

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CARDING SCHEME GUIDELINES 2016: for Consideration at the AGM of Irish Canoe Slalom 2015

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THE International Carding Scheme states the following on the Irish Sports Council Website

(http://www.irishsportsCouncil.ie/High_Performance/High_Performance_Unit/International%20Carding%20Scheme/) :

The International Carding Scheme has, since its introduction in 1998, been a central part of the high performance system in Ireland. Notwithstanding some significant amendments, notably in 2005 and 2010, it has remained a constant pillar of the system and following the London Games it was considered timely to review its impact and future role. Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP) Management Consultants were contracted to deliver this review and it has produced a final report and recommendations on future development. The key recommendations identified in the report are that: -

- Direct funding to athletes will be retained, however this will, wherever feasible, be delivered and administered via the performance plan of the NGB -
- Investment in athlete support will be based on performance, accountability and potential to deliver on the stated objectives
- Junior and Developmental athletes were no longer supported through the Carding Scheme, but through the NGB's High Performance Plan instead
- NGBs without a supported High Performance Plan were transitioned out of Carding and into the NGB's Core Plan for 2013 -

The 2015 International Carding Scheme Athlete / NGB Guidelines states that

1. Review of the International Carding Scheme in 2012.

- Support for the production of elite athletes at Olympic/Paralympic level will be more explicate aim of the scheme
- Direct funding to athletes will be retained, however this will wherever feasible be delivered and administered via the performance plan of the NGB
- Individual payment bands will be adjusted and made more flexible to enable them to be more specifically based on athlete need

PROPOSAL 1:

The "**Carding Scheme Guidelines 2016**" issued by the Irish Sports Council following consultation with NGB's should be amended to address Junior and U23 athletes that are performing at an International level :

| 6: Payment of Financial Investment | | |
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| The <i>maximum</i> levels of direct financial investment available under the 2015 Scheme are; | | |
| Category | Individual | Capping of Carding* |
| Podium (up to max.) | €40,000 | €160,000 where there are 4 athletes in a boat €120,000 where there are 3 athletes in a boat €80,000 where there are 2 athletes in a boat |
| World Class (up to max.) | €20,000 | €80,000 where there are 4 athletes in a boat €60,000 where there are 3 athletes in a boat €40,000 where there are 2 athletes in a boat |
| International (up to max.) | €12,000 | €48,000 where there are 4 athletes in a boat €36,000 where there are 3 athletes in a boat €24,000 where there are 2 athletes in a boat |

*The possible capping of Carding allocations will be contingent on availability of ISC funding. This will be applicable to team replays, crews, boats and teams. The allocated amount will be agreed between the NGB and the ISC.

Proposed Amendments for Changes to **2016 Carding Scheme Guidelines 2016**: For Junior and U23 athletes that are performing at World Class and International, the funding proposal should be as outlined in **yellow**

| Category | Individual | |
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| Podium | 40,000 | |
| World Class | 16,000 | |
| International | 12,000 | |

PROPOSAL 2:

The "**Criteria for the International Carding Scheme 2015**" should be amended to address Junior and Under 23 athletes including C1 athletes that are performing at European level and International level as specified in yellow (International Carding Scheme (http://www.irishsports council.ie/High_Performance/High_Performance_Unit/International%20Carding%20Scheme/)) :

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| OLYMPIC SPORTS: CANOE SLALOM | |
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| Category: | International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2015 |
| Podium (Olympic events only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medalist at an Olympic Games or at a World or European Championships • Top 3 end of season/year World Cup Series (excl Continental Event) or World Ranking |
| World Class | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 4 -15 at an Olympic Games • Top 4- 10 at a World or European Championships • Top 4-10 end of season/year World Cup Series (excl Continental Event) or World Ranking |
| International | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 11 - 20 at a World Championships • Top 11 - 15 at a European Championships • Top 11-25 in Men's K1 end of season/year World Cup Series (excl. Continental Event) or World Ranking • Top 11-20 in Women's K1 end of season/year World Cup Series (excl. Continental Event) or World Ranking • Olympic Selection |

Proposed Amendments to the "**Criteria for the International Carding Scheme 2016**"

Add the following in Yellow to support and give recognition to those Junior and U23 athletes performing at international level

| Category: | International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2016 |
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| Podium (Olympic events only) | Medalist at an Olympic Games or at a World or European Championships |
| World Class 1 | Medallist at Junior or U23 World or European Championships K1 or C1 |
| International | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalist at Worlds or European Championships for Junior or Under 23's in K1 or C1 2. Top 11-20 in Junior or U23 World Championships in K1 or C1 3. Semi-Finalists at Senior European Championships or World Championships when the athlete is a Junior or U23 age level in K1 or C1 class |

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| | <p>4. Semi-Finalists at Senior World cup Races when the athlete is a Junior or U23 age level in K1 or C1 class</p> <p>5. Top 20-30 in Mens K1 or C1 end of season /year World Cup Series (excl. Continental Event) or World Ranking at Junior or U23 age limits</p> <p>6. Top 15-25 in Women's K1 or C1 end of season /year World Cup series (excl. Continental Event) or World Ranking at Junior or U23 age limits</p> |
| | <p>For all Senior events include C1 category</p> |