



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 2018 Junior and Cadet World Championships as well as at other Junior HPP projects during the 2017-18 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.



HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (HPC)

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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 may require 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 <http://www.usfencing.org>

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:

<http://www.eurofencing.info/tournaments>



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 HPM can assist in identifying and establishing contacts for such a project.

A maximum of two European Cadet Circuit competitions will be identified as a Cadet National Team Project (NTP) and used as a selection event for the season. Athletes are encouraged to enter additional European Cadet Circuit competitions for experience, but only the one 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: www.usfencing.org

French Circuit – FFE: www.escrime-ffe.fr

German Circuit – DFB: www.fechten.org

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 EFC 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 9 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 9 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.

c) Junior World Cups

A maximum of two Junior World Cup events will be identified as Junior National Team Projects (NTP) and used as selection events for each season (with all 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 9 fencers for any Junior World Cup that is identified as an NTP. A referee levy will be charged to the athletes attending an 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. The participating fencers will be responsible for paying the FIE team fees. The project coach at the competition will select fencers for the team event.



Withdrawals from an FIE Competition: Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at hppc@fencing.ca, at least 14 days prior to the first day of the competition. Voice mail is not acceptable. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show up at the competition will be fined **\$1,500.00 and will be suspended from any future International selections until the fine is paid**. This is a fine assessed by the FIE to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete at fault. Exception to this fine will be considered if the fencer is withdrawing due to a “force majeure” situation such as an injury or illness, which prevents the fencer from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor must accompany the withdrawal notice, which must be sent by e-mailed with the withdrawal request **before** the scheduled 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 9 fencers for any Junior World Cup that is identified as an NTP.
2. Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Junior HPP rankings.

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 (unless an exemption is granted by the National Coach and approved by the HPC). 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 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.



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 cadet and junior HPP selection rankings.** Application process for the High Performance Program can be found on the CFF website.

Athletes will be ranked by the point total of the competitions in Chart 1, with a maximum of 9 athletes named to the Cadet or Junior Squad for the designated European Cadet Circuit or Junior World Cups. 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 9. Athletes must be in the HPP in order to be eligible to be selected for designated European Cadet Circuits or Junior World Cups.

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 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/National Championship event.



CADET AND JUNIOR HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION COMPETITIONS

Chart 1

National Team Classification Competitions (open)	
Cadet	Junior
2017 National Championships (April 21-13) – Cadet	2017 National Championships (April 21-23) - Junior
2017 National Championships (April 21-23) - Junior	2017 National Championships (April 21-23) – Senior
HP Selection Competition (September 2017) - Cadet	HP Selection Competition (September 2017) - Junior
HP Selection Competition (September 2017) - Junior	NAC (Nov 2017) – Junior
NAC (Oct 2017) - Cadet	NAC (Jan 2018) - Junior
NAC (Nov 2017) - Cadet	NAC (Jan 2018) – Div 1
NAC (Nov 2017) – Junior	Canada Cup January 2018 – Junior
Canada Cup January 2018 – Cadet & Junior	Canada Cup January 2018 – Senior

Best 2 out of 3 NAC results will count in the HPP rankings

Best 3 out of 4 Canada Cup/National Championships results will count and the HP Selection event will count in the HPP rankings (as per points listing in Chart 4):

- 2017 National Championships will be awarded 50% points
- HP Selection Competition will be awarded 100% points
- Canada Cup January will be awarded 150% point

JUNIOR SQUAD DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMPETITIONS

Chart 2

W Epee	M Epee	W Saber	M Saber	W Foil	M Foil
Junior World Cup Dec 2017 Burgos	Junior World Cup Dec 2017 Luxembourg	Junior World Cup October 2017 Sosnowiec, POL	Junior World Cup Dec 2017 Dormagen	Junior World Cup Dec 2017 Havana	Junior World Cup Dec 2017 Havana
Junior World Cup Feb 2018 Bratislava	Junior World Cup Feb 2018 Belgrade	Junior World Cup Dec 2017 Dormagen	Junior World Cup Feb 2018 Dourdan, FRA	Junior World Cup Feb 2018 Modling	Junior World Cup Feb 2018 Terrassa

All results from Junior World Cups will be counted in the Junior selection ranking.

Selection for December NTP's will take place following the November NAC.

Selection for the January/February NTP's will take place following the January NAC.



CADET SQUAD DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMPETITIONS

Chart 3

W Epee	M Epee	W Saber*	M Saber*	W Foil	M Foil
Cadet Euro Circuit Bratislava Jan 2018	Cadet Euro Circuit Bratislava Jan 2018	Cadet Euro Circuit London Oct 2017	Cadet Euro Circuit London Oct 2017	Cadet Euro Circuit Poznan Jan 2018	Cadet Euro Circuit Bratislava Jan 2018
		Cadet Euro Circuit Modling Jan 2018	Cadet Euro Circuit Modling Jan 2018		

*Best 1 of 2 results will count for the men's and women's sabre Cadet HPP rankings.

2017 HP Selection Competition

Date:	September 2017
Location:	TBD

Selection Criteria

Any Cadet/Junior athlete can register for the HP Selection Competition but they must be accepted to the HP Program or register for any of the designated Cadet or Junior NAC by Sept 7. Proof of NAC registration must be sent to the HP Manager.

Results from this event will be awarded 100% points in the cadet and junior HP rankings as per Chart 4.

2018 Cadet & Junior Pan-American Championships

Date:	TBD
Location:	TBD
Selection Date:	Jan 31, 2018
CFF HPP Performance Objective:	To medal in each weapon – cadet and junior, individual and team

Selection Criteria

No selection points towards Cadet/Junior World Championships are awarded based on Cadet/Junior Pan Am Championships results. Junior results do count towards AAP eligibility.

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.

Cadet Mixed Team (6 athletes – 1 per weapon)

- The top athlete in each weapon in the HPP ranking on the selection date will be selected for the cadet mixed team event if the organizers of the Cadet Pan Am Championships are staging the 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.
- 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 by placing at 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.



2018 Junior & Cadet World Championships

Date:	April 1-10, 2018
Location:	Verona, ITA
Selection Date:	Within 3 days of the conclusion of Cadet/Junior Pan Am Championships.

Selection Criteria

In each weapon the selection will be made as follows:

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 and Team Events in that weapon, provided they have been accepted to the HPP and 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 35% of a junior world cup
 - placed in the top 30% of a DIV 1 NAC or July Challenge 2017
 - placed in the top 25% of a junior NAC or July Challenge 2017

NOTE:

1) Athletes must be promoted from the pool round in order to meet the criteria.

- 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 Ranking, provided they have achieved one of the following results during the selection period:
 - Achieved junior criteria;
 - placed in the top 30% of a European Cadet Circuit event;
 - placed in the top 25% of a Cadet NAC or July Challenge 2017



Team (6 athletes – 1 per weapon)

- The top athlete in each weapon in the HPP ranking on the selection date will be selected for the cadet mixed team event.

NOTE: Athletes must be promoted from the pool round in order to meet the criteria.

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 for cadets or Junior World Cups for juniors);

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

2. by the best result by placement at a designated EFC for cadets or a designated Junior world cup 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.



2018 Youth Olympic Games

Date:	Oct 6-12, 2018
Location:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Selection Date:	After the completion of the 2018 Cadet World Championships.

Selection Criteria

Athletes must qualify for the Youth Olympic Games based on the 2018 Cadet World Championships as per the rules outlined by the FIE:

<http://static.fie.org/uploads/16/83635-2016-12%20-%20Buenos%20Aires%202018%20-%20Qualification%20System%20-%20FINAL%20-%20Fencing%20-%20EN.pdf>

If the number of athletes who qualify is larger than the Canadian Olympic Committee athlete quota allocated to fencing for the Youth Olympic Games then athletes will be selected based on the highest results by placing at the 2018 Cadet World Championships.

Tie Breaking

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

1. The highest ranked fencer in the Cadet HPP rankings;

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

2. Athlete with the highest point total in the Cadet HPP rankings;

Should a tie still exist, the athletes will be selected by the HPC based on recommendations from the national coaches.

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

Canadian Events (Canada Cup, Nationals, Selection Competitions)*				NACs				
	<i>Cadet</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>		<i>Cadet</i>	<i>Junior</i>		<i>Senior</i>
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					

*These points are only awarded if a repechage bout was fenced to achieve this result.

*Points are given to all athletes who compete in Canada Cups

Junior World Cups	
	<i>Junior</i>
1	300
2	240
3	205
5-8	170
9-16	150
17-32	100
33-64	50
European Circuit	
	<i>Cadet</i>
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 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.