

# CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION WHEELCHAIR FENCING

## Selection Policies



# **HANDBOOK**

## **2017-2018**

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## INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains the selection policies, which will be used to select athletes for the Canadian Fencing Federations (CFF) High Performance Wheelchair Fencing Program (HPWFP) and projects within the CFF HPWFP during the 2017-18 season.

The objective of the CFF HPWFP is to design programs so that Canadian teams/athletes can win medals at the World Championships and Paralympic Games on a sustained basis. This objective is the driving force behind any decision and orientations in the HPWFP.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the material contained within this Handbook, readers are advised to consult with the person in charge of the HP program 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 for events. Furthermore, it is the athlete's (and their personal coaches') responsibility to be familiar with the information within this document.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE WHEELCHAIR FENCING COMMITTEE

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Benjamin Manano | Committee Chair                 |
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| Caroline Sharp  | Executive Director – ex officio |
| Monica Peterson | HP Manager – ex-officio         |

## 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 by the High Performance Wheelchair Fencing Committee 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 Wheelchair Fencing 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 wheelchair Fencing Committee. All exemptions will be communicated with all National Team Coaches and athletes.
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 HIGH PERFORMANCE WHEELCHAIR FENCING PROGRAM (HPWFP)**

The Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) has a Wheelchair Fencing Committee and one National coach to lead the High Performance Wheelchair Fencing Program.

The National Coach is the recognized leader of the national team program and works under the guidance of the CFF Wheelchair Fencing Committee. The National Coach establishes the annual competition schedule, the training camp schedule, and plans the use of IST at events for their program. The National Coach will bring together coaches through the creation of a “Coaching Team” to work towards the common goal of implementing the weapon’s program and sustaining it.

National Team athletes are anticipated to follow the expectations for athletes in the Train to Win stage of the CFF’s LTAD framework. HP succession athletes will be in either the Train to Win or Train to Compete stage. The National Coach will work with personal coaches to develop an annual training and competition plan that is consistent with the stage of development of each athlete. Failure to follow this plan or communicate your training progress to the National coach on a regular basis (as defined by him) will result in your removal from the HPP.

The primary focus for National Team athletes will be on performing at world cups, and other competitions as designated by the National Coach. As a result, National Team members will be given first priority for entry to all world cups and events.

Athletes who accept the invitation to join the CFF HPWFP will be assessed a joining fee of \$550. The purpose of this fee is to ensure program coordination.

### **1. *HPP Application Procedures***

In order to be eligible to apply for the HPP, an athlete must meet the above criteria and hold a validated CFF license for the 2017-2018 season. To be accepted in the HPP, a fencer must also:

1. complete the HPP Application Procedures; and
2. have no outstanding debts with the CFF

Those athletes who have applied to the HPP will appear on the first Wheelchair HPP Selection Rankings to appear in September 2017. Any fencers who are invited mid-season will be added when they are accepted and any previously obtained result in the identified selection competitions will be counted for the HPP Rankings.

**NOTE:** The Senior NTC will have final approval regarding all selections to the HPWFP. An athlete’s application may be rejected for a number of reasons including, but not limited to:

1. failure to attend any mandatory training camps during the 2016-2017 season;
2. failure to report their training activities on a regular basis as directed by the National Coach during the 2016-2017 season; or
3. violation of the CFF code of conduct during the 2016-2017 season.

## **CFF SELECTION POLICIES**

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

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1. ***Eligibility for Selections***

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

1. have a validated 2017-2018 CFF license;
2. have a 2017-2018 IWAS 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 IWAS licenses.

2. ***North America Cups (NAC's)***

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

The CFF does not make any selections for NAC's. Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions, unless the competition is identified as part of a NTP. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective websites before booking flights:

NAC – USFA:                      [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)

3. ***IWAS Sanctioned competitions***

Registration for IWAS competitions:

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

**Minimum Qualification Standard:** To be eligible to compete in an IWAS competition held outside of North America, a fencer must have a valid IWAS and CFF license for the current season. For entry to Pan Am Championships, athletes must have met minimum criteria as outlined on the selection criteria on page 7.

**Registration deadline:** 2 months (8 weeks) before the first day of competition of any IWAS competition. If available spots remain after the 8 week deadline, they can be filled on a first come first serve basis upon payment of a late fee.

**Entry Procedures:** Fencers must **email the HP Manager ([hppc@fencing.ca](mailto:hppc@fencing.ca))** before the registration deadline to be considered for selection for a IWAS competition. Submission of this email does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. Non-HP fencers will be charged an additional administration fee if selected for the event.

**Entry Limitations:** CFF will select a maximum of 6 fencers for any World Cup competition.

**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, with the HPAC having final approval:

1. registrations will first be accepted from HPWFP athletes and will be prioritized according to the HPWFP rankings.
2. any other athletes who are not members of the HPWFP may request permission from the National Coach to register if there are still spots available;

Results that change the point standings between the selection date and the competition have no bearing on the selection.

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## Notification

Following confirmation of participation, the final registration list is e-mailed to all fencers, their personal coaches and to the pertinent National Coach.

**Minor athletes participating in any of these events must be accompanied by an adult (parent, personal coach or other guardian).**

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

## NOTES

Carded athletes, are reminded that they are required to take part in all World Cup events (for which they are selected) in their entirety. Failure to do so could result in the Senior NTC recommending that the athlete be removed from the HPWFP and carding be revoked.

### *2018 Wheelchair Fencing National Team Events*

#### **2018 Wheelchair Fencing Pan-American Championships**

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>           | TBD                                   |
| <b>Location:</b>       | TBD                                   |
| <b>Selection Date:</b> | After the last designated competition |

#### Selection Criteria

In each weapon the selection for both events will be made as follows:

##### Individual Selection (6 athletes):

Men: Three athletes: 2 cat A – 1 cat B-C

Women: Three athletes: 2 cat A – 1 cat B-C

Positions will be filled by the highest ranking fencers in the CFF Wheelchair Fencing HPP Selection Rankings, provided the athletes are ranked within the Top 25 of the IWAS Ranking.

If an athlete declines selection, the national coach can recommend an alternate athlete.

#### **NOTE**

**The NTC may select an athlete who was injured for part of the season if within 7 days of the injury and prior to missing an event, the athlete has submitted an injury report along with a recovery plan to the CFF. The athlete must also have been a national team member at some point in the previous two seasons.**

#### 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 point total of the International component in the respective HP Selection Rankings;

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

2. by the single best International result (by points) among the International selection competitions;

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

3. By the best result (by placing) at the most recent International selection competition.

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### Team Selection (3 or 6 athletes)

If two athletes in category A and one athlete in category B in the same gender are selected for individual event, all are qualified in the team event.

### NOTE

Selections are conditional on the selected athlete following their NTC approved training and competition plan, regularly submitting training progress reports in accordance with Wheelchair Fencing Committee guidelines, and taking part in any pre-Wheelchair Fencing Pan-American Championships mandatory training camps prior to the events. Exemptions can be requested in advance of a specific event. Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis once discussed between the high performance manager and the National Coach.

### Confirmation of acceptance to the Wheelchair Fencing Pan-American Championships

Fencers are required to confirm their acceptance to the Wheelchair Fencing Pan-American Championships by replying to the selection e-mail sent to all fencers within 72 hours. If a reply is not received within 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 WL's.

### ***2018-2019 Athlete Assistant Program (APP) criteria and nominations***

The 2018-19 Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) selection criteria and nomination process will be made available and distributed to athletes by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the latest, consistent with Sport Canada guidelines.

Please note that the carding cycle for 2018-2019 will be from October 1, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019.

### CFF Selection Appeals Policy

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

[http://www.fencing.ca/sites/default/files/policies/hp/cff\\_appeal\\_policy\\_2011\\_en.pdf](http://www.fencing.ca/sites/default/files/policies/hp/cff_appeal_policy_2011_en.pdf)

[http://www.fencing.ca/sites/default/files/policies/hp/cff\\_appeal\\_policy\\_2011\\_fr.pdf](http://www.fencing.ca/sites/default/files/policies/hp/cff_appeal_policy_2011_fr.pdf)

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS**

### Overview

The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for International selections, and as one of the selection criteria to nominate and prioritize athletes for the AAP. Consequently, only those athletes who have been accepted into the HPP will appear on this ranking.

## Wheelchair Fencing National Program

| Domestic Tournaments                      |                |                    |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| Competition                               | Location       | Dates              |
| Canada Cup *                              | Quebec         | 19-21 Jan 2018     |
| Saskatchewan Provincial Open Championship | Regina         | March 17-18, 2018  |
| Québec Provincial Open Championship       | TBD            | TBA                |
| North American Cup                        |                |                    |
| NAC                                       | Virginia Beach | 5 – 8 January 2018 |
| World Cups                                |                |                    |
| Competition                               | Location       | Dates              |
| WC#1                                      | Eger, Hungary  | 15-18 Feb 2018     |
| WC#2                                      | Pisa, Italy    | 9-11 Mar 2018      |
| WC #3                                     | Montreal, QC   | 27-29 April 2018   |
| WC#4                                      | Warsaw, Poland | 5-9 July 2018      |
| Pan Am Championships                      |                |                    |
| Pan Am Championships                      | TBD            | 2018               |

- Canada Cup will be awarded 150% point

### HIGH PERFORMANCE POINT GRIDS

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

#### Domestic competitions

##### Chart 1

| Point grid             |                  |        |
|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Domestic Competitions: |                  |        |
| Placing                |                  | Points |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>        |                  | 50     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>        |                  | 40     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>        |                  | 30     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>        |                  | 25     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>        |                  | 20     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>        |                  | 15     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>        |                  | 10     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>        | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 5      |



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## North American Cups

### Chart 2

| Point grid           |                  |            |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| North American Cups: |                  |            |
| Placing              |                  | Division 1 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      |                  | 150        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>      |                  | 125        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      |                  | 110        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      |                  | 95         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>      |                  | 80         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      |                  | 65         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>      |                  | 50         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>      | 17 <sup>nd</sup> | 20         |
| 18 <sup>nd</sup>     | 32 <sup>nd</sup> | 10         |

## World Cups

### Chart 3

| Point grid       |                  |        |
|------------------|------------------|--------|
| World Cups:      |                  |        |
| Placing          |                  | Senior |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  |                  | 500    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |                  | 400    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |                  | 300    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 200    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 125    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 32 <sup>nd</sup> | 100    |
| 33 <sup>rd</sup> | 64 <sup>th</sup> | 65     |

## Pan-Ams

### Chart 4

| Point Grid           |                  |        |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Pan-Am Championship: |                  |        |
| Placing              |                  | Senior |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      |                  | 300    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>      |                  | 250    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      |                  | 200    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 100    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>      | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 50     |

## Updates

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