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# CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION

## Youth Program

### Selection Policies



# HANDBOOK



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## INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains the selection policies for the Canadian Fencing Federations (CFF), which will be used to select athletes at the Team event in the March NAC in Detroit.

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. Furthermore, it is the athlete's (and their personal coaches') responsibility to be familiar with the information within this document.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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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 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 fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "CFF Code of Conduct".
2. If the athlete is not an affiliate member of the CFF

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## CFF YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM 2018-2019

### Target Group

Athletes born in 2005 or younger at the Train to Train and Train to Compete LTAD stages of development.

### Enrollment

- No HP program enrollment is required. All Canadian U15 athletes participating in any of the selection tournaments with a valid CFF licence will be included into the Canadian Fencing Federation Youth National Team ranking.
- Athletes shall be excluded from the ranking list by a request from a parent or a personal coach should they believe that the participation in the Youth National Team selection process is inappropriate for the athlete's current LTAD stage of development.

### Selection Events

- From September 27 to 29, 2019, **U15 and Cadet Canada Cup**, Richmond, BC
- From November 8 to 11, 2019, **Y14 and Cadet NAC**, Milwaukee, WIS
- From January 24 to 26, 2020, **U15 and Cadet Canada Cup**, Gatineau, QC
- The best two results will count in the U15 ranking.
  - **U14 SYC**, Cobra Challenge, November 29 to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Secaucus, NJ
    - <https://member.usafencing.org/details/tournaments/3852>
  - **U14 SYC**, Capitol Clash, January 18 to 20, 2020, National Harbor, MD
    - <https://member.usafencing.org/details/tournaments/3855>
  - **U14 SYC**, Portland Super Youth Circuit, February 7 – 10, 2020, Beaverton, OR
    - <https://member.usafencing.org/details/tournaments/3863>

All eight (8) events count towards the ranking.

### Point grid:

	U15 Canada Cup	Cadet Canada Cup	SYC 14	Y14 NAC	Cadet NAC
1 <sup>st</sup>	25	50	60	80	180
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	40	45	60	140
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	25	30	35	100
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	10	20	25	30	80
9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	6	15	20	25	60
17 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	3	10	12	20	30
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 64 <sup>th</sup>	1	5	8	15	20



### **U15 National Athlete Selection**

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Y14 – Team A</b>	<b>Y14 – Team B</b>
<b>Date</b>	March 20-23, 2020	March 20-23, 2020
<b>Location</b>	Detroit	Detroit
<b>Selection Date</b>	February 15, 2020	February 15, 2020
<b>Athletes selected</b>	4	4

- Top four (4) athletes in the Canadian Fencing Federation U15 National Team ranking will be invited to represent Canada at the team event at the March NAC in Detroit
- If tied, the athlete who finished higher by placement in the Cadet November NAC will be invited. If a tie still exists, the athlete who finished higher by placement in the U15 November NAC will be invited.
- If an athlete invited to participate declines the selection, the next athlete in the Canadian Fencing Federation U15 National Team ranking will be invited.
- Athletes who accept the invitation and participated will be recognized as the Canadian Fencing Federation Youth National Team Members.
- All athletes who accept the invitation will receive a Canadian National Team jacket unless already received as the HP Program participants.
- The international project is self-funded by the participants.
- Parents or legal guardians of all athletes selected for the international project must sign a consent letter for children traveling abroad or travel together with the selected athlete.

### **Coach Selection**

- three (3) personal coaches who have athletes who have accepted the invitation and are ranked highest in the CFF U15 National Team selection ranking by the time of selection, will be invited to be the CFF Youth National Team international project coaches for the trip.
- If a coach of the highest ranked athlete declines the invitation or has already accepted the invitation in a different weapon/gender, the personal coach of the next highest ranked fencer will be invited.
- If personal coaches of all athletes selected for the international project reject the selection, the CFF HP Committee will select a coach for the trip.
- Selected coaches must have a valid CFF license.



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- The three (3) coaches who accept the selection to take part in the International event abroad will be recognized by the CFF as the 2019-20 CFF National Youth Development Coaches.
  - All coaches who accept the invitation will receive a Canadian National Team jacket unless already received previously.
  - One of the three (3) coaches selected will be designated the team manager for the trip.
  - If all three (3) coaches selected for the international project have no satisfactory experience to be a team manager for the international project, the CFF HP Committee will select an additional individual to act as team manager.
  - If all coaches selected for the project are all of the same gender, a team manager from the opposite gender will be selected.
  - The CFF will pay all travel expenses for all selected coaches and the team manager. All expenses must be approved by the CFF and be consistent with its travel and reimbursement guidelines.

In order to be certified as an official CFF coach, coaches must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Coaching Association of Canada in accordance with the COC Coach Recognition Policy.
- Have the certification « Competition Development » of the National Coach Certification Program <http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/UPDATED-1.2-AN-Fencing-Canada-Coach-Development-Model-20-fev-2019-1.pdf>
- Have completed the CFF Respect and Sport module: <http://fencing.ca/respect-in-sport/>
- Provide proof of criminal record check, or complete it through: <http://sterlingbackcheck.ca/Canadian-Fencing-Federation>