



Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2006/2007

Announcement of Sport Specific Athlete Selection Criteria

TABLE TENNIS

APPLICATION DEADLINE – December 10, 2006

The Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2006 Program (OAAP) is a new program for Table Tennis athletes in Ontario; the program is funded by the Provincial Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health Promotion.

This is a great opportunity for young athletes to enhance their training and competition program and aim for the highest level in table tennis.

Objectives:

Quest for Gold is directly related to Enhanced Excellence of both ACTIVE 2010 and the Canadian Sport Policy i.e. 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 provides direct financial assistance to individual athletes from Ontario through a “Canada Card” and an “Ontario Card” designation.

It is 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 competition.

1. Canada Card – eligibility is limited to Ontario athletes who are carded by Sport Canada. Canada Card will provide up to an additional 33% in funding over and above the full value of the carding designation the athlete is receiving from Sport Canada – the actual amount is dependant on funding available

2. Ontario Card - provides direct financial assistance to Ontario junior athletes – junior

athletes are athletes who at the time of application (the application deadline) are eligible to compete in the Junior 18 age category. **There are 8 cards available for table tennis – 4 boys and 4 girls.**

3. Minimum Eligibility (APPLIES TO ONTARIO CARD)

- 3.1 Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- 3.2 Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status
- 3.2 Athletes must be training and continuing to train in Ontario.
[Exceptions will be made 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.]
- 3.3 Athlete must be a member in good standing with the OTTA and TABLE TENNIS CANADA.
- 3.4 Athlete must not be receiving financial assistance from the Foundation for Athletes and Sport Training (FAST) in the same fiscal year.
- 3.5 Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- 3.6 Athlete must work with a coach who has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Level 2 or equivalent.
- 3.7 Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.
- 3.8 Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. primary and secondary schools) Exceptions will be made providing that the athlete can substantiate that his/her training will not allow for full-time attendance,
- 3.9 Athletes who have completed their area of study at the secondary level and who continue to train towards participation in major national or international competitions will also be given consideration.
- 3.10 If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete for Ontario during the carding year at Canada Games and other national competitions involving provincial team competitions.
- 3.11 At the time of application, the athlete must be eligible to compete in the Junior 18 age category and the athlete must submit an outline of an annual training plan, identify his/her coach and an outline of an annual competition plan.
- 3.12 Athletes must have a minimum of 50 matches in the Canadian Computer Rating System.
- 3.13. Athletes must have competed in at least three sanctioned events/tournaments/ competitions in Ontario (this includes competitions hosted by clubs in the National Capital Region) – the results must be verifiable through the Canadian Rating System.
- 3.13 Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards.

4. Sport Specific Selection Process – Table Tennis

- 4.1 athletes who submit an application for the **Ontario Card** and WHO MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3 will be ranked according to the Canadian Computer Rating System – and the results of the last Canadian Championships before **the application deadline – December 10, 2006**
- 4.2 the Selection Committee will determine the athlete’s eligibility according to Section 3 (3.1-3.12 of this document). **ONLY ATHLETES WHO MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER EVALUATION.**
- 4.3 **Canadian Computer Rating System** - The Selection Committee will record the rating points of the three Ranking Periods, average the points and establish a ranking of the eligible candidates. The Canadian Rating periods used will be: September, October, November.
- 4.4 **Canadian Championships** – The Selection Committee will establish a ranking of the athletes based on the results at the Canadian Championships.

Athletes will be ranked by earning points in the events below as follows:

Women/Men’s Singles –	Champion	100 points
	Finalist	80 points
	Semi Finalist	60 points
	Quarter Finalist	40 points
	Round of 16	20 points
Youth 21 Singles (Women/Men)	Champion	60 points
	Finalist	50 points
	Semi Finalist	40 points
	Quarter Finalist	30 points
JR18 Singles (Women/men)	Champion	50 points
	Finalist	40 points
	Semi Finalist	30 points
	Quarter Finalist	20 points

- 4.5 The Selection Committee will average the two rankings – the ranking based on the Computer Rating System and the ranking based on points earned at the Canadian Championships giving 70% weight to the ranking based on the Canadian Rating System and 30% based on the ranking based on the Canadian Championship points – and establish the final ranking.
- 4.6 In case of a tie the younger athlete will be ranked higher.

5. Athlete Agreement

Athletes nominated for an Ontario Card must sign an Athletes Agreement that outlines the obligations of the athlete and the OTTA.

The Athlete Agreement will be available by the application deadline – December 10, 2006.

6. Appeals

From the Appeals Policy of the Quest For Gold OAAP:

“Appeals will be allowed in writing from athletes who have not been nominated by a PSO ... 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 ... has completed the selection process in accordance with its own published selection criteria and related procedures;

B) whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO ... were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

After hearing an appeal the Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

a) Direct the PSO ... to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit a new list of nominated athletes;

b) Deny the appeal;

c) Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee ... is Feb 6, 2007 ... The appeals will only be accepted 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.”

OTTA Selection Committee for Athlete Assistance Program

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