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CYCLING CARDING CRITERIA FOR ROAD NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 CARDING CYCLE

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Note: In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence.

Note: From this point forward disciplines will be considered as cycling sports (ex. Track) and disciplines are considered as being events in a cycling sport. (Example: Track is cycling SPORT in which there are sport disciplines like the Team pursuit)

1. Introduction

The goal of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is to contribute to improved Canadian performances at major international sporting competitions such as the Olympic/Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games and World Championships. To this end, the AAP identifies and supports athletes already at or having the potential to be in the top 16 in the world.

The AAP has three specific objectives:

- to identify and support Canadian athletes performing at or having the greatest potential to achieve top 16 results at Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships;
- to help Canada's international-caliber athletes excel at the highest level of competition while assisting them to prepare for a future career or engage in full- or part-time career activities; and
- to allow athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their high performance athletic goals.

Athletes approved by Sport Canada for the AAP are eligible for a living and training allowance, tuition support (in a Sport Canada approved University or College program), deferred tuition support, and special needs assistance. Athletes funded by AAP receive a monthly financial stipend as follows:

- Senior International Card (SR1/SR2) \$1500/month
- Senior National Card (SR) \$1500/month
- Senior Probationary Card (C1) \$900/month
- Development Card (D) \$900/month

Further information on the AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada web site
<http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/ath/index-eng.cfm>

2. Eligibility

In order to be considered for nomination for AAP support, an athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The athlete must compete in Olympic events
- Results posted in Olympic events, between December 1st 2012 and November 30th, 2013 will be considered.
- The athlete must have competed at the 2013 National Championships, unless a written exemption has been granted by the Cycling Canada (CC).
- The athlete must complete the CC application form (see CC website) and return it to CC on or before October 31st, 2013.
- The athlete must be a licensed member of CC and be a member in good standing with their Provincial Association.
- The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.
- The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete shall have been a legal resident in Canada (student status, refugee status, work visa or permanent resident) for a minimum period of one year before being considered for AAP support. The athlete would normally be expected to have participated in CC's-sanctioned programs during that time period.
- The athlete, under the eligibility requirements of UCI, as it pertains to citizenship or residency status, must currently be eligible to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships.
- Athletes must have accepted participation to either world championships and/or Paralympic or Olympic Games if selected by Cycling Canada*

Sport Canada recommends that an athlete with annual income after sport expenses of \$50,000 or more, decline AAP financial support. Funds declined in this way are reallocated to other athletes in the same sport whose income is below the voluntary income guideline.

* Exceptions can be considered by the HPD and HPC if an athlete presents valid reasoning like financial, medical, etc.

3. Non Eligibility

Is not eligible for Sport Canada's AAP funding support any road elite or 23 men athlete having signed a contract for the 2013 season road season with either a UCI sanctioned Pro-Continental or World Tour team.

4. Application Process

Cycling Canada (CC) makes every effort to keep track of and recognize athletes' results that may qualify them for carding. However, given that a large proportion of results which may be achieved at events outside of the National Team program, it is impossible for the CC to be aware of all relevant performances. Therefore; it is the responsibility of each athlete to ensure that CC is aware that they are eligible for carding support. Athletes who have met the criteria outlined in this document must apply to the CC no later than October 31st, 2013 in order to be considered for AAP support in the 2014 cycle. Applications must be in by October 31st, 2013 but results can be compiled up until November 30th, 2013. Athletes shall complete the application form posted on CC website and return it to CC on or before the deadline. The athlete's coach responsible for overseeing their training program must be identified on this form and must also sign it. A detailed 2014 Training and Competition Plan must accompany the application form. Failure of submitting any aforementioned details may result in a suspension of funding until the necessary information is submitted.

In the case of Track cycling CC will actively monitor the results of those athletes that are competing in events during the month of November 2013 that may make them eligible for carding support, but it is still the responsibility of the athlete to contact CC immediately if they feel they have met the carding criteria during this period.

5. Decision-making Process

The High Performance Director/Head Coach (HPD) in consultation with the Cycling Sport specific National Coach evaluates all athletes who have submitted a complete application for AAP support, and based on Cycling Carding Criteria, recommends a prioritized list of athletes that are to be nominated for carding support. The prioritized list is submitted to the High Performance Committee (HPC) or sport specific Selection Advisory Group* for approval.

This prioritized list will be posted on the Cycling Canada website and all the athletes who submitted an application form will be notified via email of the provisional status accorded to them by the HPD. Athletes will have a review period of seven (7) days, following the notification by e-mail, to appeal the decision not to nominate them for carding. Any appeal launched by an athlete will be expedited in accordance with CC Appeals Policy.

Following the review period, the names of the athletes who are eligible to be nominated for carding support will be submitted to Sport Canada for final approval.

Sport Canada reviews all nominations put forward by CC and approves nomination in accordance with Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) policies. Athletes whose nominations are approved by Sport Canada must sign the 2014 CC Carded Athlete Agreement and complete the AAP Application Form before they can begin receiving carding support.

* The sport specific selection advisory group is a group of people chosen by the High Performance Committee who are experts in a specific cycling sport who assist the HPC and national sport Coach with High Performance decisions.

6. Description of carding levels

Senior International (SR1/SR2)

Sport Canada sets the criteria for SR1/SR2 cards. They are based on results at the Olympic Games in Games years and World Championships in "Non-Games" years. Athletes who meet the SR1/SR2 criteria are eligible to be nominated for carding for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the second year referred to as SR2. If after meeting the SR International criteria an athlete meets the SR international criteria the subsequent year, that athlete may be eligible for another 1st year (SR1). Athletes must meet the maintenance criteria established by CC to be eligible for nomination for a SR2 card.

Note: In cases where the Olympic/Paralympic or World Championship field is restricted by the sport's International Federation (IF), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as a result of qualification processes or other types of entry restrictions, the number of entries and countries in the qualification process will be taken in consideration.

Senior National (SR/C1)

National criteria for Senior cards has been designed to identify the athletes with the potential to be among the top-16 in the world, within five years. This carding level can be achieved through performances at the World Championships or through sport specific criteria. CC identifies three levels of Senior National carding criteria – Automatic, Specific & Discretionary.

Development (D)

Development cards are intended to support the development needs of young senior/elite or Junior athletes who clearly demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior International card criteria.

In Women's Road, the Development cards are available to athletes in the Post Junior Transition age category (as defined below) and in the UCI Junior age category. In Men's Road, the Development cards are available to athletes in the UCI U23 & Junior age categories.

In Road CC identifies three levels of Development carding criteria – International, Automatic & Specific

Athletes previously carded at SR1/SR2 level are not eligible for Development cards

7. Post Junior Transition Category

The Post Junior Transition Category defines those athletes that have moved from Junior to Senior/Elite category in a cycling sport that does not have a U23 or Espoir category and is equivalent to the U23 age category as defined by UCI in the other cycling sports.

8. Maximum number of years at the Senior National card level

Once an athlete reaches the Elite age, as per UCI regulations, an athlete is expected to achieve progress in their results in order to maintain Senior National carding status. Normally, five (5) years is the maximum that an athlete will be carded at the Senior level (SR & C1) based on national criteria (excluding Injury card). After such time, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive thoroughly documented review of the athlete's performance over the past five years in order to demonstrate progress toward performance equivalent to top 16 and top half at the World Championships or Olympic Games, which then warrants nomination of "Senior National" card status for an additional year. This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the athlete is nominated at this level.

9. Maximum number of years at the Development carding level

In Road, athletes in the Post Junior Transition or U23 age categories are eligible for carding support at the D level only 4 years into the Elite age category. An athlete may be carded at the D level for a maximum of seven (7) years including the years carded under the Junior and the Post Junior Transition age criteria but excluding any years that they were carded under Injury card provision.

10. Athletes meeting criteria in more than one cycling sport

In the case where one athlete has met carding criteria in more than one cycling sport; the sport by which that athlete has obtained a higher carding level (International, Automatic or Specific) in will prevail. In the case where the carding levels are the same, then the HPD along with the High Performance Committee will establish from what sport that particular athlete's card should come from.

11. Athletes that qualify for Development card and Senior card

Athletes who qualify for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card have the choice of accepting either of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, the athlete in question would not be eligible for any subsequent year(s) of that 3-year International Development card.

Athletes who qualify for the Automatic or Specific Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card have the choice of accepting either of these.

10. Number of cards available and distribution

The maximum number of cards available to CC is the equivalent of 38 Senior cards*. Sport Canada is currently reviewing all sports carding allocations; therefore, the number of cards allocated for CC is subject to change by Sport Canada.

Senior cards may be converted to Development cards at the discretion of Cycling Canada as long as the final amount is within the carding quota. Therefore, due to the limited amount of cards available, meeting carding criteria does NOT automatically qualify an athlete for a card.

A maximum of 20 Senior cards may be allocated to athletes eligible for SR1, SR2, SR, C1 and Injury cards. The remaining 18 Senior cards will be allocated at the Development level, for a total of 30 Development cards (D). In the case where Sport Canada reduces the carding allocations, a minimum of 50% of the cards shall remain SR's.

*As Sport Canada is in a review process the amount of cards may differ from what is mentioned in this document. If the amount of cards were to differ from those amount mentioned in this document the HPC would take measures to re-distribute new allotted number of cards.

The cards will be distributed as follows to each cycling sport:

Cycling Sport	Objective Cards		Discretionary Cards	TOTALS
	Number of Senior cards available per sport.	Number of Development cards available per sport.	Number of discretionary cards	
BMX	2	2, plus BMX Objective SR not used	1SR + 2D	3 SR + 4 D
MTB-XC	3	5, plus MTB-XC Objective SR not used	3SR + 3D	6 SR + 8 D
Road	3	5, plus Road Objective SR not used	2SR + 3D	5 SR + 8 D
Track	4	7, plus Track Objective SR not used	2SR + 3D	6 SR + 10 D

NOTE: It is to be noted that the distribution of SR and D cards within each cycling sport may vary depending on where the carding cycle lies in an Olympic quadrennial. For the sake of increasing our development pool it has been decided that in some cycling sports more Development cards are available early on in an Olympic quadrennial and as the carding cycles progress towards the end of a quadrennial the emphasis will be put on increasing the number of SR cards and decreasing the number of D cards.

13. Prioritization - ROAD

Objective cards will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority.

Within each cycling sport, Objective cards will be allocated before the Discretionary cards.

N.B.: This priority order of nominations does not apply to Discretionary cards – please see the section on Discretionary card criteria for more information at page 15 of this document.

	SR CARD (Total of 6)	D CARD (Total of 5)
1	Athletes who meet the SR1 criteria	Athletes meeting the D international criteria in U23/Transitional category
2	Athletes who meet the SR2 criteria	Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D international U23/Transitional the preceding year
3	Athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR1 the preceding year	Athletes meeting the D international criteria in Junior category
4	Athletes meeting the SR automatic criteria	Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D international junior the preceding year
5	Athletes meeting the SR specific criteria	Athlete meeting the D automatic criteria in U23/Transitional category
6	Athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR2 or SR automatic the preceding year	Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D automatic U23/Transitional the preceding year
7	Athletes who meet injury card criteria and were SR specific this preceding year	Athlete meeting the D automatic criteria in Junior category
8		Athletes who meet the injury card criteria and who were D automatic junior the preceding year
9		Athletes meeting the D specific criteria in U23/Transitional category
10		Athletes meeting the D specific criteria in Junior category

Within Road, athletes who are eligible for the same level of card will be prioritized as follows (except for Discretionary cards):

- 1) Highest finish at a 2013 Elite World Championship event in an Olympic program event
- 2) Highest finish at a 2013 U23 World Championship event in an Olympic program event or highest Post Junior Transitional finish in the women's Elite World Championship
- 3) Highest finish at a 2013 Junior World Championship event in an Olympic program event
- 4) Highest individual UCI rank released immediately following the conclusion of the cycling sports 2013 World Championship. In Road, because of the differences in the level of competition between World Ranking and Continental Tour events, the value of the ranking in different Continental Tour events will be as follows:
 - a. UCI World Tour ranking (men) and UCI ranking (women) = 100% Europe tour ranking = 50% of world tour ranking
 - b. America tour ranking = 45% of world tour ranking
 - c. Other continental ranking = 40% of world to ranking
- 5) Example: 100 UCI Europe Tour points = 50 UCI World Tour points Highest finish at the 2013 Elite National Championship in an Olympic program event

- 6) Highest finish at the 2013 U23 National Championship event in an Olympic program event or highest finish at women's elite national championship as a post junior transitional.
- 7) Highest finish at the 2013 Junior National Championship event in an Olympic program event

If after all of the above, there still remains a tie, the expert judgment of the HPD will be used to prioritize among the tied athletes taking into account the factors listed in the Discretionary carding criteria section.

If after the allocation the Senior and Development cards in a cycling sport some cards have not been used, any remaining cards may be re-allocated to another cycling sport as additional Discretionary cards.

The distribution of these non-used cards will be made by the HPD and the High Performance Committee based on their expert judgement. The HPD and High Performance Committee will take in consideration the following elements:

- a detailed review of each cycling sport results at the:
 - o 2013 World Championships in an Olympic program event,
 - o 2013 National Championships in an Olympic program event and
 - o 2013 UCI Individual Rankings.
- the number of competitive athletes per cycling sport in the Canadian system;
- the number of cards already allocated to each cycling sport;
- the ranking of the athlete in his/her cycling sport;
- Quadrennial plan strategic objectives

In addition, a card can only "shift" status (From D to SR or vice-versa) when and if no other athlete from any other cycling sport has met that card's original status criteria. If the aforementioned proves to be the case, a card's status can be "shifted" and the priority will be given to the cycling sport that was originally in possession of that card.

14. ROAD – ELITE WOMEN – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

At the 2013 World Championships, athletes finishing the women's road race in the top-8 and top 1/2 of the field or the women's individual time trial in the top-8 and top 1/2 of the field will be eligible to be nominated for a Senior International (SR1) card. This card has a two-year duration. The first year will be classified as SR1 and the second year as SR2. Athletes with a status of SR1 must meet one of the automatic criteria listed in section two or meet one of the specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in year 2 (SR2).

2) AUTOMATIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an Automatic Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2013 Road World Championships, finish the elite women's road race among the top-16 or the elite women's individual time trial among the top-14 and top 1/2 of the field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-8 in the women's road race in the elite women's individual road race at the 2013 World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach.
- Finish among the top-5 in the finish classification of a World Cup event
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top- 3 in a National team project World Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top 3 of a 1.1 or 2.1 UCI sanctioned event
- Win either a 1.2 or 2.2 UCI sanctioned event

3) SPECIFIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a Specific Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish among the top 10 of a UCI World Cup event
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top- 8 in a National team project World Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top 6 of 1.1 or 2.1 UCI sanctioned event
- Finish top 3 of a 1.2 or 2.2 UCI sanctioned event
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published Cycling Canada World Championships selection criteria and win the elite women's individual time trial event at the 2013 Road National Championships (Women's U23 category included, if applicable).
- Qualify for a Road spot at worlds based on the published CCC World Championships selection criteria and win the elite women's road race event at the 2013 Road National Championships (Women's U23 category included, if applicable).

- Have at least 25 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30th 2013.

15. ROAD – ELITE MEN – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

1. INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CARD CRITERIA (SR1/SR2)

At the 2013 World Championships athletes finishing the men's road race in the top-8 and top ½ of the field or the men's individual time trial in the top-8 and top ½ of the field will be eligible to be nominated for a Senior International card. This card has a two-year duration. The first year will be classified as (SR1 and the second year as SR2. Athletes with a status of SR1 must meet one of the automatic criteria listed in section two or meet one of the specific criteria listed in section three in order to be eligible for their carded status in year 2 (SR2).

2. AUTOMATIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2013 World Championships, finish the elite men's road race among the top-20 or the elite men's individual time trial among the top-15 and top ½ of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-20 in the men's road race at the elite men's individual road race at the 2013 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top-3 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental calendar
- Finish among the top-16 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on the UCI World Tour calendar or on the Historical Calendar
- Finish two times among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar (excluding any events specifically reserved for U23 riders only)
- Finish two times among the top-16 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on the UCI World Tour calendar, European Tour UCI Hors Category (HC), or on the Historical Calendar
- Score 120 UCI America Tour points by November 30th, 2013
- Score 60 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30th, 2013

3. SPECIFIC SENIOR NATIONAL CARD CRITERIA (SR/C1)

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Senior card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish two times among the top-5 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar (excluding any events specifically reserved for U23 riders only)
- Finish among the Top 30 in the final classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI World Tour calendar or on the Historical Calendar

- Finish among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar (excluding any events specifically reserved for U23 riders only)
- Finish among the top-25 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on the UCI World Tour calendar or on the Historical Calendar
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published Cycling Canada world championships selection criteria and medal in the elite men's individual time trial event at the 2013 Road National Championships.
- Qualify for a Road spot at worlds based on the published CC World Championships selection criteria and win the elite men's road race event at the 2013 Road National Championships.
- Score 70 UCI Continental Tour points by November 30th, 2013
- Score 40 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30th, 2013

16. ROAD – POST JUNIOR TRANSITION WOMEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an international Development card, which will have a three (3)-year duration:

- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-15 in the women's road race in the elite women's individual road race at the 2013 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach.
- Finish among the top 10 of a UCI World Cup sanctioned event
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-10 in a National team project World Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top 3 of a 1.1 or 2.1 UCI sanctioned event
- Finish Top 3 in a 1.2 or 2.2 UCI sanctioned event
- Have at least 30 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30th 2013

2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish among the top 15 of a UCI World Cup sanctioned event
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-12 in a National team project World Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top 8 of 1.1 or 2.1 UCI sanctioned event

- Finish among the top 5 of a 1.2 or 2.2 UCI sanctioned event
- Have at least 25 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30th 2013

3) **SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Finish among the top 18 of a UCI World Cup sanctioned event
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top- 15 in a National team project World Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach
- Finish among the top 10 of a 1.1 or 2.1 UCI sanctioned event
- Finish among the top 8 of a 1.2 or 2.2 UCI sanctioned event
- Have at least 20 UCI points at the UCI Individual Classification that is released immediately after November 30th 2013
- Finish with a top 3 best time in the elite women's individual time trial event at the 2013 Road National Championships
- Medal in the elite women's road race event at the 2013 Road National Championships

17. ROAD – U23 MEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):**

At the 2013 Road World Championships, athletes finishing the U23 men's individual road race among the top 10 or individual time trial among the top-6 will be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card will have a three (3)-year duration. The first year will be classified as D1, the second year as D2 and the third year as D3. In order to be eligible for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with Cycling Canada's National cycling sport coach.

N.B.: Athletes who qualified for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card (SR/C1) have the choice of accepting either of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

2) **AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2013 Road World Championships, finish the U23 men's individual road race among the top-16 or the U23 men's individual time trial among the top-12
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-8 in the U23 men's individual road race at the 2013 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Coach. In a U23 specific event, finish among the top-3 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general

classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar

- In a Nations Cup event finish among the top 3 in the final classification of any one-day or individual general classification.
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top- 3 in a National team project Nations Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach
- In a non U23 specific event, finish among the top 6 in the final classification of any one-day race or individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour Calendar
- Score 80 UCI America Tour points by November 30th, 2013
- Score 40 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30th, 2013
- In a non U23 specific event, finish two times among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar

3) **SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:**

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a Specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- In a U23 specific event, finish two times among the top-8 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-10 in the U23 men's individual road race at the 2013 Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Coach In a U23 specific event, finish among the top-3 in the finish classification of any one-day race or in the individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar
- In a Nations Cup event finish among the top 5 in the final classification of any one-day or individual general classification.
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top- 5 in a National team project Nations Cup event subject to the recommendation of the National Coach or project director assigned to the World Cup in question and with the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Cycling Team coach.
- In a U23 specific event, finish two times among the top-6 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour calendar
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published Cycling Canada world championships selection criteria and win the U23 men's individual time trial event at the 2013 Road National Championships.
- Qualify for a road spot at worlds based on the published CCA world championships selection criteria and win the U23 men's road race event at the 2013 Road National Championships.
- Score 60 UCI America Tour points (excluding Europe Tour) by November 30th, 2013
- Score 20 UCI Europe Tour points by November 30th, 2013
- In a non U23 specific event, finish among the top 8 in the final classification of any one-day race or individual general classification by time of any stage race listed on any UCI Continental Tour Calendar
- In a non U23 specific event, finish among the top-3 in a road race stage of any stage race listed on any UCI

18. ROAD – JUNIOR WOMEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):

At the 2013 Junior Road World Championships, athletes finishing the junior women's individual road race among the top 6 and top ½ of field or individual time trial among the top-4 and top 1/2 of field will be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card will have a three (3) -year duration. The first year will be classified as D1, the second year as D2 and the third year as D3. In order to be eligible for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with CC National cycling coach.

N.B.: Athletes who qualified for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card (SR/C1) have the choice of accepting either of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2013 Junior Road World Championships, finish the Junior women's individual road race among the top-10 and top ½ of field or the Junior women's individual time trial among the top-8 and top ½ of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top-6 in the junior women's individual road race at the 2013 Junior Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Coach

3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration.

- Meeting the 2013 Junior Road World Championships individual road race minimum performance standards as outlined in the 2013 Junior Road World Championships selection criteria available on the Cycling Canada website and win the junior women's individual road race at the 2013 Road National Championships or win a road stage (Criteria are not considered) at a UCI sanctioned event.
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published CC world championships selection criteria and win the junior women's individual time trial at the 2013 Road National Championships or win a time trial stage* at a UCI sanctioned event.

* Stage race "prologues" are not considered unless they are more than 3km in length

19. ROAD – JUNIOR MEN – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA (D)

1) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA (D1):

At the 2013 Junior Road World Championships, athletes finishing the junior men's individual road race among the

top 6 and top ½ of field or individual time trial among the top-6 and top ½ of field will be eligible to be nominated for a Development (D1) card. This card will have a three (3) -year duration. The first year will be classified as D1, the second year as D2 and the third year as D3. In order to be eligible for D2 or D3 carded status, an athlete must commit to following the national team program and work in consultation with Cycling Canada's National cycling coach.

N.B.: Athletes who qualified for the 3-year International Development card and who also qualify for a Senior card (SR/C1) have the choice of accepting either of these. However, if an athlete does decide to choose a Senior card over completing the 3 year International D card, that athlete may not revert back to a D card any subsequent year.

2) AUTOMATIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for an Automatic Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- At the 2013 Junior Road World Championships, finish the junior men's individual road race among the top-16 and top ½ of field or the junior men's individual time trial among the top-12 and top ½ of field
- Positive contribution towards at least one teammate placing top- 10 in the junior men's individual road race at the 2013 Junior Road World Championships subject to the recommendation of the National Coach assigned to the World Championships and the approval of the High Performance Director. Athletes meeting this criterion will be ranked according to an evaluation of their contribution to the final performance based on the expert judgment of the High Performance Director and the National Road Coach

3) SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CARD CRITERIA:

Athletes meeting one of the following criteria will be eligible to be nominated for a Specific Development card, which will have a one-year duration:

- Meeting the 2013 Junior Road World Championships individual road race minimum performance standards as outlined in the 2013 Junior Road World Championships selection criteria available on the CCA website and win the junior men's individual road race at the 2013 Road National Championships or win a road stage (Criteriums are not considered) at a UCI sanctioned event.
- Qualify for a time trial spot at worlds based on the published Cycling Canada world championships selection criteria and win the junior men's individual time trial at the 2013 Road National Championships or win a time trial stage* at a UCI sanctioned event.

* Stage race "prologues" are not considered unless they are more than 3km in length

20. INJURY CARD CRITERIA

Injury cards may be available to athletes carded the previous year who have failed to meet renewal criteria strictly due to health-related reasons. At the end of a carding cycle during which a carded 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-nomination for the upcoming carding period under the following conditions:

- 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 Cycling Canada for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- Cycling Canada, based on its technical judgement and that of a team physician or approved equivalent, indicates in writing, to Sport Canada, the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period.
- 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.

Athletes should familiarize themselves with the policy explained in Section 9.2 of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures. This document can be found online at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/110-eng.cfm>

All written materials pertaining to any injury must be submitted to the CC no later than October 31st, 2013.

Athletes eligible under the Injury card criteria, except for athletes who meet injury card criteria and who were SR1 the preceding year, will be prioritized as in the Discretionary card criteria as outlined below.

21. DISCRETIONARY CARD CRITERIA

Athletes that meet one of the carding criteria (International, Automatic or Specific) but because of their ranking were not selected may be nominated for a Discretionary card if based on the expert judgement of the HPD and the Sport's National Coach the athlete has the potential to achieve top 16 international performances or assist teammates to achieve World Championships and/or Major Games podium. Prioritization will be given to athletes meeting International criteria over Automatic while Automatic will have priority over Specific. The two experts will rank the eligible athletes, using a rubric, based on the evaluation of the following discretionary criteria.

		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
A	Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12 month period prior to the selection to pool or team in international competition		Rider has not demonstrated significant improvement in individual performances during the last 12 months.	Rider has demonstrated results that show improvement and progression toward the podium in .2 or Pan am championship events. <i>i.e. Top quarter of the field</i>	Rider has achieved podium results in .2 or pan am championship events	Rider has demonstrated results that show improvement and progression toward the podium in international events. <i>i.e. Top quarter of the field or better at a World Cup</i>	Rider has achieved podium results in international competition. <i>ie. achieved a top 10 performance at a major international event.</i>
		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
B	The rider's UCI individual classification for specific Events for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);		Rider is among the top 100 riders in the Road UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 80 riders in the Road UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 60 riders in the Road UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 40 riders in the Road UCI Individual Classification.	Rider is among the top 20 riders in the Road UCI Individual Classification.
		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
C	The riders potential to contribute to Olympic qualifying spots leading into the 2016 Olympic Games		Rider has not demonstrated significant potential	Rider has demonstrated limited potential	Rider has demonstrated an adequate amount of potential	Rider has demonstrated ample potential	Rider definitely has the potential

		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
D	The rider's ability to work in a team structure in the team-based events including working as part of a team and contributing towards a team result;		Rider needs to improve their ability to work well within a team structure. Rider tends to put individual success ahead of the team's overall success.	Rider sometimes has trouble fully supporting team structure or committing to a team result. Rider sometimes prefers to put his/her own interests ahead of the team's.	Rider is supportive of the team structure and improving their ability to work toward a team result. Rider is learning how to support the team more effectively in team based events and/or competitions where team success is prioritized.	Rider contributes significantly toward achieving success for the team. Helps to maintain a positive atmosphere within the team. Willing to put team goals ahead of individual goals.	Rider is a highly effective team rider. Demonstrates positive leadership qualities. Works extremely well with others toward achieving success. Works hard to implement race plan or lead adaptation of plan in changing race circumstances.
		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
E	The rider's technical ability including their racing approach (aggressive vs. passive), bicycle handling skills, racing skills and tactics;		Rider's overall technical ability requires significant improvement.	Rider's overall technical ability is below average.	Rider's overall technical ability is average.	Rider's overall technical ability is above average.	Rider's overall technical ability is excellent.
		N/A	1 pts	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
F	The rider's tactical ability. The ability to read and react to the race; including being able to influence the outcome of a race to favor the team's performances		Rider's overall tactical ability requires significant improvement.	Rider's overall tactical ability is below average.	Rider's overall tactical ability is average.	Rider's overall tactical ability is above average.	Rider's overall tactical ability is excellent.

		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
G	Consideration of the performance of any rider who has been involved in an intense training or competition program;		The riders training and racing schedule are unknown. Rider has not proactively communicated with National Team Coach about their plans.	Parts of the rider's proposed training and racing schedule are known. Some effort has been made to consult with the National Team coach. More pro-active effort is required on the part of the athlete to insure that training and racing plans are discussed.	The rider's proposed training and racing schedule are known. The training and racing schedule has been communicated to the National Team coach. The program has been designed to support the athlete's ambition to become part of the National Team.	The rider's proposed training and racing schedule are known. The training and racing schedule has been communicated to the National Team Coach. The program is designed to help the athlete improve to the international performance level	The riders training and racing schedule are known. The training and racing schedule has been communicated to the National Team Coach. The program has been designed to support the goals of the National Team. International success is a priority.
		N/A	2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
H	The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (project competition and training camp);		Unacceptable. Contributes negatively to the team atmosphere.	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
I	The rider's demonstrated understanding and respect for the position on a Canadian Team;		Unacceptable	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
J	The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;		Unacceptable	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
K	The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results; and		Unacceptable	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent

		N/A	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
L	The rider's proven ability to be reliable.		Unacceptable	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent

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