



**SPÓRT ÉIREANN**  
**SPORT IRELAND**

**Criteria for the  
International Carding Scheme  
2022**

**Athletes must achieve performance criteria in 2021 (January  
1st - December 31st) for eligibility to apply for the 2022  
Scheme.**

All criteria is based on Olympic / Paralympic disciplines only unless otherwise stated

## **Sports Included on the 2022 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 2022 is based on individual performances only. Athletes must achieve performance criteria in 2021 (January 1st – December 31st) for eligibility to apply for the 2022 Scheme.

The criteria has been amended in some sports to recognise the reduced competitions and opportunities for athletes to achieve criteria in 2021. Where it appropriate it is clearly marked that the criteria is for 2021 season only. The criteria for all sports will be reviewed in Q4 of 2021.

Due to the reduced competitions in 2021, NGBs will be able to nominate a limited number of athletes for support that have not achieved criteria for in which the NGBs have identified as High Potential Paris Athletes. A reasonable case for support must be presented by the Performance Director which is accompanied with relevant supporting documentation as determined by Sport

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Ireland at the timeline for application.

Athletes who have qualified for and competed in the Olympic /Paralympic Games but have not achieved criteria for carding in 2022 are considered to have a reasonable case for funding through the carding scheme. Sport Ireland invites NGBs to apply for support for these individuals provided the athlete intends to continue into the Paris cycle.

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: ATHLETICS</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	Medal Olympic Games Medal World Championships Medal European Championships
World Class	Top 12 Olympic Games Top 12 World Championships Top 6 European Championships Top 6 World Indoor Championships Top 12 World Cross Country Top 6 World Race Walking Cup Medal European Indoor Championships Medal European Cross Country Medal European Race Walking Cup
International	Top 24 Olympic Games Top 24 World Championships Top 10 European Championships Top 10 World Race Walking Cup Top 16 World Cross Country Champs Top 6 European Indoor Championships Top 6 European Cross Country Top 6 European Race Walking Cup Medal at World University Games

**NOTES:**

\*Athletics Ireland has developed a performance standard matrix which details performance standards indicative of performance level required for an international, World Class or Podium Championship performance. Performances at major championships are primary criteria. In the absence of the championship performances as outlined in above table, Athletics Ireland' Performance Director can apply for funding for athletes that achieve the required performance standards which can considered on case by case by Sport Ireland's carding committee.

Podium Standard x 2  
World Class Standard x 2  
International standard x 2

Further details of the performance standards can be found on the Athletics Ireland website

<https://www.athleticsireland.ie/high-performance/carding>

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

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: BADMINTON</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 3 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Medallist in World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-8 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 8 in the Olympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 8 in the World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Medallist in European Championships / European Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9-100 in the World Rankings (singles) <b>2021 only*</b></li> <li>• 9-75 in the World Rankings (doubles/mixed) <b>2021 only*</b></li> <li>• Top 32 in the Olympic Games (singles)</li> <li>• Top 16 in the Olympic Games (doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 32 in the World Championships (singles)</li> <li>• Top 16 in the World Championships (doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 8 in European Championships / European Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Finalist in International Challenge Events (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> </ul>

NOTES

\*Rankings increased for 2021 season only to account for reduced competitions in 2021. Criteria to revert to Top 80 (Singles) and Top 50 (Doubles / Mixed) in 2022.

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: BOXING</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships</li> <li>• Gold/Silver in the European Championships</li> <li>• Gold/Silver in the European Games</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-8 Olympic Games</li> <li>• 5-8 in the World Championships</li> <li>• Bronze in the European Championships</li> <li>• Bronze the European Games</li> <li>• Gold in the EU Championships**</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification for last 16 in the World Championships</li> <li>• Qualification for last 16 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 5-8 at the European Championships</li> <li>• 5-8 at the European Games</li> <li>• Gold/Silver at 2 nominated multi-nations events in one year*</li> <li>• Silver/Bronze in the EU Championships**</li> </ul>

#### 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. Consideration will be given to supporting additional athletes who achieve criteria on case by case basis.
- Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 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 – To be Confirmed
- Women’s selected multi-nation events – To be Confirmed
- \*\*3 bouts required to secure criteria at EU Championships

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: CANOE SLALOM</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist at the World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist at the European Championship</li> <li>• Top 3 end of season World Cup Series or World Ranking</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 4 -15 at an Olympic Games</li> <li>• Top 4- 10 at a World or European Championships</li> <li>• Top 4-10 end of season World Cup Series or World Ranking</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 11 - 20 at a World Championships</li> <li>• Top 11 - 15 at a European Championships</li> <li>• Top 11-25 in Men's K1 end of season World Cup Series or World Ranking</li> <li>• Top 16 - 25 at a Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist at Under 23 World / European Championships</li> </ul>
<b>OLYMPIC SPORT:CANOE SPRINT</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist at the World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist at the European Championship</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 4 - 10 at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Top 4- 10 at World Championships</li> <li>• Top 4- 10 at European Championships</li> <li>• Medallist at European Games</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 11-18 at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Top 11-18 at World Championships</li> <li>• Top 11-18 at European Championships</li> <li>• Top 4-9 at European Games</li> <li>• Medallist at Under 23 World / European Championships</li> </ul>

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: CLAY TARGET SHOOTING</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medallist at the Olympic Games</li><li>• Medallist at the World Championships</li><li>• Medallist at the European Championships</li></ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 10 in Olympic Games</li><li>• Top 10 in the World Championships</li><li>• Top 10 in two World Cup events</li><li>• 4-6 of the European Championships</li></ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 20 in the Olympic Games</li><li>• Top 20 in the World Championships</li><li>• Top 12 in the European Championships</li><li>• Top 10 in one World Cup event</li></ul>

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: CYCLING (ROAD)</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 1-3 Overall in any Europe Tour or World Tour event</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-12 in the World Championships</li> <li>• 4-12 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 1-10 Overall in any Europe Tour or World Tour event</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13-30 in the World Championships</li> <li>• 13-30 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 1-5 in the World U23 Championships</li> <li>• 1-3 in the European U23 Championships</li> <li>• 1-3 in a U23 Nations Cup</li> <li>• 11-20 overall in any Europe Tour or World Tour event</li> <li>• 1-5 in a UCI 1.HC or 2.HC event</li> <li>• 1-5 on final GC in a European UCI 2.1/1.1 event</li> <li>• 1-3 on final GC in a non-European UCI 2.1/1.1 event</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheme excludes UCI World Team and Pro Team riders.</li> <li>• All criteria are based on Olympic / Paralympic disciplines only unless otherwise stated</li> </ul>

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: CYCLING (Time Trials/Track Cycling)</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships in Olympic Events only</li> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 1-3 in the individual TT of a Grand Tour – excluding prologues. (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women - excluding prologues)</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships in non-Olympic Events.</li> <li>• 4-9 in the World Championships in Olympic Events only</li> <li>• 4-10 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 4-9 in the individual TT of a Grand Tour – excluding prologues. (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women - excluding prologues)</li> <li>• 1-3 in a Nations Cup Track event in Olympic events only</li> <li>• 1-3 in Senior European Championships Track event in Olympic events only</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-9 in the World Championships in non-Olympic events.</li> <li>• 10-15 in the World Championships (TT)</li> <li>• 10-15 in the Olympic Games (TT)</li> <li>• 1-3 in U23 World Championship</li> <li>• 1-3 in U23 European Championships</li> <li>• 10-15 in the individual TT of a Grand Tour – excluding prologues. (Giro Feminine and La Route de France for women - excluding prologues)</li> <li>• 4-9 in a Nations Cup Track event in Olympic Events</li> <li>• 4-9 in Senior European Championships Track event in Olympic Events</li> </ul>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycling Ireland may apply for team carding support for sprint &amp; pursuit teams if Cycling Ireland achieve Top 12 in World Championships or Top 8 in European Championships. Final allocation will be decided by Sport Ireland.</li> <li>• Scheme excludes UCI World Team and Pro Team riders.</li> <li>• All criteria are based on Olympic / Paralympic disciplines only unless otherwise stated</li> </ul>

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<b>MOUNTAIN BIKING (Cross-Country)</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist in the European Championships</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-12 in the World Championships</li> <li>• 4-12 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 4-12 in the European Championships</li> <li>• Medallist or podium finish in a World Cup XCO Event (Senior Elite class only)</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13-30 in the World Championships</li> <li>• 13-30 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 13-20 in the European Championships</li> <li>• 1-5 in the World U23 Championships</li> <li>• 3 in the European U23 Championships</li> <li>• 4-30 in a World Cup XCO event (finishing on the same lap as the winner)</li> </ul>
<b>BMX</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships*</li> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-3 in a World Cup event</li> <li>• 4-8 in the World Championships *</li> <li>• 4-8 in the Olympic Games</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9-30 in the World Championships*</li> <li>• 1-5 European Championships</li> <li>• 4-12 in a World Cup event</li> </ul>
<b>NOTES:</b>	
*Refers to Elite Men/Women class only in main competition	

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: GYMNASTICS</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the European Championships</li> <li>• Medallist at FIG Grand Prix/World Cup events</li> <li>• Finalist in the World Championships (All Around or Apparatus)</li> <li>• Finalist in the Olympic Games (Apparatus)</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the European Games (All Around or Apparatus)</li> <li>• Final in European Championships (All Around or Apparatus)</li> <li>• Final in Olympic Games Championships (All Around)</li> <li>• Final at FIG Grand Prix/World Cup events</li> <li>• Top 30 in World Championships (All Around)</li> <li>• Top 30 in the Olympic Games (All Around)</li> <li>• Top 20 in World Championships (Apparatus)</li> <li>• Top 20 in the Olympic Games (Apparatus)</li> </ul>
<b>NOTES:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to qualify for carding consideration, and in addition to the ranking, the score achieved from the International competition must also reflect the International standards in the level of global competition.</li> <li>• Individual events only</li> <li>• Refers to Senior Individual Apparatus and All Around Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline (Olympic) Disciplines only</li> <li>• Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.</li> </ul>	

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: JUDO</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist in the European Championships</li> <li>• Medallist in the World Masters*</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-7 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• 5-7 in the World Championships</li> <li>• 5-7 in the European Championships</li> <li>• 5-7 in the World Masters</li> <li>• Medallist in an IJF Grand Prix/Slam</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 16 in the World Championships</li> <li>• Top 16 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Top 7 in an IJF Grand Prix/Slam</li> <li>• Medallist under 23 European Championships</li> <li>• Medallist in a Continental Open</li> </ul>
<b>NOTES:</b>	
* IJF World Masters is the invitation only event for athletes with year ending Top 16 World Ranking.	

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: PENTATHLON</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medallist in Olympic Games</li><li>• Medallist in World Championships</li><li>• Medallist in World Cup Final</li><li>• Top 3 in World Rankings</li></ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medallist in European Championships</li><li>• 4 – 10 in Olympic Games</li><li>• 4 – 10 in World Championships</li><li>• 4 – 10 in World Cup Final</li><li>• 4 – 10 in World Rankings</li></ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11- 30 in the Olympic Games</li><li>• 11-36 in World Championships</li><li>• Qualification to final in 2 World Cups</li><li>• 4-10 in European Championships</li><li>• Top 30 in World Rankings (Senior)</li></ul>

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: ROWING</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medallist at the Olympic Games</li><li>• Medallist at the World Championships in Olympic boat classes</li><li>• 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</li></ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 11 at the Olympic Games in Olympic Boat Classes</li><li>• A Finalist at the World Championships</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top half 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</li><li>• Medallist at the U23 World Rowing Championships in Olympic boat classes</li><li>• Medallist at the World Championships in non-Olympic Boats with a minimum of 6 entries</li></ul>

**NOTES:**

1. Alternative criteria to be agreed as result of the cancellation of the 2021 World Championships.
2. Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: SAILING</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist at the World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist at the European Championships</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-10 in Olympic Games</li> <li>• 4- 10(by nation) in the World Championships</li> <li>• 4-10 in the European Championships</li> <li>• 1- 8 and Olympic Games qualification at the 2021 Olympic Qualifiers in the Men's Laser &amp; 49ers <b>2021 only*</b></li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 30 at the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Top 30 the World Championships</li> <li>• Top 20 in the European Championships</li> <li>• Top 15 in a World Cup</li> </ul> <p><b><u>If U23 Laser and Laser Radial (female)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 30 in the European Championships</li> <li>• Top 40 in the World Championships</li> <li>• Top 25 in a World Cup</li> <li>• Medallist in U21 World / U21 European Championship</li> </ul> <p><b><u>49er and 49er FX</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 50% at the World Championships</li> <li>• Top 40% at the European Championships</li> <li>• Top 15 in a World Cup</li> <li>• Medallist at U23 World Championships</li> </ul>

**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 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.



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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: TAEKWONDO</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist in the World Championships</li> <li>• Gold medal in the Grand Prix Series / Grand Slam</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medal in the European Championships</li> <li>• Gold Medal in the European Games</li> <li>• Quarter Final in the World Championships</li> <li>• Quarter Final in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Semi Final in the Grand Prix Series / Grand Slam</li> <li>• Top 8 in Olympic Ranking Points System on the final day of the competition season</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 16 in the Olympic Games</li> <li>• Top 16 World Championships</li> <li>• Semi Final in the European Championships</li> <li>• Semi Final at the European Games</li> <li>• Top 12 in Olympic Ranking Points System on the final day of the competition season</li> <li>• G2 Event Medal [Grade 2 Ranking Event]</li> </ul>
<b>NOTES:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the Performance Plan.</li> <li>• Any achievements noted above must have a minimum of 2 consecutive wins where applicable.</li> </ul>	

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## Swimming 2021 - 2024

Category	‘A’ Previous Season Nomination Criteria (Retrospective Assessment)	‘B’ ‘On Track’ Dashboard Nomination Criteria (Perspective Assessment)
<b>Athletes must be eligible to represent Ireland as per FINA General Rules 1 &amp; 2 (GR1 &amp; GR2)</b> <b>Athletes must fulfil one of the criteria in Section A or Section B and meet the criteria in Section C to be nominated</b>		
<b>Podium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the Olympic Games in an individual or relay event</li> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the FINA World Championships (50m) in an Olympic individual or relay event</li> <li>▪ Top 3 World Ranking in the FINA Annual Long Course Rankings (two per nation) in an Olympic individual event from a performance at the identified and agreed</li> <li>▪ Gold Medal at the LEN European Championships (50m) in an Olympic individual or relay event where it is the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>‘On Track’ refers to the Swim Ireland Performance ‘On Track Dashboard’ which is gender, event and age specific in relation to an athlete’s trajectory towards an Olympic Semi Final or Olympic Final finishing position at the 2024 Olympic Games</b>		
<b>World Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the LEN European Championships (50m) in an Olympic individual or relay event where it is the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet</li> <li>▪ Top-8 finish at the Olympic Games in an individual event</li> <li>▪ Top-12 finish at the Olympic Games in a relay event</li> <li>▪ Top-8 finish at the FINA World Championships (50m) in an Olympic individual</li> <li>▪ Top-12 finish at the FINA World Championships (50m) in an Olympic relay event</li> <li>▪ Top 5 World Ranking in the FINA Annual Long Course Rankings (two per nation) in an Olympic individual event from a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Athletes based full time in an onshore Irish Daily Performance Environment (DPE) who are ‘On Track’ for an Olympic Final in 2024 from a lifetime best performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet in the 2020-2021 season. To retain Carding in 2022, such a performance must be validated by a further lifetime best performance in the same event on or before by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 from a performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the</li> </ul>

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	<p>performance at the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet</p>	<p>National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Athletes based full time in an onshore Irish DPE who are 'On Track' for an Olympic Final in 2024 from a lifetime best performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet in the 2021-2022 season. To retain Carding in 2023, such a performance must be validated by a further lifetime best performance in the same event on or before by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 from a performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet (or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet if 2023 is the athlete's first year of Carding within the cycle)</li> <li>▪ Athletes based full time in an onshore Irish DPE who are 'On Track' for an Olympic Final in 2024 from a lifetime best performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet in the 2022-2023 season. To retain Carding in 2024, such a performance must be validated by a further lifetime best performance in the same event at the 2024 Olympic Games</li> </ul>
<p><b>International</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-8 finish at the LEN European Championships (50m) in an Olympic individual or relay event where it is the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet</li> <li>▪ Top-16 finish at the Olympic Games in an individual or relay event</li> <li>▪ Top-16 finish at the FINA World Championships (50m) in an Olympic individual or relay event</li> <li>▪ Top 12 World Ranking in the FINA Annual Long Course Rankings (two per nation) in an Olympic individual event from a performance at the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet (as of 31<sup>st</sup> August in the preceding season)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Athletes based full time in an onshore Irish Daily Performance Environment (DPE) who are 'On Track' for an Olympic Semi-Final in 2024 from a lifetime best performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet in the 2020-2021 season. To retain Carding in 2022, such a performance must be validated by a further lifetime best performance in the same event on or before by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 from a performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet</li> </ul>

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		<p>and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Athletes based full time in an onshore Irish DPE who are 'On Track' for an Olympic Semi-Final in 2024 from a lifetime best performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet in the 2021-2022 season. To retain Carding in 2023, such a performance must be validated by a further lifetime best performance in the same event on or before by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 from a performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet (or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet if 2023 is the athlete's first year of Carding within the cycle)</li><li>▪ Athletes based full time in an onshore Irish DPE who are 'On Track' for an Olympic Semi-Final in 2024 from a lifetime best performance at their identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet and/or the National Team Trials for the agreed summer benchmark international meet in the 2022-2023 season. To retain Carding in 2024, such a performance must be validated by a further lifetime best performance in the same event at the domestic event declared as the 2024 Olympic Trials</li></ul>
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## **Section C**

### **(Performance Progression & Daily Performance Environment Nomination Criteria)**

Athletes are subject to a 'Review & Approval' process by the National Performance Director prior to an application being made to Sport Ireland for the International Carding Scheme and subject to further Review & Approval processes each year/season by the National Performance Director and/or the Sport Ireland Carding Committee. The Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme for swimming only recognises identified and agreed summer benchmark international meets as those meets from which Section A and Section B of the Carding criteria can be considered – in advance of considering the criteria within Section C. Review & Approval processes will be undertaken within the Carding year in the following periods:

- April/May
- July/August
- November/December as part of a consideration for an application for the following Carding year

Swim Ireland Performance has a responsibility to ensure that funding received via the Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme is invested into athletes at a level which matches and supports the athlete's Olympic potential and their potential to make a positive contribution to the Swim Ireland Performance Mission – “to provide a people centred Irish environment that empowers ownership of all that it takes to enable a lifetime best performance – when it matters”

It is recognised by both Sport Ireland and Swim Ireland that the DPE is the primary essential factor which will facilitate or thwart an athlete in their quest to reach their full Performance potential. It is also recognised that athletes who are in offshore DPE's are residing in programmes where the key focus and attention is not necessarily directed to and/or driven by that of Irish international success. By implication, it is recognised that an athlete's current and/or future DPE has to be considered as part of an application process

#### **Prior to Application**

During the immediately preceding season, and other than in exceptional circumstances which have been ratified by the National Performance Director, the athlete will have:

- Complied with the statements and cultural expectations of the Swim Ireland Ethical Framework and the 'On This Performance Team' booklet;
- Made themselves available for all National Team Trial events;
- Other than for those residing in DPE's outside of Europe, accepted their position on and fulfilled the requirements of the National Squad programme;
- Represented Ireland via a National Team when selected;
- Completed all necessary administrative requirements for the year;
- Signed up to the Swim Ireland Athlete Charter, with a clear ethical commitment to the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping procedures and protocols;
- Fulfilled all athlete specific requirements within the Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme Athlete Agreement extant at the commencement of the Carding year in question;
- Formally declared an intent to continue at a 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

#### **On Application**

Other than in exceptional circumstances which have been ratified by the National Performance Director, the athlete will be:

- A registered Swim Ireland member for the season extant at that time;
- Be in good standing with Swim Ireland;
- Be available to fulfil all of the Irish National Team obligations;

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- Formally declared an intent to be fully engaged in the Performance programme/National Squad programme from the commencement of the season;
- Not be the subject of an anti-doping ban and/or a pending doping violation

Prior to application for funding via the International Carding Scheme, the National Performance Director will assess each potential athlete who meets one of the nomination criteria in Section A or Section B in the following three key areas:

- 1. Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s over the course of the current and immediately prior season in the agreed National Team Trials and the agreed and identified summer benchmark international meet, utilising the 'On Track Dashboard' as part of this process**
- 2. Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s over the course of the previous and current Olympic cycle in the annually agreed National Team Trials and the annually agreed and identified summer benchmark international meets, utilising the 'On Track Dashboard' as part of this process**
- 3. The formally assessed 'fit for purpose' nature of the selected DPE**

These factors will be assessed in each individual case and through this process, each athlete will be categorised into one of three distinct groups:

**Category 1 - On Track**

Athletes who meet criteria in Section A or Section B and are deemed by the National Performance Director to be making sufficient and agreed Performance progression as per Points 1 and 2 above will be considered to be residing in a fit for purpose DPE and will be eligible for an application to be made on their behalf

Carded athletes who are On Track will be re-assessed in that year in relation to their Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s in the agreed National Team Trials and the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet. Any necessary adjustments to monthly Carding payments and/or requirements that the DPE must be considered for Carding payments to be continued will be made according to these performances

Athletes who choose to relocate their DPE at the commencement of or within the Carding year to one that is viewed by the National Performance Director as being detrimental to their performance development will no longer be eligible for an application to be made on their behalf and/or Swim Ireland will cease or suspend Carding Award payments until the matter is resolved by the athlete to the satisfaction of the National Performance Director

Swim Ireland Performance may elect to hold International Carding Scheme funding received on behalf of athletes who are residing in NCAA programmes as their chosen DPE. In such circumstances, applications to access such funding will only be available to such athletes on an agreed draw-down basis supported by receipts/invoices explicitly linked to Performance related requirements

**Category 2 - Off Track & Full Time Member of a Swim Ireland National Centre**

Athletes who meet criteria in Section A or Section B but are deemed by the National Performance Director to be making insufficient Performance progression or regression as per Points 1 and 2 above will, in the first instance be ineligible for an application to be made on their behalf at that time. Such athletes will be informed of this assessment by the National Performance Director in Q3 of the preceding season prior to application and athletes will be provided with an opportunity to discuss and address the reasons for this

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It is recognised that athletes who reside in a Swim Ireland National Centre are in the best possible fit for purpose DPE that Ireland can provide and, as such, they continue to be in a position to reach their full potential and support the Swim Ireland Performance Mission, even if they become Off Track

Once the National Performance Director considers such an Off Track athlete to have satisfactorily addressed their Performance-related issues and agreed an action plan for the season ahead with agreed review points (which may also require the athlete to relocate from one National Centre to another on or prior to 1st October in the preceding year), they will become eligible for an application to be made on their behalf

Athletes who choose to relocate their DPE at the commencement of or within the Carding year to one that is viewed by the National Performance Director as being detrimental to their performance development will no longer be eligible for an application to be made on their behalf and/or Swim Ireland will cease or suspend Carding Award payments until the matter is resolved by the athlete to the satisfaction of the National Performance Director

Carded athletes who are Off Track will be re-assessed in that year in relation to their Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s in the agreed National Team Trials and the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet. Any necessary adjustments to monthly Carding payments will be made according to these performances

**Category 3 - Off Track**

Athletes who meet criteria in Section A or Section B who are not full time athletes in a Swim Ireland National Centre but are deemed by the National Performance Director to be making insufficient Performance progress or regression as per Points 1 and 2 above will, in the first instance be ineligible for an application to be made of their behalf at that time. Such athletes will be informed of this assessment by the National Performance Director in Q3 of the preceding season prior to application and will be provided with an opportunity to discuss and address the reasons for this, which will include an opportunity to discuss and decide upon a change in DPE to help address the Off Track issues. Carding investment will be conditional upon an athlete relocating to a DPE advised by the National Performance Director and such relocations will have occurred on or prior to 1st October in the preceding year

Once an Off Track athlete is considered to have addressed their Performance issues and agreed an action plan for the season ahead and is considered to have relocated to a fit for purpose DPE, they will become eligible for an application to be made on their behalf

Carded athletes who are Off Track will be re-assessed in that year in relation to their Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s in the agreed National Team Trials and the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet. Any necessary adjustments to monthly Carding payments will be made according to these performances

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Category	‘A’ Previous Season Nomination Criteria (Retrospective Assessment)	‘B’ ‘On Track’ Dashboard Nomination Criteria (Perspective Assessment)
<b>Athletes must be eligible to represent Ireland as per FINA General Rules 1 &amp; 2 (GR1 &amp; GR2)</b> <b>Athletes must fulfil one of the criteria in Section A or Section B and meet the criteria in Section C to be nominated</b>		
<b>Podium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the Olympic Games in an individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the FINA World Championships in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the FINA World Cup in an Olympic individual or synchro even</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>World Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the LEN European Championships in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-12 finish at the Olympic Games in an individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-12 finish at the FINA World Championships in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-12 finish at the FINA World Cup in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>‘On Track’ refers to an athlete’s trajectory towards an Olympic Semi Final or Olympic Final finishing position at the 2024 Olympic Games</b>		
<b>International</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-12 finish at the LEN European Championships in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-18 finish at the Olympic Games in an individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-18 finish at the FINA World Championships in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> <li>▪ Top-18 finish at the FINA World Cup in an Olympic individual or synchro event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at the FISU World University Games in an Olympic individual or synchro event, supported by supported by a Performance Validation (#)</li> <li>▪ Top-3 finish at a FINA Grand Prix in an Olympic individual or synchro event, supported by a Performance Validation (#)</li> </ul> <p>(#): The following scores must also be achieved in an additional international competition in the same calendar year in order to secure the Carding Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Male 3m Springboard: 401 Points</li> <li>▪ Female 3m Springboard: 262 Points</li> <li>▪ Male 10m Platform: 390 Points</li> <li>▪ Female 10m Platform: 286 Points</li> </ul>



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		The validation score is equal to the average score to reach a Top-18 (Semi-Final) position at the most recent three FINA World Championships/FINA World Cups (2017, 2018 & 2019)
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### **Section C**

#### **(Performance Progression & Daily Performance Environment Nomination Criteria)**

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- April/May
- July/August
- November/December as part of a consideration for an application for the following Carding year

Swim Ireland Performance has a responsibility to ensure that funding received via the Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme is invested into athletes at a level which matches and supports the athlete's Olympic potential and their potential to make a positive contribution to the Swim Ireland Performance Mission – “to provide a people centred Irish environment that empowers ownership of all that it takes to enable a lifetime best performance – when it matters”

It is recognised by both Sport Ireland and Swim Ireland that the DPE is the primary essential factor which will facilitate or thwart an athlete in their quest to reach their full Performance potential. It is also recognised that athletes who are in offshore DPE's are residing in programmes where the key focus and attention is not necessarily directed to and/or driven by that of Irish international success. By implication, it is recognised that an athlete's current and/or future DPE has to be considered as part of an application process

#### **Prior to Application**

During the immediately preceding season, and other than in exceptional circumstances which have been ratified by the National Performance Director, the athlete will have:

- Complied with the statements and cultural expectations of the Swim Ireland Ethical Framework and the 'On This Performance Team' booklet;
- Made themselves available for all National Team Trial events;
- Other than for those residing in DPE's outside of Europe, accepted their position on and fulfilled the requirements of the National Squad programme;
- Represented Ireland via a National Team when selected;
- Completed all necessary administrative requirements for the year;
- Signed up to the Swim Ireland Athlete Charter, with a clear ethical commitment to the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping procedures and protocols;
- Fulfilled all athlete specific requirements within the Sport Ireland International Carding Scheme Athlete Agreement extant at the commencement of the Carding year in question;
- Formally declared an intent to continue at a 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

#### **On Application**

Other than in exceptional circumstances which have been ratified by the National Performance Director, the athlete will be:

- A registered Swim Ireland member for the season extant at that time;
- Be in good standing with Swim Ireland;
- Be available to fulfil all of the Irish National Team obligations;

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- Formally declared an intent to be fully engaged in the Performance programme/National Squad programme from the commencement of the season;
- Not be the subject of an anti-doping ban and/or a pending doping violation

Prior to application for funding via the International Carding Scheme, the National Performance Director will assess each potential athlete who meets one of the nomination criteria in Section A or Section B in the following three key areas:

- 1. Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s over the course of the current and immediately prior season in the agreed National Team Trials and the agreed and identified summer benchmark international meet, utilising the 'On Track Dashboard' as part of this process**
- 2. Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s over the course of the previous and current Olympic cycle in the annually agreed National Team Trials and the annually agreed and identified summer benchmark international meets, utilising the 'On Track Dashboard' as part of this process**
- 3. The formally assessed 'fit for purpose' nature of the selected DPE**

These factors will be assessed in each individual case and through this process, each athlete will be categorised into one of three distinct groups:

**Category 1 - On Track**

Athletes who meet criteria in Section A or Section B and are deemed by the National Performance Director to be making sufficient and agreed Performance progression as per Points 1 and 2 above will be considered to be residing in a fit for purpose DPE and will be eligible for an application to be made on their behalf

Carded athletes who are On Track will be re-assessed in that year in relation to their Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s in the agreed National Team Trials and the identified and agreed summer benchmark international meet. Any necessary adjustments to monthly Carding payments and/or requirements that the DPE must be considered for Carding payments to be continued will be made according to these performances

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**Category 2 - Off Track**

Athletes who meet criteria in Section A or Section B who are deemed by the National Performance Director to be making insufficient Performance progress or regression as per Points 1 and 2 above will, in the first instance be ineligible for an application to be made of their behalf at that time. Such athletes will be informed of this assessment by the National Performance Director in Q3 of the preceding season prior to application and will be provided with an opportunity to discuss and address the reasons for this, which will include an

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opportunity to discuss and decide upon a change in DPE to help address the Off Track issues. Carding investment will be conditional upon an athlete relocating to a DPE advised by the National Performance Director and such relocations will have occurred on or prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October in the preceding year

Once an Off Track athlete is considered to have addressed their Performance issues and agreed an action plan for the season ahead and is considered to have relocated to a fit for purpose DPE, they will become eligible for an application to be made on their behalf

Carded athletes who are Off Track will be re-assessed in that year in relation to their Performance progression in their primary Olympic event/s in the identified and agreed benchmark international meet. Any necessary adjustments to monthly Carding payments will be made according to these performances

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<b>OLYMPIC SPORTS: TRIATHLON</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the Olympic Games Individual or Mixed Team</li> <li>• 1-3 in the World Triathlon Series Grand Final Race</li> <li>• 1-3 in the Mixed Relay World Championships</li> <li>• 1-3 in the World Triathlon Championship Series Rankings, World Triathlon Rankings or Mixed Team Rankings at the end of the season</li> <li>• 1-2 World Triathlon Championship Series Race or World Triathlon Mixed Team Series Event</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-10 in the Olympic Games Individual or Mixed Team</li> <li>• 4-20 in the ITU World Triathlon Series Rankings or ITU Points List Rankings at end of season</li> <li>• 4-10 In the World Triathlon Mixed Team Series Rankings</li> <li>• 3-10 in a World Triathlon Series Race Individual or Mixed Team</li> <li>• 3 x Top 15 in World Triathlon Series Race</li> <li>• 1-3 in an ITU World Cup Event</li> <li>• Medal in European Elite Championships Individual or Mixed Team</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-25 in the Olympic Games Individual</li> <li>• 11-15 in the Olympic Games Mixed Team Event</li> <li>• 21-55 in the World Triathlon Series Rankings or World Triathlon Rankings at the end of season Check Irish athletes rankings</li> <li>• 11-20 in the World Triathlon Mixed Team Series Rankings or World Triathlon Mixed Team Points List Rankings at the end of season</li> <li>• 3 Top 25 results in World Triathlon Series</li> <li>• 4-10 in a World Triathlon World Cup event</li> <li>• Top 15 in the European Elite Championships</li> <li>• Top 10 in the European Elite Triathlon Championships Mixed Team</li> <li>• Medallist in a Continental Premium Cup / Continental Cup (subject to finishing ahead of 3 athletes ranked top 100)</li> </ul>

<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: ATHLETICS</b>
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<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All criteria are based on Olympic disciplines with exception of World &amp; European Championships where sprint discipline results can also be considered.</li> </ul>
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<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist at the Paralympic Games or World Para Athletics (WPA) World Championships</li> <li>• No. 1 in the end of season WPA World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events (Combination of Paralympic classes where appropriate)</li> </ul>
World Class*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed 4-6 at the Paralympic Games or WPA World Championships and within 3% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event</li> <li>• Nos. 2-4 in the end of season WPA World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 33% of the full list (Combination of Paralympic classes where appropriate)</li> </ul>
International**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nos. 5-10 in the end of season WPA World Rankings in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 50% of the ranking list</li> <li>• Top 10 at the Paralympic Games~ (Combination of Paralympic classes where appropriate)</li> </ul>

**NOTES:**

a) Only athlete performances in events listed on the Tokyo 2020 programme can be considered for qualifying for the 2022 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) WPA World Championships refers to the outdoor edition of the Championships.
~ Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.

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<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: BADMINTON</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 3 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Medallist in the Paralympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Medallist in World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-8 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 6 in the Paralympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 8 in the World Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Medallist in European Championships (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9-15 in the World Rankings (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Top 8 in the Paralympic Games (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> <li>• Winner of one of the 3 identified BWF International Para International Para Event (singles, doubles, mixed)</li> </ul>
Notes	<p>~ Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.</p> <p>* Selected events must be identified in the High Performance competition plan and agreed by Sport Ireland (Irish International, Thailand International &amp; Australia International).</p>

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<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: Canoe Sprint</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist at the Paralympic Games</li> <li>• Medallist at World Championships</li> <li>• Medallist at Europeans Championships</li> </ul>
World Class*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 4 - 9 at the Paralympic Games</li> <li>• Top 4 - 9 at World Championship</li> <li>• Top 5 at European Championships</li> </ul>
International*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 10 -15 Paralympic Games</li> <li>• Top 10 - 15 at the World Championships</li> <li>• Finalist at European Championships</li> </ul>
*Notes	<p>*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 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.</p>



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<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: CYCLING</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist in the Paralympic Games or UCI World Cycling Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events</li> <li>• Number 1 in the end of year UCI World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events (must be at least 15 athletes ranked)</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed 4-6 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</li> <li>• Top 3 overall in a Para cycling World Cup series (minimum field size of 8 competitors in each race)</li> <li>• Nos. 2-4 in the end of year UCI World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events (must be at least 15 athletes ranked)</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed 7-12 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</li> <li>• Medallist in the UCI Para cycling World Cup or UCI P1 Category Cycling Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events with a field size of at least 8 competitors.</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>
*Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 12 competitors in ALL competitions</li> <li>• ~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.</li> </ul>

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<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: ROWING</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medallist at the Paralympic Games</li><li>• Medallist at the World Rowing Championships in Paralympic boat classes</li></ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-6 at the Paralympics Games within 2% of the Gold medal time</li><li>• 4-6 at the World Rowing Championships in Paralympic boat classes and within 2% of the Gold medal time.</li></ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paralympic qualification position, beating 2 crews at World Championships in Paralympic boat class events.</li></ul>
Notes	~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan.

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<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: SWIMMING</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medallist at the Paralympic Games or World Para Swimming (WPS) World Championships</li> <li>• No. 1 in the end of season WPS World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events.</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed 4-6 at the Paralympic Games or WPS World Championships and within 3% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event</li> <li>• Nos. 2-4 in the end of season WPS World Ranking List in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 25% of the WPS World Ranking List</li> <li>• Medallist at WPS Swimming European Championships</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalist at the Paralympics Games or WPS World Championships and in the top 30% of the WPS World Rankings.</li> <li>• Placed 9-12 at the Paralympic Games or WPS World Championships and within 6% of the bronze medal mark achieved at that event</li> <li>• Nos. 5-10 in the end of season WPS World Rankings in Paralympic disciplines and events and in the top 50% of the ranking list</li> </ul>

<b>NOTES:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only performances recorded at WPS Swimming sanctioned events or pre-approved event with Sport Ireland on a long course format may be used to qualify for the carding scheme.</li> <li>• Only performances recorded in events listed on the Tokyo 2020 event list may be used to qualify for the scheme.</li> <li>• Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/ 2022 Performance Plan</li> </ul>

All criteria is based on Olympic / Paralympic disciplines only unless otherwise stated

<b>PARALYMPIC SPORTS: TABLE TENNIS</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<b>International Carding Scheme Criteria for 2021</b>
Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medal in the Paralympics Games</li> <li>• Medal in the IPTTC World Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events</li> <li>• Top 1 in end of year/season IPTTC World Ranking List</li> </ul>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 4-8 in Paralympics Games</li> <li>• Top 4-8 in IPTTC World Championships in Paralympic disciplines and events &amp; top 25% of the starting field</li> <li>• Top 2-4 in the end of year/season IPTTC World Rankings and top 25% of the ranking list</li> <li>• Medal in the IPTTC European TT Championships in events with a starting field of at least 8 competitors</li> </ul>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed 9-12 in the Paralympic Games and finishing in the top 50% of the starting field</li> <li>• Top 5-8 in the end of year/season IPTTC World Rankings and top 50% of the ranking list</li> <li>• Top 8 in the end of year/season IPTTC European Rankings and top 50% of the ranking list <b>*2021 only</b></li> </ul>
<b>NOTES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carding Criteria is based on individual performances</li> <li>• Ranking list refers to the published list on the 1<sup>st</sup> December each year.</li> <li>• Top 8 in European Rankings is for 2021 season only to account for reduced competitions in 2021. Criteria to revert to Top 8 in World Rankings in 2022</li> </ul> <p>~Performance Validation to be determined by NGB which is specific to each individual athlete and listed in the 2021/2022 Performance Plan.</p>