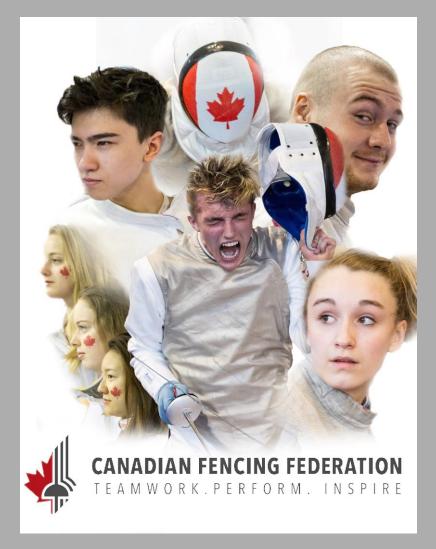


# CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION CADET & JUNIOR

Selection Policies



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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This Handbook contains the selection policies which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will use to select the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2017 and 2018 Junior and Cadet World Championships as well as at other Junior HPP projects during the 2016-18 seasons. This information will allow athletes and their coaches to develop their annual training and competition plans for the season.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the material contained within this Handbook, readers are advised to consult with the CFF High Performance Manager if they have questions about any element contained within.

Similarly, the dates of international selection competitions are accurate as of the date of publication of this Handbook, but dates and events can and do change. Please verify competition details before making final travel arrangements. Furthermore, it is the athlete's (and their personal coaches') responsibility to be familiar with the information found in this document.

#### **CHANGES TO THIS HANDBOOK**

The CFF has taken every possible step to ensure that the material in this Handbook will remain accurate for the entire season, but in instances where changes do occur, specifically to international selection competitions, the HP Manager (in consultation with the High Performance Committee (HPC)) reserves the right to make changes to this Handbook, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure the selection of the best teams for each season's events.

Any changes to this Handbook shall be communicated directly to all High Performance Program members. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials, which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.

The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this Handbook that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this Handbook rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected.

All changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.



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#### HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION RATIFICATION COMMITTEE

The High Performance Selection Ratification Committee will ratify the final selections. They will ensure that the final team composition proposed for all major Championships meets the criteria published in this Handbook. The HPSRC for each weapon will consist of:

- 1. the High Performance Manager (HPM);
- 2. two (2) or three (3) members of the High Performance Committee.

# The HPSRC reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from a selection in the following cases:

- 1. If the athlete has not taken part in a mandatory training camps as described for the HPP prior to the event. Exemptions can be requested in advance of a specific event. Exemptions will be granted on a case by case basis once discussed between the HPM and Coaches.
- 2. If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "HPP Athlete Agreement".
- 3. If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "CFF Code of Conduct".
- 4. If the athlete has outstanding debts with the CFF.

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#### **CFF SELECTION POLICIES**

NOTE: In the event of a dispute over a selection, athletes can find the *CFF Policy of Selection Appeals* on the CFF website.

#### a) Eligibility for Selections

To be eligible for selection for any FIE competition or National Team Project (NTP), a fencer must:

- 1. have a validated CFF license for the year in which they are competing;
- 2. have an up-to-date FIE license for Canada;
- 3. be a Canadian Citizen; and
- 4. meet any published selection criteria for the respective competition.

Please see the CFF website to purchase an FIE license.

#### b) North America Cups (NAC's) and non FIE International Competitions

#### **North American Cups**

Selection: Open to any Canadian athlete with a CFF license.

NACs organized by the United State Fencing Association (USFA), will often be designated as International selection competitions for the Cadet and Junior HPP Selection Rankings.

There are currently no Selection Criteria to compete in Cadet NACs. The USFA however, may impose minimum standards moving forward and the CFF may need to adjust its selection events accordingly if needed.

The USFA does impose a minimum standard for DIV I and junior NACs. They require that a fencer have a "C" rating or higher to register for a Div I NAC and a "B" rating or higher to register for a junior NAC.

Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Before booking flights for NAC events, please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the USFA web site <a href="http://www.usfencing.org">http://www.usfencing.org</a>

#### **Developmental Competitions: European Circuit (Cadet-Junior)**

There is another group of competitions in Europe, which also provide an important developmental opportunity for Cadets and Juniors. Due to their format (poules and Direct Elimination (DE) with repechage) and size they are a much better developmental opportunity than a Junior FIE A. They are a great first contact with the International scene. Information on these circuits can be found at: <a href="http://www.eurofencing.info/tournaments">http://www.eurofencing.info/tournaments</a>



Personal/Provincial Coaches are encouraged to plan a club/provincial team trip to one of the Cadet or Junior competitions held in these countries as a developmental tour (competition and training in clubs). In some cases it may be more beneficial for several clubs and/or provinces to get together to resource such a project. The HP staff can assist in identifying and establishing contacts for such a project.

A maximum of two European Cadet Circuit competitions will be identified as Cadet National Team Projects (NTP) and used as selection events for the season. Athletes are encouraged to enter additional European Cadet Circuit competitions for experience, but only the ones identified by the CFF will be used for selection. A specific European License is required to participate in the European Cadet Circuit and can be purchased through the CFF website.

The CFF does not coordinate arrangements for NAC's or non FIE competitions. Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective websites before booking flights:

NAC – USFA: <a href="www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
French Circuit – FFE: <a href="www.escrime-ffe.fr">www.escrime-ffe.fr</a>
German Circuit – DFB: <a href="www.fechten.org">www.fechten.org</a>

The organizers may impose additional qualification standards for participation (i.e. FIE license in France or Germany, USFA-C classification for NAC's, etc.). All athletes should verify with the organizers whether they are eligible to compete prior to making travel arrangements. Some additional work with coaches and CFF may be required to ensure all standards are met to the satisfaction of the organizers. A long lead-up time to these events is strongly recommended.

Only the CFF can register fencers for EFC competitions. Consequently, all requests for registration for FIE competitions must be made as indicated in the sections below.

Minor athletes participating in any of these events must be accompanied by an adult (parent, personal coach or other guardian as outlined in a letter sent to the CFF).

**Entry Limitations**: CFF will select a maximum of 8 fencers for any European Circuit that is identified as an NTP. A referee levy will be charged to the athletes attending NTP events. A maximum of 4 fencers will be selected for all other European Cadet Circuit events.

**Registration deadline**: 35 days (5 weeks) before the first day of competition of any EFC competition. This deadline will be waived for National Team Projects if selection occurs after the 35 day deadline.

**Entry Procedures**: To request participation in an international event each athlete must complete the online request process on the CFF website found under the High Performance tab. Submission does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. If a fencer is not selected, the request fee (if applicable) will be refunded to the fencer.



**Selection Process for NTP's:** The CFF will make all selections for the NTP's using the following criteria:

- 1. CFF will select a maximum of 8 fencers for any EFC that is identified as an NTP.
- 2. Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Cadet HPP rankings.
- 3. The 35 day deadline for application may be waived for NTP selection.
- 4. If an alternate is selected to replace an athlete who cannot participate in the event, the alternate can earn points towards selection for Cadet Pan Am Championships or World Championships and the selection must be approved by HPC.

## c) Junior World Cups

A maximum of three Junior World Cup events will be identified as Junior National Team Projects (NTP) and used as selection events for each season (with the best two results included in the HP ranking). Athletes are encouraged to enter additional Junior World Cups for experience and to improve their FIE ranking, but only the junior world cups identified by the CFF will be used for selection.

Only the CFF can register fencers for FIE competitions. Consequently, all requests for registration for FIE competitions must be made as indicated in the sections below.

**Minimum Qualification Standard**: To be eligible to compete in an FIE competition held outside of Canada, a fencer must have a valid FIE and CFF license for the current season.

**Registration deadline**: 35 days (5 weeks) before the first day of competition of any FIE competition.

**Entry Procedures**: To request participation in an international event each athlete must complete the online request process on the CFF website found under the High Performance tab. Submission does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. If a fencer is not selected, the request fee (if applicable) will be refunded to the fencer.

Late entries: Will not be accepted.

**Entry Limitations**: CFF will select a maximum of 8 fencers for any Junior World Cup that is identified as an NTP. A referee levy will be charged to the athletes attending NTP event. A maximum of 4 fencers will be selected for all other Junior World Cups.

**Final Entry Selection**: Within five (5) business days after the deadline, the list of selected fencers for the competition will be finalized. The list of selected fencer will be compiled as follows:

• Applications will be prioritized according to the Junior HPP rankings with the HPC having final approval.



Results that change the point standings between the selection date and the competition have no bearing on the selection. The list is then emailed out to all fencers (and their personal coaches) who have submitted the entry Form to the e-mails provided on the Form.

**Team Event:** All fencers selected for a Junior World Cup NTP must be prepared to participate in the team event. FIE team event fees must be paid by the participating fencers. Fencers for the team event will be selected by the project coach at the competition.

#### **Notification**

Following confirmation of participation, the final list is e-mailed to all fencers, their personal coaches and to the coach who will accompany the team.

Minor athletes participating in any of these events must be accompanied by an adult (parent, personal coach or other guardian as outlined in a letter sent to the CFF).

Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an e-mail confirming that they are registered.

**Selection Process and Criteria for NTP's:** The HP Manager will make all selections for the NTP's using the following criteria:

- 1. CFF will select a maximum of 8 fencers for any Junior World Cup that is identified as an NTP.
- 2. Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Junior HPP rankings.
- 3. If an alternate is selected, with the HPC final approval, to replace an athlete who cannot participate in the event, the alternate can earn points towards selection for Junior Pan Am Championships or World Championships.

#### **NOTES**

Carded athletes, are reminded that they are required to take part in all NTP's (for which they
are selected) and training camps in their entirety. Failure to do so could result in the HP
Committee recommending that the athlete be removed from the HPP and carding be revoked.



All athletes selected for a Junior World Cup NTP must be prepared to participate in the Team
event.

## d) CFF Junior/Cadet Training Camps

HPP members vying for selection to Cadet/Junior Pan Am Championships and World Championships, and all carded athletes, are required to take part in any CFF designated training camps. The CFF will stage up to a maximum of two training camps during the season and will make every effort to stage them in conjunction with existing Canada Cups and NTP's to minimize additional travel costs. Training Camp dates and locations will be announced by National Coaches by October 1<sup>st</sup> each season.

# HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS

#### **Overview**

The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for International selections, CFF funding opportunities and as one of the selection criteria to nominate and prioritize athletes for the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).

Athletes will be ranked by the point total that they have achieved in the designated selection competitions. The HPP Selection Ranking will be reset at zero at the beginning of each season. Only athletes who are part of the HP program will be ranked in the HPP selection rankings.

Athletes will be ranked by the point total of the competitions in Chart 1, with a maximum of 8 athletes named to the Cadet or Junior Squad for the designated European Cadet Circuit or Junior World Cup. The places on the Cadet and Junior Squads for the designated European Cadet Circuit or Junior World Cup will be filled based on the cadet or junior selection rankings up to a maximum of 8. Athletes must be in the HPP in order to be eligible to be selected for designated European Cadet Circuits or Junior World Cups.

The Cadet and Junior Teams will be selected after the last HPP competition.

#### **Tie-Breaking**

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken as follows:

- by the point total of the designated NAC events in the respective HP Selection Rankings for selection to the Cadet or Junior Squad; Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken:
- 2. by the best result (placing) at a designated NAC event; Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken;
- 3. by the best result (placing) at a Canada Cup.



#### **HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION COMPETITIONS**

#### Chart 1

National Team Classification Competitions (open)				
Cadet	Junior			
Canada Cup Longueuil (May 21-23) – Cadet	Canada Cup Longueuil (May 21-23) - Junior			
Canada Cup Longueuil (May 21-23) - Junior	2016 National Championships (May 21-23) – Senior			
NAC Milwaukee (Nov 11-14) – Cadet	NAC Columbus (Jan 6-9) – Div 1			
NAC Milwaukee (Nov 11-14) – Junior	NAC Columbus (Jan 6-9) – Junior			
Cadet Canada Cup – January 2017	Junior Canada Cup – January 2017			

All results will count in the HPP rankings

# **JUNIOR SQUAD DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMPETITIONS**Chart 2

W Epee	M Epee	W Saber	M Saber	W Foil	M Foil
Junior World Cup*					
Oct 15-16, 2016	Sept 10-11, 2016	Sept 17-18, 2016	Oct 1-2, 2016	Oct 29, 30, 2016	Oct 29, 30, 2016
Laupheim, GER	Luxenbourg, BEL	San Jose, CRC	Plovdiv, BUL	Bochum	Leszno, POL
Junior World Cup					
Dec 17-18, 2016	Oct 15-16, 2017	Oct 1-2, 2016	Jan 21-22, 2017	Nov 19-20 2016	Nov 19-20, 2016
Burgos	Riga, LAT	Plovdiv, BUL	USA	Guatemala, GUA	Guatemala, GUA
Junior World Cup					
Feb 4-5, 2017	Feb 4-5, 2017	Feb 11-12, 2017	Feb 11-12, 2017	Dec 17-18, 2016	Dec 17-18, 2016
Helsinki, FIN	Helsinki, FIN	Segovia, ESP	Dourdan, FRA	Lyon, FRA	London, GBR
	February				
Junior Pan-Ams					
Feb 2017					
( <b>Top 4 only</b> )					

# \*A maximum of 12 athletes may be selected for these junior world cups

• Best 2 of 3 results from Junior World Cups will be counted for the Junior selection ranking.



#### CADET SQUAD DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMPETITIONS

#### Chart 3

W Epee	M Epee	W Saber	M Saber	W Foil	M Foil
Cadet Euro Circuit*					
Oct 29-30., 2016	Oct 29-30., 2016	London, GBR	London, GBR	Oct 1-2., 2016	Oct 1-2., 2016
Klagenfurt, AUS	Klagenfurt, AUS	Oct 29-30, 2016	Oct 29-30, 2016	Budapest, HUN	Budapest, HUN
Cadet Euro Circuit					
Dec 11-12, 2016	Dec 11-12, 2016	Modling, AUS	Modling, AUS	Cabries, FRA	Cabries, FRA
Copenhagen, DEN	Copenhagen, DEN	Jan 14-15, 2017	Jan 14-15, 2017	Nov 26-27	Nov 26-27
Cadet Pan Ams					
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
(Top 4 only)					

#### \*A maximum of 20 athletes may be selected for these EFC's

• Best 1 of 2 results from EFC will be counted for the Cadet Selection ranking.

#### 2017 Cadet & Junior Pan-American Championships

Date:	Feb 27-March 5, 2017		
Location:	Havana		
Selection Date:	January 31, 2017		
CFF HPP Performance Objective:	To medal in each weapon – cadet and junion		
	individual and team		

#### **Selection Criteria**

In each weapon the selection will be made as follows:

Cadet Individual Selection (4 athletes)

- Any athlete who, on the selection date, is ranked first, second, third, and fourth on the CFF
  Cadet HP Selection Rankings will be selected for the Individual Event in that weapon,
  provided they have been accepted to the HPP by October 1st annually.
- If an alternate is selected to replace an athlete who cannot participate in the event, the alternate can participate and earn points towards selection for World Championships.

Cadet Mixed Team (6 athletes – 1 per weapon)

 Athletes will be selected for the cadet team event after the completion of the cadet individual event.



Junior Individual and Team Selection (4 athletes)

- Any athlete who, on the selection date, is ranked first, second, third and fourth on the CFF
  Junior HP Selection Rankings will be selected for the Individual Event in that weapon,
  provided they have been accepted to the HPP by October 1<sup>st</sup> annually.
- If an alternate is selected to replace an athlete who cannot participate in the event, the alternate can participate and can earn points towards selection for World Championships.
- Any athlete selected for the junior individual event will be selected for the Team Event in that weapon. Athletes who accept their junior selection must participate in both individual and team events.

#### Tie-Breaking

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken by the best result of the designated European Cadet Circuit competition (cadets) or Junior World Cup (juniors).

#### **NOTE**

Selections are conditional on the selected athlete following their HPP approved training and competition plan, regularly submitting training progress reports in accordance with CFF guidelines, and taking part in any pre-Junior Pan-American Championships mandatory training camps prior to the event. Exemptions can be requested in advance of a specific event. Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis once discussed between the HPM and the HP Committee.

#### Confirmation of attendance to the Cadet/Junior Pan-American Championships

Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the Cadet & Junior Pan-American Championships by replying to the selection e-mail sent to all fencers within 72 hours. If a reply is not received in this timeframe, it will be taken as a refusal of selection.

#### **Notification**

Following confirmations of participation, the final list is e-mailed to all fencers and their personal coaches.

#### 2017 Junior & Cadet World Championships

Date:	TBD		
Location:	Plovdiv, BULGARIA		
Selection Date:	Within 7 days of the conclusion of Junior/Cadet Pan		
	Am Championships		

#### **Selection Criteria**



In each weapon the selection will be made as follows:

#### <u>Junior</u>

Individual and Team Selection (4 athletes)

- The three highest ranked athletes in the CFF Junior HP Selection Rankings will be selected for the Individual and Team Event in that weapon, provided they have achieved one of the following results during the selection period:
  - Achieved the minimum criteria to qualify for the 2017 senior world championships;
  - placed in the top 25% of a junior world cup
  - placed in the top 25% of a junior NAC
  - placed in the top 25% of a DIV 1 NAC
  - a top 8 result at the 2017 Junior Pan-American Championships
- A fourth athlete will be selected for the Individual and Team event in each weapon based on the national coach's recommendation to the HPC, provided they have achieved one of the above listed results during the selection period.

#### **NOTE:**

- 1) Athletes must be promoted from the pool round in order to meet the criteria.
- 2) Must have applied to the HPP by October 1st annually.
- 3) Under special circumstances the HPC may waive a criterion in order to complete a team or give experience to a promising fencer.
- Athletes who accept their junior selection must participate in both individual and team events.

#### Cadet

Individual Selection (3 athletes)

- Any athlete who, on the selection date, has qualified for an Individual event at the Junior World Championships, will automatically be selected for the Individual event in that weapon at the Cadet World Championships.
- Remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the CFF Cadet HP Selection Rankings, provided they have achieved one of the following results during the selection period:
  - a. achieved junior criteria
  - b. placed in the top 25% of a cadet NAC



- c. placed in the top 25% of an European Cadet Circuit event
- d. a top 8 result at the 2017 Cadet Pan-American Championships.

## **Team (6 athletes – 1 per weapon)**

Athletes will be selected for the cadet team event after the completion of the cadet individual event.

#### NOTES:

- 1) Athletes must be promoted from the pool round in order to meet the criteria.
- 2) Must have applied to the HPP by October 1st annually.
- 3) Under special circumstances the HPC may waive a criterion in order to complete a team or give experience to a promising fencer.

#### **Tie-Breaking**

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken as follows:

1. by the combined point total of the designated international selection competitions (European Cadet Circuit plus Cadet Pan-Ams for cadets or Junior World Cup plus Junior Pan-Ams for juniors;

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken:

2. by the best result at Cadet Pan-Ams for cadets or Junior Pan-Ams for juniors.

#### **NOTE**

All selections are conditional on the selected athlete following their CFF HP Program approved training and competition plan, regularly submitting training progress reports in accordance with CFF guidelines, and taking part in any mandatory pre-Cadet/Junior World Championships training camps prior to the event. Exemptions can be requested in advance of a specific event. Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis once discussed between the HPM and the HP Committee.

#### **Confirmation of attendance to the Junior World Championships**

Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the Junior World Championships by replying to the selection e-mail sent to all fencers within 72 hours. If a reply is not received in this timeframe, it will be taken as a refusal of selection.

#### **Notification**



Following confirmations of participation, the final list is e-mailed to all fencers, their personal coaches and to the pertinent NC's.

# **CFF Selection Appeals Policy**

For information on the CFF Selection Appeals Policy, please reference the following links:

http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/cff appeal policy 2011 en.pdf http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/cff appeal policy 2011 fr.pdf



#### **HIGH PERFORMANCE POINT GRIDS**

The following point grids will be used to award selection points for designated National and International selection competitions:

Chart 4

Co	Coupes Canada/Championnat*				NACs				
	Cadet	Junior	Senior			Cadet	Junior		Senior
1	25	40	50		1	190	235	1	300
2	20	35	45		2	135	175	2	240
3	16	30	40		3	105	140	3	205
5	12	24	35		5-8	75	100	5-8	170
6	10	22	32		9-16	60	80	9-12	165*
7	8	20	30		17-32	30	50	13-16	160
8	6	18	28		33-64	10	20	17-24	120*
9-16	3	10	14					25-32	80
17-32	2	6	8					33-64	40
33-64	1	3	4						

<sup>\*</sup>These points are only awarded if an athlete won a DE to achieve this result (i.e. repechage.)

<sup>\*</sup>Points are given to all athletes who compete in Canada Cups

Junior World Cups					
	Junior				
1	300				
2	240				
3	205				
5-8	170				
9-16	150				
17-32	100				
33-64	50				
	European Circuit				
	Cadet				
1	235				
2	175				
3	140				
5-8	120				
9-12	100				
13-16	80				
17-24	50				
25-32	40				
33-64	20				



	Junior/Cadet Par	n-American Championships			
	Cadet	Junior			
1	120	120			
2	100	100			
3	90	95			
5-8	60	60			
9-16	0	0			
Junior/Cadet World Championships					
	Cadet	Junior			
1	300	400			
2	240	325			
3	190	250			
5-8	150	200			
9-16	120	150			
17-32	90	120			
33-64	60	90			

# **NOTE**

- Points are only awarded in any competition if promoted from the pool round.
- Points awarded based on the size of the International competitions (for Junior World Cups, European Circuit and North American Cups only. This does not apply to Junior Pan Am Championships and Junior World Championships.)

>	More than 100 competitors	100 % of points in Chart 4
>	75 to 99 competitors	75 % of points in Chart 4
>	50 to 74 competitors	50 % of points in Chart 4
>	25 to 49 competitors	25 % of points in Chart 4
>	Less than 25 competitors	10 % of points in Chart 4

# **Updates**

In each weapon, the HP Selection Ranking will be updated on the CFF website two weeks after each competition.