



CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION WHEELCHAIR FENCING

Selection Policies



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INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains the selection policies, which will be used to select athletes for the High Performance Wheelchair Fencing Program (HPWFP) and projects within the HPWFP during the 2018-19 season.

The objective of the 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 direction of 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 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 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 National Coach for all major Championships meets the criteria published in this Handbook. The HPSRC for each weapon will consist of:

1. the High Performance Director (HPD);
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 HPWFP 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 HPD and National Coach. All exemptions will be communicated with the National Coach.
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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HIGH PERFORMANCE WHEELCHAIR FENCING PROGRAM (HPWFP)

The Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) has a High Performance Director 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 High Performance Director. 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 expected 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 the National Coach will result in the athlete being removed from the HPWFP.

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 HPWFP will be assessed an annual HP fee of \$550. The purpose of this fee is to ensure program coordination.

1. HPWFP Application Procedures

In order to be eligible to apply for the HPWFP, an athlete must meet the above criteria and hold a validated CFF license for the 2018-2019 season. To be accepted in the HPWFP, 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 HPWFP will appear on the first Wheelchair HPP Selection Rankings to appear in November 2018. 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 National Coach 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 2017-2018 season;
2. failure to report their training activities on a regular basis as directed by the National Coach during the 2017-2018 season; or
3. violation of the CFF code of conduct during the 2017-2018 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.

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 2018-2019 CFF license;
2. have a 2018-2019 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 license.

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 an NTP. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective websites before booking flights:

NAC – USFA: 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 IWAS 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 World 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, athletes can be added to the entry list for international tournaments, however, all athletes will be charged a referee fee to cover the cost of a referee(s).

Entry Procedures: Fencers must **email the Chairperson of the Wheelchair Fencing Committee (lynnseguin@shaw.ca)** before the registration deadline to be considered for selection for an 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 7 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 fencers will be compiled as follows, with the HPD 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.

Withdrawals from an IWAS Competition: Withdrawals must be received at the CFF office by e-mail at hpd@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.** 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-mail with the withdrawal request **before** the scheduled competition.

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 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 (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.

4- 2019 Wheelchair Fencing World Championships

Date:	2019, September 24-30
Location:	South Korea
Selection Date:	2019, July 16th

Selection Criteria

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

Individual Selection:

Positions will be filled by the highest ranking fencers in the CFF Wheelchair Fencing HPP Selection Rankings, provided the athletes have achieved a minimum of **two Top 16** (in the same weapon) in the IWAS World Cup.

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 (minimum of 6 weeks) 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,

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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.

Team Selection (3 or 6 athletes)

The best two athletes, by the highest ranking in category A, and one athlete, by the highest ranking in category B in the same gender are qualified in the team event.

NOTE

Selections are conditional and based on the following:

- Athletes have submitted their training plan
- Athletes have submitted their competition plan
- Athletes have taken part in all mandatory training camps
- Exemptions may be requested and on discussed on a case-by-case basis once discussed between the High Performance Director and the National Coach

Confirmation of acceptance to the Wheelchair Fencing World Championships

Fencers are required to confirm their acceptance to the Wheelchair Fencing World 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.

5- 2019-2020 Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) criteria and nominations

The 2019-20 Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) selection criteria and nomination process will be made available and distributed to athletes by November 17th, 2018 at the latest, consistent with Sport Canada guidelines.

Please note that the carding cycle for 2019-2020 will be from October 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020.

CFF Selection Appeals Policy

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

<http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/Selection-Appeals-policy-Aug.-2018.pdf>

<http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/fce80828-pol-appel.doc.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.

Domestic Tournaments		
Competition	Location	Dates
National Championships	Quebec	2019, May 18
North American Cup		
NAC	Charlotte	2019, January 4-7
World Cups		
Competition	Location	Dates
WC#1	Kyoto, JAP	2018, Dec 13-16
WC #2	Sharja, UAE	2019, Feb 10-16
TC#1	Montreal	2019, Mar 12-15
WC#3	Pisa, ITA	2019, Mar 21-24
TC#2	Montreal	2019, May 14-17
WC#4	Sao Paolo, BRA	2019, May 20-26
WC#5	Warsaw, POL	2019, Jul 10-15
World Championships		
Training Camp	Canada - Asia	2019, Sept 6 - 20
World Championships	South Korea	2019, Sept 24-30

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 st		50
2 nd		40
3 rd		30
5 th		25
6 th		20
7 th		15
8 th		10
9 th	17 th	5

North American Cups

Chart 2

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

World Cups

Chart 3

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

World Championships

Chart 4

Point Grid		
World Championships:		
Placing		Senior
1 st		300
2 nd		250
3 rd		200
5 th	8 th	100
9 th	16 th	50

Updates

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