



**CANADIAN AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE BOXE AMATEUR**



MEN'S PROGRAM
Carding criteria for nominations for the
2011- 2012 carding cycle

1. Introduction:

Currently the maximum number of cards available to Boxing Canada's Men program is the equivalent of 7 Senior cards. But, Sport Canada is reviewing all sport carding quotas, the new quotas will be in affect for April 1, 2011. This may affect the number of cards available to Boxing's Men Team

- Male – 7 cards at Senior (SR1/SR2/SR/C1). Development Card (D) may be allocated to athlete (s) meeting the development card criteria – Two (2) Senior card can equal three (3) Development Cards.

Boxing carding cycle starts on March 1st and ends on February 28.

2. Athlete eligibility requirement

To be eligible for carding the athlete must:

- Must have a valid Canadian passport on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete shall have been a legal resident in Canada for a minimum period of one year before being considered.
- Meet the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) requirements to be eligible to represent Canada at major international events including World Championships and the Olympic Games.
- Be Open Class boxer who has competed in more than 10 bouts.
- Be a member in good standing of the current Senior A, B, U-23 or U-19 Teams.
- Commit to follow Boxing Canada's approved Training Plan & Competitions program and her coach must commit to work in consultation with Boxing Canada High Performance Director.
- Train in a registered boxing club.
- Athletes in weight categories with 4 or less athletes at National Championships or Final Team Selection will not be eligible for carding based on the results of those events.

3. Carding criteria for Male Boxers:

3.1 Senior International Card (SR1 / SR2)

Criteria:

- Awarded to an eligible athlete placing in the top 8 and top half of the field, with at least one win, at the Worlds Senior Men Championships or Olympic Games (*Walk-Over does not count as a win*)
- Eligible athletes who meet the international criteria may be nominated for carding for two consecutive years, with the first year referred to as SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete meeting the eligibility requirements, being re-nominated by Boxing Canada and a training and competitive program approved by Boxing Canada and Sport Canada being maintained. The Athlete must also sign an Athlete Agreement and complete the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Application Form for the year in question.

3.2 Senior National Card (SR / C1)

Senior National Cards are intended to support athletes with the potential to reach Senior International cards status. Athletes are expected to improve each year to maintain Senior National card level.

After an athlete has been carded for four (4) consecutive years at the “Senior National Card (SR/C1)” level, Sport Canada will require a comprehensive thoroughly documented review of the Athlete’s performance over the past four years that will be conducted by the Technical Committee. In order for continue carding to be approved, the Technical Committee must demonstrated a clear progression of the athlete toward performance equivalent to top 8 and top half at the World Championships/Olympic Games. (This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the Athlete is nominated under the senior national criteria)

Athletes in weight categories with 4 or less athletes at National Championships or Final Team Selection will not be eligible for carding based on the results of those events.

The remaining number of senior cards will be allocated to eligible athletes that meet the Senior National card criteria (SR/C1) in the following priority order:

Priority #1: 2011 Final Team Selection Gold Medalists

Final Team Selection Gold Medalists carded the previous year, which were carded in the 2010-2011 carding cycle, which followed the National Team Program and have won a minimum of 40% of their International bouts in AIBA or CABA sanctioned competitions between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011. Eligible athletes who meet the following standard may be nominated for a SR/C1 card as per prioritization process (section 5).

Priority #2: 2011 Final Team Selection Gold Medalists not carded the previous year

Final Team Selection Gold Medalists not carded the previous year. Eligible athletes who meet the following standard may be nominated for a SR/C1 card as per prioritization process (section 5).

Priority #3: 2011 Final Team Selection Gold medalist in weight categories with 4 or less entries

2011 Final Team Selection Gold medalist in weight categories with 4 or less entries who won a minimum of 40% of their International bouts (minimum 4 bouts) in AIBA or CABA sanctioned competitions, between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011. Eligible athletes who meet the following standard may be nominated for a SR/C1 card as per prioritization process (section 5).

Priority #4: 2011 Final Team Selection Silver Medallists

2011 Final Team Selection Silver Medallists, (*See Annex 1 for the Final Team Selection process*) who were carded in the 2010 – 2011 carding cycle, and won a minimum of 40% of their International bouts) in AIBA or CABA sanctioned competitions between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011.

3.3 Development Card (D)

Eligible athletes who meet the following standard may be nominated for a D card as per prioritization process (section 5).

Athletes previously carded at the SR1/SR2 level or previously carded at the SR/C1 level are not eligible for D cards.

An athlete may be eligible for D card for a maximum of 2 years.

Priority #1: U-19 Worlds

- Athlete placing in the top 8 with at least two wins at the U-19 World Championships
- This card may have two-year duration. In order to be nominated for the second year, an eligible athlete must commit to following Boxing Canada's approved Training & Competitions program and him and his coach must commit to work in consultation with Boxing Canada High Performance Director.

Priority # 2: U-23 Targets U-23 boxers who meet the following criteria:

- Previously competed at the U-19 World Championships;
- Participated in the most recent Senior National Championships;
- Have won a minimum of 40% of their International bouts in AIBA or CABA sanctioned competitions (Including U-19, U-23 and Senior competitions) between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011.

4. Injury Card

No Injury Card will be allocated to Male athletes

5. Prioritization Process

Eligible athletes will be nominated for AAP support in the following priority order:

Male
a) Athletes who meet the SR1/SR2 criteria;
b) Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority #1 criteria;
c) Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority #2 criteria;
d) Athletes who meet the D Priority #1 U-19 criteria;
e) Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority #3 criteria;
f) Athletes who meet the D Priority #2 U-23 criteria;
g) Athletes who meet the SR/C1 Priority #4 criteria.

5.1 Senior (SR1, SR2, SR & C1) & Development Priority #3 carding criteria prioritization:

- a) If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting one of the above carding criteria, the athlete with the highest number of points, from the National Point System, between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011, with Boxing Canada's official National Senior Team Program, will be ranked higher.

- b) If there are two or more athletes with the same number of points, the athlete with the highest number of domestic points from the National Point System, between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011, will be ranked higher.
- c) If there are two or more athletes with the same number of points, the athlete with the best win/loss ratio of bouts in the last three years, will be ranked higher (*See Annex 2 for the National Points System*).
- d) All unresolved ties will be settled by the Technical Committee based on their expert evaluation of the athlete's potential, in order to identify the athlete ranking.

5.2 Development Priority #1 and #2 carding criteria prioritization:

- a) If there are fewer cards than athletes meeting one of the above carding criteria, the athlete with the best placing at the U-19 Worlds will be ranked higher.
- b) If there are two or more athletes with the same results, the athlete with the highest number of points, from the National Point System, between March 1st 2009 and February 28, 2011, with Boxing Canada's official National Senior Team Program, will be ranked higher.
- c) All unresolved ties will be settled by the Technical Committee based on their expert evaluation of the athlete's potential, in order to identify the athlete ranking.

6. Nomination List

The athlete carding nomination list will be circulated to the athletes and coaches on or before March 1st. Upon circulation date, athletes and/or coaches have 5 days to notify CABA if there have been any errors or omissions in the nomination process.

7. Appeal

For any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13 <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/114-eng.cfm>

CABA's Appeals Policy is attached in Annex 3.

8. Additional information

General information on the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) can be found at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm>

Annex 1

Internal nomination procedures National Senior Team

Introduction :

To be eligible for the National Senior Team, the athlete must have a valid **Canadian Passport** on the date of the beginning of the new Team Selection year, and the athlete shall have been a legal resident in Canada for a minimum period of one year before being considered.

Athletes must meet the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) requirements to be eligible to represent Canada at major international events including World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Athletes with dual citizenships who represented another country at the following competitions: Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan-American Games, Francophone Games or the Commonwealth Games within the 3 previous years are not eligible.

Stage 1:

Canadian National Championships:

- Maximum number of entries is 16 per weight category

Eligible athletes in each weight category are:

- 1 Athlete per weight division per province / territories
- Carded Athletes
- National A Team athletes not carded
- National Champions from previous year who were not Carded
- The remaining position will be allocated to Province/Territories who has requested sending extra boxers
 - A maximum of three (3) boxers (No substitute allowed)
 - Additional entries over sixteen (16) will be done by a draw at Boxing Canada (CABA) office in Ottawa by staff three (3) weeks prior to the National Championships.

- The Gold medalist in each weight division (10) will become the Canadian National Champion and first candidate (seed) for the Final Team Selection (FTS)

Stage 2:

2011 FINAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES (FTS)

- a. If the 2010 National “A” Team member wins Gold in his/her weight division at the 2011 Canadian National Senior Championships he/she will automatically remain National “A” Team member, and need not attend the 2011 Final Team Selection.

However an FTS tournament will be required in this weight division to determine who will be on National “B” Team (*the first alternate*) in that weight division.

- b. If the 2010 National “A” Team member does not win Gold at the 2011 Canadian National Senior Championships he/she will automatically be invited to the 2011 FTS.
- c. If the 2010 National “A” Team member cannot participate in the 2011 National Championships because of an injury, he/she will be invited to participate at the 2011 FTS.
- d. If an Athlete cannot participate at the 2011 Final Team Selection for whatever reason there will be no additional Box-Off.

1) MAXIMUM OF SIX (6) ATHLETES ARE ELIGIBLE IN EACH WEIGHT CATEGORY:

- a) 2011 Canadian National Senior Champion – seed 1
- b) 2011 Canadian National Senior Silver Medal Winner – seed 2
- c) Seed 3, 4, 5 & 6 if applicable
 - i) Seed 3, 4, 5 & 6 selected by the High Performance Director (Selection based on criteria explained in section 3 below)
 - ii) If the current National Senior Champion and/or the Silver Medalist are not competing at the 2011 FTS, the High Performance Director may select another boxer in accordance with the selection criteria explained in section 3 below.

2) **FTS COMETITION PROCEDURE:**

a) In the event of:

- Two (2) boxers only in the category seed 1 (2011 Canadian National Senior Champion) must be defeated twice.
- Three (3) boxers in the category seed 1 (2011 Canadian National Senior Champion) receives a bye and must be defeated twice.
- Four (4) boxers in the category seed 1 (2011 Canadian National Senior Champion) picks his/her opponent between Seed 2, 3 and 4. If seed 1 should lose in his/her 1st bout, he/she is eliminated from the tournament.

Subsequently, should seed 1 reach the final he/she must be defeated twice.

- Five (5) boxers in the category seed 1 (2011 Canadian National Senior Champion) gets the bye and pick his/her opponent between Seed 2, 3, 4 and 5. If seed 1 should lose in his/her 1st bout, he/she is eliminated from the tournament.

Subsequently should seed 1 reach the final he/she must be defeated twice.

All remaining seeds are then matched through an open draw.

- Six (6) boxers in the category seed 1 (2011 Canadian National Senior Champion) gets the bye and pick his/her opponent between Seed 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. If seed 1 should lose in his/her 1st bout, he/she is eliminated from the tournament.

Subsequently should seed 1 reach the final he/she must be defeated twice.

All remaining seed are then matched through an open draw.

NOTICE:

- The Winner of the FTS becomes the National Team Member.
- If seed 1 (2011 Canadian National Senior Champion) does not attend the Final Team Selection (FTS), there will be an open draw and the winner of the FTS will be the new National "A" Team Member.
- In the event the reigning champion member repeats as 2011 National champion, there will be no FTS in that weight class. However, an open draw will take place with all attending seeds for the National "B" Team position (first alternate) in that weight division.

3) **SEEDS 3, 4, 5 and 6 WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- a) Wins on the National Team
- b) Years on National Team
- c) Performance at 2011 Canadian Championships
- d) Performance at past Canadian Championships
- e) Past National Team Results

NOTICE:

- In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, as determined by the office of the High Performance Director. The office of the High Performance Director shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law and principles of fairness.

APPEAL PROCESS FOR SEED:

The selection decision for seed may be appealed in accordance with CABA's Appeal Policy. (Annex 3)

APPEAL OF THE NATIONAL BOUTS RESULTS:

As the athletes are selected through performance in the ring only, an appeal of a decision becomes an appeal of the performance result decision, called "protest" as per CABA Rules.

1. If a boxer (coach, team manager) feels that the performance result decision was wrong, the team manager or coach has to submit a written protest to the (neutral) Jury at ringside within one hour of the bout.
2. The Jury will review the decision, usually with aid of video viewing, immediately after the competition, and notify the person who submitted the protest of its verdict.
3. Boxing Canada's Executive Committee will resolve any extraordinary cases

Annex 2

National Points System

Domestic Competitions:

(National Championships, Final Team Selection)

Each win	1 point
Bronze medal	1 additional point – (one win is required)
Silver medal	2 additional points – (two wins are required)
	1 additional point – (if there is only one win)
Gold medal	3 additional points – (three wins are required)
	2 additional points – (if there is only two wins)
	1 additional point – (if there is only one win)

International Tournaments:

(AIBA sanctioned International Tournaments, Commonwealth Games, Francophone Games, CABA sanctioned Dual Matches & all Competition that are part of the National Team Program)

Participation	2 points <i>(including dual matches)</i>
Loss to Gold medalist	1 point
Each win	2 points
Bronze medal	2 additional points – (one win is required)
Silver medal	3 additional points – (two wins are required)
	2 additional points – (if there is only one win)
Gold medal	5 additional points – (three wins are required)
	3 additional points – (if there is only two wins)
	2 additional points – (if there is only one win)

Major Games:

(Olympic Games, World Championships & Pan American Games)

Participation	3 points
Loss to a Silver medalist	1 point
Loss to Gold medalist	2 points
Each win	3 points
Bronze medal	3 additional points – (one win is required)
Silver medal	5 additional points – (two wins are required)
	3 additional points – (if there is only one win)
Gold medal	8 additional points – (three wins are required)
	5 additional points – (if there is only two wins)
	3 additional points – (if there is only one win)

Note: Ringside Tournament is not part of the Official Senior National Team program.

Annex 3

APPEALS POLICY

Purpose:

1. The purpose of this policy is to enable disputes between individuals and the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association (CABA) to be dealt with fairly, expeditiously and affordably, without recourse to formal legal and court-like procedures.

Application:

2. This policy applies to all members of CABA including athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, employees and directors. It applies to decisions made by the Board of Directors of CABA, by any CABA Committee, by any CABA Discipline Committee or by any body or individual who has been delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of CABA. Any member who is affected by such a decision may appeal the decision, provided there are sufficient grounds for the appeal as defined in this policy.
3. This policy does not apply to:
 - a. Matters of employment;
 - b. Matters that are within the jurisdiction of a provincial association or AIBA;
 - c. Matters relating to the Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport and the Canadian Doping Control Regulations;
 - d. The rules of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2. above, for any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13.1 http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/pol/athlete05/1_e.cfm.

Timing of appeal:

5. Any member who wishes to appeal a decision will have 10 days from the date on which they received notice of the decision, to submit written notice of their intention to appeal, along with detailed reasons for the appeal, to the President of CABA.
6. Anyone member wishing to initiate an appeal beyond 10-day period must provide a written request stating reasons for an exemption to the requirement of Section 4 the decision to allow, or not allow an appeal outside the 10 day period will be at the sole discretion of the President.

Grounds of appeal:

7. A decision cannot be appealed nor can an appeal be heard, on the merits of the decision. Decisions may only be appealed and appeals may only be heard, on procedural grounds. Procedural grounds are limited to CABA:
 - a. Making a decision for which it did not have the authority or jurisdiction as set out in CABA's governing documents;
 - b. Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the bylaws or approved policies of CABA;
 - c. Misinterpreting a rule of CABA;
 - d. Making a decision which was influenced by bias.

Screening of appeal:

8. Within 3 days of receiving the notice of appeal, the President will decide whether or not the appeal is based on one or more of the grounds described in Section 6.
9. If the appeal is denied on the basis of insufficient grounds, the member will be notified of this decision in writing, giving reasons. This decision is at the sole discretion of the President and may not be appealed.

Appeals panel:

10. If the President is satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for an appeal, within 10 days of having received the original notice of appeal the President will appoint three unbiased individuals to serve as an Appeals Panel, one whom will serve as Chairman.

Preliminary Conference:

11. The Panel may determine that the circumstances of the dispute warrant a preliminary conference. The matters that may be considered at a preliminary conference include:
 - a. Format for the appeal (hearing by documentary evidence, oral hearing in-person, oral hearing by telephone conference, or a combination of these methods);
 - b. Date and location of hearing;
 - c. Timelines for exchange of documents;
 - d. Clarification of issues in dispute;
 - e. Clarification of evidence to be presented to the Panel;

- f. Order and procedure of hearing;
 - g. Remedies being sought;
 - h. Identification of witness;
 - i. Any other matter that may assist in expediting the appeal proceedings.
12. The panel may delegate to its Chairperson or to one of its members the authority to deal with these preliminary matters.

Procedure for the appeal:

13. Where the Panel has determined that the appeal will be held by way of oral hearing, the Panel will govern the hearing by such procedures as it deems appropriate in the circumstances, provided that:
- a. The hearing will be held within 21 days of the Panel's appointment.
 - b. A quorum will be all three Panel members.
 - c. Decisions will be by majority vote, where the Chairperson carries a vote.
 - d. If the decision of the Panel may affect another party to the extent that the other party could have recourse to an appeal under this policy, that party will become a party to the appeal in question.
 - e. The appellant, respondent and any affected parties will be given 10 days written notice of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing.
 - f. The panel may direct that any other individual participate in the appeal.
 - g. In the event that one of the Panel's members is unable or unwilling to continue with the appeal, the matter will be concluded by the remaining two Panel members who will make their decision unanimously.
 - h. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, there will be no communication between Panel members and the parties except in the presence of, or by copy to, the other parties.

Procedure for a documentary hearing:

14. Where the Panel has determined that the appeal will be held by way of documentary evidence, it will govern the appeal by such procedures as it deems appropriate in the circumstances provided that:

- a. All parties are given an opportunity to provide written submissions to the Panel, to review written submissions of the other parties, and to provide written rebuttal.
- b. The applicable principles and timelines of Section 12 are respected.

Evidence that may be considered:

15. As a general rule, the Panel will only consider that evidence that was before the original decision-maker. At its discretion the Panel may hear new evidence that is material and that was not available at the time of the original decision.

Appeal decision:

16. Within 5 days of concluding the appeal, the Panel will issue its written decision, with reasons. In making its decision, the Panel will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Panel may decide:

- a. To void or confirm the decision being appealed;
- b. To vary the decision where it is found that an error occurred and such an error cannot be corrected by the original decision-maker for reasons which include, but are not limited to, lack of clear procedure, lack of time or lack of neutrality;
- c. To refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision;
- d. To determine how cost of the appeal will be allocated, if at all.

17. A copy of this decision will be provided to each of the parties and to the President and Executive Director.

Timelines:

18. If the circumstances of the dispute are such that this policy will not allow a timely appeal, the Panel may direct that these timelines be abridged. If the circumstances of the dispute are such the appeal cannot be concluded within the timelines dictated in this policy, the panel may direct that these timelines be extended.

19. Where there is a need to render a decision quickly, the Panel may issue a summary decision with reasons to follow, provided the written decision, with reasons, is rendered within 5 days of concluding the appeal or such other timeline as may be agreed to by the parties.

Jurisdiction:

20. The decision of the Panel will be final and binding upon the appellant, respondent and CABA.
21. There is no further internal appeal procedure within CABA. Once all aspects of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association internal appeal procedure are exhausted, any further Action on the issue must be forwarded directly to the Federal Government sponsored Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (CRDSC-SDRCCC) mechanism.
22. No action or legal proceeding will be commenced against CABA in respect of a dispute, unless CABA has refused or failed to abide by the provisions for appeal of the dispute, as set out in this policy.