



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHERS

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, the Ontario Association of Archers (OAA) 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 OAA 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 the OAA. Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, 2016 ending March 31, 2017.

- 2.1 For 2016-2017, the MTCS has allocated the OAA a total of 8 Ontario cards plus 4 cards for athletes with a disability. All cards will be split evenly by gender.

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).

The OAA has negotiated with the MTCS that Ontario Cards for 2 men and 2 women may be allocated to athletes that are 23 and over.

2.2 An athlete's age will be determined as of December 31, 2016.

The OAA 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 OAA Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

Bruce Savage, Vice President Administration
Joan McDonald, National Recurve Coach, Archery Canada
Lana Perry, Vice President, Athlete Development, Ontario Association of Archers
Mike Martin, President – ex officio (non-voting).

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 OAA Selection Committee decide who receives funding?

The OAA 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:

The OAA Selection Committee will consider exceptions to these criteria, known as a "Residency Exception" on a case specific basis 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 OAA 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 OAA no later than December 15, 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 OAA .

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 OAA Selection Committee that appropriate training programs are in place and are being monitored by the OAA. The onus is on the athlete to:

- (a) Provide a written plan outlining their training and competition plans to the OAA prior to their departure from Ontario, as part of their Residency Exception request due December 15th, 2016; and
- (b) Adhere to the OAA-approved competition and training plan throughout the carding cycle. At a minimum, this requires quarterly contact by the athlete with the OAA, directed to both Bruce Savage, (vpadmin@oaa-archery.on.ca) VP Admin and Joan McDonald, National Recurve Coach (joan@archerycanada.ca).
- (c) Submit quarterly training logs to the OAA to track progress against the OAA approved competition and training plan sent to contacts in #2 above.

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 the OAA and Archery Canada;
- Athlete must have entered into a Sports Organization - Athlete Agreement with the OAA 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 OAA 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 OAA;
- 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.

- 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.

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 the OAA for more information if you are applying for this exemption.

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 the OAA Selection Committee prior to December 15, 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 Archery Canada. The submission must include a statement from Archery Canada, signed and dated on their letterhead, confirming that the athlete still has potential to return to Archery Canada's carding program in the future. It is the responsibility of the athlete to submit this letter to the OAA; the OAA will not obtain this letter from Archery Canada on the athlete's behalf.

The OAA will then contact MTCS in writing prior to the submission of the Athlete Nomination Form to seek individual Canada Card Exceptions. The OAA 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 The OAA Athlete Selection Criteria:

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

Ontario Association of Archers Able Bodied Athlete Selection Criteria

The results from the 2016 outdoor season (January 1st, 2016 to November 30th, 2016) will be used for athlete selection.

The purpose of the system described below is to rank all women and all men regardless of their age category or equipment division so that the best women and the best men can be selected for carding.

Athletes who are ranked Black Squad or below on the 2016 Archery Canada Ranking list will not be eligible for Quest for Gold funding.

Three “activities” will be used for ranking Ontario archers

1. The results of the Canadian Championships (total of the two 720 rounds) shot in Peterborough, Ontario, August 5 - 6, 2016
The results are available at <http://www.ianseo.net/Details.php?told=1769>
2. The final results of the 2016 OAA Championships (total of three 720 rounds) shot in North Bay, Ontario, July 16 – 17, 2016. The results are available at http://legacy.oaa-archery.on.ca/index2.php?option=com_results&id=23753.
3. The 2016 Archery Canada ranking list. This list is currently available on the Archery Canada web site at the following link and will be final on November 30, 2016
<http://scoring.archerycanada.ca/ranking.php>

Method

1. The OAA High Performance Selection Committee is made up of:
Bruce Savage, Vice President Administration
Joan McDonald, National Recurve Coach, Archery Canada
Lana Perry, Vice President, Athlete Development, Ontario Association of Archers
Mike Martin, President – ex officio (non-voting).
2. Committee members developed these criteria and will execute them to select the athletes that will be recommended to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for carding under the Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP).
3. Athletes eligible for this program will be those competing using senior distances.
4. Athletes do not need to apply for Quest for Gold carding. All athletes who are:
 - shooting senior distances
 - who have competed in all the competitions listed in item 1 above
 - who are ranked Blue Squad or above on the Archery Canada ranking list will be considered for an Ontario Card based on their performances in those events.
5. An athlete’s age will be determined using the Archery Canada / OAA process for determining age for tournament categories. Therefore, athletes 22 years old or younger on December 31st, 2016 are

eligible for Ontario Cards (excluding the 4 cards that may be awarded to those 23 years old or above).

7. The Ontario athlete's total score will be subtracted from the top total score of the woman or the man (including the Junior category if the top junior score is higher than the senior score) in the appropriate equipment division in the final results for the Canadian Championships (total score of the two 720 rounds), the final results of the OAA Championships (total score of the three 720 rounds) and the Archery Canada ranking list.
8. If an athlete is unable to attend the Canadian Championships and/or the OAA Championship because he/she is competing at another international tournament, he/she must notify the OAA selection committee a minimum of one month in advance, requesting the Committee to allow substitution of the international score for either the Canadian Championship and/or the OAA Championship score. In this case, the Ontario athlete's score will be subtracted from the top score of the senior man or senior woman in the appropriate equipment division of the substituted tournament.
9. The difference between the athlete's score and the top score in the Canadian Championship, OAA Championship (or the substituted tournament) and the Archery Canada ranking list total will be ranked for all women and all men shooting senior distances regardless of category or age. The athlete with the lowest difference will be ranked number 1, the athlete with the second lowest difference will be ranked number 2 and so on.
10. The ranking points for each athlete of the Canadian Championships, the Ontario Championships and the overall average on the Archery Canada ranking list will be added together. The resulting list will be known as The Quest for Gold Ranking List.
11. The 4 women and 4 men with the lowest number of ranking points may be awarded Ontario Cards.
12. A maximum of two men and two women, who are 23 years old or greater as of December 31, 2016, and who meet the eligibility requirements of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Eligibility Criteria above, may be awarded an Ontario Card provided that he / she appears in the top 4 eligible athletes on The Quest for Gold Ranking List.
13. The remaining athletes equally divided between men and women who are 22 years old and under on December 31st, 2016, who meet the eligibility requirements of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Eligibility Criteria above and who are next on the Quest for Gold ranking list will be awarded the remaining Ontario Cards.
14. If an athlete who is selected declines a card or is carded by Sport Canada, then the next athlete on the list in the same gender will be selected.
15. If there is a tie for the 4th position,
 1. the athlete with the highest placing in the total of the two 720 rounds at the 2016 Canadian Championship will be selected. If either or both of the archers substituted another tournament for the Canadian Championships, the highest placing in the Canadian Championships or the substituted tournament will be used to break the tie.
 2. If there is still a tie for that position, then the athlete with the highest placing at the 2016 OAA Championship will be selected. If either or both of the archers substituted another tournament for the 2016 OAA Championships, the highest placing in the 2016 OAA Championships or the substituted tournament will be used to break the tie.
 3. if that is also a tie, then the athlete with the highest placing on the 2016 Archery Canada ranking list will be selected.
16. The OAA will also nominate two males and two females as alternates from The Quest for Gold Ranking List. Alternates will be those athletes who are ranked directly below those athletes nominated for the allotment of Ontario Cards in the appropriate gender. The names of alternates will be published along with the names of nominated athletes. If an athlete drops out or is removed from the OAA an alternate may be substituted for that athlete, provided that:

- The alternate is substituted within the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- An alternate is available from the same gender.
- Funding for the athlete being substituted is still available within the fiscal year (i.e. full funding for the card has not already been paid out to the athlete who is no longer in the program.)

Examples

Please view the sample chart below for the 2016 Canadian Championship. This example uses the total of the two 720 rounds, which comprises the Canadian Championship. The same method will be used to determine points for the total of the three 720 rounds of the Ontario Championship. The scores shown in the tables below are NOT the actual scores for the recurve and compound women but are fictitious numbers used to illustrate the selection process.

Example 1 Athlete E (women recurve) was actually the winner of the senior recurve women at the Canadian championship, therefore the difference between her score – 1268 and the top recurve woman’s score of 1268 is zero and ranks her # 1 (for this event) and she has 1 ranking point.

Example 2 Athlete G (men recurve) shot a total score of 1298. The top recurve man shot 1340 at the Canadian Championship. Therefore 1340 minus 1298 = 42. Using the difference of these two scores to rank all these athletes, 42 places Athlete G 3rd with 3 ranking points. (Note that the top score for the compound men in the Canadian Championships was actually shot by a junior).

Women - Sample Rankings Using the Canadian Championship Results			
Women Recurve Top Score is 1268 Women Compound Top Score is 1363	Athlete's Score	Difference	Rank
Athlete E (recurve)	1268	0	1
Athlete D (compound)	1343	20	2
Athlete B (recurve)	1242	46	3
Athlete A (recurve)	1198	70	4
Athlete C (compound)	1291	72	5

Men - Sample Rankings Using the Canadian Championship Results			
Men Recurve Top Score is 1340 Men Compound Top Score is 1409	Athlete's Score	Difference	Rank
Athlete J (recurve)	1320	20	1
Athlete F (compound)	1382	27	2
Athlete G (recurve)	1298	42	3
Athlete I (compound)	1355	54	4
Athlete H (compound)	1310	99	5



The sample charts below are for the Archery Canada ranking list. All the averages and scores used in these tables are fictitious and are only for the purpose of demonstrating how these criteria will work.

Example 3 Athlete C (compound women) has an Archery Canada Ranking score of 2633. The top compound woman's ranking score is 2698. Therefore 2698 minus 2633 = 65, ranking the athlete 3rd and giving her 3 ranking points.

Example 4 Athlete J (men recurve) has an Archery Canada Ranking score of 2569. When Athlete J's score of 2569 is subtracted from the top recurve men's score of 2632 the difference is 105, ranking this athlete 5th and giving him 5 ranking points.

Women - Sample Rankings Using the Archery Canada Ranking List			
Women Recurve Top Score is 2632 Women Compound Top Score is 2698	Athlete's Total Score	Difference	Rank
Athlete D (compound)	2652	46	1
Athlete E (recurve)	2672	60	2
Athlete C (compound)	2633	65	3
Athlete A (recurve)	2552	80	4
Athlete B (recurve)	2515	117	5

Men - Sample Rankings Using the Archery Canada Ranking List			
Men Recurve Top Score is 2674 Men Compound Top Score is 2789	Athlete's Total Score	Difference	Rank
Athlete F (compound)	2789	0	1
Athlete H (compound)	2777	12	2
Athlete G (compound)	2730	59	3
Athlete I (recurve)	2613	61	4
Athlete J (recurve)	2569	105	5

To determine which women and/or men may receive Ontario Cards, the athletes' ranking for the total of the Archery Canada Championships, the OAA Championship and the Archery Canada ranking list are added together to produce points for a "Quest for Gold Ranking" – see the sample tables below.

In the table for women, Athlete E, D, B and A would be selected and Athlete C would be named as the alternate, provided that they all met all the MTCS and the OAA eligibility criteria for Quest for Gold.

In the table for men, the tie between Athletes I and H for 4th place is broken by using the placing of Athletes I and H in the 2016 Canadian Championships. The athlete with the highest placing in those Championships would be selected. Athlete I placed the highest in his division in the total of the 2016 Canadian Championships, so he is selected as the 4th Ontario Card and Athlete H is the alternate.

Final Quest for Gold Ranking				
Women	Archery Canada Championship Ranking	OAA Championship Ranking	OAA Ranking List Ranking	Final Quest for Gold Points
Athlete E (recurve)	1	1	2	4
Athlete D (compound)	2	2	1	5
Athlete B (recurve)	3	3	5	11
Athlete A (recurve)	4	4	4	12
Athlete C (compound)	5	5	3	13

Final Quest for Gold Ranking				
Men	Archery Canada Championship Ranking	OAA Championship Ranking	OAA Ranking List Ranking	Final Quest for Gold Points
Athlete F (compound)	2	1	1	4
Athlete G (compound)	3	2	3	8
Athlete J (recurve)	1	3	5	9
Athlete I (recurve)	4	4	4	12
Athlete H (compound)	5	5	2	12

Ontario Association of Archers AWAD Athlete Selection Criteria

The OAA has been awarded a maximum of 4 Ontario Cards for Athletes With A Disability (AWAD) – 2 men and 2 women. The OAA is not obligated to assign all of the allotted AWAD cards if there are not sufficient athletes who meet the standard of being future national team athletes.

There is no specific age limit for these AWAD cards, however the athlete must demonstrate they have real potential to get to the national team level as per the purpose of the QFG program.

The results for the 2016 outdoor season (January 1st, 2016 to November 30th, 2016) will be used for athlete selection.

1. AWAD archers will be selected from the 2016 Archery Canada AWAD ranking list.
2. Only those in the Gold, Red and Blue Squad will be eligible.
3. The appropriate number of archers in each category, starting with the archer with the highest ranking average and working down the list, will be selected for Ontario carding.
4. If there are ties in a category, the archer with the highest score in the Canadian Championships will be selected.
5. If that score is tied, the archer with the highest score in the Ontario Championships will be selected.

7.0 Athlete Responsibilities (both Able Bodied and AWAD)

All athletes accepting Ontario carding will be required to sign an athlete agreement with the OAA. This agreement is a requirement of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and will include the following:

- Athletes must sign the athlete agreement. The OAA Athlete Agreement will only come into effect if an athlete is selected and accepts carding status through the OAAP program
- Athletes must attend the following competitions and compete on behalf of Ontario:
 - The outdoor Canadian Target Championships, Brossard, Quebec, August 8 – 13, 2017
 - The outdoor Provincial Target Championships, dates and location TBD.

- One major target event outside Canada - see the 2017 Tournament List list at www.archerycanada.ca in the High Performance section. This list will be updated and available before January 30, 2016.
- Any trials for selection of any national team for which the archer is qualified.
- If an athlete cannot attend any of the above competitions, he/she may substitute another tournament of similar or better quality. The athlete must write the OAA Vice President – Administration (vpadmin@oaa-archery.on.ca) at least one month before the substituted tournament and if that is impossible then at least one week before the substituted tournament stating their reasons and indicate which tournament they wish to substitute. The OAA High Performance Committee will consider the request, as well as the tournament to be substituted.
- Athletes must submit a plan, by January 1st that will show what the athlete will do from April 1, 2017 – March 31st, 2018 to improve their shooting and performance, so that they could become a member of the national team.
- Athletes must email Bruce Savage and/or Joan McDonald at intervals that will be outlined in the athlete agreement, outlining their progress with their plan.
- Failure to submit the plan and to send the progress emails will mean that the athlete may not receive QFG funding in the 2016 – 2017 year.
- Athletes must be members in good standing of the Ontario Association of Archers
- Athletes must be members in good standing of Archery Canada
- Athletes must be available for OAA promotional activity
- Athletes must abide by Canadian and WADA anti-doping rules.
- Athletes are required to complete the on-line doping education available at www.cces.ca
- Athletes must compete for Ontario for the April 1st, 2016 – March 31st, 2017 carding year AND for the April 1st, 2017 – March 31st, 2018 year.
- Failure to abide by the Athlete agreement will cause the athlete to lose their Ontario card.
- The Ontario Association of Archers Athlete Agreement will only come into effect if an athlete is selected and accepts carding status through the OAAP program.

8.0 Injury

The OAA has no criteria for ranking an athlete who is unable to meet these requirements as detailed below due to illness, injury or pregnancy.

9.0 Alternates:

The OAA 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 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).

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 January 15th will not be carded.

10.0 How To Apply:

Members of the OAA do not have to apply for the Quest for Gold Athlete Ontario Assistance Program. All OAA members that competed in all of the selection tournaments listed in item 1 of the Sport Specific Athlete Selection Criteria will be in the selection process. The detailed OAA carding calculations will be published on the OAA web site on or before December 15th and those selected will

be contacted by Joan McDonald (joan@archerycanada.ca) with further information on the application process.

Any athlete requesting a “Residency Exception” or Canada Card Exception request must submit this information by December 15, 2016 as detailed above.

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

10.1 The OAA will publish or make known a draft list of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status no later than **January 19, 2017.**

11.0 Appeals

Athletes who have not been nominated for an Ontario Card by the OAA 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:

- Whether or not the Selection Committee has completed the selection process in accordance with its own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- 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 OAA Selection Criteria are not grounds for an appeal and should therefore be discussed directly with the leadership of the OAA .

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

If the athlete is not satisfied with the OAA 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 the OAA who will then submit a **“Response”** with MTCS by a specified deadline. The Response will outline why the OAA believes that the Selection Committee’s decision not to nominate the athlete should be upheld by the Appeals Committee. MTCS will share the OAA Response with the athlete.

If, after receiving the OAA Response, the athlete believes that the OAA 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 OAA .

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

1. Direct the OAA 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 the OAA 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: the OAA 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: _____

