

CFF Canada Cup 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.

Ranking at the beginning of the event

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

- The competitor with the highest current age-appropriate FIE ranking will be assigned the rank of 1 (i.e. Junior FIE rankings to be used for Junior Events, Senior FIE rankings to be used for Senior events)
- The current High Performance Program Ranking will be used to assign the next lower ranks.
- 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.

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 must be between 20-25% 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 16 competitors remain.

Super Poules

Once the Direct Elimination tableau has reached 16 remaining competitors, a new seeding of these 16 competitors will be created based on the competitors ranking after the poules. The competitors will be placed into two poules of eight fencers each and this round of poules will be fenced as per FIE rule O.17.

Ranking after Super Poules

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

Final Direct Elimination

The highest eight ranked fencers, based on the ranking after the Super Poules, will be placed in a Direct Elimination Tableau. The remainder of the competition will be completed, as per FIE rules O.23 and O.24, 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.

Cadet 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. There is no cut after the first round of poules. The number of competitors cut after the second round of poules must be between 20-25% of the competitors at the beginning of the poules.

Number of rounds of Poules

There will be two rounds of poules that follow FIE rule O.17.

Number of competitors per Poule

These poules will consist of **6** competitors if the number of participants is divisible by **6**. Otherwise the poules will be of **6** and **5**. In no case may the poules be of fewer than **5** competitors. If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more competitors, one or more poules were to be reduced to 4 or fewer competitors, the organizers must add to these poules one or more competitors from other poules of 6 competitors, taking into account the initial ranking of the competitor(s) being replaced.

The Directoire Technique may, in the event of large competitions, revert back to FIE rule O.12.1.

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.

Other Events

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

- Follow the CFF's Long term athlete development model;
- U15 events follow the general Cadet format and use Cadet rankings to seed event;
- Events with less than 6 competitors may consider 2 rounds of poules;
- Veteran events follow FIE rules;
- Tournament software should be FIE compliant (e.g. Engarde);
- Results must be submitted in a CFF compliant format;
- Follow FIE rules where appropriate.