

**Selection Booklet**  
**Men's Epee – Cadet / Junior / Senior**  
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## INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains the selection policies which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will use to select epee athletes who will represent Canada at the Junior and Cadet Pan Am Championships and World Championships, as well as at the Senior Olympic zone Qualification Tournament (OQT), Senior Pan Am Championships and the Olympic Games in 2020. 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 if they have questions about any elements contained within.

Similarly, the dates of international selection competitions are accurate as of the date of publication of this Handbook, but dates and events can and do change. Please verify competition details before making final travel arrangements. Furthermore, it is the athlete's (and their personal coaches') responsibility to be familiar with the information found in this document.

## CHANGES TO THIS HANDBOOK

The CFF has taken every possible step to ensure that the material in this Handbook will remain accurate for the entire season, but in instances where changes do occur, specifically to international selection competitions, the HP Director (in consultation with the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC)) reserves the right to make changes to this Handbook, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure the selection of the best teams for each season's events.

Any changes to this Handbook shall be communicated directly to all High Performance Program members. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials, which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.

The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this Handbook that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this Handbook rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected.

All changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.



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## **HIGH PERFORMANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)**

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## **HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION RATIFICATION COMMITTEE**

The High Performance Selection Ratification Committee will ratify the final selections. They will ensure that the final team composition proposed by the National Coach for all World Cups, 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 has not taken part in the mandatory training camps as described for the HPP prior to the competition. 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 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

In order to ensure that the various international events (World Cup, Pan Am and World Championships, Olympic Games) contribute to the development of the athletes, they must demonstrate their ability to be selected to participate. This booklet outlines the policies, procedures and selections for the following:

- Application to the 2019-2020 High Performance Program
- Selection of the National Squad (Cadet / Junior / Senior)
- Selection of the National Team (Cadet / Junior / Senior)
  - 2020 Pan American Championships (Cadet / Junior / Senior)
  - 2020 World Championship (Cadet / Junior)
- Selection for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games
- Selection for the Olympic zone Qualification Tournament (OQT)

## HPP APPLICATION PROCEDURES

In order to be eligible for the HPP, a fencer must:

1. Hold a validated CFF license for the 2019-2020 season;
2. Purchase a FIE license or an EFC license on the CFF website for the 2019-2020 season;
3. Be a Canadian Citizen
4. Complete the HPP Application Procedures (<https://events.fencing.ca/hpp/>);
5. Have no outstanding debts with the CFF;

The athletes joining the CFF High Performance Program will have to pay a \$550 registration fee, which is used to coordinate the program. The HPP athletes will appear on the HP rankings.

### NOTE

At any moment, an athlete can be withdrawn from the HPP if he violates the CFF code of conduct for a duration determined by the HPD.

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 end of the 2020 season and wear it for all World Cups, Pan-American Championships and World Championships. Should an athlete require a new podium suit, the athlete will be charged a \$200 replacement fee.



## NATIONAL SQUAD SELECTION (CADET / JUNIOR / SENIOR)

Category	Cadet	Junior	Senior
Qualification period	May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 – November 12 <sup>th</sup> 2019	May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 – November 12 <sup>th</sup> 2019	August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 – October 21 <sup>st</sup> 2019
Selection date	November 14 <sup>th</sup> 2019	November 14 <sup>th</sup> 2019	October 23 <sup>nd</sup> 2019
Number of athletes selected	9	9	10

The National Squad is the group of athletes selected for the designated Fédération Internationale d’Escrime (FIE) or European Fencing Confederation (EFC) competitions by the CFF (Chart 1).

Results earned in the competitions outlined in Tableau 1 will be used to establish the HP rankings.

### Athletes automatically selected to the National Squad as follows:

- Cadet
  - Athlete who were part of the 2019 Junior World Championships
- Junior
  - Athlete who were part of the 2019 Junior / senior World Championships
  - Athlete who were part of the 2018 / 2019 Senior National Squad
- Senior
  - Athlete who were part of the 2019 Senior World Championships
  - Athlete who achieved a senior criterion in the 2018-2019 season

### Selection confirmation for the National Squad

Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the National Squad by replying to the selection e-mail (hpd@fencing.ca) sent to fencer within 72 hours following its reception. If a reply is not received in this timeframe, it will be taken as a refusal of selection.

For cadet, selection on a National Squad requires the participation in **the Cadet European Circuit in Bratislava (Chart 2)**.

For Junior, selection on a National Squad requires the participation in **at least one (1) designated World Cup designated by CFF (Chart 2)**.

For senior, selection on a National Squad requires the participation in **at least two (2) designated international competitions (World Cup, Grand Prix) designated by CFF (Chart 2)**

### Selection refusal

If an athlete declines his selection, the next athlete in the HP ranking will be selected until the number of athletes has been reached.



Chart below shows the designated competitions for the National Squad qualification.

**Chart 1**

<b>Cadet</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Cadet Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	Junior Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	Training camp (2019, Aug - Nov)
Junior Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	Senior Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	Senior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept 28-30
Cadet Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Junior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Satellite – Oslo – Oct. 2019
Junior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Senior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Satellite – San Jose - Oct. 2019
Training camp (2019, Aug. - Nov.)	Training camp (Aug - Nov)	
Cadet NAC – 2019, Oct.	DIV 1 NAC – 2019, Oct	
Cadet NAC – 2019, Nov.	Riga World Cup – Nov. 2019	
Junior NAC – 2019, Nov.		

### **HP Ranking points system**

#### Cadet

- All four (4) Canadian competitions (Chart 1) will count in the HP ranking.
- The best two (2) results (in HP points) in designated NACs (Chart 1) will count in the HP ranking.
- One training camp designated in the chart 1 will count in the HP ranking.

#### Junior

- All four (4) Canadian competitions (Chart 1) will count in the HP ranking
- The best (1) result (in HP points) in designated competition (NAC or World Cup in chart 1) will count in the HP ranking
- One training camp (chart 1) will count in the HP ranking

#### Senior

- All competitions and training camp from chart 1 will count in the HP ranking

### **Points weighting for Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals**

- 50% of points (from the HP Point Grid) will be given for 2019 Canadian Nationals
- 100% of points (from the HP Point Grid) will be given for 2019 September Canada cup

### **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 (from the HP Point Grid) of the designated international competitions in the program (Chart 1).

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

2. By the best result (placing) at the one of designated international competition in the chart 1

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken



3. By the best result (placing) at the Canada Cup / Nationals in the chart 1 in the respective category

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

4. Tied fencers will be selected both on the National Squad.

### **Training Camps**

The Men's Epee program will organise two national training camps in 2019-2020

- August 30th – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019: Vancouver, Dynamo
- September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Toronto, Sword Players Fencing Club
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019: Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver

All HPP athletes attempting to qualify for the National Team, and all carded athletes, must participate in at least one of the three designated camps to validate their place on the national team.

Participation points (150 HP points) will be given to each fencer participating in one of the two camps. The points will be awarded in the HP ranking for each category. The points from a training camp can only be awarded once in the HP rankings.

However, points can be subtracted from the training camp points received for one or more of the reasons listed below. The point subtraction can occur in both camps as follows:

- 5 points for not respecting rules during the camp.
- 50 points per missing a half day.

Exemptions can be given by the National Coach and approved by the HPD.

### **Riga World Cup**

The first 12 athletes in the HP ranking, on October 1st, 2019, will be allowed to participate in this World Cup.

The athletes automatically qualified on the National Squad have priority to register in this World Cup.

If one of the 12 athletes declined in this World Cup, the next athlete in the HP ranking will be selected until the maximum number of athletes (12) can be selected.

Referees' fees are the sole responsibility of the selected athletes.

### **Note**

In collaboration with the High Performance Director, the National Coach can refuse an athlete's selection to the National Squad if the athlete:

- Does not follow his annual training plan or does not participate in the designated HPP competitions,
- Does not submit regular training reports as requested by the National Coach,
- Does not participate in the Men's Epee national training camps.



Athletes can ask for exemptions in advance for specific circumstances that may arise. After discussion, the HPD and the HPAC can allow those exemptions.

In collaboration with the High Performance Director, the National Coach may select an athlete on the National Squad who is not already qualified, provided the athlete meets the HP Training and Competition Plans.

## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION (CADET / JUNIOR / SENIOR)**

The National Team is the group of athletes that qualify for individual or team competition at major international competitions (Pan-American Championships, World Championships, Olympic Zone Qualification tournament, Olympic Games).

Only athletes on the National Squad are allowed to participate in the international tournaments in bold below.

Results in the competitions from Chart 2 will established the HP ranking and will be used to qualify athletes on the National Team.

**Chart 2**

<b>Cadet</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Cadet Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	Junior Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	2019, Pan Am Championships
Junior Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	Senior Nationals - 2019, May 17-21	2019, World Championships
Cadet Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Junior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Training camp (2019, Aug. - Nov)
Junior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	Senior Canada Cup - 2019, Sept. 28-30	<b>World Cup – Bern (Nov 22-24, 2019)</b>
Training camp (2019, Aug. - Nov.)	Training camp (Aug - Nov)	<b>World Cup – Heidenheim (Jan.10-12, 2020)</b>
Cadet NAC – 2019, Oct.	DIV 1 NAC – 2019, Oct	<b>Grand Prix – Doha (Jan. 24-26, 2020)</b>
Cadet NAC – 2019, Nov.	Riga World Cup – Nov. 2019	<b>World Cup – Vancouver (Feb 7-9, 2020)</b>
Junior NAC – 2019, Nov.	<b>World Cup – Heraklion – 2020, Dec. 14-15</b>	<b>Grand Prix – Budapest (Mar. 6-8, 2020)</b>
<b>European Circuit Cadet – Bratislava – Jan. 2020</b>	<b>Junior Canada Cup – 2020, Jan 24-26</b>	<b>World Cup – Buenos Aires (Mar 22-24, 2020)</b>
<b>Cadet Canada Cup – 2020, Jan 24-26</b>	<b>Senior Canada Cup – 2020, Jan 24-26</b>	<b>Grand Prix – Cali (May 1-3, 2020)</b>
<b>Junior Canada Cup – 2020, Jan 24-26</b>	<b>World Cup – Belgrade - 2020, Feb 1-2</b>	<b>World Cup – Paris (May 15-17, 2020)</b>
	<b>World Cup – Bale –2020, Feb 15-16</b>	



## HP Ranking points system

### Cadet

- The best four (4) out of six (6) Canadian competitions (in HP points, Chart 2) will count in the HP ranking
- The best two (2) results (in HP points) in designated NACs (Chart 2) will count in the HP ranking
- One training camp designated in the chart 2 will count in the HP ranking
- The result at the European Circuit in Bratislava will count in the HP ranking

### Junior

- The best four (4) out of six (6) Canadian competitions (in HP points, Chart 2) will count in the HP ranking
- The best three (3) out of five (5) in designated WCs and NAC ((in HP points, Chart 2) will count in the HP ranking
- One training camp designated in the chart 2 will count in the HP ranking

### Senior

- All competitions and training camp from the chart 2 will count in the HP ranking

### **Points weighting for Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals**

- 50% of HP points (from the HP Point Grid) will be given for 2019 Canadian Nationals
- 100% of HP points (from the HP Point Grid) will be given for 2019 September Canada Cup
- 125% of HP points (from the HP Point Grid) will be given for 2020 January Canada Cup
- **2020 Pan-American Championship selection – cadet, junior, senior**

Category	Cadet	Junior	Senior
Date	February/ March 2020	February/ March 2020	June 2020
Location	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
Selection date	February 17th 2020	February 17th 2020	June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020
Number of athletes selected	4	4	4

Points earned at the 2020 Senior Pan Am Championships **will count** in the HP ranking. However, points earned at the 2020 Junior and cadet Pan American Championships **will not count** in the HP rankings

### **Selection criteria**

The selection will apply as follows in the respective category, based on the total of points in the HP ranking:



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#### Cadet individual selection (4 athletes)

- Any athlete who, on the selection date, has qualified for an Individual event at the Junior 2020 Pan American Championship, will automatically be selected for the Individual event Cadet Pan American Championships.
- At the date of selections, remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the CFF Cadet HP Selection Ranking.

#### Junior individual and team selection (4 athletes)

- Athletes who was selected on the 2019 Senior World Championships (individual or team) and having achieved the 2018-2019 senior individual selection criteria will be selected.
- At the date of selections, remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the CFF Junior HP Selection Ranking.
- Athletes accepting their selection must participate in the individual and the team event.

#### Senior individual selection (4 athletes)

- Athletes who, on the selection date, are qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games are automatically selected.
- Athlete who, on the selection date, is qualified for the Olympic Qualification Zone Tournament is automatically selected.
- At the date of selections, remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the CFF senior HP Selection Ranking.

#### Senior team selection (4 athletes)

- Athletes who, on the selection date, are qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games are automatically selected.
- Thereafter, the athletes who, on the selection date, are ranked highest in the CFF Senior HP Selection Ranking will be selected for the team competition.
- The fourth place (4<sup>th</sup>) may be occupied by an athlete recommended by the national coach, approved by HPAC and HPD.

The recommendations by the National Coach must be based on the following criteria:

- Total number of HP points;
- Performances in individual and team events in World Cups and Grand Prix in the current season;
- Participation in the national team program;
- Discipline in competition, on and off the strip;
- Performances in the Senior World Championship and Senior Pan American Championships;
- Improvement in competition as judged by the National Coach.

#### **Tie-Breaking**

In each category, should two (2) or more fencers are tied with the same total of points, the tie will be broken as follows:



1. By the total of points (from the HP Point Grid) in designated World Cups, Grand Prix or European Circuit of the respective HP selection Ranking (Chart 2).

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

2. By the best result (by placement) in designated World Cups, Grand Prix or European Circuit (Chart 2);

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

3. By the best result (by placement) in the last designated World Cups, Grand Prix or European Circuit (Chart 2);

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

4. By the best result (by placement) in the before last designated World Cups, Grand Prix. (Chart 2).

### **Note**

In collaboration with the High Performance Director, the National Coach can refuse the selection of an athlete who:

- Does not follow his annual training plan or attend the HPP designated competitions,
- Does not regularly submit training reports as requested by the National Coach,
- Does not participate in the Men's Epee national training camps and does not participate at the preparatory 2020 Pan-American training camp.

Athletes can ask for exemptions in advance for specific events. Following a review, the HPD and the HPAC can provide exemptions if deemed warranted.

### **Confirmation of Participation in Pan American Championships**

Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the Pan American Championships by replying to the selection e-mail (hpd@fencing.ca) sent to fencer within 72 hours following its reception. If a reply is not received in this timeframe, it will be taken as a refusal of selection.

### **Selection refusal**

If an athlete declines his selection, the next athlete in the HP ranking will be selected.

### **Notification**

Following confirmations of participation, the final list is e-mailed to all concerned fencers, their personal coaches and the National Coach.

### **• 2020 Cadet and Junior World Championship selection**

Selection will be determined firstly by acquiring criteria (see below). Remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the HP ranking in each category.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Cadet</b>	<b>Junior</b>
<b>Date</b>	April 2020	April 2020
<b>Location</b>	Salt Lake City (USA)	Salt Lake City (USA)



Date of selection	After Cadet Pan Ams	After Junior Pan Ams
Number of athletes selected	3	4

### Point system for the HP ranking

The points from World championship will count in the HP ranking.

### Selection Criteria

#### Cadet

Individual Selection (3 athletes)

Any athlete who, on the selection date, has qualified for an Individual event at the 2020 Junior World Championships, will automatically be selected for the Individual event at the 2020 Cadet World Championships.

Remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the CFF Cadet HP Selection Ranking, provided they have achieved **at least one** of the following results during the 2019-2020:

- Achieved junior criteria;
- placed in the top 30% of a European Cadet Circuit event;
- placed in the top 25% of a Cadet NAC / July Challenge (2019)
- placed in the top 30% of a Junior NAC / July Challenge (2019)
- placed in the top 4 of the 2020 Cadet Pan Am Championships

#### Junior

Individual and Team Selection (4 athletes)

Athletes who was selected on the 2019 Senior World Championships (individual or team) and having achieved the 2019 senior individual selection criteria will be selected

Athletes who, on the selection date, are ranked the highest in the CFF Junior HP Selection Ranking will be selected for the Individual and Team Events in that weapon, provided they achieved **at least one** of the following results during the 2019-2020 season:

- placed in the top 35% of a Junior World Cup
- placed in the top 30% of a DIV 1 NAC / July Challenge (2019)
- placed in the top 25% of a junior NAC / July Challenge (2019)
- placed in the top 4 at the 2020 Junior Pan Am Championships

#### **NOTE**

Athletes accepting their selection **must participate in the individual and the team event.**



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### **Tie-Breaking**

In each category, should two (2) or more fencers are tied with the same total of points, the tie will be broken as follows:

1. By the total of points (from the HP Point Grid) in designated World Cups, Grand Prix or European Circuit of the respective HP selection Ranking (Chart 2).

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

2. By the best result (by placement) in designated World Cups, Grand Prix or European Circuit (Chart 2);

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

3. By the best result (by placement) in the last designated World Cups, Grand Prix or European Circuit (Chart 2);

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken

4. By the best result (by placement) in the 2020 Pan-American championship in the designated category

### **Note**

In collaboration with the High Performance Director, the National Coach can refuse the selection of an athlete who:

- Does not follow his annual training plan or participate in the designated HPP competitions,
- Does not regularly submit training reports as requested by the National Coach,
- Does not participate in the Men's Epee Program's national training camps and does not participate at the preparatory 2020 World Championships training camp.

Athletes can ask for exemptions in advance for specific events. Following a review, the HPD and the HPAC can provide exemptions if deemed warranted.

### **Confirmation of Participation in the Cadet and Junior World Championships**

Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the World Championships by replying to the selection e-mail ([hpd@fencing.ca](mailto:hpd@fencing.ca)) sent to all fencers within 72 hours following its reception. If a reply is not received in this timeframe, it will be taken as a refusal of selection.

### **Selection refusal**

If an athlete declines his selection, the next athlete in the HP ranking will be selected provided he/she completed one the selection criteria.

### **Notification**

Following confirmations of participation, the final list is e-mailed to all concerned fencers, their personal coaches and the National Coach.



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## 2020 TOKYO OLYMPIC SELECTION

The Canadian Fencing Federation will identify the 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/FINAL-2018-11-29-Tokyo-2020-Qualification-System-Fencing-eng-1.pdf>

### Team selection

- If a team qualifies for the Tokyo 2020 Games as per the guidelines of the FIE Olympic Qualification System, the 3 fencers who are ranked highest in the FIE ranking on April 1, 2020 will be selected to the Olympic team provided that they earned at least 30 FIE ranking points between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 .
- If there are still places available, the fencers who are ranked the highest in the FIE ranking on April 1, 2020 will be selected to the Olympic team provided that they earned at least 8 FIE ranking points between November 1st, 2019 and March 31, 2020.
- If there are still places available the athlete with the highest number of FIE points from his 3 best World Cups and one best Grand Prix result between November 1st, 2019 and March 31st, 2020 will be selected to the Olympic team.

### **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 most FIE points earned between January and March 2020

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

2. by the best single result (by place) at a World Cup or Grand Prix between January and March 2020;

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

3. by the result (by place) at the 2020 Buenos Aires World Cup.

### Selection of substitute athletes

The selection of alternate athletes will be at the discretion of the National Coach and the High Performance Director according to the following criteria:

- Performance in the Team World Cups in the 2019-2020 season
- The FIE ranking (calculated from August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- The CFF HP ranking
- The athlete's commitment to the program (see below *Performance readiness*)



- Demonstrated ability and willingness to work effectively and cooperatively in a team environment.

This athlete can replace any of the 3 athletes who fenced the individual event.

### Performance Readiness

All selections are conditional on the selected athlete following:

- The training and competition plan approved by the senior national team coach. An athlete must participate in at least 6 FIE competitions between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. The 2019 Pan Am and World Championships are not included in those 6 competitions.
- Participate in and follow the prescribed conditioning program for their weapon.
  - This program will be created by the National Weapon Coach and the S&C coach assigned to that weapon.
- Report and track their workouts on a regular basis per the program tracking sheet
- Attend all mandatory training camps

### **Note**

It is possible to request for an exemption for one the Performance Readiness criteria cited above. Exemptions can be requested in advance. Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis once discussed between the High Performance Director and the National Coach.

For an injury / illness, athlete must justify it by presenting a medical certificate given by a physician recognized by the CFF.

## **OLYMPIC ZONE QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (OQT)**

One athlete per weapon will be selected to the OQT for the events that have not qualified a team or an individual fencer on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

<b>Category</b>	Senior
<b>Date</b>	April 2020
<b>Location</b>	To be determined
<b>Selection date</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>

### Selection Criteria

The selection will be made as follow:

- The highest ranked athlete on the FIE ranking as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with a minimum of 8 FIE ranking points (According to the FIE points calculation rules)
  - Selection period: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

### Tie-Breaking



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

1. By the total of FIE points earned between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020;

If a tie still exists, it will be break,

2. By the best result (in placement) in a World Cup or Grand Prix between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

If a tie still exists, it will be break,

3. By the result (in placement) at the 2020 Buenos Aires World Cup

Should no athlete have earned 8 FIE points in the selection period, the selection will occur as follows:

- The athlete with the highest number of FIE points from their 3 best World Cup results and the best Grand Prix result
  - Selection period: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

### **Tie-Breaking**

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

1. By the total of FIE points earned between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020;

If a tie still exists, it will be break,

2. By the best result (in placement) in a World Cup or Grand Prix between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

If a tie still exists, it will be break,

3. By the result (in placement) at the 2020 Buenos Aires World Cup

### **NOTE**

In collaboration with the High Performance Director, the National Coach can refuse the selection of an athlete who:

- Does not follow his annual training plan or participate in the designated HPP competitions,
- Does not regularly submit training reports as requested by the National Coach,
- Does not participate in the mandatory Men's Epee national training camps and does not participate in the OQT training camp.

Athletes can ask for exemptions in advance for specific events. Following a review, the HPD and the HPAC can provide exemptions if deemed warranted.

### **Confirmation of participation in the OQT**

Fencer are required to confirm their participation in the OQT by replying to the selection e-mail ([hpd@fencing.ca](mailto:hpd@fencing.ca)) sent to all fencers within 72 hours following its reception. If a reply is not received in this timeframe, it will be taken as a refusal of selection.

### **Selection refusal**

If an athlete declines his selection, the next athlete following the same criteria will be selected.



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### **Notification**

Following confirmations of participation, the final list is e-mailed to all concerned fencers, their personal coaches and the National Coach.

## **REGISTRATION POLICY AT COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING CAMPS**

### **North American Cups**

Selection: Open to any Canadian athlete with a CFF license.

Since 2018, the United States Fencing Association (USFA) has required foreign fencers to pay a specific license fee for non-resident fencers in the USA. 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 a fencer have a “C” rating or higher to register for a Div. I NAC and may require a “B” rating or higher to register for a Junior NAC.

Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Before booking flights for NAC events, please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the USFA web site:

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

### **FIE / EFC competitions**

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

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

- o Hold a valid CFF license for the current season;
- o Hold a valid FIE and / or EFC license for the current season;
- o Be a Canadian citizen;
- o 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.

Fencers are responsible for:

- their own registration through the CFF (<https://events.fencing.ca/international-events/>)
- travel arrangements to these competitions.

Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective websites before booking flights. Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an e-mail 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, and 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. (<https://events.fencing.ca/international-events/>)
- **Team event:** When this is the case, participation in the team event is strongly recommended. You can register in team events under the High Performance tab: (<https://events.fencing.ca/international-events/>). The National Team coach will select the athletes for the senior team competition. In cadet and junior, the HP ranking, on the selection date, will be used to select athletes on the team.
- **Withdrawals from an FIE / EFC Competition:** Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at [hp@fencing.ca](mailto:hp@fencing.ca), at least eight (8) days prior to the first day of the competition. Voice mail is not accepted. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show up at the competition will be fined **\$1,500.00 and will be suspended from any future International selections until the fine is paid**. This is a fine assessed by the FIE/EFC to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete at fault. An exception to this fine will only 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.
- Minor athletes 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).

### **National Training Camps**

Registration for the Men's Epee Training Camps is open to all CFF licensees. A \$200 fee is applied when registering on the CFF event website.

Registration is free for athletes who are members of the High Performance Program.

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

Selection Date: After the 2020 January Canada Cup.

As host nation of the 2020 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. Senior National Squad members;
2. Junior National Squad members
3. At the date of selections, remaining spots will be filled by the highest ranked athletes in the CFF senior HP Selection Ranking.



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.

## **INJURY / ILLNESS POLICY**

The National Coach, in collaboration with the High Performance Director, may select from the National Squad, the National Team or the OQT, at any time of the year, 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 his category in the previous two seasons.

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

## **COACHING AND STAFF SELECTION POLICY**

The CFF High Performance Director will serve as Team Leader for the 2020 Olympic Games, 2019 Pan American Games, 2020 Pan American Championship.

The CFF High Performance Director and High Performance Advisory Committee will select coaches for the Olympic Games from eligible coaches of the Senior National Team (including personal coaches) of qualified athletes.

The National Coach will coach at the 2020 senior Pan American Championships.

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

Personal coach, after applying to the National Coach, can follow their athletes in individual cadet and junior event in various international competitions. The team events are supervised by the responsible Coach designated by the CFF for this 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 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>



## 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 the coaches of high performance athletes who now access or wish to access the program.

Fencers competing in 2020 Olympic/Paralympic events are eligible to be nominated for AAP support. For more information, please consult the documentation:

[http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/AAP-2019-20-FENCING-OLY-Para\\_aap-Final-EN.pdf](http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/AAP-2019-20-FENCING-OLY-Para_aap-Final-EN.pdf)

## CFF SELECTION APPEALS POLICY

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

<HTTP://FENCING.CA/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/SELECTION-APPEALS-POLICY-AUG.-2018.PDF>

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS

### OVERVIEW

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

Athletes will be ranked by the point total that they have achieved in the designated selection competitions. **Only athletes who are part of the HP program will be ranked in the HPP selection ranking.**

### HIGH PERFORMANCE POINT GRIDS

The following point grids will be used to award selection points for designated National and International designated selection competitions in chart 1 and in chart 2:

HP cadet points							
	World Championships	European Circuit	Junior NAC	Cadet NAC	Junior Canada Cup	Cadet Canada Cup	Camp
1st	400	320	150	110	55	35	150 (points of participation, possibility of subtraction of point)
2nd	350	250	120	80	37,5	20	
3rd	300	200	100	65	30	10	
5th-8th	250	150	75	50	22	7,5	
9th-16th	150	110	55	35	15	5	
17th-32th	110	75	37,5	20	10	3	
33th-64th	75	40	20	10	5	1	
65th-128th		20					
HP Junior points							
	World Championships	World Cup	DIV 1 NAC	Senior Canada Cup	Junior Canada Cup	Camp	
1st	400	320	200	75	55	150 (points of participation, possibility of subtraction of point)	
2nd	350	250	150	60	37,5		
3rd	300	200	120	45	30		
5th-8th	250	150	100	30	22		
9th-16th	150	110	75	20	15		
17th-32th	110	75	55	10	10		
33th-64th	75	40	37,5	5	5		
65th-128th		20					



HP senior points				
	World Cup / Pan Am / Worlds / Olympics	Satellite	Senior Canada Cup	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	120	75	150 (points of participation, possibility of subtraction of point)
2nd		100	60	
3rd		75	45	
5th-8th		55	30	
9th-16th		37,5	20	
17th-32th		20	10	
33th-64th			5	
65th-128th				

### **NOTE**

- Points are only awarded in any competition if promoted from the pool round.
- Points awarded based on the tableau below in respect of number of competitors in the following International competitions: Satellite; Junior NAC; Cadet NAC

> 100 and more competitors	100 % of points in the HP Point Grid
> 75 to 99 competitors	75 % of points in the HP Point Grid
> 50 to 74 competitors	50 % of points in the HP Point Grid
> 25 to 49 competitors	25 % of points in the HP Point Grid
> Less than 25 competitors	10 % of points in the HP Point Grid

### **Updates**

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