



## **Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2010-2011 ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**This is the carding identification criteria for the OAWA. The Criteria is not final until September 2010 at which time additional criterion may be added by the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotions.**

**OAWA can not be responsible for any changes to this criteria as a result of changes in Ministry requirements. This criteria and the ranking lists produced from it are for information purposes only, and ARE NOT A GUARANTEE OF CARDING. Athletes, coaches and others are advised to check with OAWA during August and September of 2011 for possible changes to the criteria which may affect their selection for carding.**

*Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP) is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), and operated through the Sport and Recreation Branch. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold* – OAAP is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of both *ACTIVE2010* and the *Canadian Sport Policy* – to improve the performance and number of Ontario athletes performing at the national and international level; thereby contributing to the improved performance of Canada at international competitions. Specific objectives of the program are:

- a) To help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition;
- b) To encourage athletes to stay in Ontario to live and train;
- c) To compensate athletes for earnings lost while training;
- d) To enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals;
- e) To increase athlete access to improved high performance coaching; and
- f) To enhance training and competitive opportunities available to athletes.

The program will provide direct financial assistance to Ontario junior-aged athletes through an “Ontario Card” designation. “Junior-aged athlete” is defined as those athletes who fall within the eligible age range for the Canada Games - 11 to 22 years of age. The intent of the OAAP is to provide funding to individual athletes based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport, allowing them to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition.

### **How does it work?**

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines, the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association is responsible for developing sport specific selection criteria and forming a Selection Committee that will apply the criteria to select those athletes who will be awarded Ontario Card status. The Selection Criteria is approved by the Board of Directors and reviewed by MHP staff. Nominated athletes will be required to sign an Athlete Agreement between the athlete and Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association. Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, ending March 31,

In 2010-2011, the Ministry of Health Promotion is expected to allocate a certain amount of OAAP Ontario Cards to each eligible Provincial Sport / Multi-Sport Organization (PSO/MSO). Based on prior years, it is expected that the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association will be allotted a total of 24 Ontario cards (split evenly as 12 male and 12 female Cards).

Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association has also decided to exercise the option made available by MHP to split up to 30% of its carding allotment (i.e. issue ½ cards in designated categories).

A minimum of 70% of the Ontario cards will be allocated to what the Ministry of Health Promotion defines as junior-aged athletes (11 to 22 years of age). A maximum of 30% of the Ontario cards may be allocated to athletes no longer eligible for "junior athlete" status, (athletes 23 and over).

As a result, it is expected that the 24 cards issued to Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association will be allocated as follows:

	Male	Female
Full Cards – 20	10	10
Half Cards – 4 full cards = 8 half cards	4	4

Cards will be specifically allocated to the following categories/disciplines:

	Category	Male Cards	Female Cards
1	Near National Cards (6 Full Cards)	3 Full Cards	3 Full Cards
2	Junior Development Cards (4 Full Cards = 8 Half Cards)	Up to 4 x ½ cards <i>Equivalent of 2 full cards</i>	Up to 4 x ½ cards <i>Equivalent of 2 full cards</i>
3	Other, as determined by criteria below (14 Full Cards)	7	7

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association is responsible for forming a Selection Committee and sport specific selection criteria to nominate the athletes for Ontario carding status. This selection criteria has been approved by the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Board of Directors.

The Selection Committee is comprised of the following members:

Bob Parsons	Vice-President, Technical, Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association
Ray Takahashi	Junior/Senior Program Chairman, Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association
Tim MaGarrey	Provincial Director, Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association

## How much funding is available?

The exact level of funding for the carding year will be determined by the Ministry after the total number of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status has been determined. Funding will be released prior to March 31.

## How will the OAWA Selection Committee decide who receives funding?

The Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Selection Committee will use both the Ministry of Health Promotion Eligibility Criteria and the Sport Specific selection criteria detailed below to determine which athletes will be nominated by the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association for Ontario Card status:

### Ministry of Health Promotion Eligibility Criteria:

All athletes must also meet the Ministry of Health Promotion's minimum athlete eligibility criteria:

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status, with the following exception;
 

The residency requirement will be waived if the athlete is a direct family member of:

  - a regular force member, or
  - a reservist as defined in subsection 1 (1) of the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* who is deployed under a circumstance described in clause 50.2 (1) (a) or (b) of that Act, or who is deployed or in any other way placed on active duty under a circumstance described in regulations made for the purposes of clause 50.2 (1) (c) of that Act.
- Athletes must be training and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions ("Residency Exceptions") will be made on a case specific basis providing that the athlete can substantiate 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);

- ▶ The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out of province. The athlete will submit written documentation to their PSO/MSO's Selection Committee clearly indicating how they meet these exceptions. The Ministry may require that the athlete provide supporting documentation from the athlete's PSO/ MSO, National Sport Organization (NSO) or other sources to verify reasons for athlete's absence from the Province of Ontario.
- 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 NSO where applicable.
- Athlete must have entered into a Sports Organization - Athlete Agreement with his or her PSO/MSO and must be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of that agreement.
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- Athlete must be instructed by a coach who has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Level 2 or equivalent.
- Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.
- If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete for Ontario and/or Canada for one year from the date of the Minister's letter informing the athlete of acceptance into OAAP program, at Canada Games and other national competitions involving provincial team competitions. Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards.
- Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior-aged athletes ("junior-aged" refers to chronological age, not a sport's specific age category - only exception is for PSO/MSOs using 30% of Ontario Card allotment for Senior level athletes not funded by Sport Canada – see note below) 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.

### **Important Notes:**

- 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.
- An athlete that received Sport Canada Carding at any point during the two fiscal years prior to the year being considered and is no longer in receipt of Sport Canada Athlete Assistance shall not be eligible to receive Quest for Gold funding. The intent of this rule is to prevent athletes whose performance levels and rankings no longer qualify them for Sport Canada carding from taking an Ontario Card from a future national-level athlete. However, exceptions may apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions may include, but may not be limited to logistical or administrative changes, injuries, etc.
- An athlete can only be nominated to receive Quest for Gold funding in one sport.
- The onus is entirely on the athlete to determine the impact of accepting OAAP funding on current or future NCAA eligibility and to decide whether or not to accept OAAP funding. The athlete will be required to acknowledge this onus and responsibility when signing the OAAP Ontario Card application form and agreeing to the related terms and conditions of the program.
- Athletes are strongly encouraged to contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the impact of Quest for Gold - OAAP funding on current or future eligibility for a NCAA scholarship or on eligibility to compete in a non-scholarship NCAA sport.
- In the event of a conflict or inconsistency, the selection criteria established by the Ministry and set out the Athlete Handbook provided to each nominated athlete shall prevail over the selection criteria established by the PSO/MSO.
- An athlete who previously received Quest for Gold funding and entered into a Sports Organization – Athlete Agreement must have complied with the terms of that agreement to the satisfaction of the PSO/MSO in order to be considered for funding.

## **Sport Specific Athlete Selection Criteria (in red):**

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### **Summary of Requirements \***

1. Athletes can not be in receipt of any level of National Carding. Athletes added to the National Carding list mid-year will have their Ontario carding discontinued.
2. To be considered, the athlete must have completed high school. It is OAWA Policy that athletes in high school are not eligible for an Ontario card. Special consideration for mature students returning to high school may be provided (for example, a 'mature' student returning to school to complete high school) but only if the athlete is ineligible for OFSAA participation according to the guidelines of that organization.
3. To be considered for carding, the athlete must be participating in a year-round training and competition program at a recognized Junior/Senior Training program under the guidance of a Coach with a minimum NCCP level 3 Certification, or equivalent under the new NCCP. Athletes being considered or in receipt of carding are expected to participate in their designated (age group) Provincial Championships, National Championships (for Ontario) and Canada Cup.

\* This is a summary only. In order to qualify for Quest for Gold – OAAP Funding, athletes must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as set out by the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), as well as the selection criteria and Conditions of Carding of the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association (OAWA).

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### **Criteria for the Assignment of Cards**

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It is anticipated that the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association will receive 12 Men's and 12 Women's Cards from the Government of Ontario. These will be assigned as follows:

- The Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance (carding) Program is targeted at athletes 22 years old and younger. OAWA can allocate up to 3 Men's and 3 Women's cards to athletes beyond 22, with first preference being given to those allocated to the 'Near National Cards' as noted in point # 3 below.
- Near National Cards: Senior National Team- not carded by Sport Canada. Ontario card up to the next three highest placing men and women on the CAWA National Senior Team/Carding List not qualifying for a National card.
- Next, the OAWA has determined to 'Split' up to the next two full cards per gender. Full cards will be split into a ½ card for Junior athletes only. Junior athletes (turning 19 or 20 years of age in 2009) will qualify for this split card. These Juniors will be selected in the order they appear on the full OAWA carding list. In order to qualify, the Juniors:
  - i. Must meet all other carding criteria (have completed high school, etc.).
  - ii. Must place in the top 50 overall on the carding list.
  - iii. Participate in all aspects of the Ontario Junior Development Program they are eligible for.

If there are less than four men or women who meet this criteria, the second card will not be split and will be added as a Category 3 Card. In this instance, the number of split cards in the other gender will also be reduced – the number of split cards must always be equal for each gender (a Ministry Quest for Gold Requirement). Juniors who receive enough points to be eligible for a full card will be awarded a full card and the split card will be awarded to the next Junior on the list.

- The balance of (7 Men's and 7 Women's) cards will be determined by the objective criteria listed below:
  - Points will be tallied, and the top point earners will be selected in order of their points earned.
  - . Where there are small weight classes in events, the points received will be discounted as per the CAWA Rulebook Team Scoring format.

## Objective Criteria:

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Points earned at various events:

### 2010 Canadian Senior (Freestyle) Championships

Champion	50 points
Silver	40 points
Bronze	30 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	25 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	20 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	15 points

### November 2009 Ontario Senior Championships

Champion	20 points
Silver	15 points
Bronze	10 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 points

### 2010 Ontario Junior Championships

Champion	25 points
Silver	15 points
Bronze	10 points

### 2010 Canadian Junior Freestyle Championships \*

Champion	30 points
Silver	20 points
Bronze	15 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	10 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 points

### 2010 Canadian Juvenile Freestyle Championships \*

Champion	10 points
Silver	7 points
Bronze	5 points

### 2009 Canadian Junior Freestyle Championships

Champion	15 points
Silver	10 points
Bronze	5 points

\* Athletes may gain points in the Canadian Junior or Juvenile events, but not both.

Points can also be earned at the following events:

1. **2010 Guelph Open or the 2009 Hargobind Open** (*National Ranking tournaments*)  
note: Athletes may earn points in either event, not both. If earning in both, the higher placing will be counted.

First Place	20 pts.	Second	15
Third	10	Fourth	5
Fifth	3	Sixth	2

2. **2010 Canada Cup Freestyle**

<u>Senior Division:</u>		<u>Pre-Junior Division</u>	
Champion	35 points	Champion	10 points
Silver	25 points	Silver	7 points
Bronze	20 points	Bronze	5 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	15 points	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	10 points	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	2 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 points	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	1 point

3. **2009-2010 OAWA Junior (U-20) Development Program:** 5 points if the athlete participated in the **entire** program, attending all events they were eligible for.
4. Enhanced Program – Varsity Events – Athletes placing in selected Ontario Varsity competitions are eligible to earn points as follows:

Top three placings at any of the following events:

2009 McMaster Invitational	2009 University of Toronto Open
2009 Greater Toronto Open	2010 Queen's Invitational
2010 Brock Invitational	2010 Western Open

Points for Placing: 1st – 6 pts, 2nd – 5 pts, 3rd – 4 pts, 4th – 3 pts, 5th – 2 pts, 6th – 1 pt.

### Tie-Breaker:

If two athletes are tied on points, the following criteria will be followed until the tie is broken:

- higher placing at the (most recent) National Seniors (Freestyle)
- higher placing at the (most recent) Ontario Seniors(Freestyle)
- higher placing at the (most recent) National Juniors(Freestyle)
- higher placing at the (most recent) Ontario Juniors(Freestyle)
- higher placing at the (most recent) Canadian Juveniles (Freestyle)
- higher placing at the (most recent) Guelph Open
- higher placing at the (most recent) Canada Cup – Senior Freestyle (Freestyle)
- higher placing at the (most recent) Canada Cup – Pre-Junior (Freestyle)
- best placing from prior year National Senior Championships (Freestyle).
- Best placing from prior year Ontario Senior Championthips (Freestyle).
- Best placing from prior year National Junior Championships (Freestyle).
- Best placing from prior year Ontario Junior Championships (Freestyle).
- 2009 Canada Games Team member (ranked by weight if more than one)
- Best placing from prior year Canadian Juvenile (Freestyle)
- Best placing at the prior year Canada Cup (Freestyle)
- If still tied, the Selection Committee will vote to break the tie. Athletes' Coaches will be asked to submit a history of their athlete's competition record, including prior years events. The Committee will make their selection based on an examination of the balance of these competitive records of the athletes who are tied.

### **Conditions of Carding:**

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Athletes selected for Carding will sign an Athlete Agreement prior to receiving funding. This agreement will include the following (there may be other conditions from the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion):

- Must be a registered member of the OAWA, in good standing.
- Must provide a photo and profile material to OAWA upon request
- Must agree to allow OAWA to use their photo and information for promotional purposes.
- Must agree to abide by all OAWA Policies (Harassment, etc.).
- Must agree if called upon to donate their time in service for one day at at least one OAWA sponsored camp or clinic per year.
- Must agree if called upon to donate their time at at least one other OAWA sponsored event per year (eg. promotions, awards presentations, etc.).
- Current Carded Athletes and those wishing to be considered for next year must participate in their designated age group Provincial and National Championships during the (2010/11) competitive season, unless:
  1. They provide a signed Doctor's note indicating they are unable to participate.
  2. They provide a signed letter from their school Registrar for a College or University student showing that they have a pre-scheduled exam within 48 hours of the event.

**Note: This means '10/'11 carded athletes will be required to participate in the 2009 Ontario Senior Championships. Failure to do so may be grounds for removal from the Carding program.**

## **Residency Exceptions:**

Any athlete living/training outside of Ontario is required to **submit written documentation** to the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Selection Committee clearly identifying how they meet the following residency exceptions, identified in the Ministry of Health Promotion's General Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must be living and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions will be made on a case specific basis providing that the athlete can substantiate 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);
  - 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.

This information must be received by the Selection Committee by no later than **October 1** in order to be considered.

**Residency Exemption for Military Families:** The one-year Ontario residency requirement is waived for any Ontario Card or Canada Card applicant who is a spouse or dependant of a: Regular Force member of the Canadian Forces; or Reservist currently deployed by the Canadian Forces into active service. This means that eligible military family members now qualify for OAAP funding immediately upon becoming residents of Ontario. Please see the 2008-2009 *Quest for Gold* Athlete Handbook for details of this exemption, including a list of documents needed to verify eligibility for this waiver of the one-year Ontario residency requirement.

## **Alternates:**

Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association will also nominate alternates to those athletes nominated for Ontario Card status. Alternates will be those athletes who are ranked directly behind those athletes nominated for the allotment of Ontario Cards in a particular category/discipline. The names of alternates will be published along with the names of nominated athletes. If an athlete drops out or is removed from the OAAP an alternate will be substituted into that athlete's position, provide that:

- Alternate is substituted within current fiscal year
- An alternate is available from the same category/discipline/card level (Full/Half)
- 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)

## **Contact Address and Deadline**

All information must be submitted no later than **October 1, 2010** and must be sent to:

**Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association**

**213-3 Concord Gate**

**Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3N7**

Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association will publish or make known the athletes nominated for Ontario Card status by no later than **October 21, 2010**.

## Appeals

Appeals will be allowed in writing from athletes who have not been nominated by a PSO/MSO for Ontario Card status. Appeals will be dealt with by an Appeals Committee comprised of representatives from the sport community and chosen by the Ministry.

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to issues related to:

A) Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;

B) 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:

1. Direct the PSO/MSO to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit a new list of nominated athletes;
2. Deny the appeal; or
3. Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.

The appeals will only be accepted on the MHP-provided template, in writing through regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person. 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. The Appeals Committee will discuss all appeals at once, after PSO/MSOs publish their list of nominated athletes. Appeals received in advance of the PSO/MSO announcing nominees will not be reviewed until after the Appeals deadline.

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is **October 26, 2010**.

Appeals must be completed on the template below and will be directed to:

*Quest for Gold* Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee  
c/o Sport and Recreation Branch  
Ministry of Health Promotion,  
18<sup>th</sup> floor, 393 University Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S1