

## Quest for Gold – 2006-07 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 January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. 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 and WTF Canada in the season in which they are applying for OAAP;
2. Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
3. Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status;
4. Athlete must be training and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate in writing that he/she cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
5. He/she must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario; or 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;
6. Athlete must not be receiving financial assistance from the Foundation for Athletes and Sport Training (FAST) in the same fiscal year;
7. Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program;
8. Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy;
9. Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. primary and secondary schools) – exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow full-time attendance or if an athlete requires special needs that preclude full or part-time attendance (i.e. Paralympic athletes);

10. Athletes who have completed their area of study at the secondary level and who continue to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will also be given consideration;
11. If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete for Ontario during the carding year at National competitions involving provincial team competitions;
12. Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards;
13. Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior aged athletes (with the exception for the 30% of Ontario Card allotment for Sr. level athletes not funded by Sport Canada) who have been identified as a next generation national team athlete as demonstrated by:
  - Identification within the NSO pool of identified next generation national team athletes for the last two competitive seasons; OR
  - Results at regional championships, national championships (junior and/or senior) or other recognized national/international competitions over the last two competitive seasons; OR
  - Representation on a Canadian National Team (developmental and/or junior). Athletes training for Canada Games or provincial teams may also be considered.
14. Athlete must have participated at a Canadian National Championship in previous year;
15. Athlete must have a Kukkiwon black belt certification and is registered with the WTF Canada;
16. Athlete may have participated at an International level competition outside of Canada in the previous year, but is not mandatory;
17. Athlete must be a member in good standing of an Ontario TKD Club in good-standing with the OTA;
18. Athlete selection will be based on highest point standing in the defined period of January 1 2006 to December 31 2006. The total points must be earned in the period of January 1 2006 to December 31 2006. Carry-over of points from a previous period will not be considered in the total points.

## **Categories for 2006/07 OAAP Selection will be:**

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

The top male and the top female senior athletes will be selected according to highest total points in the Provincial rankings as of December 31, 2006, regardless of weight category, for a total of **two** cards. *(no more than 30% of total Ontario Cards)*

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

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

### **Additional Eligibility Criteria Notes:**

1. Senior Team Cards may total less than **two** if fewer than two meet the selection criteria. Cards not awarded in the Senior Category will be awarded to the Junior Category according to gender balance for a total of six 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. Athlete must compete in the Ontario Senior or Junior Provincial Selection games in the season for which funding is granted;
5. Athlete 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. Athletes who compete in both Junior and Senior categories will be evaluated on their Junior point standing only. Senior points gained in the period of funding will not be considered in their overall point standing;
8. Total cards allotted to the Ontario Taekwondo Association for both Junior and Senior Programs combined is **eight** (8). 4 Male & 4 Female.