

# **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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*Translator’s Note: in the interest of clarity, the authors have chosen to use the masculine to represent both sexes.*



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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 Program (HPP) and projects within the CFF HPP during the 2018-19 season.

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

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.

## **CHANGE 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 person in charge of the HP program (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 the 2018-2019 season events.

Any changes to this Handbook shall be communicated directly to all National Team 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.



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## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

### HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (HPC)

Dominique Teisseire	Committee Member
Jean-Marie Banos	Committee Member
Lynn Seguin	Committee Member
Igor Tikhomirov	Committee Member
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### HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION RATIFICATION COMMITTEE (HPSRC)

The High Performance Selection Ratification Committee will ratify the final selections. They will ensure that the final team composition proposed by the Senior NTC's 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 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 HPD and Senior NTC's. All exemptions will be communicated with all the Senior 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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## **SELECTION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA**

### **CFF HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (HPP)**

The Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) has six Senior National Team Programs - one each weapon and gender.

The Senior National Team Coaches (NTC) are the recognized leaders of their national team program and work under the guidance of the High Performance Director and the CFF High Performance Committee. Each Senior NTC establishes the annual competition schedule, the training camp schedule, and plans the use of Integrated Support Teams (IST) at events for their program. The Senior NTC 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. Senior NTCs 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 Senior NTC on a regular basis (as defined by the Senior NTC) will result in removal from the HPP.

#### **1. High Performance Program Application Procedures**

In order to be eligible to apply for the High Performance Program, an athlete must meet the above criteria and hold a validated CFF license for the 2018-2019 season. To be accepted in the HPP, a fencer must also:

1. purchase a FIE license on the CFF web site for the 2018-2019 season;
2. complete the HPP Application Procedures; and
3. have no outstanding debts with the CFF.

Athletes accepted into the CFF High Performance Program must pay a registration fee of \$550 to be used towards program coordination. These fees can be paid online.

There are no registration deadlines, but after October 1 2018, registration fees will be \$650.

Those athletes who have applied to the HPP will appear on the first National Squad Selection Rankings to appear in September 2018.

**NOTE:** The Senior NTC will have final approval regarding all selections to the HPP. 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 2018-2019 season;
2. failure to report their training activities on a regular basis as directed by the National Coach during the 2018-2019 season; or
3. violation of the CFF code of conduct during the 2018-2019 season.



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Each HPP athlete will be provided with a tracksuit the first time that they register for the CFF HPP during the 2016-2020 quadrennial. All athletes must keep this podium suit until the conclusion of the 2020 season and wear it for all WC and any other team selections. Should an athlete require a new podium suit, the athlete will be charged a \$200 replacement fee.



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## 2. Selection and Criteria – National Squad

The national Team selection for the 2019 Pan-Am Championship, World Championship, Pan-Am Games and Universiades is a two-stage process:

1. First, the National Squad is selected based on the results in the events listed in the **Table 1**. Athletes will be ranked in the National Squad Selection Ranking.
2. Only those athletes who are selected for the National Squad will be allowed to participate in the National Team selection events listed in the **Table 2**.

Consequently, only the National Squad athletes will be ranked in the HPP Selection Ranking

**Note: Athletes selected for the 2017-2018 National Team and/or having met the 2017-2018 Senior Selection Criteria will automatically be selected for 2018-2019 National Squad.**

In each weapon, the Senior National Team Coach will determine the program of camps and competitions used to select athletes for the National Squad.

The National Squads will only be accessible to a limited number of athletes and will guide the National Team selection at the end of the year.

Each National Squad will be supported by the National Team Coach and/or previously identified coaches.

**Athletes are responsible for all costs associated with National Squad projects**, including airfare, ground transportation, accommodation, food and any individual competition entry fees.

Athletes will be invoiced and payment for any amount owed to the CFF is to be received prior to the event through the CFF on-line payment system, unless prior arrangements have been made with the CFF. If the athlete has overpaid or holds a credit, the balance will be retained by the CFF and used as a credit for following events. Credit balances will be refunded to the athlete at the end of the season.

Athletes will be sent invoices and statements by e-mail indicating the amount owed for each NTP. Athletes that have unpaid accounts will not be eligible to compete in events and any points so earned will not count towards HP selection rankings. The CFF imposes an interest charge for any amounts that are 30 days past due of 2.5% per month. Furthermore, any HPP athlete who has an outstanding balance with the CFF will not be selected for an NTP until all past due accounts have been settled.

**Carded athletes are reminded that they are required to take part in all National Squad Project (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 HPP and carding be revoked. Carded athletes who are still juniors may be exempted by the Senior NTC from a National Squad Project or a part thereof to focus on their preparation for the Junior World Championships.



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**Number of Athletes Selected on National Squad (in parentheses: athletes pre-selected through 2017-2018 criteria):**

*The maximum number of selected athletes varies by program:*

Women's Foil: 12 athletes (6)

Men's Foil: 7 athletes (2) + highest ranked cadet / junior in National Squad Ranking

Men's Sabre: 7 athletes (4) + highest ranked cadet / junior in National Squad Ranking

Women's Sabre: 7 athletes (3) + highest ranked cadet / junior in National Squad Ranking

Men's Epee: 7 athletes (2) + highest ranked cadet / junior in National Squad Ranking

Women's Epee: 10 athletes (6)

Should an athlete decline their selection for the National Squad, the National Team Coach may select the following athletes on the National Squad Selection ranking.

The National Team Coach may decide to add athletes to the National Squad. Any such choice must be approved by the High Performance Director.

It is strongly recommended that athletes already qualified for National Squad take part in competitions to prepare for the World Cup season.





### 3. List of Training Camps and Competitions National Squad Selection

Table 1

	Women's Épée	Men's Épée	Women's Foil*	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
<b>Competition / Camp 1</b>	San José (SAT)	San José (SAT)	Toronto	Milwaukee (NAC)	Reykjavik (SAT)	London (SAT)
<i>Dates</i>	21/10/2018	21/10/2018	8-13/9/2018	12-14/10/2018	7/10/2018	14/10/2018
<b>Competition / Camp 2</b>	Colmar (U23) *	Cincinnati (NAC)	Toronto	Barcelona (SAT)	Munich (U23) *	Munich (U23) *
<i>Dates</i>	3-4/11/2018	14-17/12/2018	10-18/10/2018	28/10/2018	24-25/11/2018	24-25/11/2018
<b>Competition / Camp 3</b>	Cincinnati (NAC)	Heidenheim (WC)		Budapest (U23) *	Charlotte (NAC)	Charlotte (NAC)
<i>Dates</i>	14-17/12/2018	11-13/1/2019		17-18/11/2018	4-7/1/2019	4-7/1/2019
<b>Competition / Camp 4</b>		Richmond, Senior Canada Cup				
<i>Dates</i>		25-27/01/2019				
<b>Senior HP Camp**</b>	Toronto	Vancouver	Toronto	Montreal	Montreal	Montreal
<i>Dates</i>	8-9/12/2018	28-29/01/2019	7-15/11/2018	1-2/12/2018	6-9/12/2018	27-30/12/2018

#### Men's Foil, Men's Sabre, Women's Sabre, Women's Epee

The best two of three results will count towards the National Squad Selection ranking, as will the HP Camp.

#### Men's Epee

The best three of four results will count towards the National Squad Selection ranking.

For the HP training camp, everybody who participate at the HP Camp earn 20 points in the National Squad ranking and HPP ranking.

#### Women's Foil

The participation in training camps is a selection criteria for National Squad.

*\* U23 competitions are held by the European Fencing Confederation (further information below).*

*\*\* This HP Camp will include the HP Competition which earns points towards the National Squad Selection Ranking.*

**Each National Squad athlete selection must be approved by the HPD.**



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## 4. Selection and Criteria – National Team

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the selection of the 2018-2019 Team Canada, a fencer must:

1. have a validated 2018-2019 CFF license;
2. have a 2018-2019 FIE license for Canada (consult CFF website to obtain an FIE license);
3. Be a Canadian Citizen.

### **2019 Pan-American Championships**

In each weapon the selection for the Pan-American Championships will be made as follows:

#### Individual Selection (4 Athletes):

Positions will be filled by athletes having participated in the National Squad and following the highest ranking in the CFF Senior HPP Selection Rankings.

If an athlete declines selection, the national coach will recommend an alternate athlete to be selected from the next highest ranking in the CFF Senior HPP Selection Rankings.

#### NOTE:

The NTC may select athletes, regardless of whether they have made criteria or not, 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:

- by the single best result (by points) among the selection competitions.

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

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

#### Team Selection (4 Athletes):

1. The top two (2) athletes in the senior HP ranking will be selected. To be eligible, the athletes must have followed the National Team program.
2. Remaining spots will be filled with athletes recommended by the national coach, approved by the HPC.

The NTC's recommendation will be made based on the following criteria:

- total number of points;



- performance at World Cups and Grand Prix individual and team events during the current season;
- following the National Team Program;
- discipline on and off the competition strip;
- performance at the previous Senior World and Senior Pan-American Championships;
- improvement in competition as determined by the NTC.

**NOTE:**

Selections are conditional on the selected athlete following their NTC approved training and competition plan, regularly submitting training progress reports in accordance with NTC guidelines and taking part in any pre-Senior Pan-American Championships and Senior World 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 Director and the NTCs.

**Confirmation of acceptance to the Senior Pan-American Championships**

Fencers are required to confirm their acceptance to the Senior Pan-American Championships team 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 NTCs.

<b>Date:</b>	June 2019
<b>Location:</b>	Canada
<b>Selection Date:</b>	After final National Team Project

**2019 World Championships**

In each weapon the selection for the Pan-American Championships will be made as follows:

**Individual Selection (4 Athletes):**

Positions will be filled by athletes having participated in the National Team Projects and following the highest ranking in the CFF Senior HPP Selection Rankings. To be eligible for selection, the athletes must have followed the National Team program and met **one of** the following criteria:

- Top 32 at 2018 World Championships;
- Earn 8 Senior FIE points (following the 2019 Pan-American Championships);
- Earn 40 Junior FIE Ranking points following the 2019 Junior World Championships;
- Team Qualification to World Championships (athlete selection to be done according to selection method defined below in “Team Selection”).



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If an athlete declines selection, the national coach will recommend an alternate athlete to be selected from the next highest ranking in the CFF Senior HPP Selection Rankings.

**NOTE:**

The NTC may select athletes, regardless of whether they have made criteria or not, 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.

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  - Top 32 at 2018 World Championships;
  - Earn 8 Senior FIE points (following the 2019 Pan-American Championships);
  - Earn 40 Junior FIE Ranking points following the 2019 Junior World Championships;
2. Remaining spots will be filled with athletes who met criteria and recommended by the national coach, approved by the HPC.

**If there are no 3 fencers selected for the individual event**, the Team could be eligible if the Team met **one of the following selection criteria**:

- Top 2 at 2019 Senior Pan-American Championships by team;
- Top 12 at 2018 World Championships by team;
- Top 12 at a 2018-2019 season Team World Cup.

If a Team met one of those criteria, 4 fencers will be selected for the individual event. The athlete selection follows «Team Selection».

The NTC's recommendation will be made based on the following criteria:

- total number of points;
- performance at World Cups and Grand Prix individual and team events during the current season;
- following the National Team Program;
- discipline on and off the competition strip;
- performance at the previous Senior World and Senior Pan-American Championships;



- improvement in competition as determined by the NTC.

**NOTE:**

Selections are conditional on the selected athlete following their NTC approved training and competition plan, regularly submitting training progress reports in accordance with NTC guidelines, and taking part in any pre-Senior Pan-American Championships and Senior World 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 Director and the NTCs.

**Confirmation of acceptance to the Senior World Championships Team**

Fencers are required to confirm their acceptance to the Senior World Championships team 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 NTCs.

<b>Date:</b>	July 2019
<b>Location:</b>	Budapest, Hungary
<b>Selection Date:</b>	After the senior Pan-American Championships



## 5. List of Competition for National Team Selection

The November World Cup is not part of the National Squad (except Women's foil) but National coaches can select athletes to participate. The points earned at this event doesn't count on the National Squad ranking but if an athlete makes top 64, he will be selected for the National Squad

Table 2

	Women's Épée	Men's Épée	Women's Foil	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
<b>NTP 1</b>	<b>Havana</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>Algiers</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
<i>Dates</i>	<i>11-13/1/2019</i>	<i>8-10/2/2019</i>	<i>23-25/11/2018</i>	<i>11-13/1/2019</i>	<i>25-27/1/2019</i>	<i>2-4/2/2019</i>
<b>NTP 2</b>	<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>Buenos Aires</b>	<b>Gdansk</b>	<b>Tokyo</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>Padua</b>
<i>Dates</i>	<i>8-10/2/2019</i>	<i>22-24/3/2019</i>	<i>11-13/1/2019</i>	<i>25-27/1/2019</i>	<i>8-10/3/2019</i>	<i>8-10/3/2019</i>
<b>NTP 3</b>	<b>Suzhou</b>	<b>Cali GP</b>	<b>Saint-Maur</b>	<b>Cairo</b>	<b>Sint-Niklaas</b>	<b>Budapest</b>
<i>Dates</i>	<i>22-24/3/2019</i>	<i>3-5/5/2019</i>	<i>25-27/1/2019</i>	<i>1-3/3/2019</i>	<i>22-24/3/2019</i>	<i>22-24/3/2019</i>
<b>NTP 4</b>	<b>Cali GP</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Turin GP</b>	<b>Anaheim GP</b>	<b>Seoul GP</b>	<b>Seoul GP</b>
<i>Dates</i>	<i>3-5/5/2019</i>	<i>17-19/5/2019</i>	<i>8-10/2/2019</i>	<i>15-17/3/2019</i>	<i>26-28/4/2019</i>	<i>26-28/4/2019</i>
<b>NTP 5</b>	<b>Dubai</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>Cancun</b>	<b>Saint-Petersburg</b>	<b>Tunis</b>	<b>Madrid</b>
<i>Dates</i>	<i>17-19/5/2019</i>		<i>1-3/3/2019</i>	<i>3-5/3/2019</i>	<i>10-12/5/2019</i>	<i>10-12/5/2019</i>
<b>NTP 6</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>Anaheim GP</b>	<b>Shanghai GP</b>	<b>Moscow GP</b>	<b>Moscow GP</b>
<i>Dates</i>			<i>15-17/3/2019</i>	<i>17-19/5/2019</i>	<i>24-26/5/2019</i>	<i>24-26/5/2019</i>
<b>NTP 7</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>Tauberbishofeim</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>
<i>Dates</i>			<i>3-5/3/2019</i>			
<b>NTP 8</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>Shanghai GP</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>
<i>Dates</i>			<i>17-19/5/2019</i>			
Pan-American Championships	<b>Canada, June 2019</b>					
World Championships	<b>Budapest (Hungary) July 2019</b>					

**Men's Epee:** Top 2 results from the 3 World Cups will count towards the senior HP ranking + the Grand Prix

**Women's Epee:** Top 3 results from the 4 World Cups will count towards the senior HP ranking + the Grand Prix

**Women's Foil:** Top 4 results from the 5 World Cups will count towards the senior HP ranking + best 2 out of 3 Grand Prix results.

**Men's Foil, Men's Sabre and Women's Sabre:** Top 3 results from the 4 World Cups will count towards the Senior HP ranking + both Grand Prix results

**Note: The High Performance Ranking will be updated and will only count the HP Camp points at the beginning of the National Squad period.**



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## **6. Participation Rules for International Competitions (NAC, World Cups, Grand Prix, Satellite and U23)**

- **North American Cup Events (NAC)**

These competitions are open to any Canadian athlete with a CFF and FIE license. The CFF does not make any selections for NACs. 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:

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

The organizers may impose additional qualification standards for participation (for example USFA-C classification for NACs, etc.). All athletes should verify with the organizers whether they are eligible to compete prior to making travel arrangements. A long lead-up time to these events is strongly recommended.

- **World Cups, Grand Prix and Satellite – FIE-Sanctioned Competitions**

Only the CFF can register fencers for FIE competitions. Consequently, all requests for registration for an FIE competition must be made as indicated in the sections below. Athletes are responsible for all costs associated to these competitions.

### **Minimum Qualification Standards:**

Satellite: No minimal qualification standard

World Cup and Grand Prix: To be eligible for an FIE-sanctioned World Cup or Grand Prix, athletes must be part of the National Squad. The 2018-2019 National Squad Selection Ranking (following the latest selection event) will be used as a reference to select participating athletes.

**Registration Deadline:** 35 days (5 weeks) before the first day of competition of any FIE competition. Any openings after the 35-day deadline will be given first come, first served, provided late fees are collected.

**Entry Procedures:** Fencers must complete the online request process on the CFF website before the registration deadline.

**Final 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.

**Withdrawal from an FIE Competition:** Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at [hpd@fencing.ca](mailto: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**



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**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-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 Senior NTCs.

**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**

- We remind **carded athletes** that they are obligated to take part in all National Team Projects (for which they have been selected) in their entirety. Any absence could lead to the senior National Team Coach to recommend their removal from the HPP and revocation of their carding.
- **Junior carded athletes** may be exempted from an NTP or a portion of an NTP by an NTC to focus on their preparation for the Junior World Championships.
- Athletes are responsible for all costs associated with NTPs, including airfare, ground transportation, accommodation, food and any individual competition entry fees.
- Athletes will be invoiced and payment for any amount owed to the CFF is to be received **prior** to the event through the CFF on-line payment system, unless prior arrangements have been made with the CFF. If the athlete has overpaid or holds a credit, the balance will be retained by the CFF and used as a credit for following events. Credit balances will be refunded to the athlete at the end of the season. Athletes will be sent invoices and statements by e-mail indicating the amount owed for each NTP.

Athletes that have unpaid accounts will not be eligible to compete in events and any points so earned will not count towards an HP selection ranking. The CFF imposes an interest charge for any amounts that are 30 days past due of 2.5% per month. Furthermore, any HPP athlete who has an outstanding balance with the CFF will not be selected for an NTP until all past due accounts have been settled.

### ***Vancouver Men's Epee World Cup***





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As host nation of the 2018 Vancouver Men's Epee World Cup, Canada is allowed to enter 20 athletes for the event. There is also a possibility for additional athletes to enter in order to round out incomplete pools. Selection for this event will be made following the priorities listed below:

1. National Squad members;
2. Senior HPP members in the order of the National Squad ranking;
3. The top-ranked athletes in the Junior HPP rankings;
4. Any remaining spots open to Canadian athletes will be offered based on the Senior Domestic Ranking at the registration deadline. Should any additional spots to fill incomplete pools be made available, the number of spots available will be published on the CFF website as soon as possible prior to the start of the competition.

To be invited on the National Squad after Vancouver World Cup, a minimum of top 64 is required.

- **Senior High Performance Training Camp**

Each program will organise a Senior High Performance training camps between September 2018 and January 2019. A competition will be held during this training camp with points that will count towards the High Performance ranking. The competition format is at the discretion of the National Team Coaches

- **U23 European Competitions (Open to All Ages), European Fencing Confederation-Sanctioned Competitions.**

There is another group of European competitions which offer strong development opportunities for senior athletes. Their format, and the number of participants make these better development opportunities than World Cups. They are an excellent first contact to the international scene. For more information on these competitions, please see the following site: <http://www.eurofencing.info/tournaments>

## **7. 2019 Pan-American Games – Selection and Criteria**

Location: Lima (Peru)

Date: August 2 to 11, 2019

Selection Criteria: Selection for this event will made following the priorities listed below:

Individual: Only **two athletes** will be selected for the 2019 Pan-American Games

1. The 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athletes on the HP ranking on June 1, 2019, member of the 2019 National Team who also qualified for the 2019 Pan-American and World Championships.
2. The 3rd ranked athlete on the HP ranking on June 1, 2019, member of the 2019 National Team who also qualified for the 2019 Pan-American and World Championships, should a spot remain available.



3. The 4th ranked athlete on the HP ranking on June 1, 2019, member of the 2019 National Team who also qualified for the 2019 Pan-American and World Championships, should a spot remain available.
4. The highest ranked athlete not a member of the 2019 National Team should spots remain available.

Team:

1. The third athlete to be selected for the team event will be the third highest ranked athlete on the HP ranking on June 1, 2019, member of the 2019 National Team who also qualified for the 2019 Pan-American and World Championships.
2. Should the 3rd athlete decline selection, the 4th highest ranked athlete on the HP ranking on June 1, 2019, member of the 2019 National Team will be selected.
3. Should the 4th athlete decline selection, the 5th highest ranked ranking on June 1, 2019, member of the 2019 National Team will be selected.

## **8. 2019 Universiades – Selection and Criteria**

Location: Naples

Date: July 3 to 4 2019

Positions will be filled by the highest ranking fencers in the Senior HP Selection Rankings and National Squad ranking, provided the athletes have met the following criteria during the 2018-2019 season:

1. Athletes must have competed in at least three international competitions prior to the 2019 University Championships (e.g. World Cup or Gran Prix events, satellites, German circuit, French circuit, EFC U23 events);
2. Athletes must have competed at the 2019 CFF University Championships.

Note: Selected fencers who are not part of the HPP program will have to pay an single HP event administrative fee (\$200) to the CFF.

### 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 points HP Selection Rankings.  
Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken as follows:
2. by the single best International result (by points) among the International selection competitions.

Athletes must also meet all FISU eligibility criteria.



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## 9. 2019-2020 Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Selection 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 31st, 2019 at the latest, consistent with Sport Canada guidelines.

Please note that the carding cycle for 2018-2019 will be from October 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020.

### **CFF Selection Appeals Policy**

For information on the CFF Selection Appeals Policy, please refer to 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>

## 10. High Performance Rankings

### **Overview**

The HP 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.



## 11. High Performance Points Grid

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

### HP Camp / Canada Cup

Point grid to award selection points for the Senior HP Training Camp:		
Ranking		Senior
1 <sup>st</sup>		100
2 <sup>nd</sup>		70
3 <sup>rd</sup>		50
5 <sup>th</sup>		30
6 <sup>th</sup>		25
7 <sup>th</sup>		20
8 <sup>th</sup>		15
9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	10
16 <sup>th</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup>	5

### North American Cups / U23 Competitions

Point grid to award selection points for the North American Cups:		
Ranking		Division 1
1 <sup>st</sup>		400
2 <sup>nd</sup>		350
3 <sup>rd</sup>		250
5 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	150
9 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	125
13 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	100
17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	50
25 <sup>th</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup>	30
33 <sup>rd</sup>	64 <sup>th</sup>	20

### World Cups / Grand Prix / Satellite (for designated competitions)

1 FIE pt = 100 HP pts

### Updates

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