



ANNOUNCEMENT: SPORT CANADA APPROVES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC PROGRAM 2020 CARDING CYCLE ROLL OVER INTO 2021

Equestrian Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) carding cycle runs January 1 through December 31 each year. The impact of COVID-19 has resulted in limited, cancelled or unfair access to competitions for athletes, which invalidates Equestrian Canada's performance criteria for the 2021 Equestrian Canada AAP program carding program nominations.

Sport Canada has confirmed a 'roll-over' strategy for the upcoming 2021 cycle for Equestrian Canada's carded athlete's program.

Subject to the completion of eligibility requirements, 2020 carded athlete's funding will be duplicated (rolled over) on January 1, 2021 at their current carding level into the new cycle to December 31, 2021.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Access to an international level horse per AAP criteria
- Submit a competitive program plan for 2021 to EC Discipline Manager
- Completion of the 2021 Equestrian Canada Athlete Agreement
- 2021 Equestrian Canada Sport License holder in good standing
- Completion of the AAP Application to Accept/Decline AAP Financial Support for the 2021 carding cycle
- Completion of the online CCES Anti Doping Courses for 2021

In November 2020 Equestrian Canada will perform a review of all 2020 carded athletes and require compliance with Equestrian Canada and Sport Canada's carding process requirements to confirm eligibility for roll-over. If an athlete's eligibility circumstances have changed, Equestrian Canada will make an appropriate nomination recommendation that is consistent with Sport Canada's AAP policy. In December 2020, the current eligible 2020 carded athletes will receive notification letters via email, of the roll-over of carding, including directions for meeting the carding eligibility requirements.

For more information, please contact the Discipline Managers.