



## **Ontario Track and Field Association**

### **Quest for Gold – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2008-2009**

*Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program 2008-2009 (OAAP) is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), and operated through the Sport and Recreation Branch. The overarching goal of the *Quest for Gold* – OAAP is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of both *ACTIVE2010* and 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. For the Ontario Track and Field Association the eligible age range is from 11-24 years of age in recognition of the later age at which some athletes in our sport develop. 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 Track and Field 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 2008-2009. The Selection Criteria is approved by the Ontario Track and Field Association’s Board of Directors and reviewed by MHP staff. Nominated athletes will be required to sign an Athlete Agreement between the athlete and the Ontario Track and Field Association. Carding status will be for one year starting April 1, 2008 ending March 31, 2009.

In 2008-2009, the Ministry of Health Promotion allocated a certain amount of OAAP Ontario Cards to each eligible Provincial Sport / Multi-Sport Organization (PSO/MSO). The Ontario Track and Field Association has been allotted a total of 54 Ontario cards (split evenly as 27 Male and 27 Female Cards).

The Ontario Track and Field Association has also decided to exercise the option made available by MHP to split some of its carding allotment (i.e. issue ½ cards in designated categories).

A minimum of 70% of the Ontario cards will be allocated to what the Ministry of Health Promotion defines as junior-aged athletes (11 to 24 years of age). A maximum of 30% of the Ontario cards may be allocated to athletes no longer eligible for “junior athlete” status, (athletes 25 years of age and over).

As a result, the 54 cards issued to the Ontario Track and Field Association will be allocated to the following categories/disciplines:

Category	Number of cards
Non-Graduating High School Athletes	6 Full Cards split into 12 half cards * **
Junior/Espoir Athletes	30 Full Cards** (15 male, 15 female)
Senior Athletes	10 Full Cards (5 male, 5 female)
Injury, Illness or Pregnancy Cards	8 Full Cards (4 male, 4 female) *

\*Cards not used in the Non-Graduating High School Athletes Category and/or the Injury, Illness or Pregnancy Category will be used in the Junior/Espoir Category. An equal number of split cards must be awarded in both the male and female Non-Graduating High School Athlete categories.

\*\* Selected athletes enrolled in High School who will **not** be graduating from High School (or equivalent) in 2009 will receive a *split card*. Each *split card* will be worth half (50%) as much as a full card. Athletes receiving split cards must meet all other Selection Criteria. Selected athletes enrolled in High School who will be graduating from High School (or equivalent) in 2009 will receive a full card. Graduating High School athletes must meet all other Selection Criteria.

In accordance with the OAAP guidelines the Ontario Track and Field Association is responsible for forming a Selection Committee and sport specific selection criteria to nominate the athletes for Ontario carding status in 2008-2009. This selection criteria has been approved by the Ontario Track and Field Association Board of Directors.

The Selection Committee is comprised of the following members:

Bill Stephens, volunteer, coach and President of the Ontario Track and Field Association

Desai Williams, volunteer and coach with the Ontario Track and Field Association

Carl Georgevski, volunteer and coach with the Ontario Track and Field Association

Colin Inglis, volunteer and coach with the Ontario Track and Field Association

Ex-officio members are:

Roman Olszewski, Director of Technical Services for Ontario Track and Field Association

John Craig, Director of Marketing and Administration for the Ontario Track and Field Association

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

The exact level of funding for the 2008-2009 carding year will be determined by the Ministry after the total number of athletes nominated for Ontario Card status has been determined. Funding will be released prior to March 31, 2009.

### **How will the Ontario Track and Field Association's Selection Committee decide who receives funding?**

The Ontario Track and Field Association's Selection Committee will use both the Ministry of Health Promotion Eligibility Criteria and the Sport Specific selection criteria detailed below to determine which athletes will be nominated by the Ontario Track and Field Association for Ontario Card status in 2008-2009:

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

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

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- Athlete must be a resident of Ontario for one year prior to his/her nomination for carding status, with the following exception;

The residency requirement will be waived if the athlete is a direct family member of:

- a regular force member, or

- a reservist as defined in subsection 1 (1) of the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* who is deployed under a circumstance described in clause 50.2 (1) (a) or (b) of that Act, or who is deployed or in any other way placed on active duty under a circumstance described in regulations made for the purposes of clause 50.2 (1) (c) of that Act.
- Athletes must be training and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions (“Residency Exceptions”) will be made on a case specific basis providing that the athlete can substantiate that:
  - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
    - The onus is on the athlete to demonstrate that he/she needs to be out of province. The athlete will submit written documentation to the Ontario Track and Field Association’s Selection Committee clearly indicating how they meet these exceptions. The Ministry may require that the athlete provide supporting documentation from the athlete’s PSO/ MSO, National Sport Organization (NSO) or other sources to verify reasons for athlete’s absence from the Province of Ontario.
  - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario;
  - 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.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing with PSO/MSO and NSO where applicable.
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program.
- Athlete must be instructed by a coach who has been trained and certified in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Level 2 or equivalent.
- Athlete must not be under sanction as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy.
- Athlete must be attending an educational institution full-time (i.e. primary and secondary schools)
  - Exceptions will be made providing 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))
- 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 given consideration.
- If eligible, the athlete must compete, and continue to compete for Ontario 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. Athletes who have achieved Canada Card status are not eligible for Ontario Cards.
- Eligibility will be limited to Ontario junior-aged athletes (“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 Sr. level athletes not funded by Sport Canada – see below) who have been identified as a next generation national team athlete as demonstrated by:
  - Identification within the NSO pool of identified next generation national team athletes for the last two competitive seasons; OR
  - Results at regional championships, national championships (junior and/or senior) or other recognized national/international competitions over the last two competitive seasons; OR
  - Representation on a Canadian National Team (developmental and/or junior). Athletes training for Canada Games or provincial teams may also be considered.

### **The Ontario Track and Field Association’s Sport Specific Athlete Selection Criteria**

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

As the purpose of this funding is to “improve the performance and number of Ontario athletes performing at the national and international level”, funding will be aimed at those Ontario athletes who have demonstrated both a high level of achievement and a commitment to continued training at an elite level.

**Please Note:** Athletes who apply for National Carding are encouraged to apply for Quest for Gold funding as well. If you don't apply for the Quest for Gold program and you do not receive National Carding, you will be too late to apply to the Quest for Gold program and may end up with no financial support at all.

For the year 2008:

1. Three age categories will be used for Quest for Gold athletes. These are:
  - a. **Junior:** athletes born in 1989 or later
  - b. **Espoir:** athletes born in 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 or 1988
  - c. **Senior:** athletes born in 1983 or earlier. Senior athletes are only eligible for funding under the exceptions category listed below, if they are performing at a high level and if they continue to show improvement
2. To be considered for the Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), athletes must apply to the OTFA.
3. All qualifying athletes must have a **Full Year Competitive Membership** in the OTFA in 2008.
4. All qualifying athletes must list a coach on their membership form who is registered as a coach with the OTFA. Athletes who are self-coached must be registered as an Athlete/Coach for the year.
5. To be eligible for funding, athletes must compete in the OTFA Junior or Senior Outdoor Track and Field Championships in 2008.
6. Athletes who have commitments to the Canadian National Team programme or who have the opportunity to compete outside the country, and in so doing have a conflict with the 2008 OTFA Outdoor Championships, may be excused if an exemption has been granted. All requests for exemption must be made in writing (or email) a minimum of seven (7) working days prior to the start of the Championship, and exemptions must be approved by the OTFA Quest for Gold Selection Committee.
7. If an athlete is excused from the OTFA Championships so they can compete in an alternate competition, the athlete may score points based on a comparison of his or her performance in the alternate meet and the results of the OTFA Championship. The Selection Committee will determine at the time of the exemption request, what alternate competition mark will be used for comparison purposes.
8. ***Athletes who do not receive an exemption from the Selection Committee and who miss the OTFA Outdoor Championships in order to compete elsewhere will not be eligible for Quest for Gold Funding.***
9. Athletes are encouraged to compete in the OTFA Indoor Championships, but this is not a criteria for Carding eligibility.
10. Junior athletes who apply for Quest for Gold funding in the *Junior category* must compete in the OTFA outdoor championships as a Junior. They should, therefore, compete in the Junior category at the National Championships in order to score points in that event. Athletes applying for funding in the *Junior category* cannot score points by competing in the Senior National Championships - they can only score points by competing in the Junior National Championships.
11. However, Junior athletes are encouraged to also compete in the National Seniors and competing in the National Seniors will not disqualify them from the program. Junior athletes wishing to apply for funding in the Senior category may do so by competing in the outdoor OTFA and National Senior Championships as a Senior athlete.

12. If a Junior athlete competes and scores Quest for Gold AAP points in a Senior event, they may also compete and score points as a Junior athlete in another event.
13. An equal number of male and female athletes are eligible to receive Ontario Card funding. For 2008 Track and Field will have twenty-seven male and twenty-seven female cards available, unless there are not enough athletes in a specific category who meet all eligibility requirements. Some of these cards may be split into half cards.
14. For the purposes of the Quest for Gold Athletes Assistance Program, athletes in the sport of track and field will be divided into four categories; Espoir male, Espoir female, Junior male, and Junior female. Athletes older than 24 years of age in 2008 will not be eligible for funding except as noted below under 'Exceptions'.
15. To qualify for funding, all Espoir-athletes must achieve a performance at least equal to a Level Seven performance on the OTFA Senior Step-Up to Excellence tables in the event in which they are applying. Junior athletes must achieve a performance at least equal to a Level Seven performance on the OTFA Junior Step-Up to Excellence tables in the event in which they are applying. Please see 'Exceptions' below for athletes who are over-age.
16. With the exception of marathon and walking events, performances based on cross-country or road racing events will not be considered.
17. The time period allowed for athletes to achieve their top performances for all events, with the exception of those noted below in 'Exceptions', is December 1, 2007 to August 20, 2008.
18. Selection of athletes will be based on total Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) points that each athlete accumulates. Athlete Assistance Program points are awarded as follows:
  - a. Points will be awarded based on the **average** of an athlete's best two performances achieved in 2008 by August 20, 2008 as scored on the 2008 IAAF Scoring Tables.
  - b. The two best performances must be made at different competitions (different day and different meet).
  - c. Junior athletes and Espoir-aged athletes will be scored using a conversion factor on the 2008 Senior IAAF Scoring Tables to better represent their relative score. Conversion factors for Junior and Espoir athletes are different to reflect the age difference. Senior athletes will be scored using the Senior IAAF Scoring Tables.
  - d. Athletes may score bonus points by placing in the top 8 among Ontarians of the same age or younger at the 2008 Ontario Track and Field Association's Outdoor Junior or Senior Championships. Points will be awarded on the following basis:

First Place	240 points
Second Place	216 points
Third Place	196 points
Fourth Place	180 points
Fifth Place	168 points
Sixth Place	156 points
Seventh Place	144 points
Eighth Place	132 points

- e. Athletes may score bonus points by placing in the top 8 among Canadians of the same age or younger at the 2008 Junior National Outdoor Track and Field Championships or the 2008

Senior National Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Points will be awarded on the following basis:

First Place	108 points
Second Place	96 points
Third Place	88 points
Fourth Place	82 points
Fifth Place	76 points
Sixth Place	70 points
Seventh Place	66 points
Eighth Place	62 points

20. If an athlete is excused from the National Championships so they can compete in an alternate competition, the athlete may score points based on a comparison of his or her performance in the alternate meet and the results of the National Championship. The Selection Committee will determine at the time of the exemption request, what alternate competition mark will be used for comparison purposes.
21. Performances must be in events normally conducted at the IAAF Outdoor World Championships.
22. For events in which no Canadian and/or Ontario Championships are conducted, athletes will be ranked and scored on the basis of their best performance during the period September 1, 2007 through September 6, 2008.
23. Performances must be made in OTFA-sanctioned or OTFA-approved competitions and all pertinent information must be available and **provided** (wind readings etc). High school results will be accepted if they meet the above criteria.
24. Hand times may **not** be used for qualifying performances in races of 400m or less in distance.
25. All performances must be verified and verifiable. ***The responsibility of providing accurate information lies with the athlete, club and/or coach.***
26. Indoor performances may count, but at least one of the two selection based performances must be from an outdoor competition. For indoor jumping and vaulting events, only performances achieved on runways complying with IAAF rules will be accepted. In the shot put, indoor performances achieved on landing surfaces which do not leave a mark are acceptable for the purposes of the Athlete Assistance Program.
27. Indoor and/or outdoor performances made in events that are not normally conducted at the IAAF Outdoor World Championships will **not** be converted to standard events.
28. In the short sprint and hurdles events and the horizontal jumping events, only performances achieved with a following wind of 2.0 metres per second or less will be accepted. In the combined events, all performances (final point totals) will be accepted, regardless of wind conditions.
29. There will be no limit on the number of athletes who can qualify in any given event.
30. Athletes may apply for Quest for Gold funding in one or more events, but may qualify for funding in only one event.
31. To be eligible, athletes must apply to the program. Applications must be received by the OTFA between August 22 of 2008 and September 8, 2008. The applicants with the best point totals who complete the application process will be nominated for Ontario Cards, pending the awarding of Ontario Cards to athletes who are, or have been, injured, ill or pregnant.

32. The Selection Committee will ensure that at least three members of each of the Espoir and Junior age groups are nominated in each of the male and female categories. If necessary, the lowest ranking athletes in a category or age group will be removed in order to make room for athletes from another age group who scores more points.
33. Athletes who may not qualify for funding due to illness, injury or pregnancy in 2008 and who believe they should be funded may appeal to the Selection Committee directly. These athletes must submit a rationale for selection including a description of the injury or illness, documents from a certified physician and/or therapist detailing the nature of the illness or injury, the rehabilitation program, the prognosis for recovery, and the athlete's two best performances from January 2006 to present. All other conditions hereto set forth must be met, and a full application form must be submitted. A maximum of four male and four female athletes (regardless of age category) may qualify for an illness, injury or pregnancy card.
34. To be eligible for a Pregnancy, Injury or Illness Card, the applicant must have been on the Quest for Gold program – or the National Carding program – in the previous year.
35. Athletes who miss the OTFA or Canadian Championships because of illness or injury cannot compete for a period of ten days before and/or after these Championships without jeopardizing their chances of getting an injury card.
36. Athletes who wish to apply for consideration under the Illness, Injury or Pregnancy category should send all pertinent information to the OTFA office as an addendum to the Athlete Application Form.
37. Ties for the final position(s) in any of the categories will be resolved in favour of the athlete who places highest in the 2008 Ontario Outdoor Championships. If the tie is still not broken, the tie will be resolved in favour of the athlete with the best performance (time, height or distance) - of the performances used in the ranking - if in the same event. Alternately a tie will be broken in favour of the athlete with the best IAAF Scoring Table score of the single best performance used in the ranking if in different events.
38. All *selected* athletes will be required to fill out a formal application form with the Ministry of Health Promotion, and sign an Athlete–OTFA agreement.
39. All *selected* athletes will be required to submit a training and competition plan for the 2009 season. The athlete's coach must also sign the plan, verifying that the athlete has committed to an ongoing, comprehensive, well-considered training schedule aimed at high performance in the athlete's selected event.
40. Selected athletes enrolled in High School who will **not** be graduating from High School (or equivalent) in 2009 will receive a *split card*. Each *split card* will be worth half (50%) as much as a full card. Athletes receiving split cards must meet all other Selection Criteria.
41. Selected athletes enrolled in High School who will be graduating from High School (or equivalent) in 2009 will receive a full card. Graduating High School athletes must meet all other Selection Criteria.

### **Exceptions**

#### **Exceptions for Athletes Born in 1983 or Earlier.**

1. A maximum of ten cards (five female and five male) in the Senior category will be available to athletes who are 25 years of age or over as on December 31, 2008 and who:
  - achieve, during 2008, indoors or outdoors, a performance that equals or exceeds Level 9 of the Step Up programme in the Senior category in the event in which they are applying;

- show at least a 27 point improvement on the 2008 IAAF Scoring tables over his or her lifetime best as on *December 31, 2006*;
- comply with all other conditions of being named to the Quest for Gold Athlete Assistance Programme.

### Event Exceptions:

1. Athletes in the following events may use two performances in the same event or use another event as the second event to be scored against the IAAF Scoring Tables. To be consistent, in using a performance in a second event, only the *second* best performance in that event will be considered:
 

**10,000m** (JrM, SW, SM): Athletes may use 2 performances in 10,000m or 1 performance at 10,000m and one performance at 5,000m. Points earned in the second event may be equal to but may not exceed points earned in the first, primary event.

**20,000m Walk** (SW, SM): Athletes may use 2 performances in 20km Walk or 1 performance at 20km Walk and one at 10km Walk. Points earned in the second event may be equal to but may not exceed points earned in the first, primary event
2. Athletes in the following events require only a single performance in the event.
  - Marathon (SW, SM)
  - 50km Walk (SM)
  - Heptathlon (JrW, SW)
  - Decathlon (JrM, SM)
3. For 2008 athletes competing in the 20km Walk Ontario Championships will have until September 22 to apply for funding.
4. In Ontario Championships, where there are fewer than 8 Ontarians finishing in a final, the additional places to make up a total of 8 will be determined on the basis of times achieved in the penultimate round. (For example, if one competitor either does not start in the final of the 100m or is disqualified, etc., and there are 7 Ontarians who have finished, the 8<sup>th</sup> place score will be awarded to the athlete with the best time in the semi-finals).
5. In Canadian Championships, Ontario finishers shall count in the final positions when scoring Canadians only. If necessary, results from the penultimate round may be used to obtain the top 8 Ontarians.
6. Where no IAAF Scoring Table exists for an event an equivalent table shall be established by the OTFA Director or Technical Services.
7. Athletes may not compete in both the Junior and Senior categories in the same event (even if the specifications are different) at the Ontario Championships. If a Junior athlete is, for some reason, permitted to run the same or equivalent event in both the Junior and Senior categories at the Ontario Championships, only the performance in the Junior event will be considered and scored for the purposes of the Quest for Gold programme.

### Applying for Quest for Gold Funding

To be eligible, athletes must apply to the program. Applications must be received by the OTFA between August 22 of 2008 and September 8, 2008. The applicants with the best point totals who complete the application process will be nominated for Ontario Cards, pending the awarding of Ontario Cards to athletes who are, or have been, injured, ill or pregnant.

Applications may be downloaded from the OTFA website at:

<http://www.otfa.ca/Groups/Quest%20For%20Gold/Quest%20for%20Gold%20-%20Athlete%20Application.pdf>

Or by calling the OTFA office at: (416) 426-7215

Applications should be returned to the OTFA office at: Ontario Track and Field Association, 1185 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 302, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 3C6. Please mark "Quest for Gold" on the envelope.

### **Residency Exceptions:**

Any athlete living/training outside of Ontario is required to **submit written documentation** to the Ontario Track and Field Association's Selection Committee clearly identifying how they meet the following residency exceptions, identified in the Ministry of Health Promotion's General Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must be living and continuing to train in Ontario. Exceptions will be made on a case specific basis providing that the athlete can substantiate that:
  - He/She cannot receive the required level of training in Ontario and is out of the province **temporarily** during the year (i.e. due to lack of facilities, coaching, competitions);
  - He/She must attend a post-secondary institution out-of-province because the course of study is not available to him/her in Ontario;
  - 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.

This information must be received by the Selection Committee by no later than **September 8, 2008** in order to be considered.

**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. This means that eligible military family members now qualify for OAAP funding immediately upon becoming residents of Ontario. Please see the 2008-2009 *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 .

### **Alternates:**

The Ontario Track and Field 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, provide that:

- Alternate is substituted within 2008-2009 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)

### **Contact Address and Deadline**

**All** information must be submitted no later than September 8, 2008 and must be sent to: John Craig, c/o Ontario Track and Field Association, 1185 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 302, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 3C6

The Ontario Track and Field Association will publish or make known the athletes nominated for Ontario Card status by no later than **October 20, 2008**.

## Appeals

Athletes who have not been nominated and who wish to appeal this decision can do so by filing an appeal *in writing only* with the *Quest for Gold* Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee. Appeals will be dealt with by an Appeals Committee comprised of representatives from the sport community and chosen by the Ministry.

Appeals must be submitted through regular post, registered mail, in person or by courier and on the form provided. Appeals that are delivered personally or by courier shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery. Appeals that are delivered by regular post or registered mail shall be deemed to be received three days after the date of mailing. **Appeals submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted.**

Note: Any/all information provided to the Appeals Committee may be shared with the athlete's PSO by the Appeals Committee.

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to:

- Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- Whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination or conflict of interest.

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

- Direct the PSO/MSO to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit new list of nominated athletes;
- Deny the appeal;
- Allow the appeal and nominate the appellant for carding status.

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is **October 27, 2008.**

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

*Quest for Gold* Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Committee  
c/o Sport and Recreation Branch  
Ministry of Health Promotion,  
18<sup>th</sup> floor, 393 University Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S1

## 2008/2009 *Quest for Gold* – Ontario Athlete Assistance Program Appeals Template

The date for athletes to submit appeals to the Appeals Committee is October 27, 2008. Appeals will only be accepted on the MHP-provided template, in writing through regular post, registered mail, courier or delivered in person. **Please refer to the appeals section of the Guidelines prior to completing this form.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sport / PSO: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Appeal (Check one only):**

- Whether or not the PSO/MSO has completed the selection process in accordance with their own published selection criteria and related procedures;
- Whether or not the selection criteria developed and applied by the PSO/MSO were fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination 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 a detailed account of the situation to allow the Appeals Committee to understand the basis of the appeal (please submit additional pages/supporting documentation if necessary):**

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Print Name Appellant

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Appellant

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Date

Any/all information provided to the Appeals Committee may be shared with the athlete's PSO by the Appeals Committee.

