



CARDED ATHLETE PROGRAM

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1 – INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to present the policies and procedures for Wrestling Canada Lutte's (WCL) Athlete Assistance Program (AAP); a program funded by Sport Canada. The target audiences for this document are the athletes, coaches and sport administrators who currently access or wish to access the program.

Sport Canada policies, including the Athlete Assistance Program, are designed to support amateur high performance pathway athletes that demonstrate the potential to progress to the Top 8 in the World. The purpose of the AAP is to improve Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Olympic and the World Championships. The program seeks to do so by relieving some of the financial pressures associated with preparing for and participating in international sport.

International podium performances at the Senior World Championships or Olympic Games, top 8, and top ½ of competing entries provide the framework for our performance standards.

Sport Canada AAP will only fund athletes who are competing in WCL approved events in preparation for the 2024 Olympic program events. Athletes who wish to be nominated for a Senior or the Post-Junior Development card must accumulate nomination criteria as specified in this document.

Men's Freestyle (FS):	57, 65, 74, 86, 97, 125 kg
Women (WW):	50, 53, 57, 62, 68, 76 kg
Greco-Roman (GR):	59, 66, 75, 85, 98, 130 kg

Athletes who wish to be nominated for a Junior Development card will be able to accumulate nomination criteria in the six (6) junior weight classes (nomination criteria are weight class specific):

Men's Freestyle (FS):	57, 65, 74, 86, 97, 125 kg
Women (WW):	50, 53, 57, 62, 68, 76 kg

Please refer to Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Policies Document (2020), which can be found on the Sport Canada [website](#).

WCL is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and its impact on athletes' ability to consistently prepare for, participate in and perform on an international level. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, WCL will respect this published Carded Athlete Program (2022) as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Carded Athlete Program (2022) to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Carded Athlete Program (2022). In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Carded Athlete Program (2022) to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-

making authority, as stated in this Carded Athlete Program (2022), in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and nomination philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, WCL will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

1.1 – OVERVIEW OF THE CARDING SYSTEM

The Sport Canada AAP funds Athletes at two levels:

A. SENIOR CARDS:

- **Senior International Cards (SR1/2)** (\$1,765.00/month). Criteria as determined by Sport Canada.
 - An athlete who achieves a Top 8 AND Top Half Performance in an Olympic Event at a Senior World Championship or Olympic Games;
- **Senior National Cards (SR)** (\$1,765.00/month). Criteria as determined by WCL.
 - First year Senior National Card (C1) (\$1,060.00/month)

B. DEVELOPMENT CARDS:

- **Development Cards (D):** (\$1,060.00/month)

An athlete who has qualified for a development card as well as qualified for a senior card has the choice to accept either the development card or the senior card.

2 – CARDING ALLOCATIONS

Sport Canada has awarded the equivalent of 16 Senior Women’s Cards (\$338,880) and 9 Senior Men’s Cards (\$190,620) for AAP funding to WCL for the 2022 Carding Cycle (December 2021 to November 2022). Sport Canada will review the card quota for all sports after the 2022 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics. Any revisions to the carding quota will be applied to the 2023 Carding Cycle.

In the event that WCL’s carding quota changes, WCL may have to modify the allocation of cards based on the principles noted above. Any modifications approved by Sport Canada will be communicated to athletes and coaches in a timely manner.

The funding will be allocated by WCL as follows:

SENIOR CARDS:

Men	8 athletes
Women	14 athletes

DEVELOPMENT CARDS (minimum):

Men	1 athletes
Women	3 athletes

3 – DECISION AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD), or their designate, is responsible for the development and implementation of a carding program that falls within Sport Canada AAP guidelines and parameters. The High Performance Coordinator will assist the HPD in ensuring that the process outlined in this document

is properly followed. The High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC) will provide oversight in the development and implementation of the Carded Athlete Program.

WCL does not grant AAP Cards to Athletes. Athletes eligible for a Sport Canada AAP Card are nominated by WCL to Sport Canada based on the criteria outlined in this document and AAP policies. All nominations are then reviewed and approved independently by Sport Canada.

The WCL AAP program will be overseen by the High Performance Director (HPD), or their designate, and managed by the High Performance Coordinator.

4 - ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Carding nomination, an Athlete must meet all the following requirements:

- a) Must be a current registered member of, and in good standing with the WCL¹;
- b) Must have participated in the applicable competitions required for carding purposes unless a request for an exemption due to injury, medical condition, or illness is approved, in advance, by the High Performance Director, or their designate (Section 12);
- c) Must possess Canadian citizenship by December 1, 2021; the beginning of the carding cycle;
- d) Must satisfactorily demonstrate that he/she will be eligible to compete for Canada in United World Wrestling (UWW) competitions and the Olympic Games;
- e) Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense;
- f) Must sign and comply with the Athlete Agreement as required by WCL and/or Sport Canada;
- g) Must otherwise comply with all eligibility requirements set out by Sport Canada in its publication "[Policies and Procedures – Athlete Assistance Program](#)"
- h) Must have met the Specific Criteria set out in Section 4, 8, 9 (where relevant), 11 (Progression Criteria) and 12 (Injury Provision);
- i) Athletes who are full-time permanent residents outside Canada for more than two successive years and are competing within the Canadian sport system and representing Canada at international competitions (as a WCL sanctioned member of the Canadian National Team), may be considered for carding at the discretion of the High Performance Director;
- j) Must fulfill the requirements of the WCL Senior/Junior Team Training Program as defined by the WCL Yearly Training Program (YTP) including testing, training, camps and events.
- k) Compliance rate of 80% via the Athlete Management System (Kinduct or other).

5 – CARDING CYCLE AND QUALIFICATION PERIOD

WCL has been following the evolution of the coronavirus and its impact on athletes' ability to consistently prepare for, participate in and perform on an international level. Due to the cancellation or postponement of numerous competitions that are relevant to the ranking process, WCL has revised the competition

¹ In Good Standing with WCL: meet all eligibility requirements, no outstanding invoices or money owed to WCL, comply with all applicable code of conducts and discipline codes.

period for accumulating points AND has modified the International Performance Index (IPI) for tie-breaking purposes for this accumulation period (please see Annex A).

The twelve-month carding cycle, which includes development cards, will run from December 1st, 2021 to November 30th, 2022. This cycle is in line with the schedule of payments.

Athletes will be eligible to accumulate carding points (international and domestic) from August 1st, 2021 to November 30th, 2021, in addition to the 2021 Olympic Qualification Tournament (May 2021).

6 – GRECO-ROMAN

Athletes competing in Greco-Roman must qualify for carding by meeting the stated criteria for SR1 and SR2 cards at the Senior World Championships and/or Olympic Games. Greco-Roman athletes are not eligible for SR, C1 or development cards.

7 – CARDING PRIORITIZATION

Cards will be allocated to eligible athletes in the following order of priority, based on gender:

SENIOR CARD

1. Athletes who meet the SR1 carding criteria (8.1) – Olympic Games only;
2. Athletes who are Top 10 (WW) and Top 12 (FS) in an Olympic Weight class at the 2021 Senior World Championships (SR card) (8.2.1);
3. Athletes who are Top 5 ranking in a Non-Olympic Weight at the 2021 Senior World Championships (8.2.2);
4. Athletes who achieve a Top 3 ranking at the 2021 U23 World Championships (8.2.3);
5. Athletes who are the 2021 top ranked athlete in each eligible Olympic weight class after final national ranking (8.2.4);
6. Athletes who meet the SR carding criteria: Senior Carding Identification System (8.2.5);

DEVELOPMENT CARDS

1. 2021 Junior World Medallists (Olympic weight classes);
2. Post-junior development cards: up to the maximum of remaining funds available.

8 – SENIOR CARDING CRITERIA

8.1 – SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA (SR1 CARDS)

Awarded to Greco-Roman and Freestyle athletes.

The athlete(s) must have placed in the Top 8 **AND** Top Half of the competing field at the Tokyo Olympic Games;

8.2 – SENIOR NATIONAL CRITERIA (SR/C1 CARDS)

8.2.1 ATHLETES WHO ARE TOP 10 (WW) AND TOP 12 (FS) IN AN OLYMPIC WEIGHT AT THE 2021 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes who achieve a Top 10 (WW) and Top 12 (FS) placement in an Olympic weight at the 2021 Senior World Championships will be nominated for a Senior Card.

8.2.2 ATHLETES WHO ACHIEVE A TOP 5 IN A NON-OLYMPIC WEIGHT CLASS AT THE 2021 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes who achieve a Top 5 placement in a non-Olympic weight at the 2021 Senior World Championships will be nominated for a Senior Card.

8.2.3 ATHLETES WHO ACHIEVE A TOP 3 AT THE 2021 U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes who achieve a Top 3 placement in an Olympic weight at the 2021 U23 World Championships will be nominated for a Senior Card.

8.2.4 ATHLETES WHO ARE THE 2021 TOP RANKED ATHLETE IN EACH ELIGIBLE OLYMPIC WEIGHT CLASS (FINAL NATIONAL RANKING)

The 2021 top nationally ranked athlete in each eligible Olympic weight class upon completion of all 2021 final ranking events will be eligible for nomination for a senior card.

SCENARIO A:

The 2021 ranking event includes the following:

- 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (provisionally September 3-6, 2021), ONLY if there are no restrictions on participation.

If the Event does restrict participation, or if the Event does not take place, then scenario B will apply.

SCENARIO B:

The 2021 ranking event includes the following:

- 2021 National Carding Tournament (provisionally November 26-28, 2021)

8.2.5 – ATHLETES COMPETING IN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FREESTYLE:

The remaining eligible athletes will be nominated, until the carding maximum is met, based on their position on the **Senior National Carding Identification System** (SNCIS) described in Section 9.

Athletes must have placed in the top 3 Canadians in the 2021 final ranking, in the Olympic weight class they are to be carded in, to be considered for carding via the SNCIS, unless there is an injury provision.

9 – SENIOR NATIONAL CARDING IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (SNCIS)

The WCL Senior National Carding Identification System is an objective method used to rank athletes in terms of their potential to perform at the elite level of international wrestling. The identification system will be the same for both women (WW) and men (FS). Point accumulation is specific to a single weight class.

SCENARIO A:

There are three factors used to obtain an athlete's ranking:

- The athlete's domestic results at the designated National Carding Tournament
- Placement at the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (Freestyle), ONLY if there are no restrictions on participation.
- The number of years the athlete has been carded at the SR1, SR2, SR and C1 levels

The weighting and scale of each factor is summarized in the table below:

2021 National Carding Tournament (Olympic Weights Only)		2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (Olympic Weights Only)		Years Carded (Senior)	
Ranking	Points	Ranking	Points	Years	Points
1	15	1	30	< 3	5
2	11	2	18	3	4
3	7	3	12	4	3
4	3			5	2
5	2			6	1
6	1			> 6	0

9.1.A – 2021 NATIONAL CARDING TOURNAMENT (PROVISIONALLY NOVEMBER 26-27, 2021)

A maximum of 15 points (men & women) can be earned through participation in the national carding tournament (Olympic weight classes only). The results of the national carding tournament are counted to 6th place.

The carding tournament will hold a certified weigh-in using United World Wrestling weight classes (for carding purposes, Olympic weight classes only) with a same day weigh-in.

If an athlete competes, but is not eligible for carding points (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, athletes that did not weigh in on site, etc.) the athlete will be removed from the final rankings (for carding purposes only) and the next eligible athlete will be moved up in the ranking and will receive the corresponding carding points.

9.2.A – 2021 SENIOR WORLD TEAM SELECTION EVENT (PROVISIONALLY SEPTEMBER 03-06, 2021)

The final results of all the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event are counted to 3rd place (true second ranking matches will not be in place).

If an athlete places in the top 3, but is not eligible for carding points (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, etc.) this athlete will be removed from the rankings (for carding purposes only) and the next eligible athlete will be moved up in the ranking and will receive the corresponding carding points after all the final ranking events have occurred.

9.3.A – YEARS CARDED

A maximum of 5 points (men & women) can be earned through the athlete’s total number of years carded.

Athletes who have been carded for several years at the senior level (SR1, SR2, SR, and C1) are expected to be earning carding points through the international performance index. As the athlete continues their development as a National Team member, they are expected to obtain international results. As such, any athlete that has been carded less than 3 years at the senior level will receive the full 5 points, whereas an athlete that has been carded for more than 6 years at the senior level will not receive any points.

9.4.A – TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA FOR SENIOR NATIONAL CARDING IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

If athletes are tied in carding points at the end of the qualification period, the following criteria will be used in rank order to break the tie:

1. The International Performance Index (minimum IPI of 1.7 to be considered for tie-breaking purposes)
2. Placement in the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (Olympic weight classes)
3. Placement in the 2021 National Carding Ranking Tournament (Olympic weight classes)
4. Placement at the 2019 Canadian Wrestling Trials
5. Placement at the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships (after all ranking elements have been completed)

SCENARIO B:

Scenario B applies if there is restricted participation at the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event or if the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event does not take place. There are two factors used to obtain an athlete's ranking:

- a) The athlete's domestic result at the designated National Carding Tournament
- b) The number of years the athlete has been carded at the SR1, SR2, SR and C1 levels

The weighting and scale of each factor is summarized in the table below:

2021 National Carding Tournament (Olympic Weights Only)		Years Carded (Senior)	
Ranking	Points	Years	Points
1	30	< 3	5
2	18	3	4
3	12	4	3
		5	2
		6	1
		> 6	0

9.1.B – NATIONAL CARDING TOURNAMENT (PROVISIONALLY NOVEMBER 26-27, 2021)

The final results of the 2021 National Carding Tournament are counted to 3rd place.

The carding tournament will hold a certified weigh-in using United World Wrestling weight classes (for carding purposes, Olympic weight classes only) with a same day weigh-in and no weight allowance.

If an athlete places in the top 3 at the 2021 National Carding Tournament, but is not eligible for carding points (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, etc.) this athlete will be removed from the rankings (for carding purposes only) and the next eligible athlete will be moved up in the ranking and will receive the corresponding carding points after all the final ranking event has occurred.

9.2.B – YEARS CARDED

A maximum of 5 points (men & women) can be earned through the athlete's total number of years carded.

Athletes who have been carded for several years at the senior level (SR1, SR2, SR, and C1) are expected to be earning carding points through the international performance index. As the athlete continues their development as a National Team member, they are expected to obtain international results. As such, any athlete that has been carded less than 3 years at the senior level will receive the full 5 points, whereas an athlete that has been carded for more than 6 years at the senior level will not receive any points.

9.3.B – TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA FOR SENIOR NATIONAL CARDING IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

If athletes are tied in carding points at the end of the qualification period, the following criteria will be used in rank order to break the tie:

1. The International Performance Index (minimum IPI of 1.7 to be considered for tie-breaking purposes)
2. Placement at the 2021 National Carding Tournament (Olympic weight classes)
3. Placement at the 2019 Canadian Wrestling Trials
4. Placement at the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships (after all ranking elements have been completed)

10 – DEVELOPMENT CARDING CRITERIA

The following priority order will be used to nominate the development cards:

1. 2021 Junior World Medallists (Olympic weight classes);
2. Post-junior development cards: up to the maximum remaining funds available.

Please note that normally a Development Card cannot be allocated to an athlete previously carded at the Senior Card level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for more than two years. An exception can be made, at Sport Canada's sole discretion, for an athlete carded at the Senior Card level for more than two years for exceptional circumstances: for example, an athlete carded as a senior card for 2 or more years while still competing at the Junior international level.

10.1 – JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PODIUM CRITERIA - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FREESTYLE

Junior eligible Athletes who achieve a Podium Performance in an Olympic weight class at the 2021 Junior World Championships will be eligible for nomination for a Development Card.

If there is a tie or there are too many eligible athletes for the remaining carding quota, athletes will be nominated based on their final rank using the following tiered approach:

1. International Performance Index (minimum IPI of 1.7 to be considered for tie-breaking purposes)
2. Junior World Championship Final Placement
3. 2021 National Carding Tournament
4. Placement at the 2019 Canadian Wrestling Trials

Where there is a tie, the next criteria down will be used as a tie breaker (e.g. Both athletes have a Top 3 at Junior Worlds - tie breaker is the 2021 National Carding Tournament ranking) on the Post Junior Development Card Identification System.

10.2 POST-JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CARDS

Where funding remains, WCL will nominate post-junior development cards up to the maximum remaining funds available.

To be eligible for this card, an athlete must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Former Junior Canadian Freestyle Champion (2019); OR
- 2021 Junior World Team Member; OR
- Placed in the top six (6) at the 2021 National Carding Tournament (Olympic weight classes only).

As well as satisfy all the following requirements:

- Be 24 years or younger as of the 31st of December in the year that the card is initiated;

The athletes for the post-junior development cards will be selected based on their position on the Post-Junior Development Card Identification System described below:

SCENARIO A:

There are two factors used to obtain an athlete's ranking in an Olympic Weight Class:

- a) The athlete's domestic result at the designated National Carding Tournament
- b) Placement at the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (Freestyle), ONLY if there are no restrictions on participation.

The weighting and scale of each factor is summarized in the table below:

2021 National Carding Tournament (Olympic Weights Only)		2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (Olympic Weights Only)	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	6	1 st	10
2 nd	5	2 nd	8
3 rd	4	3 rd	7
4 th	3	4 th	6
5 th	2	5 th	5
6 th	1	6 th	4

10.2.1.A – 2021 NATIONAL CARDING TOURNAMENT (PROVISIONALLY NOVEMBER 26-27, 2021)

A maximum of 6 points (men & women) can be earned through participation in the National carding tournament (Olympic weight classes only). The results of the national carding tournament are counted to 6th place.

The carding tournament will hold a certified weigh-in using United World Wrestling weight classes (for carding purposes, Olympic weight classes only) with a same day weigh-in and no weight allowance.

If an athlete competes, but is not eligible for carding points (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, athletes that did not weigh in on site, etc.) the athlete will be removed from the final rankings (for carding purposes only) and the next eligible athlete will be moved up in the ranking and will receive the corresponding carding points.

10.2.3.A – 2021 SENIOR WORLD TEAM SELECTION EVENT (PROVISIONALLY SEPTEMBER 03-06, 2021)

The final results of the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event are counted to 6th place.

If an athlete places in the top 6, but is not eligible for carding points (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, etc.) this athlete will be removed from the rankings (for carding purposes only) and the next eligible athlete will be moved up in the ranking and will receive the corresponding carding points after all the final ranking events have occurred.

SCENARIO B:

Scenario B applies if there is restricted participation at the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event or if the 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event does not take place. There is one factor used to obtain an athlete's ranking in an Olympic Weight Class:

- a) The athlete's domestic result at the designated National Carding Tournament

The weighting and scale of each factor is summarized in the table below:

2021 National Carding Tournament (Olympic Weights Only)	
Place	Points
1 st	10
2 nd	8
3 rd	7
4 th	6
5 th	5
6 th	4

10.2.2B – 2021 NATIONAL CARDING TOURNAMENT (PROVISIONALLY NOVEMBER 26-27, 2021)

A maximum of 10 points (men & women) can be earned through participation in the National Carding Tournament (Olympic weight classes only). The results of the national carding tournament are counted to 6th place.

The carding tournament will hold a certified weigh-in using United World Wrestling weight classes (for carding purposes, Olympic weight classes only) with a same day weigh-in.

If an athlete competes, but is not eligible for carding points (i.e. foreign athletes, landed immigrants, athletes that did not weigh in on site, etc.) the athlete will be removed from the final rankings (for carding purposes only) and the next eligible athlete will be moved up in the ranking and will receive the corresponding carding points.

10.3 TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA FOR POST JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CARD

If athletes are tied in carding points at the end of the qualification period, the following criteria will be used in rank order to break the tie:

1. International Performance Index (minimum IPI of 1.7 to be considered for tie-breaking purposes)
2. Senior World Championship Final Placement
3. U23 World Championship Final Placement
4. Junior World Championship Final Placement
5. Placement at 2021 Senior World Team Selection Event (provided the Event is not restricted)
6. Placement at 2021 National Carding Ranking Event
7. Placement at the 2019 Canadian Wrestling Trials
8. Placement at the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships (after all ranking elements have been completed)

11 – PROGRESSION CRITERIA

WCL has been following the evolution of the coronavirus and its impact on athletes' ability to consistently prepare for, participate in and perform on an international level. Due to the cancellation or postponement of numerous competitions that are relevant to the ranking process, as well as the revised accumulation period, WCL is exceptionally removing the requirement for progression criteria for this cycle only.

12 – FAILURE TO MEET RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR HEALTH-RELATED REASONS (SR1, SR2, SR, AND C1 ATHLETES ONLY)

Illness (including recovery from documented COVID), injury or pregnancy may prevent a current senior carded athlete from attending a sufficient number of competitions in order to re-qualify for carding.

The injured, ill or pregnant athlete (currently holding a card) will still be able to obtain carding points through the injury, illness and pregnancy provision as outlined below. The injured, ill or pregnant athlete (currently holding a card) will then be ranked with all other athletes using the points obtained through the injury, illness and pregnancy provision and must still re-qualify for carding based on their points total.

Athletes will not be eligible for injury, illness, or pregnancy cards in consecutive years. Athletes who have been approved for an injury, illness and pregnancy provision will be exempt from clause 11.

Considerations for athletes under the injury, illness and pregnancy provision:

1. Athletes who received an SR or C1 card in the previous carding cycle (2021) will receive:
 - a) 50% of the international performance index points will be awarded from the 2020-2021 carding cycle if the athlete is unable to complete five (5) international matches in the current carding cycle;
 - b) 50% of the domestic carding points from the 2020-2021 carding cycle's carding tournaments will be awarded in the current carding cycle, only for the event that the athlete is unable to compete in. Only the best result of the two will be counted for domestic carding points.
 - c) 50% of the current carding cycle's National Carding Tournament points will be awarded based on the athlete's placement in the 2020-2021 carding cycle at the Senior Canadian Championships, if the athlete is unable to compete at the National Carding Tournament in the current carding cycle.
 - d) Carding points for number of years carded will follow the yearly progression

Athletes will only have access to clauses 1a above, if their health-related reason (illness, injury or pregnancy) has been so substantial that they have not been able to compete for a minimum of 3 of the 4 months during the qualification period or at the discretion of the HPD. It is expected that the athlete will be able to return to competition during the next carding cycle.

In addition to the requirement that the affected athlete (currently holding a card) must meet in order to re-qualify for carding based on his/her point total, the coach must submit a written petition to the High Performance Director, prior to the weigh-in for the event. The petition must include the following:

- The official WCL Inability to Participate Medical Certificate, completed by an approved WCL physician prior to the nearest upcoming carding event, and approved by the WCL CMO, indicating the date and nature of the injury with the prescribed rehabilitation program and an estimated recovery period.
 - A full medical recovery must be possible within the next carding period
 - WCL reserves the right to have a second medical opinion
- For the duration of the injured athlete’s inability to fulfill their training and competitive commitments, which are part of the carded athlete's contract, the athlete must commit, in writing, to train and/or rehabilitate under the supervision of WCL. This must be done at a level that mitigates risk to the athlete's personal health and ensures a timely return to a full training and competitive program that is in line with the other members of the National Team.

13 – CARDING CONTRACT & RESPONSIBILITIES

Athletes are nominated for carding by WCL to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program. An athlete's carding status is subject to the obligations and commitments as detailed in the WCL Carded Athlete Contract (which will include, but not limited to, annual competition, training, fitness testing, YTP confirmation and athlete monitoring system compliance) and the Sport Canada Guide to Athlete Assistance.

14 – FINANCIAL BENEFITS

More information on AAP financial support can be found at: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734>

15 – ATHLETE WITHDRAWAL AND NON-RENEWAL

Athletes may lose their carded status or have their carded status withdrawn under the following conditions:

- Non-renewal of carded status;
- Failure to meet training or competitive commitments;
- Violation of the athlete/NSO agreement;
- Athlete’s failure to meet responsibilities outlined in AAP policies;
- Gross breach of discipline; and
- Fraudulent misrepresentation

The High Performance Director may recommend the withdrawal of an athlete’s carded status to Sport Canada, under the following conditions:

1. Provide a verbal warning to the athlete, including the steps and timelines to remedy the situation and the consequences of a failure to heed the warning;
2. Where applicable, follow up with a written warning to the athlete;

If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and WCL still wishes to recommend withdrawal of carded status, WCL must send a letter to the Sport Canada Program Officer and the AAP Manager with a copy of the athlete's carded status. This letter must indicate:

1. The grounds on which the recommendation is being made;
2. The steps already taken to address the issue (verbal warning followed by a formal letter of warning);
3. Provide notice to the athlete of the athlete's right to contest the WCL recommendation to withdraw carded status through WCL's internal appeal process within the prescribed time.

16 – APPEALS

Appeals of WCL's AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of a WCL's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the WCL's Appeal Policy. Appeals of AAP Decision made under Section 6 ([Application for and Approval of Cards](#)) or Section 11 ([Withdrawal of Carding Status](#)) may be pursued through Section 13 of the AAP Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

ANNEX A: INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDEX SYSTEM

1 – INTRODUCTION

The objective of the international performance index system is to develop an objective ranking of athletes based upon their international performance throughout the qualification period. The utility of such a system is as follows:

1. To enhance the World team and Olympic team selection process by identifying those athletes capable of performing at the world-class level on a consistent basis.
2. To have a system capable of quantifying performance such that objective performance goals can be clearly stated and progress towards those goals can be effectively monitored and evaluated by WCL and its performance partners.
3. To provide athlete accountability.

International podium performances, top 8, and top ½ competing entries provide the framework for our performance standards.

2 – METHOD

The ability to accurately measure international performance is essential for the performance index concept to be implemented effectively.

Tournament placement by itself is not a comprehensive indicator of performance; particularly for rankings beyond 4th place. The randomness of the draw allows the element of chance to influence the tournament results in an unpredictable fashion. Moreover, the ranking method tends to only evaluate an athlete when he/she performs well and gives no feedback when he/she performs poorly.

The way wrestlers win/lose (e.g. by Tech Fall, by Points, and the final points differential of the match) affords an opportunity to examine an athlete's performance capabilities in more detail and on a more consistent basis. Also, by classifying the opponent's quality based on best historical results, the athlete's overall win/loss record can be assessed quantitatively.

The International Performance Index System is calculated based on a "Match Quality Formula" applied to every one of the matches held by our wrestlers at UWW sanctioned, WCL informed international tournaments:

Formula for Matches ended by Tech Fall and Points (any won match regardless the scoring, lost matches only if CAN wrestler scored 2 pts minimum):	Formula for Victories by Fall (Pinning)*:
$Mq = Oq + SGI$	$Mq = Oq + 1$
<p>Where:</p> <p>Mq = Match Quality</p> <p>Oq = Opponent quality: ranging from 0.7 to 4.0, based on the Best Historical Result of the Opponent according with tables 2.1 to 2.4.</p> <p>SGI = Scoring Gap Index: The SGI is calculated by subtracting lost points to the scored ones, then dividing the result by 10. In this way, the index should range between 0.0 and 1.0 - this last as result of the minimum scoring gap to win by technical superiority (10 pts scored – 0 points lost / 10 = 1.0). If the scoring gap is higher than 10 (e.g. a win by Tech fall where the winner scored 12 pts vs. 0 from opponent), it will be normalized as 10.</p> <p>* In occasion of victories by pinning, as it is considered the ultimate way to win in wrestling, the formula does not consider the scoring index. In this way, a winning by pin would worth same as victories by Technical Superiority.</p>	

The following matches won't be considered to get International Performance Index:

- Matches won by Forfeit
- Matches lost by Pin, regardless points scored-lost.
- Any lost match by any other method (tech fall, points, injury) if the Canadian wrestler did not score at least 2 pts. NOTE: in this case, the SGI will be negative thus this negative value will be subtracted from the Opponent's quality value.

Example:

Match against a 2017 bronze medalist in an Olympic Weight Class, whose Oq is 3.3 (see table 2.1):

Match won by points 7 - 3	Match lost by points 3 - 7
$Mq = Oq + SGI$ $3.3 + 0.4 = 3.7$	$Mq = Oq + SGI$ $3.3 + (-0.4) = 2.9$

If, as result of a negative SGI value against a wrestler with low Oq value, the MQ results negative, such match won't be considered to get any international carding points.

Only head-to-head competition against recognized opponents (see table 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 below) are considered for international performance index purposes. The opponent's previous senior, U23 and Junior record is examined to determine if the opponent can be classified based on previous best placement at the World/Olympics or Continental Championships.

Applying Tables 2.1 to 2.3: Opponents' Previous International Performance Criteria Grid, WCL will be able to effectively classify opponents. Previous performance criteria apply to the past 4 years at the specific weight class and style that the opponent is currently competing in. Best results in Olympic weight classes are considered with higher value than the Non-Olympic ones, resulting in differentiated tables.

An athlete will be able to amass performance index points in any senior weight class, but additional requirements are set for Non-Olympic performers.

TABLE 2.1 – OLYMPIC WEIGHT CLASSES

Opponents' Previous International Performance Criteria & Corresponding Opponent's Value

Event	Final Place – Opponent's Value								
	Year	Gold	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Senior Worlds & Olympic Games	2021	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0
	2020	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6
	2019	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2
	2018	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9
Senior European Championships	2021	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5
	2020	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2
	2019	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8
	2018	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6
Senior Asian Championships	2021	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.7
	2020	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3
	2019	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0
	2018	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7
Senior Pan-Am Championships	2021	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0
	2020	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7
	2019	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
	2018	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2
Senior African/Oceanian Championships	2021	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
	2020	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
	2019	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3
	2018	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2

TABLE 2.2 – NON-OLYMPIC WEIGHT CLASSES

Opponents' Previous International Performance Criteria & Corresponding Opponent's Value

Event	Final Place – Opponent's Value								
	Year	Gold	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Top 8
Senior World	2021	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0
	2020	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8
	2019	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6
	2018	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
Senior European Championships	2021	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
	2020	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3
	2019	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1
	2018	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9
Senior Asian Championships	2021	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8
	2020	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6
	2019	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
	2018	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2
Senior Pan-Am Championships	2021	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2
	2020	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1
	2019	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
	2018	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9
Senior African/Oceanian Championships	2021	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
	2020	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9
	2019	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8
	2018	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7

TABLE 2.3 – NON-SENIOR MAJOR WORLD LEVEL EVENTS

Opponents' Previous International Performance Criteria & Corresponding Opponent's Value

		Non-Senior, World Major Events								
Event	Year	Gold	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Top 8	
U23/Jr Worlds	2021	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	
	2020	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	
	2019	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	
	2018	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	

It should also be noted that in the competitions listed above, countries are only able to send one athlete per weight class. As such, athletes that have the wrestling ability to be among the top in the world are not able to compete thus they may be unranked at World, Continental Championships or Olympic Games but may attend other international tournament and face Canadian athletes. Table 2.4 has been established to allow for a point structure that allows countries to be recognized as having strong wrestling programs. Athletes from countries that have ranked in the Women's Wrestling top 10 or Men's Freestyle top 10 at the most recent Major Event (World Championships or Olympic Games) will be classified based on those tables.

TABLE 2.4 - Strong Country Wrestling Programmes' Performance Criteria

Opponent's Value for unranked wrestlers from Senior World's Top Teams											
Event	Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Men's Freestyle	2019	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7
	2018	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
	2017	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
	2016	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Women's Wrestling	2019	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7
	2018	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
	2017	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
	2016	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0

Any other international opponent not classified in the above Tables, at an approved tournament (see article 4.6), will be worth 0.7 points.

3 – CALCULATION OF THE INDEX

The international performance index more accurately reflects an athlete’s ability to compete internationally as the number of matches increase. Therefore, it is essential that carded athletes compete in a sufficient number of tournaments to accurately assess their performance capabilities.

Due to the cancellation or postponement of numerous competitions that are relevant to the ranking process, WCL has modified the International Performance Index (IPI) for this cycle only. A minimum of 5 international matches are required in order to calculate the performance index for carding purposes. These matches must be accumulated within the qualification period (August to November 2021, in addition to the 2021 Olympic Qualification Tournament (May 2021)). If the athlete is short 5 matches as of the cut-off date, the index will still be calculated and the point total will still be divided by 5.

Regardless of number of matches wrestled, the total will always be divided by 5.

CALCULATION EXAMPLE:

Match number	Oq	Outcome	Method	Pts Scored	Pts Lost	Scoring Index	Points by Formula	Top 5 Matches	Considered for IPI calculation
1	1.8	Won		8	3	0.5	2.3	1	✓
2	1.9	Won	Forfeit	0	0				NC (opponent did not show up)
3	2.0	Lost		4	4	0.0	2.0	2	✓
4	1.2	Won		9	4	0.5	1.7	3	✓
5	0.7	Won		8	0	0.8	1.5	4	✓
6	1.7	Lost	Pin	8	2				NC (lost by pin)
7	1.0	Won		5	0	0.5	1.5	5	✓
8	0.8	Won		9	2	0.7	1.5		NC (out of personal top 5 matches)
TOTAL							9.0		

Index = 9.0/5 (total points divided by 5 best matches) is equal to an International Performance Index of 1.8

NOTE: The index will be rounded to one decimal place.

4 – RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDEX

1. **Athlete's Responsibility:** Each individual athlete has the responsibility to maintain a record of all international matches and to verify results produced by WCL within one week of receiving a WCL summary.
2. **Coaches' Responsibility:** Coaches have the responsibility to verify any results reported by WCL with their individual athletes. Coaches and athletes will have one week after the publication of the performance index to report errors or omissions. After this date the athlete's results will not be adjusted.
3. **WCL's Responsibility:** The Performance Analyst Coach, under the direction of the High Performance Director or their designate has the responsibility to maintain an international competitive record for all carded athletes.
4. **Style:** Opponents are classified according to the style that they are currently wrestling in.
5. **Injury:** No credit will be given if an opponent does not show up for a match or defaults the match due to injury regardless of the score at the time of the injury.
6. Only United World Wrestling sanctioned tournaments that have been accepted by WCL will be approved for international performance index purposes.
7. **Carding:** A minimum of 5 international matches are required in order to calculate the performance index for carding purposes. These matches must be accumulated within the qualification period (August 2021 to November 2021) in addition to the 2021 Olympic Qualification Tournament (May 2021)). If the athlete is short 5 matches as of the cut-off date the index will still be calculated and the point total will still be divided by 5.