANADA National Amateur or National Junior Squads (both genders).

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The Athlete Assistance Program eligibility criteria are as follows:



Senior International Criteria (SR1/SR2)

Top 8 and top 1/2 of the field at the World Amateur Team Championships. Athletes who meet the Senior International criteria are eligible to be nominated by GOLF CANADA for two consecutive years provided they remain members of the National Amateur Squad, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete being re-nominated by GOLF CANADA and a training and competitive program approved by GOLF CANADA and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO Agreement and complete an AAP Application Form for the year in question.

SENIOR OR DEVELOPMENT CARDS

Senior Criteria (SR/C1)

Athletes will be nominated based on the National Amateur Squad Selection Criteria in order of selection (See National Amateur Squad Selection Criteria – <http://golfcanada.ca/team-canada/>).

Centralized Development Criteria (D1)

Athletes will be nominated based on the National Junior Squad in order of selection and **must** submit a written commitment to participate in the Centralized Program at Golf Canada's National Training Centre.

(See National Junior Squad Selection Criteria – <http://golfcanada.ca/team-canada/>). A maximum of five (5) D1 months (Feb – Jun) per athlete will be awarded based on the months that the athlete is in a centralized training environment.

Development Criteria (D2)

Athletes will be nominated based on the National Junior Squad selection in order of selection (See National Junior Squad Selection Criteria – <http://golfcanada.ca/team-canada/>).

Injury Considerations:

Athletes carded the previous year at SR2 level who are injured and fail to meet the criteria for re-nomination may be considered for carding, based on the priority order for injured athletes, as outlined in this document and provided the following conditions are met:



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 GOLF CANADA, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
2. GOLF CANADA, based on its technical judgment and that of a GOLF CANADA approved physician or equivalent, indicates in writing the expectation that the athlete will achieve at the least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period.
3. The athlete 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.

Priority Order of Nominations per gender:

1. Athletes who meet the Senior International Criteria (SR1/ SR2)
2. Athletes carded the previous year at the SR2 level who meet the Injury Considerations
3. Remaining members of National Amateur Squad in order of selection. Should AAP resources (\$84,720 per gender) allocated to a specific gender not be fully allocated following the application of the carding criteria for all National Amateur Squad members of that gender, if necessary, the remaining quota from that gender will be allocated to National Amateur Squad members of the other gender, prior to the consideration of Development cards for any National Junior Squad members.
4. Once all the athletes eligible for SR1/SR2, SR and C1 cards have been nominated:
 - 4.1 Athletes selected to the GOLF CANADA National Junior Squad(s) who agree in writing to participate in the Centralized Training Program at Golf Canada's National Training Centre will be nominated for D1 level AAP funding. D1 level support will be for 5 months (Feb – June) which is the duration an athlete will spend at Golf Canada's National Training Centre.
 - 4.2 National Junior Squad athletes will be nominated for D2 level AAP funding by priority of nomination (or order in which they were selected to the National Junior Squad). National Junior Squad athletes may be eligible to receive both D1 and D2 level AAP funding.



4.2 If a portion of the quota from one gender had to be transferred to the other gender the remaining AAP resources will be allocated on an equitable basis to players of both genders, named to the GOLF CANADA National Junior Squad in the order of selection.

4.3 If no transfer was done between genders for the allocation of senior cards, the remaining quota amount will be applied to the athletes eligible for D card nominations of each gender until the \$84,720 per gender is used. A minimum of 4 months of AAP resources must be available for a D1 and/or D2 level athlete to receive any AAP support.

5. After the nomination of D cards is completed:

5.1 If there is funding remaining from one gender, it will first be allocated to an athlete nominated that is eligible for additional months of carding support.

5.2 If after the application of 5.1 there is still at least four (4) months of funding remaining between both genders it may be used to nominate an additional eligible athlete. To do so the next eligible athlete between men and women must be identified. This athlete will be identified using the respective National Junior Order of Merit rankings as of August 31st, 2019. In the event of a tie, the R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking as of August 31st, 2019 will be used to break the tie.

Athletes on Athletic Scholarships:

Athletes who are receiving an athletic scholarship in any sport and are attending any foreign post-secondary educational institution or NCAA / NAIA institution based in Canada are not eligible to receive AAP support in the months in which they are attending the institution. These athletes may be nominated by GOLF CANADA for AAP support during the months they are involved in National Squad training and competition activities in Canada and are not attending the institutions noted above.

Maximum Number of Years for carding:

A golfer is eligible for six (6) years total at the Senior Card level (including C1). If the golfer does not advance to the Senior International level after this period, he/she will undergo a stringent review. To be carded at Senior Card level for a seventh



(7th) year and beyond, GOLF CANADA must be satisfied that the golfer's performances are progressing and that he/she still has the potential to advance to the Senior International level.