



SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND

**Criteria for the
International Carding Scheme
2018**

Sports Included on the 2018 Carding Scheme are:

HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS - OLYMPIC

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Boxing
- Canoeing
 - *Slalom*
 - *Sprint*
- Clay Target Shooting
- Cycling
 - *Road*
 - *Track/Time-Trial*
 - *Mountain Biking*
 - *BMX*
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Pentathlon
- Rowing
- Sailing
- Swimming and Diving
- Taekwondo
- Triathlon

HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS - PARALYMPIC

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Canoeing
- Cycling
- Rowing
- Swimming
- Table Tennis

Note: The International Carding Scheme for 2018 is based on individual performances only.

Athletes must complete in sport specific performance criteria events in 2018 (January 1st – December 31st) for eligibility to apply for the 2019 Scheme.

OLYMPIC SPORTS: ATHLETICS	
Category	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium Podium Performance Standard x 2 (by year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal Olympic Games or World Championships • Top 8 Olympic Games or World Championships
World Class World Class Performance Standard x 2 (by year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal European Championships • Medal World Cross Country + no Perf Std • Medal World Indoor Championships • Medal European Cross Country + no Perf Std • Medal World Race Walking Cup • Medal European Indoor Championship* • Medal European Race Walking Cup* • Top 6 European Championships • Top 12 Olympic Games or World Championships • Top 6 Track/Top 8 Field World Indoor Championship • Top 12 World Cross Country • Top 6 World Race Walking Cup
International International Performance Standard x 2 (by year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal European Indoor Championship~ • Medal European Race Walking Cup~ • Medal World University Games • Top 8 European Championships • Top 16 Olympic Games or World Championships • Top 10 World Race Walking Cup • Top 16 World Cross Country Championships + no Perf Std • Top 6 European Indoor Championships • Top 6 European Cross Country + no Perf Std • Top 8 European Race Walking Cup

NOTES:

Athletes to be considered for the Scheme must have signed an AAI Athlete Agreement

*World Class Standard x2

~International standard x 2

Further details of the Carding programme can be found on the Athletics Ireland website

<http://hp.athleticsireland.ie/index.php/carding/2018-carding-criteria#2018-athlete-carding-scheme>

OLYMPIC SPORTS: BADMINTON	
Category	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist in the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist in World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-8 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed) • Top 8 in the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed) • Top 8 in the World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist in European Championships (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist at European Games (singles, doubles, mixed)
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-80 in the World Rankings (singles) • 9-50 in the World Rankings (doubles/mixed) • Qualification for the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)* • Top 32 in the World Championships (singles) • Top 16 in the World Championships (doubles, mixed) • Top 8 in European Championships (singles, doubles, mixed) • Finalist in International Challenge Events (singles, doubles, mixed)

NOTES
*Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.

OLYMPIC SPORTS: BOXING	
Category	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the Olympic Games • Medallist in the World Championships • Gold/Silver in the European Championships • Gold/Silver in the European Games
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-8 Olympic Games • 5-8 in the World Championships • Bronze in the European Championships • Bronze the European Games • Qualification for the Olympic Games~ • Drafted into the top tier of APB • Gold in the EU Championships**
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification for last 16 in the World Championships • 5-8 at the European Championships • 5-8 at the European Games • Gold/Silver at 2 nominated multi-nations events in one year* • Drafted into the second tier of APB • Silver/Bronze in the EU Championships**

NOTES:

- In all competitions athletes must have won at least two bouts to achieve criteria.
- Criteria applies to Olympic Weights only (male/female). This may include “pathway” to Olympic weights.
- Please note achieving criteria does not guarantee funding.
- Funding will only be provided to one athlete at each weight category.
- ~ Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.
- *Nominated events must have a minimum of 16 nations competing and finalists must have won at least two bouts in both events. Selected events must be identified in the high performance competition plan and agreed by Sport Ireland.
- Men’s selected multi-nation events - The Chemistry Cup, Germany, June 2018 & Nations Cup, Austria, September 2018
- Women’s selected multi-nation events – TBC
- **3 bouts required to secure criteria at EU Championships

OLYMPIC SPORTS: CANOE SLALOM	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at an Olympic Games or at a World or European Championships • Top 3 end of season World Cup Series 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 World Cup Series 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 World Cup Series or World Ranking • Olympic Qualification~ • U23 Top 5 finish at European /World Championships
OLYMPIC SPORT:CANOE SPRINT	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at an Olympic Games or at a World or European Championships
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 4 - 10 at an Olympic Games or at a World or European Championships • Medallist at European Games
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 11-18 at an Olympic Games or at a World or European Championships • Top 4-9 at European Games • Olympic Qualification* • U23 Top 5 finish at European /World Championships

NOTES
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OLYMPIC SPORTS: CLAY TARGET SHOOTING	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at the Olympic Games • Medallist at the World Championships • Medallist at the European Championships
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 15 in the World Championships • Top 18 in two World Cup events • 4-6 of the European Championships • Top 12 in Olympic Games
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 25 in the World Championships • Qualification for the Olympic Games~ • Top 15 in the European Championships • Top 18 in one World Cup event

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OLYMPIC SPORTS: CYCLING (ROAD)	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the World Championships • Medallist in the Olympic Games • 1-3 Overall in any European World Tour event or Major Tours (Giro Femine or La Route de France for women) See events listed under Races at http://www.uciworldtour.com • 1-3 Points or KOH competition in one of the Grand Tours (Giro Femine or La Route de France for women)
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-12 in the World Championships • 4-12 in the Olympic Games • 1-10 Overall in any European World Tour event (<i>and women's equivalent of World Tour</i>)
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-30 in the World Championships • 13-30 in the Olympic Games • 1-5 in the World U23 Championships • 1-3 in the European U23 Championships • 1-3 in a U23 Nations Cup • 11-20 overall in any European World Tour event (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women) • 1-5 in a UCI 1.HC or 2.HC event • 1-5 on final GC in a European UCI 2.1/1.1 event • 1-3 on final GC in a non European UCI 2.1/1.1 event
NOTES: Scheme excludes UCI ProTeam riders	
Time Trials/Track Cycling	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the World Championships • Medallist in the Olympic Games • 1-3 in the individual TT of a Grand Tour – excluding prologues. (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women - excluding prologues) • Men's Individual Pursuit 4000m – Medal at Olympic, World and European Championships • Women's Individual Pursuit 3000m - Medal at Olympic, World and European Championships

World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-9 in the World Championships • 4-9 in the Olympic Games • 4-9 in the individual TT of a Grand Tour – excluding prologues. (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women - excluding prologues) • 1-3 in a World Cup Track event • 1-3 in Senior European Championships Track event • Men’s Individual Pursuit 4000m – on or below 4:19:9 at a UCI event • Women’s Individual Pursuit 3000m – on or below 3:34:9 at a UCI event • Men’s 4,000 metre team pursuit below 4:04.9 in a UCI event • Women’s 4,000m team pursuit below 4:31.9 in a UCI event • Men’s 200 metre flying start below 10.10 in a UCI event • Women’s 200 metre flying start below 11.20 seconds in a UCI event
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International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15 in the World Championships(TT) • 10-15 in the Olympic Games (TT) • 1-3 in U23 World Championship • 10-15 in the individual TT of a Grand Tour – excluding prologues. (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women - excluding prologues) • 4-9 in a World Cup Track event • 4-9 in Senior European Championships Track event • Men’s Individual Pursuit 4000m - on or below 4:24:9 at a UCI event • Women’s Individual Pursuit 3000m - on or below 3:39:9 at a UCI event • Men’s 4,000 metre team pursuit below 4:09.9 in a UCI event • Women’s 4,000m team pursuit below 4:36.9 in a UCI event • Men’s 200 metre flying start below 10.40 in a UCI event • Women’s 200 metre flying start below 11.60 seconds in a UCI
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NOTES:

All track times to be achieved under competition conditions.
Individuals only.

MOUNTAIN BIKING (Cross-Country)

Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	Medallist in the World Championships Medallist in the Olympic Games Medallist in the European Championships
World Class	4-12 in the World Championships 4-12 in the Olympic Games 4-12 in the European Championships Medallist or podium finish in a World Cup XCO Event (Senior Elite class only)
International	13-30 in the World Championships 13-30 in the Olympic Games 13-20 in the European Championships 1-5 in the World U23 Championships 1- 3 in the European U23 Championships 4-30 in a World Cup XCO event (finishing on the same lap as the winner)

BMX

Category	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	Medallist in the World Championships * Medallist in the Olympic Games
World Class	1-3 in a World Cup event 4-8 in the World Championships * 4-8 in the Olympic Games
International	9-30 in the World Championships* 1-5 European Championships 4-12 in a World Cup event

NOTES:

*Refers to Elite Men/Women class only in main competition

OLYMPIC SPORTS: GYMNASTICS	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2017/18
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the Olympic Games • Medallist in the World Gymnastics Championships
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the European Championships • Finalist in the World Gymnastics Championships (All Around or Apparatus) • Finalist in the Olympic Games • Medal at FIG Grand Prix/World Cup events
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification for Olympic Games~ • Medal in the European Games (All Around or Apparatus) • Top 16 in European Championships (All Around or Apparatus) • Final at FIG Grand Prix/World Cup events • Top 30 in World Championships All Around • Top 25 Apparatus World Championships
NOTES:	
<p>Individual events only Refers to Senior Individual Apparatus and All Around Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline(Olympic) Disciplines only ~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.</p>	

OLYMPIC SPORTS: JUDO	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the Olympic Games • Medallist in the World Championships • Medallist in the European Championships • Medallist in the World Masters*
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-7 in the Olympic Games • 5-7 in the World Championships • 5-7 in the European Championships • 5-7 in the World Masters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in an IJF Grand Prix/Slam
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 16 in the World Championships • Top 7 in an IJF Grand Prix/Slam • Top 7 in the u23 European Championships • Medallist in a Continental Open
NOTES:	
* IJF World Masters is the invitation only event for athletes with year ending Top 16 World Ranking.	

OLYMPIC SPORTS: PENTATHLON	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in Olympic Games • Top 3 in World Championships • Top 3 in World Cup Final • Top 3 in World Rankings
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 – 10 in Olympic Games • 4 – 10 in World Championships • 4 – 10 in World Cup Final • 4 – 10 in World Rankings • Top 3 in European Championships
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification for the Olympics~ • 11-36 in World Championships • Qualification to final in 2 World Cups • 4-10 in European Championships • Top 30 in World Rankings (Senior)

NOTES

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OLYMPIC SPORTS: ROWING	
Category	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium Olympic Events Only Maximum €40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medalist at the Olympic Games • Medalist at the World Championships in Olympic boat classes • A Finalist at the World Championships in Olympic boat classes and with the final time within 1% from bronze medal crew • Medal at 2 out of the 4 International events between World Cup 1, World Cup 2, World Cup 3 and European Championships in Olympic Boat Classes
World Class Maximum €20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 11 at the Olympic Games in Olympic Boat Classes • Place within the Olympic quota for boat class plus 3 places - <i>see note 1</i> • Medalist at the U23 World Rowing Championships • A Finalist at 2 of the 4 International events between World Cup 1, World Cup 2, World Cup 3 and European Championships in Olympic Boat Classes. • Medal at the World Championships in non-Olympic Boats (<i>divided by boat – see note 2</i>)
International Maximum €12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top half at 2 out of the 4 International events between World Cup 1, World Cup 2, World Cup 3 and European Championships ahead of at least 3 boats in Olympic Boat classes. • Top half at World Championships in Olympic Boat classes ahead of at least 3 boats. • A Finalist at the U23 World Rowing Championships with the final time within 2% from the Bronze medal crew. • Top six at the World Championships in non-Olympic Boats (<i>divided by boat – see note 2</i>) • Medalist at the U23 World Rowing Championships in non-Olympic Boats (<i>divided by boat – see note 2</i>) • B Finalist at the U23 World Championships in Olympic Boats (<i>divided by boat – see note 2</i>)

NOTES
<p>The above criteria <u>must</u> be supported by the satisfaction of all elements in the Performance Behaviours and Expectations Guidelines as established by the Performance Director. Achievement of performance criteria alone does not guarantee funding and all applications require validation and endorsement from the Performance Director.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1: This standard is applicable to 2018 and 2019 only. • Note 2: The funding associated with this standard is divided by the number of crew members. For example: in the instance that a Pair achieves the criteria, each crew members (2) will be entitled to receive half of the total award.

OLYMPIC SPORTS: SAILING	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in the World Championships • Top 3 in the European Championships • Top 3 in the Olympic Games
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-10 in Olympic Games • 4- 10(by nation) in the World Championships • 4-10 in the European Championships
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification for the Olympic Games~ • Top 30 the World Championships • Top 20 in the European Championships • Top 15 in a World Cup <p><u>If U23 Laser and Laser Radial (female)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 30 in the European Championships • Top 40 in the World Championships • Top 25 in a World Cup • Top 3 in U21 Worlds or U21 Europeans <p><u>49er and 49er FX</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 50% at the World Championships • Top 40% at the European Championships • Top 15 in a World Cup • Top 3 at U23 Worlds

NOTES:

- 1: Events are subject to approval by Sport Ireland and OSG to ensure minimum standard of fleet attended.
- 2: Sailors over the age of 23 must be committed to an ISA approved fulltime campaign before carding status is ratified.
- 3: ~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.

OLYMPIC SPORTS: TAEKWONDO	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the Olympic Games • Medallist in the World Championships • Gold medal in the Grand Prix Series / Grand Slam
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal in the European Championships • Gold Medal in the European Games • Quarter Final in the World Championships • Semi Final in the Grand Prix Series / Grand Slam • Top 8 in Olympic Ranking Points System on the final day of the competition season
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympic Qualification ~ • Quarter Final in the World Championships • Semi Final in the European Championships • Semi Final at the European Games • Top 12 in Olympic Ranking Points System on the final day of the competition season • G2 Event Medal [Grade 2 Ranking Event]
NOTES:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Podium level is applicable to Olympic weight categories only. World class and international level can be achieved in non-Olympic weight categories provided there is supporting evidence to demonstrate the athlete is on the pathway to qualifying for the Olympic Games. 2. ~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the Performance Plan. 3. Any achievements noted above must have a minimum of 2 consecutive wins where applicable. 	

OLYMPIC SPORTS: SWIMMING

Category	‘A’ Previous Season Nomination Criteria (Retrospective Assessment)	‘B’ ‘On Track’ Dashboard Nomination Criteria (Perspective Assessment)	‘C’ Secondary Nomination Criteria (Performance Behaviours/Expectations)
Athletes must fulfill one of the criteria in column ‘A’ or ‘B’ and all criteria in column ‘C’ to be nominated Athletes may be nominated as a ‘Pool’ or ‘Open Water’ athlete, but not both			
Podium (up to €40,000 per annum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Podium finish at the Olympic Games (in an individual or relay event, including the 10km Open Water event) ▪ Podium finish at the FINA World LC Championships (in an Olympic individual or relay event) ▪ Podium finish in the 10km at the FINA World Open Water Championships ▪ Top 3 World Ranking in the FINA Annual LC Rankings (two per nation) in an Olympic individual event from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the immediately prior season, the athlete made themselves available at all required selection meets and completed all necessary nominations so that selection to all relevant Ireland National teams was possible ▪ In the immediately prior season, the athlete fulfilled the requirements of the National Performance programme and represented Ireland when selected (other than where extenuating circumstances prevented the athlete from representing Ireland when selected and this was ratified by the National Performance Director) ▪ The athlete has declared an intention to continue at Performance level within the sport, a level which is considered to be both full and committed, with a targeted approach towards further progress and performance improvement
World Class (up to €20,000 per annum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Podium finish at the World University Games (in an Olympic individual or relay event, including the 10km Open Water event) ▪ Podium finish at the LEN European LC Championships (in an Olympic individual or relay event) ▪ Podium finish in the 10km at the LEN European Open Water Championships ▪ Top 8 finish at the Olympic Games (in an individual or relay event, including the 10km Open Water event) ▪ Top 8 finish at the FINA World LC Championships (in an Olympic individual or relay event) ▪ Top 8 finish in the 10km at the FINA World Open Water Championships 	Olympic Podium/Olympic Final trajectory performance (at their identified benchmark summer international meet in the preceding season) as indicated on the Swim Ireland ‘On Track’ dashboard (gender, age and event specific) validated by a further performance progression in the same event by 1 st September of the Carding year in question from their identified benchmark summer international meet) (*)	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top 4-8 World Ranking in the FINA Annual LC Rankings (two per nation) in an Olympic individual event from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The athlete has committed to a full engagement in the National Performance programme via their Individual Action Plan (IAP) at the commencement of the season (as determined by the National Performance Director)
<p>International (up to €12,000 per annum)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top 8 finish at the World University Games (in an Olympic individual or relay event, including the 10km Open Water event) ▪ Top 8 finish at the LEN European LC Championships (in an Olympic individual or relay event) ▪ Top 8 finish in the 10km at the LEN European Open Water Championships ▪ Top 16 finish at the Olympic Games (in an individual or relay event, including the 10km Open Water event) ▪ Top 16 finish at the FINA World LC Championships (in an Olympic individual or relay event) ▪ Top 16 finish in the 10km at the FINA World Open Water Championships ▪ Top 9-16 World Ranking in the FINA Annual LC Rankings (two per nation) in an Olympic individual event from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet ▪ Tokyo Olympic FINA 'A' Standard plus 1% (from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet in the preceding season) validated by an achievement of the FINA 'A' standard by 1st September of the Carding year in question (from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet) (*) 	<p>Olympic Semi Final trajectory performance (from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet in the preceding season) as indicated on the Swim Ireland 'On Track' dashboard (gender, age and event specific) validated by a further performance progression in the same event by 1st September of the Carding year in question (from their identified benchmark summer international meet) (*)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The athlete has submitted a budget (as part of their Individual Action Plan) for the season detailing the intended use of their award (and is approved by the National Performance Director) ▪ The athlete has completed all necessary administrative requirements for the year ▪ The athlete has signed up to the Swim Ireland Athlete Charter, with a clear commitment to the Swim Ireland Anti-Doping procedures, protocols and ethical understanding ▪ The athlete has fulfilled all athlete specific requirements of the 'Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme Athlete/NGB Guidelines' extant at the commencement of the Carding year in question

Notes

1. The criterion are valid for the period up to and including December 2021. However, athletes are subject to a review and approval process each year by the National Performance Director and the Sport Ireland Carding Committee. Athletes will retain Carded funding for the periods detailed below, subject to maintaining the requirements detailed in Column 'C'. Athletes may move up a level of funding during this period:
2. For athletes to be initially nominated for funding in this scheme in 2018, the performance criteria must be achieved in the period 01/01/17 – 31/12/17. Funding will be retained until 31/12/20 (budget contingent and subject to agreement from Sport Ireland on an individual basis)
3. For athletes to be initially nominated for funding in this scheme in 2019, the performance criteria must be achieved in the period 01/01/18 – 31/12/18. Funding will be retained until 31/12/20 (budget contingent and subject to agreement from Sport Ireland on an individual basis)
4. For athletes to be initially nominated for funding in this scheme in 2020, the performance criteria must be achieved in the period 01/01/19 – 31/12/19. Funding will be retained until 31/12/20 (budget contingent and subject to agreement from Sport Ireland on an individual basis)
5. 'Annual Rankings' refers to the official FINA Long Course pool rankings as of 31st December of the Carding year in question
6. Relay Carding awards will be utilised by Swim Ireland as part of a Relay Development Programme
7. 'Onshore' Carded athletes (based in Ireland) will receive additional support from the Irish Institute of Sport in the form of Sports Science and Sports Medicine services (as determined by the National Performance Director)
8. 'Offshore' Carded athletes (based outside of Ireland) will have a proportion of their funded ring-fenced (on a case-by-case basis and determined in Quarter 1 of the Carding year) to allow them to partake in mandatory National Performance Programme activities based in Ireland (as determined by the National Performance Director)
9. All Carded athletes, irrespective of their location, will be expected to complete National Performance programme activity, attend review meetings and complete monitoring procedures
10. In the case of Carding for athletes under 18 years of age, an individual assessment will be facilitated by the National Performance Director in order to identify the most appropriate means and method of the allocation of funding to such athletes. This will include an ongoing process of monitoring and tracking the performance of the investment in the athlete. In all cases, Swim Ireland will act as the custodians of the allocated funding and athletes/families will be able to access the funding on an approved and agreed draw down basis as determined by the National Performance Director

OLYMPIC SPORTS: DIVING

Category	‘A’ Previous Season Nomination Criteria (Retrospective Assessment)	‘B’ ‘On Track’ Dashboard Nomination Criteria (Perspective Assessment)	‘C’ Secondary Nomination Criteria (Performance Behaviours/Expectations)
Athletes must fulfill one of the criteria in column ‘A’ or ‘B’ and all criteria in column ‘C’ to be nominated			
Podium (up to €40,000 per annum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Podium finish at the Olympic Games (in an individual or synchronised event) ▪ Podium finish at the FINA World Championships (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Podium finish in the FINA World Cup (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the immediately prior season, the athlete made themselves available at all required selection meets and completed all necessary nominations so that selection to all relevant Ireland National teams was possible
World Class (up to €20,000 per annum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Podium finish at the World University Games (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Podium finish at the LEN European Championships (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Podium finish at a FINA Diving World Series (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) supported by a Performance Validation (#) ▪ Podium finish at a FINA Grand Prix (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) supported by a Performance Validation (#) ▪ Top 12 finish at the Olympic Games (in an individual or synchronised event) ▪ Top 12 finish at the FINA World Championships (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Top 12 finish at the FINA World Cup (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) 	<p>Olympic Podium/Olympic Final trajectory performance (at their identified benchmark summer international meet in the preceding season) as indicated on an officially recognised Swim Ireland ‘On Track’ dashboard (gender, age and event specific) validated by a further performance progression in the same event by 1st September of the Carding year in question from their identified benchmark summer international meet) (*)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the immediately prior season, the athlete fulfilled the requirements of the National Performance programme and represented Ireland when selected (other than where extenuating circumstances prevented the athlete from representing Ireland when selected and this was ratified by the National Performance Director) ▪ The athlete has declared an intention to continue at Performance level within the sport, a level which is considered to be both full and committed, with a targeted approach towards further progress and performance improvement

<p>International (up to €12,000 per annum)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top 12 finish at the World University Games (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Top 12 finish at the LEN European Championships (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Top 6 finish at a FINA Diving World Series (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) supported by a Performance Validation (#) ▪ Top 12 finish at a FINA Grand Prix (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) supported by a Performance Validation (#) ▪ Top 18 finish at the Olympic Games (in an individual or synchronised event) ▪ Top 18 finish at the FINA World Championships (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) ▪ Top 18 finish at the FINA World Cup (in an Olympic individual or synchronised event) 	<p>Olympic Semi Final trajectory performance (from a performance at their identified benchmark summer international meet in the preceding season) as indicated on an officially recognised Swim Ireland 'On Track' dashboard (gender, age and event specific) validated by a further performance progression in the same event by 1st September of the Carding year in question (from their identified benchmark summer international meet) (*)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The athlete has committed to a full engagement in the National Performance programme via their Individual Action Plan (IAP) at the commencement of the season (as determined by the National Performance Director) ▪ The athlete has submitted a budget (as part of their Individual Action Plan) for the season detailing the intended use of their award (and is approved by the National Performance Director) ▪ The athlete has completed all necessary administrative requirements for the year ▪ The athlete has signed up to the Swim Ireland Athlete Charter, with a clear commitment to the Swim Ireland Anti-Doping procedures, protocols and ethical understanding ▪ The athlete has fulfilled all athlete specific requirements of the 'Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme Athlete/NGB Guidelines' extant at the commencement of the Carding year in question
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Notes

1. The criterion are valid for the period up to and including December 2021. However, athletes are subject to a review and approval process each year by the National Performance Director and the Sport Ireland Carding Committee. Athletes will retain Carded funding for the periods detailed below, subject to maintaining the requirements detailed in Column 'C'. Athletes may move up a level of funding during this period:
 - For athletes to be initially nominated for funding in this scheme in 2018, the performance criteria must be achieved in the period 01/01/17 – 31/12/17. Funding will be retained until 31/12/20 (budget contingent and subject to agreement from Sport Ireland on an individual basis)
 - For athletes to be initially nominated for funding in this scheme in 2019, the performance criteria must be achieved in the period 01/01/18 – 31/12/18. Funding will be retained until 31/12/20 (budget contingent and subject to agreement from Sport Ireland on an individual basis)
 - For athletes to be initially nominated for funding in this scheme in 2020, the performance criteria must be achieved in the period 01/01/19 – 31/12/19. Funding will be retained until 31/12/20 (budget contingent and subject to agreement from Sport Ireland on an individual basis)
2. Synchronised Diving Carding awards will be utilised by Swim Ireland as part of a Synchronized Diving Development Programme
3. 'Onshore' Carded athletes (based in Ireland) will receive additional support from the Irish Institute of Sport in the form of Sports Science and Sports Medicine services (as determined by the National Performance Director)
4. 'Offshore' Carded athletes (based outside of Ireland) will have a proportion of their funded ring-fenced (on a case-by-case basis and determined in Quarter 1 of the Carding year) to allow them to partake in mandatory National Performance Programme activities based in Ireland (as determined by the National Performance Director)
5. All Carded athletes, irrespective of their location, will be expected to complete National Performance programme activity, attend review meetings and complete monitoring procedures
6. In the case of Carding for athletes under 18 years of age, an individual assessment will be facilitated by the National Performance Director in order to identify the most appropriate means and method of the allocation of funding to such athletes. This will include an ongoing process of monitoring and tracking the performance of the investment in the athlete. In all cases, Swim Ireland will act as the custodians of the allocated funding and athletes/families will be able to access the funding on an approved and agreed draw down basis as determined by the National Performance Director
7. For reference, the FINA World Championships and FINA World Cup occur each alternate year

OLYMPIC SPORTS: TRIATHLON	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-3 in the Olympic Games • 1-3 in the World Triathlon Series Grand Final Race • 1-3 in the ITU World Triathlon Series Rankings or ITU Points List Rankings at the end of the season • 1-2 World Triathlon Series Race
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-10 in the Olympic Games • 4-20 in the ITU World Triathlon Series Rankings or ITU Points List Rankings at end of season • 3-10 in a World Triathlon Series Race • 3 x Top 15 in World Triathlon Series Race • 1-3 in an ITU World Cup Event • Medal in European Elite Championships
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-25 in the Olympic Games • 21-55 in the ITU World Triathlon Series Rankings or ITU Points List Rankings at the end of season • 3 Top 25 results in World Triathlon Series • 4-10 in an ITU World Cup event • Top 15 in the European Elite Championships • Medallist in a Continental Premium Cup / Continental Cup (subject to finishing ahead of 3 athletes ranked top 100 in ITU World Rankings)

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: ATHLETICS	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at the Paralympic Games or IPC Athletics World Championships • No. 1 in the end of season IPC World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events (Combination of Paralympic classes where appropriate)
World Class*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed 4th-6th at the Paralympic Games or IPC Athletics World Championships and within 3% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event • Nos. 2-4 in the end of season IPC World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 33% of the full list (Combination of Paralympic classes where appropriate)
International**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nos. 5-10 in the end of season IPC World Rankings in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 50% of the ranking list • Qualification for Paralympic Games~ (Combination of Paralympic classes where appropriate)

NOTES:
a) Only athlete performances in events listed on the Tokyo 2020 programme can be considered for qualifying for the 2018 Sport Ireland International Carding
b) Paralympic disciplines or events relate specifically to combined classes where appropriate. Position after points conversions will be used to determine actual Paralympic/World Championship Medal potential.
c) IPC World Athletics Championships refers to the outdoor edition of the Championships.
* To qualify for World Class carding the athlete must have achieved a performance in the previous calendar year (2016) that is at minimum 95% of the athlete ranked 3rd in the end of year World rankings & have 1 of the criteria listed.
** To qualify for International carding the athlete must have achieved a performance in the previous calendar (2016) year that is at minimum 90% of the athlete ranked 3rd in the end of year World rankings & have 1 of the criteria listed.
~ Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: BADMINTON

Category	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist in the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist in World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-8 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed) • Top 8 in the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed) • Top 8 in the World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed) • Medallist in European Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification for the Para Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)~ • 9-15 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed) • Winner of 3 BWF International Para Event (singles, doubles, mixed)*
Notes	<p>~ Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.</p> <p>* Selected events must be identified in the High Performance competition plan and agreed by Sport Ireland (Turkish International, Thailand International & Japan International).</p>

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: Canoe Sprint (Paralympic events only)	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium*	Medallist at a Paralympic Games, World Championships or Europeans Championships
World Class*	Top 4 - 9 at Paralympic Games Top 4 - 9 at World Championship Top 5 at a European Championships
International*	Top 10 - 15 at the World Championships Finalist at European Championships Qualification for the Paralympic Games~
*Notes	*Minimum 12 competitors in ALL competitions except Paralympic Games ~ Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: CYCLING	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist in the Paralympic Games or UCI World Cycling Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events • Number 1 in the end of year UCI World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events (must be at least 15 athletes ranked)
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed 4th-6th in the Paralympic Games or UCI World Cycling Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events and within 3% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event • Top 3 overall in a Paracycling World Cup series (minimum field size of 8 competitors in each race) • Nos. 2-4 in the end of year UCI World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events (must be at least 15 athletes ranked)
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed 7th-12th in the Paralympic Games or UCI World Cycling Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events and within 6% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event • Qualification for the Paralympic Games~ • Medallist in the UCI Paracycling World Cup or UCI P1 Category Cycling Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events with a field size of at least 8 competitors. • Nos. 4-10 in the end of year UCI World Rankings in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 50% of the ranking list (must be at least 15 athletes ranked)
*Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 12 competitors in ALL competitions • ~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/2020 Performance Plan.

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: ROWING	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at the Paralympics or World Rowing Championships in Paralympic boat classes
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-6 at the Paralympics or World Rowing Championships in Paralympic boat classes and within 2% of the Gold medal time. Minimum of 8 boats in race.
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paralympic qualification position, beating 2 crews at World Championships in Paralympic boat class events. • Qualification for Paralympic Games~
Notes	~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: SWIMMING	
Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist at the Paralympic Games or IPC Swimming World Championships • No. 1 in the end of season IPC World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events.
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed 4th-6th at the Paralympic Games or IPC Swimming World Championships and within 3% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event • Nos. 2-4 in the end of season IPC World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 25% of the IPC Swimming World Ranking List • Medallist at IPC Swimming European Championships
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalist at the Paralympics Games or IPC World Swimming Championships and in the top 30% of the IPC World Rankings. • Placed 9th-12th at the Paralympic Games or IPC World Championships and within 6% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event • Nos. 5-10 in the end of season IPC World Rankings in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 50% of the ranking list • Qualification for Paralympic Games~

NOTES:
<p>a) Only performances recorded at IPC Swimming sanctioned events or pre-approved event with Sport Ireland on a long course format may be used to qualify for the carding scheme.</p> <p>b) Only performances recorded in events listed on the Tokyo 2020 event list may be used to qualify for the scheme.</p> <p>~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.</p>

PARALYMPIC SPORTS: TABLE TENNIS

Category:	International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2018
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal in the Paralympics Games or IPTTC World Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events • Top 1 in end of year/season IPTTC World Ranking List
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 4-8 in Paralympics Games or IPTTC & top 25% of the starting field • Top 2-4 in the end of year/season IPTTC World Rankings and top 25% of the ranking list • Medal in the IPTTC European TT Championships in events with a starting field of at least 8 competitors
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed 9-12 in the Paralympic Games and finishing in the top 50% of the starting field • Top 5-8 in the end of year/season IPTTC World Rankings and top 50% of the ranking list • Selection for Paralympic Games~
NOTES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carding Criteria is based on individual performances • Ranking list refers to the published list on the 1st December each year. <p>~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2019/ 2020 Performance Plan.</p>