



## **ANNOUNCEMENT: Sport Canada approves Paralympic Program 2019-2020 Carding Cycle Roll Over into 2020-2021**

Swimming Canada's AAP carding cycle runs November 1 through October 31 each year. The impact of COVID-19 has resulted in all competitions being postponed by one year or cancelled which invalidates Swimming Canada's performance criteria for the 2020-2021 Paralympic program carding nominations.

**Sport Canada has confirmed a 'roll-over' strategy for the upcoming 2020-2021 cycle for Swimming Canada's Paralympic program carded athletes.**

**Subject to the completion of administrative and performance requirements as outlined below, 2019-2020 carded athlete's funding will be duplicated (rolled over) on November 1, 2020 at their current carding level into the new cycle to October 31, 2021.**

In September 2020 Swimming Canada will perform a review of all 2019-2020 carded athletes and require compliance with Swimming Canada and Sport Canada's carding process requirements to confirm eligibility for roll-over. Where some athlete's eligibility circumstances change from cycle to cycle, individual review and consideration will take place. In October 2020, 2019-2020 carded athletes will receive notification letters via email, of the roll-over of their carding, including directions for meeting the administrative and participation requirements.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

- i. All carded swimmers are required to complete and submit all documentation as in the Carding Notification letter by the specified deadlines. Failure to do so may result in Swimming Canada delaying or rescinding the swimmer's nomination to Sport Canada for AAP funding. Funding will not be activated until such time that all required documentation is returned to Swimming Canada.
- ii. Under normal conditions, a Carded swimmer must be training and competing at a prescribed minimum standard for Senior and Development cards. All carded swimmers shall be expected to attend to an appropriate standard of training suitable to progress their competitive standard.
- iii. The Home Coach of any swimmer nominated for Carding is required to submit a detailed Yearly Training Plan (YTP) for the upcoming season (including end of training cycle performance benchmarks) no later than **October 1, 2020**. The Head Coach of CHP-Que will submit reports based on the CHP-Que Operational Plan.
  - The Home Coach has the opportunity to submit an updated YTP for the next training mesocycle following the Canadian Swimming Trials (April 7-11, 2021);
- iv. Swimmers not meeting the recommended minimum training requirements or failing to provide required reports during the carding cycle may be subject to review. The review will be conducted in conjunction with their home coach, and Swimming Canada Staff members.
- v. If for any reason other than injury and illness a swimmer is unable to sustain or otherwise maintain a suitable level of training, their carding status will be reviewed. Should the



review provide a negative result, a recommendation for withdrawal of Carding will be made to Sport Canada.

- vi. All swimmers and home coaches of carded swimmers will be expected to submit testing data when requested by Swimming Canada.

#### **SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM**

1. Unless otherwise granted approval in writing by the Associate Director of High Performance (ADHP) a carded swimmer must:
    - actively participate in any Swimming Canada activities for which they are selected; and
    - compete in the events for which they were carded at the following Swimming Canada competitions:
      - 2020 Speedo Can Am Para Swimming Open (December 11-13, 2020)
      - 2021 Canadian Swimming Trials (April 7-11, 2021);
      - Any other event as determined by the Swimming Canada ADHP.
  - If not selected to represent Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, swimmers are required to compete in the 2021 Canadian Swimming Championships (July 26 – August 1, 2021);
2. Additionally, home coaches of carded swimmers may be required to attend Carded Coaches Meetings in Toronto (January 22-23, 2021).

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*Questions can be directed to the carded athlete's Performance Link Coach or emailed to [hp-programs@swimming.ca](mailto:hp-programs@swimming.ca)*