

Qualifying Criteria for the Irish Sports Council International Carding Scheme

	Criteria for 2007
Contracted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in the World Rankings • Medallist in the World Championships or Olympic Games World <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Must also have achieved "A" standard for the World Championships or Olympic Games in the pervious two calendar years</i></p>
World Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-8 in the World Rankings • Medallist World Indoor Championships • Medallist World Race Walking Cup • Medallist European Champion (Outdoor and Cross Country) • Top 6 World Cross Country • Finalist World Track & Field Championships or Olympic Games or top 12 in marathon, race walking, 10,000m events where no heat or semi final • Winner European Championships relay <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Must also have achieved "A" standard for the World Championships or Olympic Games in the pervious two calendar years</i></p>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-16 World Rankings • 4 - 8 European Championships • 2-4 European Championships relays • Top 3 European Indoor Championships • Top 3 European Cross Country Championships • Top 6 European Cup of Race Walking • Finalist World Indoor Championships • 4 - 8 World Race Walking Cup • 7 -16 World Cross Country • World Student Games Champion • 9 or 13 -16 World Championships or Olympic Games • World Championship or Olympic Games 'A' Standard in the last 12 months • Relay Qualification or 'A' Standard for World Championships or Olympic Games in last 12 months <p style="text-align: center;">Athlete must have achieved an "A" standard for the World Championships or Olympic Games in the previous two calendar years in conjunction with Championship Benchmark</p>
Developmental Age in 2007	Performance in 2006
Under 26 Born in 1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist World University Games • Champions World University Games Relay • 9-12 European Championship • 4-12 European Cross Country Championship • 7-16 European Cup Race Walking • 17-24 World Cross Country Championship • 9-24 World Race Walking Cup • World Championship or Olympic Games "B" Standard
Under 25 Born in 1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist World University Games • Champions World University Games Relay • 4-16 European Cross Country Championship • 7-16 European Cup Race Walking • 17-24 World Cross Country Championship • 9-24 World Race Walking Cup • European Championship Qualification Standard
Under 24 Born in 1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist World University Games • Champions World University Games Relay

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 European U23 Championship • 4-16 European Cross Country Championship • 7-16 European Cup Race Walking • 17-24 World Cross Country Championship • 9-24 World Race Walking Cup • European Championship Qualification Standard
Under 23 Born in 1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 World University Games • Top 8 European U23 Championship • 17-32 European Cross Country Championship • 17-32 European Cup Race Walking • 25-50 World Cross Country Championship • 25-50 World Race Walking Cup • World University Games Standard
Under 22 Born in 1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 World University Games • Top 8 European U23 Championship • 17-32 European Cross Country Championship • 17-32 European Cup Race Walking • 25-50 World Cross Country Championship • 25-50 World Race Walking Cup • European U23 Championship Qualification Standard
Under 21 Born in 1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medallist European Junior ?Championship • Top 8 World Junior Championship • Top 6 European Junior Cross Country Championship • Top 6 European Junior Cup Race Walking • Top 24 World Junior Cross Country Championships • European U23 Championship Qualification Standard
Junior Squad	
Under 21 Born in 1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 European Junior Championship • Top 16 World Junior Championship • World Junior Championship Qualification Standard
Under 20 Born in 1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 European Junior Championship • Top 16 World Junior Championship • Top 12 European Junior Cross Country Championship • Top 24 World Junior Cross Country Championships • European Junior Championship Qualification Standard
Under 19 Born in 1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 European Youth Olympic Festival • Top 16 World Youth Championship • Top 16 European Junior Cross Country Championship • Top 30 World Junior Cross Country Championships • European Junior Championship Qualification Standard
Under 18 Born in 1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 European Youth Olympic Festival • Top 16 World Youth Championship • Top 25 European Junior Cross Country Championship • Top 40 World Junior Cross Country Championships • World Youth Championship Qualification Standard
Under 17 Born in 1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Youth Olympic Festival Qualification Standard

- Performance should be achieved in 2006 season to qualify for 2007 carding

Performance Incentive Payment

- Details of performance incentive must be agreed with the Irish Sports Council and released later in the year

Terms & Conditions

- In the junior and development categories an athlete must achieve relevant criteria every year. Performances to qualify for support in 2007 must be achieved in 2006 season.
- In the International Category an athlete who achieves a World Championships or Olympic Games 'A' qualification standard qualifies for support for one year.
- In the international category an athlete who achieves both a championship benchmark/ranking & a championship qualification standard qualifies for support for two years.
- In International an athlete who achieves a championship benchmark must have achieved a World Championship or Olympic Games 'A' standard in the same or previous season in order to qualify for support.
- In World Class an athlete who achieves criteria qualifies for support for two years.
- In the Junior category an athlete must be born in 1992 or before to qualify for funding.
- An athlete who achieves a championship benchmark/ranking **may** qualify for one year support only. This athlete must achieve an 'A' standard to qualify for further support in the proceeding year. This will be applied once only in an athletes career.