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1 ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

AAP – Athlete Assistance Program / Sport Canada Card

AWAD – Athlete With a Disability

CKC – CanoeKayak Canada

CKC Tier 1 & 2 – level of support (funding/services) provided by Canoe Kayak Canada

CKO – Canoe Kayak Ontario; Provincial Sport Organization responsible for canoe/kayak in Ontario

CSIO – Canadian Sport Institute Ontario; funding partner/service provider of OHPSI

Direct to Athlete support – OHPSI & OAAP funding support

DTE – Daily Training Environment

ED – Executive Director of Canoe Kayak Ontario

EOD – Eastern Ontario Division

GMT – Gold Medal Time; CKC’s best estimate of the time required to win at Olympic/Worlds

HPAD – High Performance Athlete Development; targeted athlete

HPC – High Performance Committee

KPI – Key Performance Indicator: identified benchmarks of CKC’s Gold Medal Profile

MTCS – Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport; funding partner

NCCP – National Coach Certification Program

NSO – National Sport Organization

NTT – National Team Trials 1 or 2

OAAP – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program; support provided by MTCS

OCSRA – Ontario Canoe Sprint Racing Affiliation; member of Canoe Kayak Ontario

OCup – Ontario Cup; series of four events provided by OCSRA

ODTRL – Ontario Development Team Ranking List; ranking of U21, U19 & U17 development athletes

OHPSI – Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative; support provided by CSIO

OTRL – Ontario Team Ranking List; ranking list of Ontario’s high performance athletes

OTT'S – Ontario Team Trials

Paracanoe – athletes with a physical disability

PIT – Performance Indicator Time; averaged times calculated by CKC from previous 3-5 World Championships

PSO – Provincial Sport Organization

Quest for Gold – Ontario lottery used to support Ontario Athlete Assistance Program

TD – Technical Director of OCSRA

Top ½ of competing field – position of finish in the top ½ of the total competitors in a race

WOD – Western Ontario Division

U23 Eligibility – The last year an athlete can compete at the U23 World Championships is the year in which their 23rd birthday falls

2 GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ontario Canoe Sprint Racing Affiliation (“**OCSRA**”)’s Ontario Team Program is to support Ontario High Performance Athlete Development (“**HPAD**”) and Ontario Development athletes in their pursuit of achieving world-class results at the highest levels of international competition. Upward progression by an athlete towards the National Team and achieving international podium performances are the program’s objectives.

The OCSRA’s Ontario Team Program offers three (3) types of support: Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative (“**OHPSI**”) program, Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (“**OAAP**”), and Ontario Development Team. Selection to each specific program/team is detailed below.

3 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to be considered for an Ontario Team Program nomination, an Athlete must meet these requirements (**OAAP has additional eligibility requirements listed in 7.2.2**):

- The Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- The Athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario *as of October 1, 2015*;
- The Athlete must live in and continue to train in Ontario during the period they are eligible for receiving the benefits of the Program. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis (**see SPECIFIC OAAP ELIGIBILITY in Section 7.2.2**);
- The Athlete must be a registered member within Padtrac, in good standing with the Provincial Sport Organization (“**PSO**”), Ontario Canoe Sprint Racing Affiliation (“**OCSRA**”), National Sport Organization (“**NSO**”) and either the Western Ontario Division (“**WOD**”) or Eastern Ontario Division (“**EOD**”);
- The Athlete must enter into an Athlete Agreement with the OCSRA and must be in full compliance with the terms and conditions with the agreement;
- The Athlete must have met all terms and conditions of any previous Athlete Agreement to the satisfaction of OCSRA in order to be eligible for consideration in successive years;
- The Athlete must compete at the 2016 Ontario Team Trials (OTT) and/or National Team Trials II (NTT2) and the National Championships unless an exemption from competition has been approved by the HPC (**see Section 8 Injury, Illness or Other Extenuating Circumstances**) – OHPSI program & OAAP only

4 AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM SELECTION

The OCSRA’S Technical Director (“TD”) will make Ontario Team program selection recommendations to the OCSRA High Performance Committee (“HPC”) and Canoe Kayak Ontario’s (“CKO”) Executive Director (“ED”), on the basis of the criteria contained in this document and OAAP polices. The HPC and ED will then forward their recommendations of all Athlete selection nominations for OHPSI, OAAP and Ontario Development Team supported athletes to the OCSRA Board of Directors for final approval.

5 ONTARIO TEAM RANKING LIST & ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT TEAM RANKING LIST

The Ontario Team Ranking List (“OTRL”) is a cross-discipline ranking of an Athlete’s percentage from their Senior Gold Medal Time (“GMT”) and position of finish in the same event (see **Appendix A**). The OTRL is based on an Athlete’s **best** percentage from GMT using CKC’s standard reference table for Corrected Times (see 5.1 Corrected Times) + position of finish points (see **5.2 Sample Points Table**) from events listed in Section 6. **Note:** Athletes may only use one (1) 2020 Olympic Program result (see **5.3 2020 Olympic Program**) to calculate their OTRL. Athletes who have achieved an international performance listed in either the OHPSI or the OAAP priority of funding will be ranked at the top of the OTRL.

A separate Ontario Development Team Ranking List (“ODTRL”), using the appropriate age Performance Indicator Time (“PIT”) will be used for selection of Ontario’s Development Team only (see **Appendix A**). The ranking list is based on an Athlete’s **best** percentage from PIT using CKC’s standard reference table for Corrected Times (see 5.1 Corrected Times) + position of finish points (see **5.2 Sample Points Table**) from events listed in Section 6. **Note:** Athletes who have achieved a national performance listed in the Ontario Development Team Programs priority of support will be ranked at the top of the ODTRL.

The Ontario Team Ranking List and Ontario Development Team Ranking List will be posted on the OCSRA website one (1) week after each event listed in Section 6. GMTs and PITs can be viewed in Appendix A.

5.1 Corrected Times

Corrected times are times that take into account water temperature, wind speed and wind direction. These conditions are intended to be as representative of the conditions experienced by the athlete in the race as possible given course access and current technology limitations. Corrected times will be used at OTT and NTT2 if data is available. When conditions exceed 6.0 m/s no corrections can reliably be applied. The corrections applied are done so using CKC’s standard reference tables and will be completed by qualified IST.

5.2 Sample Points Table

Sample Athlete Result	% of GMT/PIT Points Awarded		Position of Finish Points Awarded		Total Points Awarded
Athlete #1 was 101% of GMT/PIT in A Final	99		A Final = 100		199
Athlete #2 was 102% of GMT/PIT in B Final	98		B Final = 95		193
Athlete #3 was 103% of GMT/PIT in C Final	97		C Final = 90		187

5.3 2020 Olympic Program

The ICF recently announced changes to the Olympic Program. The events proposed to the IOC for the 2020 Olympic Games & Para Olympic Games are as follows:

	200m	500m	1000m
Men	K1 KL1 KL2 KL3	K4	K1 K2
			C1 C2
Women	K1 KL1 KL2 KL3	K1 K2 K4	
	C1	C2	

6 EVENTS FOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Only results from finals will be used for OTRL.

Type of Selection	OTT (singles only)*	NTT2 (singles only)*
OHPSI	✓	✓
OAAP	✓	✓
Ontario Development Team	✓	

*Only one (1) result can be used for ranking at each event.

7 SPECIFIC CRITERIA

7.1 OHPSI Program

7.1.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

The Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (“**CSIO**”) created the OHPSI program to provide leadership, coaching support, training and competition expenses, sport science services, equipment and technology and facility access to targeted athletes.

The OHPSI has the following specific objectives:

- Provide high performance sport leadership in Ontario;
- Create an optimal Daily Training Environment (“**DTE**”) for Ontario athletes, where they are able to access high performance sport programs, technical experts (full-time coaches and sport science/medicine professionals), and services that enable Ontario athletes to train and achieve international podium performances;
- Create and retain full-time coaching positions and provide integrated coach professional development opportunities,
- Provide sport science/sport medicine support to ensure that a holistic approach is integral to developing Ontario athletes; and

- Create integrated (vertical and horizontal) high performance athlete development pathways in, and between, Ontario's and Canada's High Performance sport systems. In particular, developing strong relationships between PSO's and NSO's to ensure an integrated athlete/coach development system is in place in Ontario

The program will provide financial and program assistance to Ontario HPAD athletes for international competition and support in the DTE. HPAD athletes are defined as those athletes who fall within the eligible age range and percentage of GMT outlined in Canoe Kayak Canada's ("**CKC**") Sprint Athlete Pathway (see Appendix B), i.e. eligible to compete at the U23 World Championships and 4-8% from GMT. Each year, the CSIO allocates a specific amount of OHPSI financial support to PSO's following a successful OHPSI application and evaluation process. OCSRA does not know the amount of OHPSI contribution, nor type of support until the completion of the annual evaluation process.

7.1.2 Allocation of Funding

- Tier 1 Funding (full support provided) – according to the OHPSI Priority of Funding outlined in Section 7.1.3, the athlete has achieved an international result, CKC NextGen Program nomination or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve a podium performance at the 2020/2024 Olympic Games. Funding will be provided to athletes eligible to compete at the 2016 Junior/U23 World Championships.
- Tier 2 Funding (no Direct to Athlete support provided) – provided to athletes who received a Top 8 performance at the 2015 Junior/U23 World Championships and received OHPSI Tier 1 support in the previous carding year AND have shown a progression towards GMT performances and/or reached Key Performance Indicator ("**KPI**") benchmarks. Funding will be provided to athletes eligible to compete at the 2016 Junior/U23 World Championships.

7.1.3 Priority of Funding

Funding and program support will be allocated to eligible Athletes in the order of priority of the phased steps set out below. Each step must be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified Athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step. As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be completed and funding/program support may not be allocated in some categories.

1. Athletes who finish Top 8 at the U23 World Championships or Paracanoe World Championships and who are not CKC Tier 1 supported.
2. Athletes who finish Top 8 at the Junior World and who are not CKC Tier 1 supported.
3. Athletes who finish Top 8 and top ½ of the competing field at any of the World Cups in 2020 Olympic Program events and who are not CKC Tier 1 supported.
4. Athletes who finish Top 16 and top ½ of the competing field at the U23 World Championships or Paracanoe World Championships and who are not CKC Tier 1 supported.
5. Athletes who receive a CKC NextGen Program nomination and who are not CKC Tier 1 supported.
6. Any remaining funding and program support will be allocated based on the Ontario Team Ranking List. Athletes selected through the Ontario Team Ranking List must be U21 age eligible and receive a minimum 8% from GMT performance in either an international competition listed above or the following domestic events NTT1, OTT, NTT2, Ontario Championships or National Championship in the same event they are being ranked in. The minimum 8% from GMT requirement can be achieved in heats, semi-finals or finals.

7.2 Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP)

7.2.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

The *Quest for Gold* – (“OAAP”) is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (“MTCS”), and operates through the Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Branch. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold* – OAAP is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of the Canadian Sport Policy – is to increase the number of high-performance Ontario athletes selected to national teams and contributing to podium achievements of Canada at international competitions.

The OAAP has the following specific objectives:

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

The program will provide “Direct to Athlete” financial assistance to Ontario junior-aged athletes through an “Ontario Card” designation. **A minimum of 70% of the Ontario Cards will be allocated to what the MTCS defines junior-aged athletes defined as those athletes eligible to compete at the U23 World Championships.** OCSRA may choose to allocate a **maximum of 30% of the Ontario Cards to athletes no longer eligible for ‘junior athlete’ status**, who have been identified as potential next generation national team athletes based on the selection process outlined below AND have been selected by Canoe Kayak Canada to compete for Team Canada at one of the following events: Pan Am Championships, World Cup 2 and 3, , Paracanoe World Championships, Piestany International Regatta, World University Games, and CANAMEX Regatta.

The total number of cards allocated will be split evenly by gender, regardless of discipline, provided all athletes meet the minimum performance standards outlined in Section 7.2.4 Priority of Funding. If one gender fails to meet the minimum performance standards, the HPC may allocate additional card(s) to the opposite gender.

In addition, the program will provide Direct to Athlete financial assistance to Ontario Athletes With A Disability (“AWAD”). The Ministry recognizes that the junior/developmental levels of ParaSport/Paralympic athletes are generally older than those for able-bodied sports. Therefore, there is no specific age limit for Paracanoe athletes, however, the Athlete must be identified as potential next generation national team athletes based on the selection process outlined below.

Each year the MTCS allocates a certain number of OAAP Ontario Cards to each PSO. The OCSRA does not know how many cards will be allotted until September of each year.

7.2.2 Specific OAAP Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for an OAAP nomination, an Athlete must meet all of the GENERAL ELIGIBILITY outlined in Section 2, as well as these specific requirements:

- Athlete who achieved Sport Canada AAP funding are not eligible for OAAP funding;
- 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 a sanction that prohibits competition as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy;
- Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time:
 - Exceptions will be made provided that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow for full-time attendance or if an athlete requires special needs that precludes full or part-time attendance (e.g. Athlete with a disability (AWAD) athlete);
- Athlete who has completed his/her area of study at the secondary level and who continues to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will also be considered;
- If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete solely for Ontario and/or Canada for one (1) 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;
- Athlete must not receive financial support from any other provincial/territorial athlete assistance program. This does not include academic scholarships, bursaries, student grants, student loans, social assistance, disability pensions, and other forms of financial assistance that have nothing to do with competitive sport;
- Athlete must live in and continue to train in Ontario, with the following Residency Exceptions listed below. **Note:** Residency Exceptions will be considered on a case specific basis by the HPC provided that the athlete can substantiate in writing at the time of application deadline his/her reason for living outside of Ontario within two (2) weeks after being nominated to the team.
 - The Athlete 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 and/or competitions);
 - The Athlete must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province either because the course of study is not offered by an Ontario institution; or
 - It is more financially feasible to attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province

Important Notes:

- To be deemed a potential next generation national team athlete, the athlete must be age-eligible to compete on the national team in the year following receipt of Ontario Card funding.
- All athletes under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign their OAAP application form. Payments will be processed in the name of the eligible athlete.
- 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 during any part of MTCS’s fiscal year (April 1- March 31) and is no longer in receipt of Sport Canada Athlete Assistance shall not be eligible to receive *Quest for Gold* funding during the same or subsequent fiscal year. 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 by the Ministry on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions may include, but may not be limited to logistical or administrative changes (e.g. reduction in Sport Canada carding allocation), injuries, etc.
- An athlete can only be nominated to receive *Quest for Gold* funding in one (1) 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 between the MTCS eligibility requirements detailed in the MTCS *Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2015-2016 – Athlete Selection Criteria posted on the OCSRA website and duplicated in the Athlete Handbook provided to each nominated athlete and the eligibility requirements listed in this Athlete Selection Criteria, the MTCS Athlete Selection Criteria shall prevail.**

7.2.3 Allocation of Funding

- Funding outlined below, have achieved an international result or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve future National Team status and international podium results. A minimum number of OAAP cards will be allocated to each discipline outlined in Section 7.2.6. In addition, **MTCS defines junior-aged athletes as those eligible to compete at the U23 World Championships.** OCSRA may choose to allocate a **maximum of 30% of the Ontario Cards to athletes no longer eligible for 'junior athlete' status** who have been identified as potential next generation national team athletes based on the selection process outlined below AND have been selected by Canoe Kayak Canada to compete for Team Canada at one of the following events: Pan Am Championships, World Cup 2 and 3, Jr/U23 World Championships, Paracanoe World Championships, Piastany International Regatta, World University Games, and CANAMEX Regatta.
- OAAP Paracanoe Full Card (full support provided) – athletes according to OAAP Paracanoe Priority of Funding outlined below, have achieved an international result or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve future National Team status and international podium results.
- OAAP Half Card (50% support provided) - MTCS Junior-aged athletes according to the OAAP Priority of Funding outlined below, have achieved an international result or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve future National Team status and international podium results. MTCS defines junior-aged athletes as those eligible to compete at the U23 World Championships. **Athletes who compete at the Junior/U23 World Championships will receive an automatic OAAP Half Card.** A maximum of 30% of the total number of OAAP Cards may be split to half cards.

7.2.4 Priority of Funding

Funding support will be allocated to eligible Athletes in the order of priority of the phased steps set out below. Each step must be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified Athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step. As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be completed and that funding/program support may not be allocated in some categories, with the exception of the Minimum Cards by Discipline listed in Section 7.2.6.

1. Athletes who finish Top 8 at the U23 World Championships and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
2. Athletes who finish Top 8 at the Junior World Championships and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
3. Athletes who finish Top 8 and top ½ of the competing field at any of the World Cups and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
4. Athletes who finish Top 16 and top ½ of the competing field at the U23 World Championships and who

- do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
5. Athletes who finish Top 16 and top ½ of the competing field at the Junior World Championships and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
 6. Athletes who compete at the Junior/U23 World Championships and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card
 7. Athletes who complete at any of the World Cups and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card
 8. Any remaining funding support will be allocated based on the Ontario Team Ranking List. Athletes selected through the Ontario Team Ranking List must receive a minimum 8% from GMT performance in either an international competition listed above or the following domestic events NTT1, OTT, NTT2, Ontario Championships or National Championship in the same event they are being ranked in. The minimum 8% from GMT requirement can be achieved in heats, semi-finals or finals.

7.2.5 Paracanoe Priority of Funding

Funding support will be allocated to eligible Athletes in the order of priority of the phased steps set out below. Each step must be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified Athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step. As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be completed and that funding/program support may not be allocated in some categories, with the exception of the Minimum Cards by Discipline listed in Section 7.2.6.

1. Athletes who compete at the Paracanoe World Championships and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
2. Athletes who finish top ½ of the competing field at the Pan Am Championships/Games and who do not receive Sport Canada AAP or Senior Development Card.
3. Any remaining funding support will be allocated based on the Ontario Team Ranking List. Athletes selected through the Ontario Team Ranking List must receive a minimum 20% from GMT performance in either an international competition listed above or the following domestic events NTT1, OTT, NTT2, Ontario Championships or National Championship in the same event they are being ranked in. The minimum 8% from GMT requirement can be achieved in heats, semi-finals or finals.

7.2.6 Minimum Cards by Discipline

Discipline	Minimum Full Cards	2020 Olympic Program
MK 200m	1	K1
MK 1000m	1	K1 K2
MK 500m*	1	K4
WK 200m	1	K1
WK 500m	2	K1 K2 K4
MC 1000m	2	C1 C2
WC 200m	1	C1
WC 500m	1	C2
Paracanoe combined	2	KL1 KL2 KL3

*Maximum one (1) card for MK 500m based on position of finish at Ontario Team Trials only

7.3 Ontario Development Team Program

7.3.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

The Ontario Development Team Program goal is to support the development needs of younger Athletes who have demonstrated the potential to achieve international performances in the future, as well as HPAD athletes who were nominated to the OHPSI program and/or the OAAP in the previous year. Development athletes are defined as those athletes who fall within the eligible age range and percentage of U23 GMT/Junior International PIT outlined in Canoe Kayak Canada's ("CKC") Sprint Athlete Pathway (see Appendix B), i.e. 14 to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the competition year (U19). Nomination to the Ontario Development Team has no financial contribution associated with the program, rather, Athletes will receive support to participate in sport-specific testing and training monitoring. Additional services may be available depending on the OCSRA's yearly financial plan.

7.3.2 Allocation of Support

- HPAD Team – Athletes nominated to the OHPSI program and/or OAAP in the previous year and have shown upwards progression towards a GMT performance.
- U19 Team – Athletes born on or after January 1, 1997, and, according to the Ontario Development Team's Priority of Support outlined in Section 7.3.3, have achieved a performance indicative of the ability to achieve future Ontario Carding status.
- U17 Team – Athletes born on or after January 1, 1999, and, according to the Ontario Development Team's Priority of Support outlined in Section 7.3.3, have achieved a performance indicative of the ability to achieve future Ontario Carding status.
- Paracanoe Team – Athletes according to the Ontario Development Team's Priority of Support outlined in Section 7.3.3, have achieved a performance indicative of the ability to achieve future Ontario Carding status.

7.3.3 Priority of Support

Program support will be allocated to eligible Athletes based on criteria set out below.

1. Athletes nominated to the OHPSI program and/or OAAP in the previous year and have shown upwards progression towards a GMT performance.
2. Athletes who receive a CKC Academy Program nomination and who are not OAAP Card supported.
3. Athletes who finish Top 3 and top ½ of the competing field in singles events at the National Championships and who are not OAAP Card supported.
4. Any remaining nominations will be based on the Ontario Development Team Ranking List. Athletes selected through the Ontario Development Team Ranking List must receive a minimum 10% from appropriate age PIT at either NTT1, OTT, NTT2, Ontario Championships or National Championship. The minimum 10% from PIT requirement can be achieved in heats, semi-finals or finals.

8 INJURY, ILLNESS OR OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

An Athlete who is unable to participate in the selection procedure due to illness, injury or other extenuating

circumstances may nevertheless be considered for nomination, provided that the Athlete notifies the TD in writing, with appropriate documentation that is satisfactory to the HPC, in advance of the competition in which the Athlete is unable to participate. The HPC, in its sole discretion, may approve an exemption from the competition. When such an exemption is given, the HPC will approve alternate performance measures for evaluation.

9 IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

In the event two (2) or more athletes reach the same level of Priority of Allocation in the above criteria, the athlete who is ranked higher on the Ontario Team Ranking List will be considered ahead of the other athlete(s). If there is still a tie, the athlete with the closest percentage to GMT will be considered ahead of the other athlete(s). Finally, if there is still a tie, the athlete with the highest position of finish in Men's 1000m singles, Women's Kayak 500m singles and Women's Canoe 200m at National Team Trials #2 (NTT2) will be considered ahead of the other athlete(s).

10 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond OCSRA's control do not allow racing or team selection to take place in a fair manner. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances as determined by the HPC, the HPC, in its sole discretion, will determine if the circumstances justify selection to take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstance, the alternative selection will be posted on the OCSRA website one (1) week after the competition in question.

11 APPEAL PROCESS

All programs except Quest for Gold carding must follow the appeal process listed below. Athletes/Coaches must complete the phased steps set out below. If the athlete/coach is unsatisfied with the written response at each step they should proceed to the next step.

1. Any question/concern regarding a decision by the OCSRA Board of Directors should be directed in writing (via email) to the Technical Director and/or the HPC athlete/coach representative.
2. If they are not satisfied with the response, they should then contact the Chairperson of the High Performance Committee for further clarification.
3. If they are still not satisfied with the response, they can go to the OCSRA Board through the Flag Officer of their respective division.
4. Finally, if they are still not satisfied with the response, they can submit a formal Notice of Appeal to the OCSRA Chairperson as per the appeals policy posted at <https://sites.google.com/a/ocsra.ca/ocsra/Athletes/athletes-documents>.

For matters related to the Ontario Athlete Assistance Program nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of MTCS Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program: <http://www.questforgold.ca/athletes/Default.aspx>.

12 APPENDIX A - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

12.1 Performance Indicator Times

CKC has established Performance Indicator Times (“PIT’s”) for Olympic (and some non-Olympic) events. The PITs are shown in the table below.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR TIMES*

Event	Senior GMT	U23 GMT	Jr GMT
WK1 200m	00:39.5	00:40.1	00:41.6
WK1 500m	01:48.5	01:52.7	01:55.6
MK1 200m	00:34.7	00:34.7	00:35.8
MK1 1000m	03:27.0	03:29.6	03:36.6
MC1 1000m	03:50.0	03:51.9	03:56.6
WC1 200m	00:48.0	00:47.4	00:48.7
WC1 500m		02:18.3	02:20.4
	GMT		
WK1 200M KL3	0:50.50		
WK1 200M KL2	0:53.00		
WK1 200M KL1	0:56.80		
MK1 200M KL3	0:39.20		
MK1 200M KL2	0:42.50		
MK1 200M KL1	0:50.80		
	Avg of ten (10) fastest wining times since 1996 (5 fastest for 200 disciplines)	Avg winning time 2013 - 2015	Avg winning time 2013 - 2015

*Whenever a faster PIT is listed for a younger age category (U23 vs Sr., Jr. vs U23 vs Sr) the faster PIT will be used to evaluate the older age category

** Athlete performances will be evaluated based on the age appropriate PIT for Ontario Development Team only

12.2 Rounding of Times/Percentage of GMT and PIT

Any performance times to be compared against the PITs will be rounded to the 10th of a second. Ex: 3:34.482 = 3:34.5. Any percentage of GMT/PIT to be compared against the GMT/PIT will be rounded to the 10th of a percentage. Ex. 8.48% = 8.5%. **Note:** the HPC reserves the right to modify the listed Performance Indicator Times based on any changes made by CKC.

13 APPENDIX B – CKO SPRINT ATHLETE PATHWAY

