

2013 Canada Cup/Nationals Tournament Format

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The following competition criteria must be met in order for an event to be considered as a Canada Cup Tournament or Canadian National Championships.

Seeding at the beginning of the event

Competitors will be assigned their initial seeding in their age-appropriate event according to the following guidelines

- The current age-appropriate High Performance Program Ranking will be used for the top 8 HP ranked fencers.
- Foreign competitors (those that do not hold a valid CFF # but hold either a valid FIE # or valid USFA #) will be merged into the initial seeding based on their current FIE rank in relation to the other entries. For example, Foreign competitor 'X' is ranked 34th on the FIE rankings. Canadian competitor 'A' has an FIE ranking of 23rd while the next Canadian competitor 'B' has a ranking of 37th. Competitor 'X' would receive a seeding between competitors 'A' and 'B'. Foreign competitors that do not have a valid FIE ranking may be considered under the 'Special Circumstances' category.
- The remaining seeding will be assigned based on the CFF's current Domestic Ranking.
- 'Special Circumstances' – It is possible that a competitor entered into the event does not hold a valid CFF domestic ranking, CFF HP ranking, or a FIE ranking. In these cases, the competitor will be identified as unranked. The Directoire Technique will consider each of these circumstances separately and may, given enough evidence, seed a competitor into the event with a ranking other than unranked. For example, Competitor 'X' holds a valid USFA # but does not hold a FIE #. Upon review, it is found that Competitor 'X' holds a current USFA ranking of 'A'. Further discussion with CFF coaches and the Directoire Technique indicate that the tournament seeding would be more fair if 'X' was assigned an initial ranking.

Cadet, Junior and Senior Events

Entry Criteria

Competitors must meet the CFF's age criteria as well as any previously stated CFF technical qualifications to enter these events.

Announcement of Cut

FIE rule O.18 governs the announcement of a cut. Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the number of competitors who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the poules. The number of competitors cut up to a maximum 20% of the competitors at the beginning of the poules.

Number of rounds of Poules

There will be a single round of poules that follow FIE rule O.17.

Number of competitors per Poule

FIE rule O.12.1 governs the number of competitors per poule.

Ranking after Poules

The rankings after the poules will be calculated as per FIE rule O.19.

Initial Direct Elimination

A direct elimination round will follow the poule round. The remaining competitors, after a cut has taken place, will be placed into a Direct Elimination tableau based on the ranking after the poules. Direct Elimination from the tableau, as per FIE rules O.23 and O.24, will take place until only 8 competitors remain.

Final Direct Elimination

The remainder of the competition will be completed, fencing for all positions in the remaining top 8 tableau.

Final Classification

FIE rules O.28.1, O.28.2, and O.28.4 determine the final classification. FIE rule O.28.3 does not apply.

U15 Events

Entry Criteria

Competitors must meet the CFF's age criteria as well as any previously stated CFF technical qualifications to enter these events.

Initial Seeding

Competitors will be seeded according to the **cadet** domestic rankings

Announcement of Cut

FIE rule O.18 governs the announcement of a cut. Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the number of competitors who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the poules. The number of competitors cut after the round of poules may be up to 25% of the competitors at the beginning of the poules.

Number of rounds of Poules

There will be single round of poules that follow FIE rule O.17.

Number of competitors per Poule

FIE rule O.12.1 governs the number of competitors per poule.

Ranking after Poules

A ranking after each round of poules will be calculated as per FIE rule O.19. Seeding into the second round of poules will be based on the results of the first round of poules. The final ranking after the second round of poules will be determined based on the combined results of the two rounds of poules.

Initial Direct Elimination

A direct elimination round will follow the poule round. The remaining competitors, after a cut has taken place, will be placed into a Direct Elimination tableau based on the final ranking after the poules. Direct Elimination from the tableau, as per FIE rules O.23 and O.24, will take place until only 1 competitor remains. There will be no Repechage.

Final Classification

FIE rules O.28.1, O.28.2, and O.28.4 determine the final classification. FIE rule O.28.3 does not apply.

Veteran Events

Entry Criteria

Competitors must meet the CFF's age criteria as well as any previously stated CFF technical qualifications to enter these events.

Initial Seeding

Competitors will be seeded according to the CFF domestic veterans rankings.

Announcement of Cut

For the 2013 season there is no cut after the first round of poules in the veterans events.

Format

Veteran events will attempt to follow FIE veteran rules for composition and size of poules and scale of the direct elimination. The organizers at their discretion are encouraged to adhere to the FIE veteran rules within the confines of the scale of the competition.

Final Classification

FIE rules O.28.1, O.28.2, and O.28.4 determine the final classification. FIE rule O.28.3 does not apply. The classification is only applied to overall 40 years + category.

University Events

Entry Criteria

Competitors must meet the previously stated CFF technical qualifications to enter these events.

Initial Seeding

Competitors will be seeded according to the **senior** criteria. Competitors will be affiliated with the accredited educational institution that they are attending. Club protection is only enforced during the initial round of poules.

Announcement of Cut

FIE rule O.18 governs the announcement of a cut. Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the number of competitors who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the poules. The number of competitors cut after the round of poules may be up to 25% of the competitors at the beginning of the poules.

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Final Classification

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Other Events

Organizers may add additional unofficial events. These additional events should, in no way, interfere with the running of the U15, Cadet, Junior, Senior, University or Veteran events. It is requested that the organizers try and honor the following guidelines:

- Follow the CFF's Long term athlete development model;
- Events with less than 6 competitors may consider 2 rounds of poules;
- Tournament software should be FIE compliant (e.g. Engarde, FencingTime);
- Results must be submitted in a CFF compliant format and published daily;
- Follow FIE rules where appropriate.

