

Policy Name Athlete Assistance Program Carding Criteria Olympic Program - Recurve and Compound 2026-2027 Cycle		
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1.0 General Information

The goal of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance program (AAP) is to contribute towards improved Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Olympic, Paralympic Games and World Championships. More information on the AAP policy supporting the Archery Canada (AC) carding policy and process can be found at the following link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance.html>

The AAP has three levels of cards, which provide a monthly living and training allowance to carded athletes as follows:

Card Type	Monthly Allowance	Annual Value
Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)	\$2,175	\$26,100
Senior National Card (SR)	\$2,175	\$26,100
Development Card	\$1,305	\$15,660

Table 1: AAP carding allowances

In addition to the monthly allowance, carded athletes can take advantage of further support, related to tuition or dependents. Details of eligibility can also be found under the above AAP link.

For the 2026-2027 cycle, Sport Canada has allocated the equivalent of five (5) Senior Cards to Archery Canada (AC) for Olympic program athletes. This totals \$130,500 in carding support available.

Under the guidance of the AAP policy, AC has the ability to apply the total carding funding envelope in the context of its high performance strategic objectives and may allocate a varying number of Senior (SR

International or National) or Development (D) cards. AC does not have to allocate 5 SR Cards for a given year. As such, the distribution of SR and D Cards may vary depending on the strategic direction of the program or where the carding cycle lies in an Olympic quadrennial.

Athlete nominations to Sport Canada for carding will be made each year. The High Performance Manager (HPM), in collaboration with the Technical Leadership (comprised of a group of experts, with in-depth knowledge of the athletes being evaluated, which could include the HPM, National Coach, Olympic Programs and/or any required sport science staff, is responsible for nominating the Olympic program athletes for Sport Canada's AAP. All nominations will be submitted to a Selection Ratification panel for review and ratification, before nominations to Sport Canada. The Selection Ratification panel will consist of:

- (1) Archery Canada Board Member
- (2) Independent, Neutral Members

2.0 Performance Objective

AC's high performance objective is to create sustainable podium potential at the World Championships and Olympic Games levels. Program selections and investments will be made in accordance with these stated performance objectives.

3.0 Eligibility

To be considered for carding, an athlete must meet all the requirements listed by Sport Canada's AAP found under the link provided in section 1.0 above, including:

- Must be a current registrant in Good Standing (see AC Bylaws of AC, section 18) with Archery Canada, meaning the athlete is not currently suspended or under any sanction which precludes them from being eligible for carding;
- Must be eligible to represent Canada under the rules of the International Federation (World Archery)
- Compete in one of the disciplines of Olympic Recurve or Compound Target archery which is recognized by Sport Canada for AAP support.
- The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the beginning of the carding cycle - Dec. 1 2026
 - Permanent residents must live in Canada for the full year preceding the start of the carding cycle for which the athlete is being considered for AAP support
 - For athletes who have been permanent residents of Canada for three years or more, continued eligibility to receive AAP support is contingent on the athlete becoming eligible (Canadian Citizenship) to represent Canada at the Olympic Games;
- Must be available to represent Canada in major international competitions, including but not limited to World Championships and/or Olympic Games;
- Must meet the required performance standards as set out in section 8 of this document by Oct. 31st 2026
- Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the WA's Anti-Doping Rules or the anti-doping rules of any anti-doping organization that has authority over the athlete;
- Must sign the Athlete Agreement as required by Archery Canada and Sport Canada
- Must complete and sign the UCCMS Consent Form

- Must have met the Specific Criteria set out in Section 7 (where relevant);
- Must continue to meet the competition, training, logging, and testing expectations of the National Coach, Olympic Program and High Performance Technical Leadership.

4.0 CARDING CYCLE & QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The Carding cycle runs from December 1st 2026 to November 30th 2027 with performances between Dec. 1 2025 to Oct. 31 2026

5.0 OVERVIEW OF THE CARDING SYSTEM

5.1 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CARDS

As set out in Sport Canada's AAP policy, an athlete at the Senior International level is expected to demonstrate performance progression towards outstanding performances at World Championships or Olympic Games. Athletes may be nominated for a Sr. International Card for two consecutive years, referred to as SR1 and SR2. Athletes carded as a SR1 should demonstrate consistency in their results to be re-nominated for SR2 Card status.

For 2026-2027, there are no Senior International eligible criteria events. Therefore, no Senior International Cards (SR1) will be available for the 2026-2027 Carding Cycle.

In the 2025-2026 Cycle, one SR1 card was distributed. Athletes with a SR1 card will be required to meet the maintenance requirements, outlined in section 7 below, to be nominated for a SR2 card in the 2026-2027 Carding Cycle.

5.2 SENIOR NATIONAL CARDS

An athlete at the Senior National level is expected to demonstrate performance progression towards Senior International status, through performances at World Cups, World Ranking Events, and/or other identified international events when specified.

Once an athlete has been carded for 6 full carding cycles or more at the Senior card levels (SR) to be recommended for additional years of carding support the athlete must either:

- A. Meet the International Senior Card criteria, as outlined in section 8, below; or
- B. Clearly demonstrate evidence and progress toward placing in the Top 8 at the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

A full carding cycle is defined as receiving AAP support for the total number of months identified for each cycle (please see section 4 of this document). If Archery Canada, through the approval of Sport Canada, sees an adjustment in their carding cycle that may shorten or extend the number of months in which an athlete receives AAP support in that cycle, that cycle will still be counted as a full carding cycle, regardless of the number of months within that cycle.

5.3 DEVELOPMENT (D) CARDS

Development cards are intended to support the needs of athletes who are considering developing along the High Performance pathway. This includes but is not limited to archers who have begun to compete locally within the last 2 years and who demonstrate potential to achieve Senior Card criteria in the next 5 to 8 years. Any D Card athlete is expected to progress in their results toward achieving either SR International or National Card eligibility.

AC has established the maximum number of months an athlete can be nominated for a Development card at 5 carding cycles. An athlete at the development card level is expected to obtain the criteria to be nominated for either a Senior National or International card within this time frame. Athletes that have been previously carded at the Senior Level (C1, SR, SR1, SR2) for two or more carding cycles cannot be nominated for a Development Card.

A carding cycle is defined as receiving AAP support for the total number of months identified for each cycle (please see section 4 of this document). If Archery Canada, through the approval of Sport Canada, sees an adjustment in their carding cycle that may shorten or extend the number of months in which an athlete receives AAP support in that cycle, that cycle will still be counted as a full carding cycle, regardless of the number of months within that cycle.

Under the circumstance that an athlete has not reached SR Card levels after 5 carding cycles, and the athlete is demonstrating performance progression in line with achieving SR Card level within a further 12 to 24 months they may be recommended for continued D card support. If an athlete will be nominated for a development card beyond 5 carding cycles a clear performance benchmark will be communicated and documented in which the nominated athlete must meet during the carding cycle to retain eligibility.

6.0 Eligible Events for Nomination Evaluation

Except as otherwise stated herein, decisions on Carding nominations will be based upon performances at the following events. Priority ranking for nominations is listed below in Sections 7 and 8.

Card Level	Pan American Championships	National Events	Other Events (local)
Sr1 Cards	N/A		
Sr2 Cards	✓	✓	✓
Sr Cards	✓	✓	✓
D Cards	✓	✓	✓

Table 2: Carding Nomination Eligible Events

- National Events are events hosted and organized by Archery Canada, such as National Championships and the Regional Canada Cup's.
- Local events are Provincial based events, such as Provincial Championships, or club events, that have been registered into the Archery Canada Ianseo Event and Ranking system.

7.0 Allocation of Cards by Discipline

With the addition of Compound Mixed Team to the LA 2028 Olympic Games program, Archery Canada will allocate the total Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) envelope of five (5) Senior Card equivalents (\$130,500) across both the Recurve and Compound Target disciplines. Card allocations by discipline are based on the number of Olympic events and the athlete pathway toward the LA 2028 Games.

The cards will be distributed as follows:

Recurve Program (4.0 Senior Card Equivalents)

- **Senior International (SR1/SR2):** One (1) card is reserved for eligible SR2 nominations, totaling \$26,100
- **Senior National (SR) and Development (D):** A total of three (3) Senior Card equivalents are allocated. These may be distributed as up to three (3) SR cards, five (5) D-cards, or a strategic combination thereof, totaling \$78,300.

Compound Program (1.0 Senior Card Equivalent)

- **Development Card:** One (1) Senior Card equivalent (\$26,100) is reserved for the Olympic Compound Target Program, which will be split as follows:
 - **Strategic Distribution:** As the event at the LA 2028 Games is only a Mixed Team event, no individual opportunity, the goal is to support the development and training of the top Compound Male and Top Compound Female, who demonstrate the potential to be the Mixed Team looking to qualify for the LA 2028 Games. The Senior Card equivalent will be distributed as two (2) Development (D) Cards (nominations prioritized for one Male and one Female athlete).
 - **Funding Equalization:** As the standard (1) Senior Card equivalent value exceeds a single D-Card, the highest ranked athlete, male or female, will receive a full D-Card, totaling \$15,660. The second ranked athlete will be nominated for a Partial D-Card, totaling \$10,440. Archery Canada will supplement this partial card from internal High Performance budgets to ensure both athletes receive a monthly stipend equivalent to the standard D-Card rate of \$1,305/month for the entire 12-month carding cycle.

Where Archery Canada elects to divide a Senior National Card into multiple Development Cards within a discipline, but no athletes meet the eligibility criteria for those Development Cards, the funding will revert to its original value as one (1) Senior National Card. That Senior Card will then be awarded to the highest-ranked eligible athlete who meets the Senior National criteria for that discipline.

Unallocated and/or Partial Carding Funds: In the event that funding remains after all primary allocations are made, either because the balance is less than a full card or because no eligible athletes remain in a discipline, Archery Canada will reallocate the remaining funds to disciplines where eligible athletes remain

8.0 Carding Nomination Criteria and Prioritization - Recurve Program

The four (4) Senior Card Equivalent Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) cards for the Recurve Program will be nominated in priority order, as outlined in Table 3 below, until the available carding funds are exhausted. Athletes must meet the eligibility and performance criteria associated with each priority level to be considered for nomination.

Detailed eligibility and performance criteria for each priority are outlined in Sections 8.1 through 8.5. Where available funding is insufficient to nominate all eligible athletes within a given priority, nominations will be determined through athlete ranking using the Recurve Athlete Depth Chart, in accordance with Section 8.5.

Priority Order	Card Level
1	Senior International Card - SR2 Maintenance
2	Senior National - Individual Pan Am's Performance
3	Senior National Cards
4	Health Related Circumstances - SRH
5	Development Cards - Depth Chart

Table 3: Recurve Carding Nomination Priority Order

8.1 Priority One Senior International Cards (SR1 and/or SR2)

Senior International Cards (SR1) are awarded on the basis of performances achieved at a World Championships or Olympic Games within the applicable carding eligibility period, in accordance with Sport Canada AAP criteria.

As there are no World Championships or Olympic Games scheduled during the 2026 competitive season, no new Senior International Cards (SR1) are available for nomination for this carding cycle.

SR2 Maintenance Eligibility:

An athlete who was nominated for one (1) Senior International Card (SR1) during the 2025–2026 carding cycle may be eligible for nomination for a Senior International Card – SR2 (Maintenance), provided the athlete continues to meet all maintenance requirements.

To be eligible for an SR2 nomination, the athlete must demonstrate ongoing adherence to their approved Individual Performance Plan, including:

- Compliance with the agreed-upon training program;
- Participation in the agreed-upon competition schedule; and
- Fulfilment of all key performance and monitoring requirements outlined by the High Performance program.

Failure to meet SR2 maintenance requirements will render the athlete ineligible for nomination under this priority.

8.2 Priority 2: Allocation of Pan Am Championships Individual Performance or Team Quota - Senior National Cards

Senior National Cards may be allocated under this priority based on performances achieved at the 2026 Pan American Championships, through the earning of Team and/or Individual Quotas for the 2027 Pan American Games.

A maximum of one (1) Senior National Card per gender may be awarded under this priority. Where applicable, Team Quotas will be considered first, followed by Individual Quotas.

8.2.1 General Allocation Principles

- A maximum of two (2) Senior National Cards, 1 per gender category, may be awarded under this priority (one male and one female).
- Team Quotas earned at the 2026 Pan American Championships will take precedence over Individual Quotas.
- If both a Team Quota and an Individual Quota are earned within the same gender, only one (1) Senior National Card will be awarded for that gender under this priority.

8.2.2 Team Quota Allocation

Athletes who contribute to securing a full Recurve Team Quota for the 2027 Pan American Games at the 2026 Pan American Championships will be eligible for nomination under this provision.

Team Quotas are awarded to the top five (5) Men's or Women's Teams at the 2026 Pan American Championships. If a Team Quota is secured, one (1) Senior National Card will be allocated for that gender.

Nomination Process: The athlete nominated for the Senior National Card will be the highest-ranked athlete of that gender on the qualifying team, based on the final individual standings at the 2026 Pan American Championships. Only one (1) Senior National Card per gender may be awarded through Team Quota performance under this priority.

8.2.3 Individual Quota Allocation

If a team quota is not secured for a given gender, an individual quota may be considered. The Male Recurve and/or Female recurve archer who earns the individual quota may be nominated for a senior card.

At the 2026 Pan Am Championships, individual quotas for Recurve can be earned through one of the following methods:

- Earn a top 3 finish in the Pan Am Individual Quota allocation event.
- If we do not earn an individual quota in the individual qualification event then the archer who finishes in the Top 8 in the final ranking of the individual quota event, and earns the quota through the North American Qualification pathway, will be nominated for a senior card

Only one senior card per gender may be awarded under this priority.

8.3 Priority 3: Allocation of Additional Senior National Cards

Where Senior National Cards remain available following the application of Priority 2, Archery Canada will allocate additional Senior National Cards in accordance with the provisions below.

8.3.1 Scenario 1: One Senior National Card Awarded Under Priority 2

If only one (1) Senior National Card is awarded under Priority 2 (for example, where performance criteria are met by only one gender), Archery Canada may nominate the highest-ranked eligible athlete of the opposite gender for the remaining Senior National Card, provided the athlete meets the minimum eligibility and performance criteria outlined in Sections 8.3.3.1 and 8.3.3.2.

8.3.2 Scenario 2: Two Senior National Cards Awarded Under Priority 2

If two (2) Senior National Cards (one per gender) have already been awarded under Priority 2, any remaining carding capacity originally allocated to Senior National Cards will be allocated as a Senior Health Card, in accordance to Priority 4 (Section 8.4), or converted and distributed as Development Cards, in accordance with Priority 5 (section 8.5).

8.3.3 Scenario 3: No Senior National Cards Awarded Under Priority 2

If no athletes are nominated for a Senior National Card under Priority 2, Archery Canada may nominate up to one (1) athlete, male or female, for a Senior National Card under this priority.

Nomination under this provision is not automatic. The athlete must meet all eligibility and performance criteria outlined below. If no athlete meets the stated criteria, or is unable to sufficiently demonstrate their ability to meet the criteria, no Senior National Card will be awarded under this priority.

8.3.3.1 Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for nomination, the athlete must:

- Be named to the 2026 Senior Recurve National Team (Athletes selected for specific events based on event-specific criteria, but not named to the Senior National Team, are not eligible for a Senior National Card nomination); and
 - Have met or exceeded the respective Target Selection Score (TSS) at least twice in the 2026 season. One of the TSS scores must come from a “pressure” event with Match Play. This includes Pan Am Championships, any World Cup, a World Ranking Event, Canadian Outdoor Target Championships, Canada Cup’s, and/or USATs.
 - Athletes wishing to include results from events outside the approved program schedule must receive prior approval from the High Performance Manager (HPM) within 14 days of the start of the event.
- or
- Achieve a Top 16 finish in the final individual rankings at the 2026 Pan American Championships.

Target Selection Scores – Senior National Card

Category	Target Selection Score
Recurve Men	660+
Recurve Women	645+

8.3.3.2 Athlete Ranking – Depth Chart Assessment

Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed and ranked using the Recurve Athlete Depth Chart, which evaluates performance across four (4) weighted pillars during the 2026 Outdoor Target season. A detailed example of the Depth Chart methodology is provided in Appendix A.

- **Pillar One – Performance Under Pressure (40%)**

A minimum of two (2) eligible TSS scores will be collected, averaged, and compared to the top qualification score at each event. Results will be weighted to account for competitive context and contribute 40% of the athlete's total Depth Chart score. Please see the example in 9.1 below.

- **Pillar Two – Match Play Consistency (25%)**

Performance Points from a maximum of three (3) eligible events, as defined in the Archery Canada ranking system will be considered.

- The athlete's top three (3) Performance Point totals will be collected at the conclusion of the Outdoor season (by September 30, 2026), Totalled, and then Weighted to 25% of the athlete's overall Depth Chart score.
- Only Performance Points earned in Senior categories will be eligible under this priority.
- Performance Point allocations are outlined in the Target Archery National Ranking List Calculation document, found here:

https://archerycanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/FINAL_2025-Target-Archery-National-Ranking.pdf

- **Pillar Three – Training Consistency and Performance Tracking (25%)**

The athlete's seasonal Archer Skill Value (ASL) will be calculated at the conclusion of the 2026 Outdoor Target season. The ASL score will include all eligible 720 Round scores from the season and will be weighted to 25% of the total Depth Chart score. Information on the ASL model is available at:

<https://archerycanada.ca/the-archers-skill-level-asl-model/>

- **Pillar Four – Gold Medal Profile Evaluation (10%)**

Throughout the season 2026 Outdoor Target Season athletes will sit with the High Performance Technical Leadership team, and be evaluated against the Gold Medal Profile. Athletes should anticipate (3) assessments to occur in the season:

- Chula Vista Training Camp
- Post-Key Event - In debriefs following Pan Am Championships, World Cups, or other events as agreed upon between leadership and the athlete
- Post-Season Debrief

The weighted average of the athletes highest (2) assessment scores, will be used as ranking points in the Depth Chart.

8.3.4 Tie-Breaking

In the event of a tie in total Depth Chart points, the athlete with the higher Pillar One (Performance Under Pressure) score will be ranked higher.

8.4 Priority 4: Health Related Circumstances - Senior Card (SRH)

Where carding funds remain following the application of Priorities 1 through 3, Archery Canada may nominate athletes for a Senior or Development Card on the basis of Health Related Circumstances (SRH), in accordance with Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) policy. This priority is intended to support athletes who were unable to meet standard carding criteria solely due to a verified health-related circumstance, including injury, illness, or pregnancy.

8.4.1 Eligibility for Consideration

An athlete may be considered for nomination under this priority if all of the following conditions are met:

- The athlete was nominated for a Senior International (SR1 or SR2) or Senior National (SR) Card during the 2025–2026 carding cycle; and
- The athlete was a member of the Senior Recurve National Team in 2025 and/or 2026; and
- At the end of the applicable carding eligibility period, the athlete did not achieve the performance standard required for card renewal strictly due to a health-related circumstance.

8.4.2 Medical Reporting and Verification

To be eligible for consideration, the athlete must:

- Report the injury, illness, medical condition (including pregnancy), or other health-related circumstance in writing to the High Performance Manager (HPM) immediately following the incident or diagnosis; and
- Provide a medical certificate or equivalent documentation to support the claim.

The HPM will be responsible for the assessment and management of the health-related circumstance, including determining, in consultation with qualified medical professionals, whether the condition is career-ending.

- No nominations will be made under this priority for injuries or illnesses determined to be career-ending.

8.4.3 Competition While Injured or Ill

If an athlete competes in an eligible event (as defined in Section 6.0), they may not invoke Health Related Circumstances in respect of that event.

- The intent of this provision is to discourage competition that could jeopardize athlete health.
- If an athlete elects to compete, they must accept the result achieved and will not be eligible to claim SRH status for that event.

8.4.4 Nomination Decision Criteria

Nomination under Health Related Circumstances is not automatic and remains at the sole discretion of the High Performance Manager, in consultation with the National Coach, Olympic Programs, and other relevant High Performance staff.

In making a nomination decision, the following factors will be considered:

- The nature, severity, and prognosis of the injury, illness, or medical condition;
- Verifiable and objective assessment and training data provided by the athlete, and confirmed by:
 - the athlete's personal coach;
 - the National Coach; and
 - the athlete's Integrated Support Team (IST);
- Evidence of the athlete's performance level prior to the health-related circumstance;
- The quality and feasibility of the athlete's rehabilitation and return-to-performance plan;
- Advice and recommendations from medical professionals; and
- The realistic expectation that the athlete can return to full fitness and continue to demonstrate high-performance potential consistent with podium pathway objectives.

8.4.5 Allocation of SRH Nominations

Health Related Circumstances nominations will be determined based on:

- The number of cards and/or funding available;
- The athlete's National Team designation during the 2025 and/or 2026 seasons; and
- Where multiple eligible athletes have the same National Team designation, nomination priority will be determined by the athlete's final Athlete Depth Chart ranking from the 2025–2026 carding cycle.

8.5 Priority 5: Allocation of Development Cards - Athlete Progression and Depth Chart

Where funding following the application of Priorities 1 through 4, Archery Canada may nominate athletes for a Development Card, based on assessment and ranking in an Athlete Depth Chart, based on the following additional eligibility and performance criteria:

8.5.1 Eligibility Criteria:

- Be an athlete who was:
 - named to the 2026 Senior Recurve National Team; or
 - Be an athlete selected to represent Canada at a World Archery or World Archery America's event; or
 - Competed at a National Level Event and have completed the Intent Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebJcRjE4DO_Dv35D2_PzqtngmWNc3oAkpSiCAQkpZ0EKRGOw/viewform?usp=publish-editor
 - The intent form must be completed before the start of Target Outdoor Nationals (Aug. 12 2026, by 6:00 pm EST) to ensure a GMP can be conducted at that event if required.
- Have met or exceeded the respective Target Selection Scores (TSS) at least twice in the 2026 Outdoor Target season. One of the TSS scores must come from a "pressure" event with Match Play. This includes National Championships, Provincial Championships (with HPM approval) Canada Cup's, and/or USATs.
 - If an athlete attends an event with Match Play, and they are unsure if it is eligible for inclusion, must contact the HPM at least 14 days prior to the event start date. If approval is not given by the 14 day deadline, the event will automatically be deemed ineligible.

Target Selection Scores – Development Card

Category	Target Selection Score
Recurve Men	640+
Recurve Women	630+

8.5.2 Athlete Ranking – Depth Chart Assessment

Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed and ranked using the Recurve Athlete Depth Chart, which evaluates performance across four (4) weighted pillars during the 2026 season. A detailed example of the Depth Chart methodology is provided in Appendix A.

- **Pillar One – Performance Under Pressure (40%)**

A minimum of two (2) eligible TSS scores will be collected, averaged, and compared to the top qualification score at each event. Results will be weighted to account for competitive context and contribute 40% of the athlete's total Depth Chart score. Please see the example in 9.1 below.

- **Pillar Two – Match Play Consistency (25%)**

Performance Points from a maximum of two (2) eligible events, as defined in the Archery Canada ranking system, will be considered.

- The athlete's top two (2) Performance Point totals will be collected at the conclusion of the Outdoor season (by September 30, 2026), Totalled, and then Weighted to 25% of the athlete's overall Depth Chart score.
- For Development Cards, Performance Points from both Senior, U21 and U18 age categories, will be eligible for inclusion in the depth chart
- Performance Point allocations are outlined in the Target Archery National Ranking List Calculation document, found here:
https://archerycanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/FINAL_2025-Target-Archery-National-Ranking.pdf

- **Pillar Three – Training Consistency and Performance Tracking (25%)**

The athlete's seasonal Archer Skill Value (ASL) will be calculated at the conclusion of the 2026 Outdoor Target season. The ASL score will include all eligible 720 Round scores from the season and will be weighted to 25% of the total Depth Chart score.

Information on the ASL model is available at: <https://archerycanada.ca/the-archers-skill-level-asl-model/>

- **Pillar Four – Gold Medal Profile Evaluation (10%)**

Throughout the season athletes will sit with the High Performance Technical Leadership team, and be evaluated against the Gold Medal Profile. If athletes are not able to be assessed in person at an event, a meeting will be arranged between the athlete, the National Coach, Olympic Programs, and other HP leadership as identified. Athletes will need to have met and received at least (1) GMP assessment in the season.

8.5.3 Tie Break

In the event of a tie in total points, the athlete with the higher pillar one score, will be ranked higher.

9.0 Carding Nomination Criteria and Prioritization - Compound Program

Development Cards for the Compound Program will be nominated in priority order, as outlined in Table 6, until the available carding funds allocated to the Compound discipline are exhausted. Eligibility and performance criteria for each priority are detailed in Sections 9.1 to 9.3 below.

Where applicable, only one (1) full Development Card and one (1) partial Development Card are available for allocation within the Compound Program, based on the overall funding envelope. As noted

in Section 7, the partial card will be supplemented to ensure equalized funding for the two development cards if nominations are made.

Priority Order	Card Level
1	Development Cards - Individual Pan Ams, Top Male and Top Female
2	Development Cards - Top Male and Top Female Athlete Season Performance
3	Reversion to Sr. Card

Table 6: Compound Card Priority Allocations

9.1 Priority 1: Allocation of Development Cards - Individual Performance at Pan Am Championships

The top ranked Compound Male and top ranked Compound Female athlete who earn an individual quota for the 2027 Pan American Games at the 2026 Pan American Championships will be nominated for Development Cards under this priority.

As there will be (1) full D Card and (1) Partial D Card available, ranking of the Male and Female athlete that earns the quota will be determined as follows:

Performance Gap: The Male Archers and the Female Archers qualification score from the 2026 Pan Am Championships, will be compared to the Top scores of their respective gender category, on the World Stage. The comparison benchmark will include top qualification scores from the following events:

- 2025 World Cups – Shanghai and Madrid
- 2025 World Championships
- 2026 World Cups – Puebla and Shanghai
- 2026 Pan American Championships

For each athlete, the following calculation will be applied:

Athlete Qualification Score ÷ Average Top International Qualification Score

The athlete whose result is closest to the international benchmark (i.e., the higher percentage) will be nominated first and receive the full Development Card. The second athlete will be nominated for the partial Development Card and associated NSO stipend supplement.

Example (last 3 Top scores are randomized, as events are still to occur):

- Compound Male's Qualification Score: 699
- Average Top Qualifying Score from Identified Events: (e.g. 714 + 716 + 713 + 707 + 710 + 705)/6 = 710.833
- Athletes Score / Average Top Score = 699/710.833 = 0.98 * 100 = 98%

- Compound Women's Qualification Score: 680
- Average Top Qualifying Score from Identified Events: (e.g. 711 + 715 + 712 + 710 + 708 + 702)/6 = 709.667
- Athletes Score / Average Top Score = 680/709.667 = 0.95 * 100 = 95%

The male athlete would be nominated for the full Development Card, and the female athlete for the partial Development Card, supplemented by Archery Canada.

9.2 Priority 2: Allocation of Development Cards - Athlete Season Performance

If no individual quotas are earned at the 2026 Pan American Championships, Development Cards for one (1) Compound Male and one (1) Compound Female may be nominated based on overall season performance.

9.2.1 Eligibility Criteria:

- To be considered for this priority, an athlete must meet the following criteria
 - Be an athlete who:
 - Is named to the 2026 Senior Compound NT, or;
 - Has completed the intent form for NT selection for 2027 Compound Senior Teams, and;
 - Has met or exceeded the Minimum Qualification Scores, as set by World Archery and the International Olympic Committee, for the LA2028 Games on at least 2 occasions in the 2026 Outdoor Target Season (Apr. 1 2026 - Sept. 30 2026 approx).
- Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) requirements:
 - At least one (1) MQS must be achieved at a pressure event, defined as an event that includes elimination match play in which the athlete competes in at least one round.
 - Athletes uncertain about the eligibility of an event must seek approval from the High Performance Manager (HPM) at least 14 days prior to the event.
 - Failure to receive approval by the deadline will render the event ineligible.

Category	World Archery LA2028 Min. Qualification Score
Compound Men	690
Compound Women	670

Table 6 - Compound Olympic Minimum Qualification Scores

9.2.2 Athlete Ranking: Compound Depth Chart:

Athletes who meet the additional eligibility criteria will be assessed and ranked on the Compound Athlete Depth Chart, which evaluates performance across four (4) weighted pillars during the 2026 season. An example of the Depth Chart methodology is provided in Appendix A.

- **Pillar One, Performance under pressure (40%):** A minimum of two (2) eligible MQS scores will be collected, averaged, and compared to the top qualification score at each event. Results will be

weighted to contribute to 40% of the athlete's Depth Chart score. Please see the example in 9.1 above.

- **Pillar Two, Match Play Consistency (20%):** Performance Points, from a maximum of two (2) events, as found in the Archery Canada ranking system, will be included as follows:
 - The athletes Top 2 Performance Point totals will be collected at the end of the Outdoor season (by Sept. 30 2026), totalled, and then weighted to 20%, to determine their total points for Match Play Consistency
 - Performance points will only be eligible for inclusion from events in which the archer is registered as a Senior (21+)
- **Pillar Three, Training Consistency and Performance Tracking (20%):** At the conclusion of the 2026 Outdoor Target season, the athletes season Archer Skill Value (ASL) value, will be calculated, weighted to 20% of their total points, and added to the Depth Chart. The ASL value will include all 720 Round scores from the season.
- **Pillar Four, Gold Medal Profile Evaluation (10%):** Throughout the season athletes will sit with the High Performance Technical Leadership team, and be evaluated against the Gold Medal Profile. If athletes are not able to be assessed in person at an event, a meeting will be arranged between the athlete, the National Coach, Olympic Programs, and other HP leadership as identified. Athletes will need to have met and received at least (1) GMP assessment in the season.

9.2.3 Nomination Outcome:

The Top ranked Compound Male and the Top Ranked Compound Female on the Depth Charts will be nominated for Development Cards. The athlete with the highest points, male or female, will be nominated first for the full Development card, with the second athlete being nominated for the partial card + Archery Canada stipend.

9.3 Priority 3: Reversion to Senior Card

If only one (1) athlete across both genders meets the criteria outlined in Sections 9.1 and/or 9.2, and no other athletes are eligible for the remaining partial development card, the Development Card will be reverted back to a Senior Card. The Senior National Card may be allocated under this priority based on performances achieved at the 2026 Pan American Championships, through the earning of the Individual Quotas for the 2027 Pan American Games. The Senior Card will be allocated as follows:

9.3.1 Eligibility

- Has achieved the IOC and WA stated Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) at least twice in the 2026 Outdoor Target Season, and;
- Earned an individual Quota at the 2026 Pan Am Championships for the 2027 Pan American Games. For Compound, an individual quota for the 2027 Pan Am Games will only be awarded to the top ranked archer from a nation that has not earned a Team Quota.

9.3.2 Minimum Qualification Score Eligibility

- At least one (1) MQS must be achieved at a pressure event, defined as an event that includes elimination match play in which the athlete competes in at least one round.

- Athletes uncertain about the eligibility of an event must seek approval from the High Performance Manager (HPM) at least 14 days prior to the event.
- Failure to receive approval by the deadline will render the event ineligible.

Category	World Archery LA2028 Min. Qualification Score
Compound Men	690
Compound Women	670

Unallocated and/or Partial Carding Funds: In the event that funding remains after all primary allocations are made, either because the balance is less than a full card or because no eligible athletes remain in a discipline, Archery Canada will reallocate the remaining funds to disciplines where eligible athletes remain

10.0 MAINTAINING CARDING STATUS

Carding selection and the continuation of carding is dependent upon the athlete's acceptance and adherence to the obligations as outlined in AC's athlete agreement and this carding policy. The athlete must agree to adhere to the training, competitive and administrative/governance policies and codes of Archery Canada. The athlete must also adhere to pursuing specific performance goals, fitness targets, or technical adjustments as identified by the National Coach, Olympic Programs, High Performance Manager or designated Technical Leader.

All athletes will receive and must follow an approved yearly training plan (YTP) and Individual Performance Plan (IPP) during the carding cycle. Athletes are required to provide regular progress reporting, including specific formats and frequencies, as defined by the High Performance Manager (also see 11.0, Performance Monitoring).

Carded athletes must take part in all identified competitions, training camps, testing, and, if required, medical examinations to which they are selected. Should extenuating circumstances arise that prevent participation in any of these events, carded athletes must submit a written request for exemption to the HPM and National Coach, Olympic Programs, who may grant an exemption depending on individual circumstances.

Should an athlete fail to meet their training or competition commitments, or are found to be in violation of the Athlete Agreement of Archery Canada and AAP policies and procedures, their carding status may be withdrawn, following the conclusion of the following process:

- Archery Canada has provided an oral warning to the athlete, which includes the steps and timelines required to remedy the situation as well as outline the consequences of failure to heed the warning
- A follow-up written warning is distributed to the athlete if the oral warning was not heeded.

If the above steps do not lead to a resolution, Archery Canada will forward a recommendation to Sport Canada to withdraw the athletes carding status. For the full overview of the withdrawal process, please see Sport Canada policies at:

11.0 PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Athletes, and their personal coaches or trainers, are responsible for attending regularly scheduled meetings with the National Coach, Olympic Programs and be proactive in their communication with the Olympic Program Technical Leadership throughout the carding cycle. Athletes are required to report their training data through the provided reporting structure and identified apps throughout the season.

Athletes are expected to demonstrate progress upon the agreed upon objectives within their YTP and IPP throughout the carding cycle. Examples of potential objectives include:

- Technical proficiency and progression
- Fitness or physiological goals
- Minimum benchmark scoring and competition performances.
- Training volumes
- Operational goals

Any expectations from the HPM or National Coach Olympic Programs will be provided to the athlete and their personal coach as applicable in writing, along with an explanation of what measures will be used to evaluate athlete progression toward meeting any objectives. Objectives may be adjusted throughout the carding cycle at the NC's discretion.

12.0 CHALLENGES OR APPEALS

Appeals of Archery Canada AAP nomination/re-nomination decision or of an Archery Canada's recommendation to withdraw carding may be pursued only through the Archery Canada's review process, which includes an application to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). 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.

Appendix A: Example of Athlete Depth Chart Ranking

Athlete		Athlete A	Athlete B
Province		MB	NT
Performance Under Pressure	Event Name	2025 Madrid World Cup	2025 South American Open
	Athletes 720 Qual Round Score	618	649.00
	Top Qual Score at Event	684	683.00
	Total Weighting	40%	40%
	Total Pillar Points	36.14	38.01
Match Play Consistency	Event Name 1	2025 AZ Cup	2025 CDN Championships
	Event 1 Performance Points	16.80	5.63
	Event Name 2	2025 Canada Cup West	2025 Canada Cup East
	Event 2 Performance Points	1.50	5.44
	Event Name 3	2025 CDN Championships	2025 AZ Cup
	Event 3 Performance Points	2.73	5.55
	Total Performance Points	21.03	16.62
	Total Weighting	25%	25%
	Total Pillar Points	5.26	4.16
Training Consistency	End of Season ASL Value	92.00	94.80
	Total Weighting	25%	25%
	Total Pillar Points	18.40	23.70
Gold Medal Profile	Total Training Camp Assessment Score	49.00	48.00
	Total Event Debrief Assessment Score	34.00	43.00
	Post-Season Debrief Assessment Score	44.00	50.00
	Average of Top 2 Assessments	46.50	49.00
	Weighting	10%	10%
	Total Pillar Points	4.65	4.90
Total Depth Chart Score		64.45	70.76