

2020/2021 Selection Booklet
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INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains the selection policies which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will use to select athletes who will represent Canada at the 2021 Junior and Cadet World Championships, as well as at the Senior Olympic Zone Qualification Tournament (OQT), Senior Pan Am Championships and the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games. This information will allow athletes and their coaches to develop 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 Director (HP Director) if they have questions about any elements linked to high performance.

Similarly, the dates of international selection competitions are accurate as of the date of publication of this Handbook, but dates and events may 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 is closely monitoring the evolution of COVID-19 at the national and international levels and its impact on the availability of the qualificative places for national teams or the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games.

With the exception of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to COVID-19, the CFF will follow the procedures enclosed within this Handbook. Where there are exceptional or unforeseen circumstances related to COVID-19, the CFF may make changes to the Handbook as necessary and notwithstanding the remaining clauses in this section.

The CFF has endeavoured to ensure that the contents of this Handbook are accurate in respect of the entire season.

In instances where changes are required, the HP Director, in consultation with the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC), reserves the right to make changes to this Handbook in its sole discretion. These changes may relate to selection for international competitions or events and will be necessary to ensure the selection of the most appropriate teams for each season's events.

Any changes to this Handbook shall be communicated directly to all High Performance Program (HPP) members.

This clause shall not be used to make changes to this Handbook 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

for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to a typographical error, lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on members 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 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)

- **JEAN-MARIE BANOS – COMMITTEE MEMBER**
- **MICHAEL PEDERSON – COMMITTEE MEMBER**
- **IGOR TIKHOMIROV – COMMITTEE MEMBER**
- **MONICA PETERSON – COMMITTEE MEMBER**
- **CHRIS KALANTZIS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE**
- **BENJAMIN MANANO – HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR**

HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION RATIFICATION COMMITTEE (HPSRC)

The High Performance Selection Ratification Committee (HPSRC) will ratify the final selections, and will ensure that the final team composition proposed by the National Coach for all World Championships, Pan-American Championships and Olympic Games meets the criteria published in this Handbook. The HPSRC will consist of:

1. the High Performance Director (HPD);
2. two (2) or three (3) members of the High Performance Advisory Committee.

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

1. If the athlete does not respect his yearly training and competition plan designated by the HPP. Exemptions can be requested in advance of a specific event. Exemptions will be granted on a case by case basis once discussed between the HP Director and the National Coach.
2. If the athlete has not fulfilled his responsibilities as identified in the “HPP Athlete Agreement”.
3. If the athlete has not fulfilled his 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

Athletes must demonstrate their abilities in order to be selected to participate in the different international events (World Cup, Pan Am and World Championships, Olympic Games) and contribute to their development. This booklet outlines the policies, procedures and selections for the following:

- Application to the High Performance Program;
- Selection of the National Teams (Cadet / Junior / Senior);
 - 2021 Pan American Championships (Senior);
 - 2021 World Championship (Cadet / Junior);
 - Selection for the 2021 FISU Games
- Selection for the Olympic zone Qualification Tournament (OQT);
- Selection for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games; and

HPP APPLICATION PROCEDURES

In order to be eligible for the HPP, an athlete must:

1. Hold a validated CFF license for the 2020-2021 season obtained from his provincial fencing association, at: <https://2mev.com/#!/listings/fencing-events-tournaments/CL-FENCING>;
2. Purchase a FIE license or an EFC license on the CFF website for the 2020-2021 season via the CFF Website;
3. Be a Canadian Citizen;
4. Complete the HPP application procedures (<http://fencing.ca/fr/php-inscription>); and,
5. Have no outstanding debts with the CFF.

Athletes who join the CFF HPP will be required to pay a registration fee of \$300 prior to October 31, 2020, or \$500 from November 1 to December 31, 2020 or \$750 after January 1, 2021, which will be used to coordinate the HPP. HPP athletes will appear on the CFF HPP Rankings.

NOTE

An athlete can be withdrawn from the HPP without warning if they violate the CFF Code of Conduct for a duration determined by the HP Director.

Each athlete, member of the 2019 National Team or identified "Excellence" and/or "NextGen" in 2020, will be provided with a CFF tracksuit the first time that they register for the CFF HPP. All athletes must wear this tracksuit for all World Cups, Grand Prix, Pan-American Championships and World Championships.

Should an athlete require a new tracksuit, the athlete will be charged a \$200 replacement fee.



NATIONAL Team SELECTION (CADET / JUNIOR / SENIOR)

Athletes selected to the National Team for an individual or team event are the athletes who will represent Canada at major international competitions. These may include, but are not limited to the Pan-American Championships, World Championships, Zone Olympic Qualification Tournament, Olympic Games and FISU.

The results from the competitions in Table 1 will establish the HPP Selection Ranking and will be used to select athletes for the National Teams.

Table 1

Cadet	Junior	Senior
Cadet HP Competition #1 (Winter 2021)	Junior HP Competition #1 (Winter 2021)	Senior HP Competition #1 (Winter 2021)
Cadet HP Competition #2 (Winter 2021)	Junior HP Competition #2 (Winter 2021)	Senior HP Competition #2 (Winter 2021)
HP Training Camp #1	HP Training Camp #1	HP Training Camp #1
HP Training Camp #2	HP Training Camp #2	HP Training Camp #2

HP Training Camps

Given the impact of COVID-19 on current public health conditions and also the fact that we do not want to encourage athletes to travel across the country, we propose a collaborative effort between clubs, provincial fencing associations and the CFF to organize HP Training Camps before March 21, 2021.

The objective of these camps will be to provide HP and non-HP athletes from each province or club with the opportunity to do a high volume of "HP Hits" (defined below), which is an indicator of fencing performance, and also be credited with 100 HP points in the HP 2020/2021 ranking for participation in a HP Training Camp.

A maximum of two (2) HP Training Camps will count towards the HPP Selection Ranking for each athlete.

These camps will be open and free of charge to athletes registered in the HPP but will be accompanied by a \$100 fee for fencers who are CFF licensees only. The HP Training Camps will be organized in compliance with the COVID-19 health regulations and protocols applicable to the region and club in which they are hosted.

The conditions for a club or province to host an HP Training Camp are as follows:

- Offer a HP Training Camp where athletes will be able to reach a minimum volume of 250 "HP Hits".

- DEFINITION OF "HP HITS": A hit executed (received or scored) against a fencer or equal or higher level at the intensity of a competition. There are several possible ways to count a HP hit:
 - In a 15, 5 or 45 hit match against an opponent of the **same or higher level**.
 - In a 15, 5 or 45 hit match against a **lower level** opponent with a time, score, task **constraint** defined by the head coach in charge of the HP camp.
 - Example to count the "HP Hits": Score: 15-14 = 29 "HP Hits" for both fencers; Score: 5-3 = 8 "HP Hits"; Score: 15-5 = 20 "HP Hits", etc.
 - The "HP Hits" are counted to allow athletes and coaches to track training planning. This monitoring also allows athletes' results to be compared to benchmarks.
- Several event formats can be proposed (Swiss system, competition system, etc.) to organize the HP Training Camp. The main thing is to be able to provide the athletes with a formula that allows them to reach at least 250 "HP Hits".
- Inform the CFF (hpd@fencing.ca) two weeks in advance of an HP Training Camp.
- Place the HP Training Camp registration system on the CFF website.
- Submit results sheets and photos (two (2) minimum) of the HP Training Camp to hpd@fencing.ca.
- The event must be managed and organized by the host club or provincial fencing association.

If any of the above conditions are not met for the organization of an HP Training Camp, HP points will not be credited to any athletes who attend the camp.

Special COVID-19 funding

Due to the impact of COVID-19, many clubs have had difficulty maintaining their normal activities. It was therefore decided that for each event organized, fifty percent (50%) of the profits will be redistributed to the host club or provincial fencing association after paying all costs (referees, etc.).

HP Selection Ranking Point System

Cadet, Junior and Senior

- Results (in terms of HP points) from the two Canadian events in Table 1 will count towards the HPP Selection Rankings.
- The two HP training camps in Table 1 will count towards the HPP Selection Rankings.

- **2021 Cadet and Junior World Championship Selections**

Selection for the 2021 Cadet and Junior World Championships will first be made on the basis of the selection criteria (see below) earned by the athletes. For any remaining spots, selection will be made on the basis of the HPP Selection Rankings and points earned in the respective categories.

Categories	Cadet	Junior
Date	April 2021	April 2021
Place	Cairo (EGY)	Cairo (EGY)
Selection Date	March 21, 2021	March 21, 2021

Number of selected athletes	3	4
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Selection Criteria

Cadet

Individual selection (3 athletes)

Athletes who, on the selection date, have qualified for either the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games or the individual event at the 2021 Junior World Championships will automatically be selected for the individual event at the 2021 Cadet World Championships.

Remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes on the CFF Cadet HP Selection Rankings provided they have achieved **at least one** podium finish in one of the events (Junior or Senior) of the 2021 HP competitions and **ranked in the top 6** in the HP ranking.

Junior

Individual and team selection (4 athletes)

Athletes who, on the selection date, have qualified for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games are automatically selected for the junior individual and team event of the 2020 World Championships.

Remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes on the CFF Cadet HP Selection Rankings provided they have achieved **at least one** podium finish in one of the events (junior or senior) of the 2021 HP competitions and **ranked in the top 6** in the HP ranking.

NOTES

Athletes who accept their Junior selection **must compete in both the individual and team events.**

Tiebreaker

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

1. By the best result (by placement) in the HP events

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

2. By the second-best result (by placement) in the HP events

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

3. By the 2019-2020 HPP selection ranking

NOTE

In consultation with the HP Director, the National Coach may refuse selection of an athlete who:

- Does not adhere to his annual training and competition plan as designated by the HPP,
- Fails to submit regular training reports as required by the National Coach.

Athletes must request exemptions in advance for a specific event. After discussion, the HP Director and HPAC may grant such exemptions on a case-by-case basis.

Confirmation of participation in the Cadet and Junior World Championships

selected athletes must confirm their participation in the world Championships within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving an email advising them of their selection. Confirmation of participation must be sent by email to the HP Director at hpd@fencing.ca. Failure to respond within this time period will be considered a refusal of selection.

Refusal of Selection

If an athlete declines a selection, the next ranked athlete on the HP Selection Rankings will be selected provided they have met at least one of the selection criteria.

Announcement

Following confirmation of participation, the final list of participants will be emailed to all athletes involved, their personal coaches and the National Coach.

- **2021 Pan Am Championships Selection - Senior**

Categories	Senior
Date	June 2021
Place	To be determined
Selection Date	June 1st, 2021
Number of selected athletes	4

Selection Criteria

The selection will be made according to the total number of points earned in the selection rankings:

Individual Selection (4 athletes)

All athletes who, on the selection date, are qualified for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games are automatically selected.

Any athlete who, on the selection date, is qualified for the Zone Olympic Qualification Tournament is automatically selected.

The remaining spots will be awarded to the highest ranked athletes on the Senior HP Rankings **provided they have achieved at least one podium finish in one of the two events of the 2021 HP competitions and ranked in the top 6** in the HP ranking.

Senior Team Selection (4 athletes)

All athletes who on the selection date are qualified for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games are automatically selected.

The remaining spots will be awarded to the highest ranked athletes on the Senior HP Selection Rankings **provided they have achieved at least one podium finish in one of the two 2021 HP competitions and ranked in the top 6** in the HP ranking.

The fourth spot may be filled by an athlete recommended by the National Coach, which must be approved by the HP Director and the HPC

The National Coach's recommendations shall be based on the following criteria:

- Total number of HP points;
- Performance in individual and team World Cup and Grand Prix events during the current season;
- Attendance at the National Team program;

- Discipline in competition, on and off the piste;
- Performance at the most recent Senior World Championships and Senior Pan American Championships; and,
- Improvement in competition as determined by the National Coach.

Tiebreaker

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

1. By the best result (by placement) in the HP events

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

2. By the second-best result (by placement) in the HP events

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

3. By the 2019-2020 HPP selection ranking

NOTE

In consultation with the HP Director, the National Coach may refuse selection of an athlete who:

- Does not adhere to his annual training and competition plan as designated by the HPP;
- Fails to submit regular training reports as required by the National Coach; or,
- Does not take part in the 2021 Pan-Am Championships preparatory training camp.

Athletes may request an exemption in advance for a specific event. After discussion, the HP Director and HPC may grant such exemptions on a case-by-case basis.

Confirmation of participation in the Pan-Am Championships

Selected athletes must confirm their participation in the Pan Am Championships within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving an email advising them of their selection. Confirmation of participation must be sent by email to the HP Director at hpd@fencing.ca. Failure to respond within this time period will be considered a refusal of selection.

Refusal of Selection

If an athlete declines a selection, the next ranked athlete on the HP Selection Rankings will be selected.

Announcement

Following confirmation of participation, the final list of participants will be emailed to all athletes involved, their personal coaches and the National Coach.

- **2021 FISU Games Selection**

Categories	senior
Date	August 18-29 2021
Place	Chengdu (CHN)
Selection Date	June 1 st 2021
Number of selected athletes	4

Basic prerequisites:

- Must be at least 18 years of age and no more than 25 years of age on December 31 of the year of the event (i.e. born between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 2003); and,
- Must be a student who is currently officially registered for a degree, diploma or certification

- from a university or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority in their country; or,
- Must be an alumni of the mentioned institutions who have graduated in the calendar year.

Selection Criteria

The selection will be made according to the total number of points earned in the HPP Selection Rankings.

Senior Individual Selection (4 athletes)

All athletes who on the selection date are qualified for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games are automatically selected.

Any athlete who, on the selection date, is qualified for the Zone Olympic Qualification Tournament is automatically selected.

The remaining spots will be awarded to the highest ranked athletes on the Senior HP Selection Rankings **provided they have achieved at least one podium finish in one of the two events of the 2021 HP competitions and ranked in the top 6** in the HP ranking.

Senior Team Selection (4 athletes)

All athletes who on the selection date are qualified for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games are automatically selected.

The remaining spots will be awarded to the highest ranked athletes on the Senior HP Selection Rankings **provided they have achieved at least one podium finish in one of the two events of the 2021 HP competitions and ranked in the top 6** in the HP ranking.

The fourth spot may be filled by an athlete recommended by the National Coach, subject to the approval of the HP Director and the HPC.

The National Coach's recommendations shall be based on the following criteria:

- Total number of HP points;
- Performance in individual and team World Cup and Grand Prix events during the current season;
- Attendance at the National Team program;
- Discipline in competition, on and off the piste;
- Performance at the most recent Senior World Championships and Senior Pan American Championships; and,
- Improvement in competition as determined by the National Coach.

Tiebreaker

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

1. By the best result (by placement) in the HP events

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

2. By the second-best result (by placement) in the HP events

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

3. By the 2019-2020 HPP selection ranking

NOTE

Athletes may request an exemption in advance for a specific event. After discussion, the HP Director and HPC may grant such exemptions on a case-by-case basis.

Confirmation of participation in the FISU Games

Selected athletes must confirm their participation in the FISU Games within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the email. Confirmation of participation must be returned to the HP Director at hpd@fencing.ca. Failure to respond within this time will be considered a refusal of selection.

Refusal of Selection

If an athlete declines a selection, the next ranked athlete on the HP Selection Rankings will be selected.

Announcement

Following confirmation of participation, the final list of participants will be emailed to all athletes involved, their personal coaches and the National Coach.

Zone Olympic Qualification Tournament (OQT) Selection

An athlete may be selected to the Zone OQT if a team or athlete is not already qualified for the Tokyo Games by March 31, 2021.

Category	Senior
Date	April 2021
Place	To be determined
Selection Date	April 5th, 2021

The selection will be made as follows:

The top ranked athlete on the FIE Rankings (**calculated from August 27, 2019 to March 8, 2020, and a date to be determined until April 5, 2021**) with a minimum of eight (8) FIE points (according to FIE point calculation rules).

Selection period: April 1, 2019 to **March 8, 2020, and a date to be determined until April 5, 2021.**

Tie-breaking

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

1. By the total FIE points earned between January 1 and March 31, 2020;

If a tie still exists after 1., the tie will be broken as follows,

2. By the best result in a World Cup or Grand Prix between January 1 and March 31, 2020;

If a tie still exists after 1. and 2., the tie will be broken as follows,

3. By the result at the World Cup in Budapest.

Alternative Selection Criteria

In the event that no athlete has eight (8) FIE points in the selection period, the selection will be made as follows:

- The athlete with the highest number of FIE points as of March 31, 2020 by counting the best three (3) World Cup results plus the best Grand Prix result.

Selection period: November 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

Tie-breaking

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

1. By the total of FIE points earned between January 1 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021;**

If a tie still exists after 1., the tie will be broken as follows:

2. By the best result in a World Cup or Grand Prix between January 1 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021;**

If a tie still exists after 1. and 2., the tie will be broken as follows:

3. By the result at the most recent World Cup or Grand Prix prior to the official selection date (**April 5, 2021**).

NOTE

In consultation with the HP Director, the National Coach may refuse selection of an athlete who:

- Does not adhere to his annual training and competition plan as designated by the HPP;
- Fails to submit regular training reports as required by the National Coach; or,
- Does not take part in a national training camp or in any preparatory camp to the Zone OQT.

Athletes may request exemptions in advance for a specific event. After consultation, the HP Director and HPC may grant such exemptions on a case by case basis..

Confirmation of participation in the Zone OQT

Selected athletes must confirm their participation in the OQT within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving an email advising them of their selection. Confirmation of participation must be sent by email to the HP Director at hpd@fencing.ca. Failure to respond within this time period will be considered a refusal of selection.

Refusal of Selection

If an athlete declines a selection, the next ranked athlete based on the above criteria will be selected.

Announcement

Following confirmation of participation, the final list of participants will be emailed to all athletes involved, their personal coaches and the National Coach.

2021 TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES

The CFF will identify eligible athletes as follows:

Individual Selection:

Athletes will be selected on the basis of the FIE Olympic qualification system.

<http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/123779-2020-05-08-Tokyo-2020-Revised-Qualification-System-Fencing-ENG.pdf>

Team selection:

- If a team qualifies for the 2021 Tokyo Games in accordance with the FIE Olympic Qualification System, the top 3 fencers on the FIE ranking **as of April 5, 2021** will be selected to the Olympic team provided they have earned at least thirty (30) FIE ranking points between April

1, 2019 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021.**

- If space remains available, the top ranked athletes on the FIE rankings as of April 5, 2021 will be selected to the Olympic Team provided they have earned at least eight (8) FIE ranking points between November 1, 2019 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021.**
- If space remains available, the athletes with the most FIE points based on the best three (3) World Cup results and the best Grand Prix result between November 1, 2019 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021 will be selected.**

Tie-breaker

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

1. By the total of FIE points earned between January 1 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021;**

If, after 1. a tie still exists, the tie will be broken as follows:

2. By the best result in a World Cup or Grand Prix between January 1 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021;**

If, after 1. and 2. a tie still exists, the tie will be broken as follows:

3. By the result at the most recent World Cup or Grand Prix prior to the official selection date (**April 5, 2021**).

Selection of alternate athletes

The selection of alternate athletes will be at the sole discretion of the National Coach and HP Director based on the following criteria:

- Team performances in the 2019-2020 **and 2020-2021** World Cup team events;
- **The top ranked athlete on the FIE Rankings (calculated from August 27, 2019 to March 8, 2020, and a date to be determined on April 5, 2021) who has not already been named to the 2020 Olympic Team;**
- CFF HPP Selection Rankings;
- Athlete's commitment to the program (see below *Performance Readiness*); and,
- Proven ability and willingness to work effectively and cooperatively in a team environment.

This athlete may replace any of the 3 athletes who participated in the individual event.

An alternate will only be selected if the Team is qualified.

Performance Readiness

The selection is conditional upon the respect by the athlete of the following:

- The training and competition plan approved by the Senior National Team Coach;
- Participation in a minimum of six (6) FIE competitions between April 1, 2019 and **March 8, 2020 and a date to be determined by April 5, 2021.** The 2019 Pan Am Senior Pan Am Championships and 2019 Senior World Championships are not included in the six competition count.
- **Participate, follow and report the PUSH program data for their weapon.**
- **Train a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days at a High Performance Training Centre, National Centre, or international or national training facility, recognized by the HP Director, between**

NOTE:

It is possible to request an exemption from one of the above performance readiness conditions. Exemptions may be requested in advance. Exemptions will be granted on a case by case basis after consultation between the HP Director and the National Coach.

REGISTRATION POLICY AT COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING CAMPS

North American Cup (NAC)

These competitions are open to any athlete with a CFF license.

However, since 2018, the United States Fencing Association (USFA) has required foreign athletes to pay a specific license fee for those who are not resident in the United States. Canadian athletes will be required to purchase this license when registering for a NAC.

The USFA does impose a minimum standard for Div. I and Junior NACs. They require that an athlete 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.

Athletes 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 website:

NAC – USFA: www.usfencing.org

FIE/EFC competitions

Only the CFF can register athletes for FIE and/or EFC competitions.

Therefore, to be eligible for selection for any FIE or EFC competition, an athlete must:

- Hold a valid CFF license for the current season;
- Hold a valid FIE and / or EFC license for the current season;
- Be a Canadian citizen; and,
- Have satisfied all the selection criteria published for the competition in question.

You can purchase your FIE and / or EFC license on the CFF website.

Athletes are responsible for:

- Travel arrangements to these competitions;
- Their own registration through the CFF;
- Confirming all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective websites before booking flights; and,
- Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an email confirming that they are registered.

All requests for registration for FIE/EFC competitions must be made as indicated in the sections below:

- **Registration fees:** A fee of \$200 will be applied for each FIE or EFC competition registration to cover the referee fees required in these tournaments. Athletes who register in a Senior World Cup or for the World Championships (Cadet, Junior or Senior) are exempt from these fees.
- **Registration deadline:** Twenty-one days (21) before the first day of competition. After this time late requests may be considered, and late fees will apply.
 - **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.
- **Team competition:** When this is the case, participation in the team event is strongly recommended. You can register in team events under the High Performance tab. For Senior the National Team coach will select the athletes. For Cadet and Junior the HPP Selection Ranking on the selection date will be used to select athletes to the team.
- **Withdrawals from an FIE/EFC Competition:** Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by email at hpd@fencing.ca at least eight (8) days prior to the first day of the competition. No other method of withdrawal is accepted. Athletes 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/EFC to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete at fault. Any exception to the payment of this fine will only be considered if the athlete is withdrawing due to a “force majeure” situation such as an injury or illness, which prevents the athlete from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor must accompany the withdrawal notice, which must be sent by email with the withdrawal request **before** the scheduled competition.
- Minor athletes (athletes under the age of 18 at the time of the event) participating in any of these events must be accompanied by an adult (parent, personal coach or another guardian as outlined in a letter sent to the CFF).

HP Training Camps

Registration for the HP Training Camps is open to all CFF licensees.

Registration is free for athletes who are members of the High Performance Program, however non-members of the HP Program will be assessed a \$100 registration fee.

INJURY / ILLNESS POLICY

The National Coach, in collaboration with the HP Director, may select from the National Team or for the OQT, an athlete who has been injured during a part of the season (minimum 6 weeks of absence), regardless of ranking, if within seven (7) days of the injury, and before an absence in competition, the athlete submitted to the CFF a report of injury accompanied by a recovery plan. The athlete must have been a member of the national team in their category in the previous two seasons.

<http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/Injury-Form-March-2016.pdf>

COACHING AND STAFF SELECTION POLICY

The CFF HP Director will serve as Team Leader for the 2021 Olympic Games and the 2021 Senior Pan American Championships.

The CFF HP Director and HPAC will select coaches for the 2021 Olympic Games from eligible coaches of the Senior National Team (including personal coaches) of qualified athletes.

The National Coach will coach at the 2021 Senior Pan American Championships.

The National Coach, in collaboration with the HP Director, will designate the coaches responsible for the various international competitions of the men's sabre program.

Personal coaches, after applying to the National Coach, can follow their athletes in individual Cadet and Junior events at various international competitions. The team events are supervised by the responsible coach designated by the CFF for the competition.

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 Introduction", "Competition Development" or "High Performance Competition" of the National Coach Certification Program <http://fencing.ca/fencing-nccp-coach-development-model/>;
- Have completed the CFF Respect and Sport module: <http://fencing.ca/respect-in-sport/> or the CAC_Safe Sport module: <http://fencing.ca/safe-sport/>; and,
- Provide proof of criminal record check, or complete it through:
 - <http://sterlingbackcheck.ca/Canadian-Fencing-Federation>

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

The purpose of this section is to present the criteria for the determination of the CFF/Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) recipients. The target audiences are athletes and coaches of HPP athletes who have access to the program.

For more information, please consult the documentation when available (December 2020) on the CFF website.

A new classification grid (see below) will be implemented that will determine, based on athletes' results, an "HP letter" that will be used to prioritize athletes.

HP Letter	Priority	Criteria	all competitions are senior excepted these identified differently						CFF Athlete Classification Grid	
A	1	1 of:	Medal at OG							
	2	2 or more of:	Medal in WC / GP	Top 8 in OG	Top 16 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 3 WC	TEAM: Gold medal Pan Am			
	3	1 of: and 2 of more of:	Medal in WC / GP	Top 8 in OG	Top 16 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 3 WC	TEAM: Gold medal Pan Am			
B	4	1 of: and 1 or more of:	Medal in WC / GP	Top 8 in OG	Top 16 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 3 WC	TEAM: Gold medal Pan Am			
	5	2 or more of:	Top 8 WC / GP	Top 16 in OG	Gold medal Pan Am	Top 25 FIE ranking	Gold Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 8 at OG / WC		
	6	1 of: and 1 or more of:	Medal in WC / GP	Top 8 in OG	Top 16 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 3 WC	TEAM: Gold medal Pan Am			
	7	1 of: 2 or more of:	Top 16 in WC / GP	Top 32 OG	Silver medal Pan Am	Top 32 FIE ranking	Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 10 at WC	TEAM: Gold Medal FISU	
	8	1 of: and 1 of:	Top 8 WC / GP	Top 16 in OG	Gold medal Pan Am	Top 25 FIE ranking	Gold Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 8 at OG / WC		
C	9	2 or more of:	Top 16 in WC / GP	Top 32 OG	Silver medal Pan Am	Top 32 FIE ranking	Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 10 at WC	TEAM: Gold Medal FISU	
	10	1 of: and 1 of:	Top 8 WC / GP	Top 16 in OG	Gold medal Pan Am	Top 25 FIE ranking	Gold Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 8 at OG / WC		
	11	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
	12	1 of: and 1 or more of:	Top 16 in WC / GP	Top 32 OG	Silver medal Pan Am	Top 32 FIE ranking	Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 10 at WC	TEAM: Gold Medal FISU	
	13	2 or more of:	Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
D	14	1 of: and 1 or more of:	Top 16 in WC / GP	Top 32 OG	Silver medal Pan Am	Top 32 FIE ranking	Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 10 at WC	TEAM: Gold Medal FISU	
	15	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
	16	1 of: and 1 or more of:	Top 64 WC / GP	Top 8 designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 Pan Am	Top 3 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 64 FIE ranking	TEAM: Olympic Team Selection		
	17	2 or more of:	Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
	18	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 64 WC / GP	Top 8 designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 Pan Am	Top 3 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 64 FIE ranking	TEAM: Olympic Team Selection		
E	19	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
	20	1 of: and 1 or more of:	Top 64 WC / GP	Top 8 designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 Pan Am	Top 3 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 64 FIE ranking	TEAM: Olympic Team Selection		
	21	2 or more of:	Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
	22	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 64 WC / GP	Top 8 designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 Pan Am	Top 3 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 64 FIE ranking	TEAM: Olympic Team Selection		
	23	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 96 WCH / WC / GP	Top 16 in designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 16 Pan Am	Top 80 FIE ranking			
F - Next Gen (U15/U17/U20 only)	24	1 of:	Top 16 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 (when cadet/junior)	Senior Nat Team (when cadet/junior)	300 HP points junior / cadet	20 junior FIE points	Top 8 FISU	TEAM: Top 4 JWCH	TEAM: Top 8 FISU	
	25	and 1 or more of:	Medal at OG							
			Medal in WC / GP	Top 8 in OG	Top 16 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 3 WC	TEAM: Gold medal Pan Am			
			Top 8 WC / GP	Top 16 in OG	Gold medal Pan Am	Top 25 FIE ranking	Gold Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 8 at OG / WC		
			Top 16 in WC / GP	Top 32 OG	Silver medal Pan Am	Top 32 FIE ranking	Medal FISU	TEAM: Top 10 at WC	TEAM: Gold Medal FISU	
			Top 32 WC / GP	Top 64 in OG	Medal in designated U23 / DIV1 NAC / other cocompetitions	Bronze medal Pan Am	Top 50 FIE ranking	TEAM: Top 12 at WC	TEAM: Medal Pan Am / FISU	
26	2 or more of:	Top 64 WC / GP	Top 8 designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 Pan Am	Top 3 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 64 FIE ranking	TEAM: Olympic Team Selection			
27	1 of: and 2 or more of:	Top 96 WCH / WC / GP	Top 16 in designated U23 / NAC DIV 1 / other competitions	Top 8 in NAC (cad/Jun/DIV1) / JWC / EFC cadet & U23 when athlete is cadet/junior	Top 16 Pan Am	Top 80 FIE ranking				

CFF SELECTION APPEALS POLICY

For information on the CFF Selection Appeals Policy, please refer the following link in English and in French:

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

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS

Overview

The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for International competition selections and CFF funding opportunities.

Athletes will be ranked by the points total that they have achieved in the designated selection competitions. **Only athletes who are part of the HPP will be ranked in the HPP Selection Rankings.**

High Performance Point Grids

The following point grids will be used to award selection points for designated National and International designated selection competitions in Table 1:

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Cadet HP points				
	World Championships	HP junior competition	HP cadet competition	HP camp
1st	400	55	35	100
2nd	350	37,5	25	
3th	300	30	20	
5th	250	22	18	
6th		20	16	
7th		18	14	
8th		16	12	
9th	150	14	10	
10th		13	9	
11th		12	8	
12th		11	7	
13th		10	6	
14th		9	5	
15th		8	4	
16th	7	3		
17-32th	110	5	2	
33-64th	75	2	1	

Points Junior HP				
	World Championships	HP senior competition	HP junior competition	HP camp
1st	400	75	55	100
2nd	350	60	37,5	
3th	300	45	30	
5th	250	30	22	
6th		28	20	
7th		26	18	
8th		24	16	
9th	150	22	14	
10th		20	13	
11th		18	12	
12th		16	11	
13th		14	10	
14th		12	9	
15th		10	8	
16th		8	7	
17-32th	110	4	5	
33-64th	75	2	2	

HP senior points			
	JO / Pan Am	HP senior competition	HP camp
1st	... 1pt FIE= 100 HP points; 0,5 FIE= 50 HP points; 0,38 FIE points= 0 HP point; 0,25 FIE points= 0 HP point	75	100
2nd		60	
3rd		45	
5th-8th		30	
9th-16th		20	
17th-32th		10	
33th-64th		5	
65th-128th			

NOTE:

Points are only awarded to an athlete in any competition if the athlete is promoted from the pool round.

Updates

In each weapon, the HPP Selection Rankings will be updated on the CFF website seven (7) days after each competition.