

Quest for Gold Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria

General Athlete Eligibility Criteria (applies to Canada and Ontario cards):

- ∞ Athlete must be a Canadian citizen
- ∞ Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status
- ∞ Athletes must be training and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that:
 - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competition);
 - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario;
 - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province, or other extenuating circumstances that require the athlete to be out of the province.
- ∞ Athlete must be a member in good standing with PSO/MSO and National Sport Organization (NSO) where applicable.
- ∞ Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- ∞ Athlete must be instructed by a coach that has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) or equivalent. Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.

Canada Card Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- ∞ Eligibility will be limited to athletes from Ontario who have carded status under Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program.
- ∞ Canada Card will provide up to an additional 33% in funding over and above what an athlete is receiving from Sport Canada – dependant on funding available.

Ontario Card Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- ∞ Eligibility will be limited to athletes from Ontario who have been identified as a next generation national team athlete as demonstrated by:
 - Identification within the NSO (Taekwondo Canada) pool of identified next generation national team athletes for the previous competitive seasons; OR

- Results at Provincial Selection championships, national championships (junior and/or senior) or other recognized national/international competitions over the previous competitive seasons; OR
- Representation on a Canadian National Team (developmental and/or junior). Athletes training for Provincial Selection teams may also be considered.
- ∞ Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time
 - Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow for full-time attendance or if an athlete requires special needs that preclude full or part-time attendance (e.g. Paralympics athlete)
- ∞ Athletes who have completed their area of study and who continue to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will be given consideration.
- ∞ If eligible, athlete must compete, and continue to compete at the Provincial Selection games and other National competitions which result from the Provincial Team selection process.
- ∞ Athletes who have achieved Canada card status are not eligible for Ontario cards. However, members of Sr. National Teams not carded by Sport Canada are eligible for Ontario Cards. No more than 30% of a PSO/ MSO's Ontario Card allotment can be utilized for athletes in this category.

What about Athletes Attending Foreign Post-Secondary Educational Institutions?

Athletes who are attending any foreign post-secondary educational institution (including NCAA institutions) and are receiving an athletic scholarship in any sport are *not* eligible to receive OAAP support for Ontario cards.

These athletes are eligible for Sport Canada funding in the months in which they are not attending the foreign post-secondary educational institution. These athletes *may* be nominated by the NSO for Sport Canada AAP support during the months they are involved in National Team training and competition activities and *not* attending the foreign post-secondary institution (during summer break). In these cases these athletes will be eligible for Canada Cards through the OAAP during the temporary period that they are carded by Sport Canada.

What if Athletes are under 18?

All athletes under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign their AAP application form (funding will be sent directly to athlete).

Ontario Taekwondo Association Selection Committee

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Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Selection

The selection period will be considered from March 31, 2007 to April 1, 2008. Current rankings will be considered as dated regardless of selection period. *(This means that any International competitions and National Championships may be considered any time during the Selection Period for the Sport Specific Eligibility Criteria, but only rankings specified in the Selection Criteria will be considered.)*

Sport Specific Eligibility Criteria

Minimum Standards

1. All carding candidates must be a black belt member in good-standing with the Ontario Taekwondo Association in the season in which they are applying for OAAP.
2. Must have participated at a Canadian National Championship in previous year.
3. Must have participated at an International level competition outside of Canada in the previous year.
4. Must have a Kukkiwon black belt certification
5. Must be a member of an Ontario TKD Club in good-standing with the OTA.

Categories for 2007/08 OAAP Selection will be:

1. Senior National Candidate (not carded by Sport Canada)

The top **two** male and the top **two** female athletes will be selected according to highest total points in the Provincial rankings as of January 30, 2007, regardless of weight category, for a total of **four** cards. *(no more than 30% of total Ontario Cards)*

2. Junior National Development (less than 20 year old age group)

The top **two** male and top **two** female athletes, 19 years of age or younger as of Dec. 31, 2006 will be selected according to highest total points in the Provincial rankings regardless of weight category to a maximum of **four** cards.

3. ALTERNATES – New for 2007/2008 –

- PSO/ MSOs are permitted the option of nominating alternates to those athletes nominated for Ontario Card status
- Alternates must be those athletes who are ranked directly behind those athletes nominated for the allotment of Ontario Cards in a particular category
- The names of alternates must be published along with the names of nominated athletes
- PSO/MSO who identify alternates will be permitted to substitute an alternate for an Ontario Carded athlete who drops out or is removed from the OAAP provided that:
 - Alternate is substituted within 2007-2008 fiscal year
 - Funding for athlete being substituted is still available within fiscal year (e.g. full funding for card has not already been paid out to athlete no longer in program)



Notes:

1. Senior Team Cards may total less than **four** if fewer than four meet the criteria. Cards not awarded in the Senior Category will be awarded to the Junior Category according to gender balance for a total of four cards plus the number of extra cards.
2. In all categories gender equity will be maintained.
3. Athletes must submit Annual Training Program to the Ontario High Performance Committee with OAAP application form.
4. Must compete in the Ontario Senior or Junior Provincial Selection games in the season for which funding are granted.
5. Must be working with minimum level two NCCP coach or equivalent (as identified by the OTA Technical Committee) at least part time. This coach must sign off on Annual Training plans and training logs. *Note- this means that athletes must be at least getting lessons from a qualified coach*
6. Must attend at least one Provincial Level and/or one National or International Level training camp in the season for which he/she is carded, as identified by the OTA Technical Committee.
Note- this allows OTA to identify a designated High Performance camp run by an independent club if the OTA does not have the resources or time to run one.
7. Total cards allotted to the Ontario Taekwondo Association for both Junior and Senior Programs combined is **eight** (8). 4 Male & 4 Female.

Appeals

Athletes who have not been nominated and who wish to appeal can do so by filing an appeal in writing only with the Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee. Appeals must be submitted through regular post, registered mail, in person or by courier. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery. Appeals that are delivered by regular post or registered mail shall be deemed to be received three days after the date of mailing. **Appeals submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted.**

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to:

- ∞ whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- ∞ whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

After hearing an appeal the Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

- ∞ Direct the PSO/MSO to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit a new list of nominated athletes;
- ∞ Deny the appeal;
- ∞ Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.
- ∞ The deadline for athletes to submit to the Appeals Committee is **February 8, 2008**

Appeals can be directed to:

Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee
c/o Sport and Recreation Branch
Ministry of Health Promotion
18th floor, 393 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
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