



ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2016-2017

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1.0** *Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2016-2017 (OAAP)* is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), and operated through the Sport, Recreation & Community Programs Division. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold – OAAP* is directly related to the High Performance Sport goal of the *Canadian Sport Policy* – that Canadians are systematically achieving world-class results at the highest levels of international competition – by improving 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 intent of the OAAP is to provide funding to individual athletes in the sport's Train to Train and Train to Win categories based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport, allowing them to continue to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition. **Only those athletes that meet the required minimum performance standard detailed in this Selection Criteria will be considered for this program.** Ideally an athlete will first receive a Quest for Gold "Ontario Card" for 1 to 3 years, which will allow them to train towards the goal of a national team position in subsequent years. Once an Ontario athlete reaches the national level and becomes a recipient of Sport Canada's carding program, they become eligible for the Quest for Gold "Canada Card". Athletes who are not planning to train towards this level of competition should not apply for this program.

2.0 How does it work?

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines, ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION develops sport-specific selection criteria and forms a Selection Committee that will apply these criteria. The top-ranked athletes, based on the criteria, will be awarded Ontario Card status in 2016-2017. This Selection Criteria has been approved by the Board of Directors and reviewed by MTCS staff. Nominated athletes will be required to sign and comply with an Athlete Agreement between the athlete and ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION. Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, 2016 ending March 31, 2017.

- 2.1** For 2016-2017, the MTCS has allocated ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION a total of 6 Ontario cards (split evenly as 3 male and 3 female Cards).

- Paralympic sports in Canada Games – must use Canada Games technical package guidelines (maximum age of 24 years old)

- Non-Canada Games Paralympic sports – no specific age limit but the PSO/MSO must demonstrate that the athlete being nominated has been identified as having real potential to get to the national team level (ie. The athlete must be identified by NSO or through the PSO High Performance identification process.)

A minimum of 70% of the Ontario Cards will be allocated to what the MTCS 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).

- 2.2 If there are fewer than 3 eligible female athletes, the unused cards will be re-allocated to male athletes that meet the selection criteria.

An athlete's age will be determined as of **January 1, 2017**)

ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION is not obligated to assign all Ontario Cards if there are an insufficient number of athletes who have demonstrated potential to be considered for future National Teams.

- 2.3 The Selection Committee, as approved by the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

Dianne Christophe, Director of Athletics, OWSA

Adam Janssen, Eastern Canada Para-Athletic Recruiter, Athletics Canada

Ken Thom, President, OWSA

Laura Wilson, Executive Director, OWSA

How much funding is available?

The exact level of funding for the 2016-2017 carding year will be determined by the MTCS after the total number of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status has been determined. Funding will be released prior to March 31, 2017.

How will the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Selection Committee decide who receives funding?

The ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Selection Committee will use the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Eligibility Criteria and the Sport Specific Selection Criteria detailed below to determine which athletes will be nominated for Ontario Card status in 2016-2017:

3.0 Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Eligibility Criteria:

All athletes must meet the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's minimum athlete eligibility criteria:

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (previously known as a Landed Immigrant).
- Athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario **for one year prior** to his/her nomination for carding status, (and continue to be a permanent resident throughout the term of the agreement).
- Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status (carded by Sport Canada) are not eligible for Ontario Cards.
- Athletes must be living in and continuing to train in Ontario.

3.1 Residency Exceptions:

Exceptions to these criteria, known as a "Residency Exception" will be considered **on a case specific basis by the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION** Selection Committee provided that the athlete can substantiate in writing that:

- (a) 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);

(b) He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province either because the course of study is not offered by an Ontario institution; or

(c) 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.

Any change in an athlete's residency status must be communicated in writing to the PSO/MSO immediately.

The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out-of-province for one of the above reasons. **The athlete must submit written documentation to the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION by no later than December 12, 2016, clearly indicating how they meet a residency exception(s).**

Athlete's applying for a Residency Exception related to exception (a) above, who are training at an NSO-approved National Training Centre MUST include a letter from the NSO outlining their support for the athlete, the progress the athlete is making and the athlete's potential to make the national team level. Additional documentation may include, but shall not be limited to an explanation of why the athlete is training out of province, whether or not the athlete was formally invited by the NSO, what additional opportunities are being made available beyond those provided in Ontario; and any other information that will illustrate that the athlete is receiving enhanced training while still meeting all obligations of the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

3.2 Length of time living outside Ontario:

Athletes living outside Ontario for more than 30 consecutive days within the ministry fiscal year 2016-2017 for athletic or academic purposes must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the PSO/MSO Selection Committee that appropriate training programs are in place and are being monitored by the PSO/MSO. The onus is on the athlete to:

1. Provide a written plan outlining their training and competition plans to the PSO/MSO prior to their departure from Ontario, as part of their Residency Exception request (**due December 12, 2016**); and
2. Adhere to the PSO/MSO-approved competition and training plan throughout the carding cycle. At a minimum, this requires **bi-monthly** contact by the athlete with **Laura Wilson, Executive Director**; and
3. Submit regular **bi-monthly** training logs to the PSO/MSO to track progress against the PSO/MSO-approved competition and training plan.

Athletes who were formally invited to and are currently participating in their NSO's national team training program are exempt from this requirement.

3.3 Ministry criteria continued:

- 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 have met all terms and conditions of any previous *Quest for Gold* Sports Organization – Athlete Agreements to the satisfaction of the PSO/MSO in order to be eligible for consideration in 2016-2017;
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program, the goal of which is to continue to train towards a national team position and Sport Canada carding;
- Athlete's coach should be minimum Level 2 NCCP certified or trained status Competition Stream or the sport's equivalent in the Instruction Stream, or be engaged in completing this training, as determined by the PSO;
- 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 (i.e. elementary and secondary schools);

- 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 preclude full or part-time attendance (e.g. Athlete with a disability (AWAD) athlete);
- Athletes who have completed their area of study at the secondary level (i.e. high school) and who continue 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 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.
- Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior-aged athletes, ages 11-22 ("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 athletes older than 22 years of age who have been identified as a potential next generation national team athlete by the PSO/MSO's selection process.

3.4 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 and who takes up residence in Ontario during the fiscal year. This means that eligible military family members now qualify for OAAP funding immediately upon becoming residents of Ontario. Please contact ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION for more information if you are applying for this exemption.

- 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. Cheques will be processed in the name of the eligible athlete.
- An athlete can only be nominated to receive *Quest for Gold* funding in one sport.

4.0 Athletes funded through the Sport Canada AAP:

Ontario athletes who have been nominated and accepted for funding through Sport Canada's AAP within the government of Ontario's fiscal year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017) and who continue to meet AAP and OAAP eligibility requirements will automatically be considered for a *Quest for Gold* 'Canada Card'. MTCS will contact those athletes directly at the mailing and email addresses the athlete provided to Sport Canada. Athletes are solely responsible for ensuring that their contact information is kept accurate and up to date at all times.

An athlete who received Sport Canada AAP carding during any part of MTCS' fiscal year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 and/or any part of fiscal year April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 and is no longer in receipt of Sport Canada Athlete Assistance shall not be eligible to receive *Quest for Gold* funding during fiscal year 2016-2017 (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.)

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.

4.1 Canada Card Exception (CCE)

Exceptions may apply to this rule (known as a **Canada Card Exception (CCE)**) 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.

It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to contact ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Selection Committee prior to **(December 12, 2016)** to request a CCE. The athlete must submit, in writing, an explanation of why they have not been, or do not expect to be re-carded by their NSO. The submission must

include a statement from the NSO, signed and dated on their letterhead, confirming that the athlete still has potential to return to the NSO's carding program in the future. It is the responsibility of the athlete to submit this letter to the PSO; the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION will not obtain this letter from the NSO on the athlete's behalf.

ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION will then contact MTCS in writing prior to the submission of the Athlete Nomination Form to seek individual Canada Card Exceptions. ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION is not responsible for seeking a CCE for any athlete unless requested to do so by the athlete as detailed above.

5.0 National College Athletic Association (NCAA):

On August 1, 2013, the NCAA revised their By-law that previously prevented an athlete from accepting grants from a governmental entity, such as Quest for Gold. Despite this change, any athlete considering an application to an NCAA institution is strongly encouraged to contact the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to applying for QFG funding.

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.

National Collegiate Athletic Association www.ncaa.org

NCAA Eligibility Center mailing address:
NCAA Eligibility Center P.O. Box 7136, Indianapolis, IN 46207
Toll-free phone number (U.S. callers) - Customer service line – 877-262-1492
Phone number (international callers) - Customer service line – 317-223-0700
Fax number - 317-968-5100

6.0 ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Athlete Selection Criteria:

The following sport specific athlete selection criteria will be utilized in the identification, ranking and selection of athletes for Ontario Cards:

EVALUATION

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with both OWSA and Athletics Ontario.
- Athlete performances will be compared using the Athletics Canada Point Score Table (ACPST). The system allows for the calculation of points in order to enable direct comparison of performances, independent of classification or other event specific criteria. The system is currently being used by Athletics Canada.
- Classification categories include T51-T54 and F51-F57
- All qualifying athletes must list a coach in their application who is registered as a coach with OWSA and/or Athletics Ontario.

SCORING:

1. Selection of athletes will be based on the ACPST score that each athlete is given. This process goes as follows:
 - a. The average of an athlete's best two performances achieved in the 2015/16 season will be used for scoring in the ACPST
 - b. The two best performances must be made in the same event at different competitions in the 2015-16 season (different day and different meet).
 - c. Relay events cannot be used as best two performances for purpose of application.

- d. Points will be calculated by the Selection Committee using the ACPST.
2. The average of an athlete's best two performances must be equal to or better than the minimum standard of 350 points in one event in order to apply for Quest for Gold carding. Applications from athletes who have not scored a minimum of 350 points will not be processed. See Appendix A for the ACPST 350 point threshold.
3. The time period allowed for athletes to achieve their top performances for all events is from December 1st, 2015 to November 30th, 2016.
4. Performances must be made in Athletics Ontario-sanctioned or Athletics Ontario-approved competitions and all pertinent information must be available and provided with their application (wind readings, etc). High school results will be accepted if they meet the above criteria.
5. If an athlete has not competed in two Athletics Ontario-sanctioned or Athletics-Ontario approved competitions but has achieved a minimum standard of 500 points in one competitive event, the committee will consider the athlete's application for funding if a letter of support from the Para-Athletics Development and Talent Identification Lead or other authorized Athletics Canada representative accompanies the application.
6. Hand times may not be used for qualifying performances in races of 400m or less in distance.
7. All performances must be verified and verifiable. The responsibility of providing accurate information lies with the applying athlete, club and/or coach. All applicants must include official results of all performances used in the application.
8. Athletes may apply for the Quest for Gold AAP in one or more events, but may qualify for funding in only one event.
9. All athletes applying for the Quest for Gold AAP must submit a training schedule and competition plan for the 2016 – 17 season. The athlete's coach must also sign the plan, verifying that the athlete has committed to an ongoing, comprehensive well-considered training schedule aimed at high performance in the athlete's selected event. See **How to Apply Section** below.
10. All athletes nominated by OWSA for the Quest for Gold AAP will be required to complete a formal application form with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and sign a Sport Organization – Athlete Agreement.

7.0 Breaking a Tie:

- Training environment (number of times training directly with a Coach and training with other athletes)
- Number of competitions the athlete took part in during the carding cycle
- Level of Competitions the athlete took part in (i.e. Local, Regional, National, International)

8.0 Failure to Meet Selection Criteria for Health-related Reasons

Athletes who, for strictly health-related reasons, have not achieved the standards required for nomination of carded status **may** be considered for nomination under the following conditions:

- The athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a speedy return to full high-performance training and competition during the period of his or her injury, illness or pregnancy and, despite making every reasonable effort to attain the applicable carding standards during the year in which the injury, illness or pregnancy occurred, has failed to do so, in the view of the PSO/MSO, for reasons strictly related to the injury, illness or pregnancy.
- The ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION, based on its technical judgement and that of a PSO/MSO team physician or equivalent, indicates in writing the expectation that the athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period.
- The athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his or her long-term commitment to high-performance training and competition goals, as well as his or her intention to pursue full high-performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which he or she wishes to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria.

In the event an athlete sustained an injury or suffered a medical condition during the qualifying period, they are required to submit a letter from their family physician or specialist indicating the injury or medical problem, including duration of sickness or injury, rehabilitation plan, tentative timing to return to normal activity, and whether this sickness or injury will prevent the athlete from returning to full form and function within the calendar year. Once this information is received, the Committee will determine whether there is justification to waive the qualifying requirements for this cycle only.

To be eligible for injury waiver, the applicant must have been on the Quest for Gold OAAP in the previous year.

If the Committee approves an injury plan, the athlete's results from the previous year will be used to calculate points and rank the athlete.

Athletes may not receive an injury waiver two years in a row.

- 9.0 Alternates:** ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS 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, provided that:
- Alternate is substituted within 2016-2017 fiscal year;
 - An alternate meeting all requirements 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).

10.0 To Apply:

All required information (outlined below) must be submitted no later than **December 12, 2016** to:

OWSA Quest for Gold Selection Committee (Wheelchair Athletics)
 info@owsa.ca
 100 Sunrise Avenue
 Suite 101
 Toronto Ontario M4A 1B3

The Application must contain the following information:

- Information for two (2) best performances in 2015-16 including the name of the meet, date and location, event and official results
- Training schedule for 2016 – 17
- Competition plan for 2016 – 17
- Club Affiliation
- Coach's Name and level of certification
- What objectives do you expect to achieve with the aid of this funding?

- What are your long-term sport goals?
- List of all camps and competitions attended during the 2015-16 season (please include results and indicate whether you attended as a Club Team member, Provincial Team member or National Team member)

10.1 Any athlete requesting a “Residency Exception” must submit this information by **December 12, 2016** as detailed above.

10.2 It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to provide a full and complete application that meets all stated requirements. ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION will neither review applications in advance of the deadline in order to make applicants aware of any missing/incorrect information and/or attachments nor make corrections on behalf of the athlete. Any revisions on the part of the athlete will only be accepted prior to the posted submission deadline.

Applications that are sent directly to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport rather than to ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION will not be considered valid or to have been received by the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION deadline.

10.3 An email will be sent within 24 hours of receiving your application confirming receipt. It is the athlete's responsibility to contact the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION if this email is not received to be certain that the application has been successfully received by the deadline date.

The Sports Organization – Athlete Agreement will only come into effect if an athlete is selected and accepts carding status through the OAAP program. Athletes who fail to return a signed Athlete Agreement by the deadline date will not be carded.

10.4 ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION will publish or make known a draft list of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status by no later than **January 19, 2017**.

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the MTCS eligibility requirements detailed in the MTCS binder provided to PSO/MSOs and duplicated in the Athlete Handbook provided to each nominated athlete and the eligibility requirements listed in the PSO/MSO Athlete Selection Criteria Document prepared by the PSO/MSO, the MTCS Binder/Athlete Handbook shall prevail.

11.0 Appeals

Athletes who have not been nominated for an Ontario Card by the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Selection Committee or who have been nominated for a 'Half Card' versus a 'Full Card', where applicable will be allowed to appeal that decision by filing a “Notice of Appeal” with MTCS. Appeals will be heard by an Appeals Committee comprised of representatives from the sport community, selected by the MTCS.

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

- A) Whether or not the Selection Committee has completed the selection process in accordance with its own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- B) Whether or not the Selection Committee applied the selection criteria in a manner that was free from bias, discrimination and/or conflict of interest.

Issues related to the specific content or selection requirements contained in the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Selection Criteria are not grounds for an appeal and should therefore be discussed directly with the leadership of ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

Please note that before an athlete can file a Notice of Appeal, he or she must first ask ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION for reasons explaining why he or she was not nominated for an Ontario Card.

If the athlete is not satisfied with the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION response, the athlete may submit a **Notice of Appeal**, found below. A Notice of Appeal will only be accepted from the athlete or their parent/guardian on the MTCS-provided template (typed or hand-printed, no hand-written entries) through email, regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person. One appeal cannot be written on behalf of multiple athletes. The Notice of Appeal must be received by MTCS by noon on the deadline day. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery.

Once MTCS has received the Notice of Appeal, it will share it with ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION, who will then submit a **“Response”** with MTCS by a specified deadline. The Response will outline why ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION believes that the Selection Committee’s decision not to nominate the athlete should be upheld by the Appeals Committee. MTCS will share the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Response with the athlete.

If, after receiving the ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Response, the athlete believes that ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION has raised new or additional reasons to justify the Selection Committee’s decision not to nominate the athlete for an Ontario Card, then the athlete will have an opportunity to file a **“Reply”** with MTCS, responding to these additional reasons. The Reply must be limited to these additional reasons and cannot be used to make submissions already raised in the Notice of Appeal, or that the athlete neglected to include in the Notice of Appeal. The Reply will only be accepted on the MTCS-provided template.

Once MTCS receives the Notice of Appeal, the Response, and the Reply (if applicable), it will provide those materials to the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will discuss all appeals at once. During its review of the appeals, the Appeals Committee reserves the right to request additional information from both the athlete and ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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

1. Direct ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION 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.

Once the Appeals Committee has reached its decision, it will contact the athlete and ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION in writing to communicate its decision and the reasons therefore.

An athlete who has had his or her appeal denied is not permitted to submit a second appeal to the Appeals Committee on the same or different grounds.

Note: ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION is encouraged to resolve disputes or disagreements informally with athletes who have not been nominated to avoid, wherever possible, formal appeals.

11.1 The deadline for athletes to submit an **“Athlete’s Notice of Appeal”** to the Appeals Committee is January 30, 2017 at 12 noon

11.2 Appeals must be completed on the Notice of Appeal template below and will be directed to:

Quest for Gold Appeals Committee
c/o Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor Toronto ON M7A 1S5

2016-2017 *Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Athlete’s Notice of Appeal Template

The deadline for an athlete to submit an appeal to the Appeals Committee is 12 noon on January 30, 2017. Appeals will only be accepted on the MTCS-provided Notice of Appeal template. **Please refer to the appeals section of your PSO/MSO's Athlete Selection Criteria document prior to completing this form.**

Return form to:

**Quest for Gold Appeals Committee
c/o Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor, Toronto ON M7A 1S5 Email: Scott.Cooper@ontario.ca**

Full Name _____
Address _____ City _____
Postal Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Sport / PSO _____

Reason for Appeal (Check all that apply):

- Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with its own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- Whether or not the PSO/MSO applied the section criteria in a manner that was free from bias, discrimination and/or conflict of interest.

Provide a two-line summary of the reason for the appeal:

In the space below, (continue on to next page as needed) provide the reasons communicated to you by your PSO/MSO as to why you were not nominated for an Ontario Card, and the date the information was provided. (Note: This Appeal will not be accepted unless it contains a response from your PSO/MSO.)

Date of PSO response: _____

Appendix A: Athletics Canada Point Score Table (350 point threshold)

Event	Class	Male	Points	Female	Points
100m	T51	28.46s	350 pts	39.52s	350 pts
100m	T52	24.08s	350 pts	26.10s	350 pts
100m	T53	21.52s	350 pts	23.65s	350 pts
100m	T54	20.98s	350 pts	23.25s	350 pts
200m	T51	54.37s	350 pts	1:04.90s	350 pts
200m	T52	45.58s	350 pts	42.08s	350 pts
200m	T53	40.80s	350 pts	37.82s	350 pts
200m	T54	39.74s	350 pts	36.41s	350 pts
400m	T51	1:46.87s	350 pts	1:11.92s	350 pts
400m	T52	1:25.57s	350 pts	1:23.41s	350 pts
400m	T53	1:15.56s	350 pts	1:13.42s	350 pts
400m	T54	1:13.37s	350 pts	1:10.45s	350 pts
800m	T52	2:37.25s	350 pts	2:54.30s	350 pts
800m	T53	2:19.89s	350 pts	2:30.90s	350 pts
800m	T54	2:16.10s	350 pts	2:25.55s	350 pts
1500m	T51	6:07.10s	350 pts	N/A	350 pts
1500m	T52	4:41.70s	350 pts	N/A	350 pts
1500m	T53	4:00.09s	350 pts	4:29.8s	350 pts
1500m	T54	4:00.09s	350 pts	4:29.8s	350 pts
5000m	T53	12:26.00s	350 pts	13:56.20s	350 pts
5000m	T54	12:26.00s	350 pts	13:56.20s	350 pts
Marathon	T53	1:55:31.00s	350 pts	2:24:57.00s	350 pts
Marathon	T54	1:45:36.00s	350 pts	2:10:09.00s	350 pts
Shot Put	F52	6.78m	350 pts	3.67m	350 pts
Shot Put	F53	5.62m	350 pts	2.91m	350 pts
Shot Put	F54	6.49m	350 pts	4.58m	350 pts
Shot Put	F55	7.74m	350 pts	5.27m	350 pts
Shot Put	F56	7.73m	350 pts	5.74m	350 pts
Shot Put	F57	9.13m	350 pts	6.37m	350 pts
Discus	F51	7.06m	350 pts	3.84m	350 pts
Discus	F52	12.54m	350 pts	8.60m	350 pts
Discus	F53	15.07m	350 pts	8.05m	350 pts
Discus	F54	18.18m	350 pts	9.76m	350 pts
Discus	F55	21.95m	350 pts	16.48m	350 pts
Discus	F56	25.05m	350 pts	14.02m	350 pts
Discus	F57	27.85m	350 pts	18.43m	350 pts
Javelin	F52	10.62m	350 pts	5.76m	350 pts
Javelin	F53	13.15m	350 pts	7.12m	350 pts
Javelin	F54	16.65m	350 pts	12.28m	350 pts
Javelin	F55	17.95m	350 pts	11.39m	350 pts
Javelin	F56	19.50m	350 pts	11.66m	350 pts
Javelin	F57	24.56m	350 pts	12.90m	350 pts
Club Throw	F51	16.88m	350 pts	8.84m	350 pts

