



**ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
***Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2011-2012***  
**ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA TEMPLATE**

*Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2011-2012 (OAAP)* is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport (MHPS), and operated through the Sport, Recreation & Community Programs Branch. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold – OAAP* is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of the *Canadian Sport Policy* – to improve 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 program will provide direct financial assistance to Ontario junior-aged athletes through an "Ontario Card" designation. "Junior-aged athlete" is defined as those athletes who fall within the eligible age range for the Canada Games - 11 to 22 years of age. A PSO/MSO with a NSO-approved Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTADM) that identifies older athletes in the "Train to Train" and "Train to Compete" categories may apply to MHPS for a variation to this 11-22 age range. A PSO/MSO may choose to allocate a maximum of 30% of its carding allotment to 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.

The intent of the OAAP is to provide funding to individual athletes based on their demonstrated commitment to high performance sport, allowing them to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition.

**How does it work?**

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines, the ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION is responsible for developing sport specific selection criteria and forming a Selection Committee that will apply the criteria to select those athletes who will be awarded Ontario Card status in 2011-2012. The Selection Criteria are approved by the Board of Directors and reviewed by MHPS staff. Nominated athletes will be required to sign and comply with an Athlete Agreement between the athlete and ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION. Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, 2011 ending March 31, 2012.

In 2011-2012, the MHPS allocated a certain amount of OAAP Ontario Cards to each eligible Provincial Sport / Multi-Sport Organization (PSO/MSO). ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION has been allotted a total of 20 Ontario cards.

A minimum of 70% of the Ontario Cards will be allocated to what the MHPS 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 Selection Committee, which has been approved by the PSO/MSO Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

- Brian Hart, Head Scout, Ontario Women's Hockey Association
- Nathalie Rivard, Former High Performance Player, Ontario Women's Hockey Association
- Suzanne Essex, Chairperson, Ontario Women's Hockey Association
- Pat Nicholls, Vice Chairperson, Ontario Women's Hockey Association

### **How much funding is available?**

The exact level of funding for the 2011-2012 carding year will be determined by the MHPS after the total number of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status has been determined. Funding will be released prior to March 31, 2012.

### **How will the ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Selection Committee decide who receives funding?**

The ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Selection Committee will use both the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Eligibility Criteria and the Sport Specific Selection Criteria detailed below to determine which athletes will be nominated for Ontario Card status in 2011-2012:

#### **Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Eligibility Criteria:**

All athletes must meet the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport's minimum athlete eligibility criteria:

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- Athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario **for one year prior** to his/her nomination for carding status.
- Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards.
- Athletes must be living in and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions shall be made **on a case specific basis by the PSO/MSO Selection Committee** provided that the athlete can substantiate in writing at the time of application/nomination for carding status that:
  - (a) 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) 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.

The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out-of-province for one of the above reasons. Any documentation required to clarify this "residency exception" must be submitted in its entirety to the **ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION** Selection Committee by no later than **December 15, 2011** in order to be considered. Documentation related to exception (a) above may include, but shall not be limited to, a letter from the athlete's NSO outlining the following, as well as any other pertinent information:

- 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 ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.
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- Athlete must be a member in good standing with PSO/MSO and NSO where applicable;
  - Athlete must have entered into a Sports Organization - Athlete Agreement with his or her PSO/MSO 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 PSO/MSO in order to be eligible for consideration in 2011/2012;
  - Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program;
  - Athlete's coach must be minimum Level 2 NCCP certified or trained status Competition Stream or the sport's equivalent in the Instruction Stream;
  - 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.

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 see the 2011-2012 *Quest for Gold* Athlete Handbook for details of this exemption, including a list of documents needed to verify eligibility for this waiver of the one-year Ontario residency requirement.

**Important Notes:**

- 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.
- An athlete that received Sport Canada Carding during any part of MHPS' fiscal year April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and/or any part of fiscal year April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 and is no longer in receipt of Sport Canada Athlete Assistance shall not be eligible to receive *Quest for Gold* funding during fiscal year 2011-2012 (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.) 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. However, exceptions may apply and will be considered by the MHPS on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions may include, but may not be limited to logistical or administrative changes (ex. reduction in Sport Canada carding allocation), injuries, etc. ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION must contact MHPS in writing prior to the submission of the Athlete Nominations to seek individual exceptions.
- 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.
- Athletes who are attending any foreign post-secondary educational institution (including NCAA institutions) and are receiving an athletic scholarship in any sport are not eligible to receive OAAP support.
- 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](http://www.ncaa.org)  
 NCAA Eligibility Center mailing address:  
 NCAA Eligibility Center  
 P.O. Box 7136  
 Indianapolis, IN 46207

Customer service hours - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time Monday through Friday.  
 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

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

**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, 2011 to March 31, 2012) and who continue to meet AAP and OAAP eligibility requirements will automatically be considered for a *Quest for Gold* 'Canada Card'. MHPS 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.

**Sport Specific 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 Women's Hockey Association  
Athlete Eligibility Requirements**

**1. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association meets the minimum eligibility requirements for Canada and Ontario cards.**

- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is a provincial governing body that has jurisdiction for all female hockey in the province of Ontario and is formally recognized by the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport as per the Ministry's *Sport Recognition Policy*.
- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is a participant in the regular program of:
  - i. The 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
  - ii. The 2011 Canada Winter Games.
  - iii. Ontario Games (youth).

*Additional Ontario Card Sport Eligibility Criterion and Responsibilities:*

To be eligible for an allotment of Ontario cards, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association meets the following criterion and program requirements:

- The OWHA has sanctioned provincial and national championships that are held at least biennially;
- The OWHA has a clearly articulated provincial team program with appropriate training and competitive opportunities for each of the proposed carded athletes;
- The OWHA provincial team program is based on ongoing training principles that include significant daily training activities;
- The OWHA formally monitors and evaluates the training of athlete and competitive programs;
- The OWHA conducts a formal process for selecting athletes for Ontario Cards. Rules and procedures for selection are published and made known to all concerned, along with procedures for appealing decisions.
- The OWHA will have an Athlete-OWHA agreement signed by each individual athlete that is being nominated for an Ontario card. The Sports Organization - Athlete Agreement contains in writing the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the athlete and the OWHA.
- The OWHA has a signed agreement with the Ministry in which it agrees to the terms and conditions of the OWHA's participation in the program as stipulated by the Ministry.

**IMPORTANT: Female hockey is a full NCAA scholarship sport.**

Information provided is for the general assistance of prospective *Quest for Gold* applicants and is based on the information currently available to the Ministry. The NCAA eligibility rules are entirely outside the Ministry's control and could change.

The Ministry makes no representations or warranties regarding the possible impact of a *Quest for Gold* - OAAP funding on an athlete's eligibility or ineligibility for a NCAA scholarship, or on an athlete's eligibility or ineligibility to compete in a non-scholarship NCAA sport.

**Ontario Women's Hockey Association  
Athlete Selection Criteria**

The following sport specific athlete selection criteria will be utilized in the identification, ranking and selection of female hockey players for Ontario cards. The resulting top ranked players will be awarded Ontario Cards. A minimum of 70% of the cards will be allotted to able-bodied 11 to 22 year old female hockey players who meet the criteria. Ties will be broken by a majority vote of the OWHA Selection Committee.

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must meet the general eligibility requirements

Athletes must have been registered with the OWHA for a minimum of three seasons

**LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION**

Athletes who have been evaluated through the OWHA evaluation process and may have been selected to and participated in at least one of the following events for the OWHA:

Team Ontario, Canada Winter Games

Team Ontario, Under 18 National Championship

Team Ontario Esso Women's National Championship

Ontario Women's Hockey Association Provincial Championships/Playdowns

Canadian Women's Hockey League

Athletes who have been identified through the OWHA and/or Hockey Canada evaluation process and may have participated in a camp and/or event with at least one of the following:

National Women's Team

National Women's Under 22 Team

National Women's Under 18 Team

National Women's Player Pool

Ontario Women's Hockey Association Selection Camp

**PERSONAL QUALITIES**

Exemplifies the Values of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association

FAIR PLAY

FUN

EXCELLENCE

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

EQUITY

INTEGRITY & HONESTY

Commitment to the Code of Conduct of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association

Demonstrated positive attitude to female hockey

Commitment to playing female hockey in Ontario

Respect for the players, officials, sponsors, and others

**FEMALE HOCKEY SKILLS**

Players are evaluated on their skills and their potential to be part of present and/or future national teams (U18 & CWG). The general scale is 1 to 5 to rate the players: 1 = weak 2 = below average 3 = average 4 = above average 5 = exceptional (top level of the National Women's Team).

Players have been evaluated through the Ontario Women's Hockey Association's evaluation process and/or by Hockey Canada.

**SKATING**

Ability to skate at the national level. Ability to skate the game. Timing. Support.

Taking into consideration Quickness & Agility

Speed and acceleration in the neutral zone

Power and strength on skates

**PUCK SKILLS: INDIVIDUAL & TEAM**

Ability with the puck to score and pass. Do they try to beat people 1 vs. 1?

Taking into consideration Individual Skills:

Puck handling: moves, protection, control

Ability to do all of this with speed

Passing : accuracy, variety, reception

Ability to do all of this with speed

Shooting : accuracy, variety, strength & power , touch around the net  
Ability to do all of this with speed  
GOAL SCORER

### **TEAM SKILLS**

Vision: Sees ice, sees the options, creates options, playmaking, support & timing, anticipation  
Puck Control: Risk vs. Reward, creativity

### **OFFENSIVE TEAM PLAY**

Ability to anticipate & support the play On the forecheck, Breaking out, On the attack.

Take into consideration: Read & react, positioning, timing  
Is a factor without the puck  
Puck Control: Works to keep control of puck for her team through intelligent puck possession & movement  
Is able to play within the team system in all three zones

### **DEFENSIVE TEAM PLAY**

Ability to read the rush properly. Ability in defensive zone. Responsible defensively.

Take into consideration: Defensive support  
Ability to her job in her area of the ice:  
Defensive side  
Can angle and steer  
Uses stick effectively  
Ability to make a good transition (both ways)  
Is able to play within the team system in all three zones

### **PHYSICAL**

Possess the physical abilities to compete at the national levels

Take into consideration: Size & strength  
Ability to play when the game is physical  
Fitness level (does performance decline over the course of the game)

### **INTANGIBLES**

Ability to COMPETE. Intensity. Courage. Unquestionable work ethic.

Take into consideration: Emotional Control  
Does not overreact emotionally  
Not easily frustrated,  
Performs under pressure  
Does whatever it takes  
Work ethic  
Extra effort  
Determination  
Blocks shots  
Does all of this within the rules  
Plays with class  
Is respectful

### **GOALTENDERS:**

### **SKATING**

Ability to skate at the international level.

Take into consideration: Balance  
Coordination  
Strength  
Speed  
Quickness  
Shuffle  
Lateral post to post movement  
Recovery  
Use of feet

### **PUCK CONTROL**

Possesses the necessary puck skills to compete at the international level.

Take into consideration:

- Ability to clear the puck
- Play the rim
- Set for Defence
- Strong, accurate, well timed passes

### **STOPS THE PUCK/REBOUND CONTROL**

Consistently stops the puck.

Taking into consideration:

- Control of rebounds
- Save selection
- Use of gloves, feet, stick, poke check
- Focus & concentration
- Success in a crowd
- Control of rebounds of gloves, pads, stick

### **ANGLE PLAY-READ & REACT**

Consistency in the shot lane.

Taking into consideration:

- Ability to read the attack
- Challenges appropriately
- Square to shooter
- Aware of position to net
- Reads options available to opponent
- Anticipates

### **PHYSICAL**

Possesses the size and physical abilities to allow her to compete at the international level.

Take into consideration:

- Physical size
- Athletic ability
- Fitness level
- Ability to play in demanding game
- Ability to play back to back games

## **Ontario Women's Hockey Association Selection Process and Deadlines**

- The Athlete Selection Committee shall be made up of no less than three (3) members. Members of the OWHA selection committee are Suzanne Essex, Brian Hart, Nathalie Rivard and Pat Nicholls.
- The OWHA Athlete Selection Committee has been approved by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Board of Directors.
- The OWHA Athlete Selection Committee has established the Athlete Selection Criteria for the Ontario card nomination process.
- The OWHA publishes the Athlete Selection Criteria by posting it on its web site.
- The Athlete Selection Committee applies the criteria, selects athletes and votes to break ties for Ontario Cards. The Athlete Selection Committee will
  - review the depth charts submitted by OWHA coaches at the Senior, Intermediate and Midget competitive levels as well as the OUA level
  - review the evaluations completed at OWHA events including, but not limited to the Team Ontario Under 18 try outs, the Under 18 National Championships, the Canada Winter Games, the OWHA Provincial Championships, the Esso National Championships and various games in OWHA sanctioned tournaments, league and exhibition competition
  - consultat with Hockey Canada
  - review other pertinent information
  - rank players according to data collected
  - recommend selections for presentation and approval of the OWHA Executive Committee
  - forward the approved list to the MHPS

- The OWHA ensures Ontario Card applications are complete and signed copies of the OWHA Athlete Agreements have been received.
- The OWHA submits the list of nominated athletes to MHPS for review, provides completed applications and confirms that the OWHA Athlete Agreements have been signed.
- The OWHA releases the final list and makes it known to its members and the nominated list of athletes.

**To Apply:**

**To Apply in Order to Ensure Consideration (application is not mandatory for consideration):**

If any eligible OWHA player wishes to make sure she is identified for consideration in the process, she may send an email application to the OWHA Athlete Selection Committee c/o [info@owha.on.ca](mailto:info@owha.on.ca) to be received **no later than December 15, 2011**. The application must include:

Name, Address, Email Address, Telephone Number(s), Outline of how athlete feels she meets the criteria.

**Alternates:** ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 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 2011-2012 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 Ontario Women's Hockey Association will publish or make known a draft list of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status by no later than **January 13, 2012**.

The Sports Organization – Athlete Agreement will only come into effect if an athlete is selected and accepts carding status through the OAAP program.

**Appeals**

Athletes who have not been nominated for an Ontario Card by the ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 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 MHPS. Appeals will be heard by an Appeals Committee comprised of representatives from the sport community, selected by the MHPS.

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.

Please note that before an athlete can file a Notice of Appeal, he or she must first ask ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION for reasons explaining why he or she was not nominated for an Ontario Card.

If the athlete is not satisfied with the PSO/MSO's response, the athlete may submit a Notice of Appeal, found below. A Notice of Appeal will only be accepted on the MHPS-provided template (typed or hand-printed, no hand-written entries) through email, regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person. The Notice of Appeal must be received by MHPS by 4 p.m. on the deadline day. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery.

Once MHPS has received the Notice of Appeal, it will share it with ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, who will then have an opportunity to file a "Response" with MHPS by a specified deadline. The Response will outline why ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION believes that the Selection Committee's decision not to nominate the athlete should be upheld by the Appeals Committee. MHPS will share the ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Response with the athlete.

If, after receiving the ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Response, the athlete believes that ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 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 MHPS, 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 MHPS-provided template.

Once MHPS 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 ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

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

1. Direct ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 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 ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 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:** ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION is encouraged to resolve disputes or disagreements informally with athletes who have not been nominated to avoid, wherever possible, formal appeals.

The deadline for athletes to submit an "**Athlete's Notice of Appeal**" to the Appeals Committee is January 26, 2012.

Appeals must be completed on the Notice of Appeal template below and will be directed to:

*Quest for Gold* Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee  
c/o Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Branch  
Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport  
Suite 702, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1S5

**2011/2012 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 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2011 for Cycle 1 and 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2012 for Cycle 2. Appeals will only be accepted on the MHPS-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 Health Promotion and Sport**  
**777 Bay Street, Suite 702, Toronto ON M7A 1S5**  
**Fax: 416-314-6301      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. (Note: If your PSO/MSO did not provide you with any reasons, please make a request to your PSO/MSO to see these reasons before completing this Appeal Template.)**

**In the space below (continue on to next page as needed), provide a detailed account of the situation to allow the Appeals Committee to understand the basis of the appeal (please submit additional pages/supporting documentation as necessary):**

**PLEASE NOTE that all decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.**

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Print Name of Appellant

Signature of Appellant

Date

All information provided to the Appeals Committee will be shared with both the Appellant and the PSO/MSO.