



CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION

Youth Program

Selection Policies



HANDBOOK



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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 2017-18 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 decisions 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 that are not National Team Projects (NTPs). Furthermore, it is the athlete's (and their personal coaches') responsibility to be familiar with the information within this document.



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HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION RATIFICATION COMMITTEE

The High Performance Selection Ratification Committee will ratify the final selections. They will ensure that the final team composition meets the criteria published in this Handbook. The HPSRC for each weapon will consist of:

1. the High Performance Manager (HPM);
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 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 HPM and NTC's. All exemptions will be communicated with all the National Team Coaches and athletes.
2. If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "CFF Code of Conduct".
3. If the athlete has outstanding debts with the CFF.

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CFF YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM 2017-2018

Target Group

Athletes born in 2003 or younger at the Train to Train and Train to Compete LTAD stages of development.

Enrollment

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

Selection Events

- November 3-5, 2017, U15 Canada Cup East (Markham, ON) **or** Canada Cup West (Regina, SK)
- November 10-13, 2017, Y14 NAC, Kansas City, MO, November 2017 SYC Cobra Cup, January SYC Capitol Clash (**Best 1 of 3**)
- January 19-21, 2018, U15 and Cadet Canada Cup, Quebec City, QC
- March 9-12, 2018, Y14 NAC, Baltimore, MD

Five (5) events count towards the ranking.

Point grid:

Point grid for designated selection events					
	Canada Cup East/West	Canada Cup U15 January 2018	Canada Cup Cadet January 2018	Y14 NAC* November 2017 SYC Cobra Cup SYC Capital Clash	Y14 NAC March 2018
1 st	12	24	36	48	60
2 nd	10	20	30	40	50
3 rd	8	16	24	32	40
5 th – 8 th	6	12	18	24	30
9 th – 16 th	4	8	12	16	20
17 th – 32 nd	2	4	6	8	10
33 rd – 64 th	1	2	3	4	5



Athlete Selection

- Selection date – 5 business days after the March 2018 Y14 NAC, currently scheduled for March 9-12, 2018.
- Top three athletes in the Canadian Fencing Federation Youth National Team ranking will be invited to represent Canada at an International event abroad in May-June 2018. (The location, dates and other details of the international project will be announced once confirmed.)
- If tied, the athlete who finished higher by placement in the March NAC will be invited. If a tie still exists, both athletes will be invited.
- If an athlete invited to participate in the international project in May-June 2018 declines the selection, the next athlete in the Canadian Fencing Federation Youth National Team ranking will be invited.
- Athletes who accept the invitation and participated in the international event abroad in May-June, 2018 will be recognized as the Canadian Fencing Federation Youth National Team Members.
- All athletes who accept the invitation will receive a Canadian National Team jacket unless already received as the HP Program participants.
- The international project is self-funded by the participants.
- Parents or legal guardians of all athletes selected for the international project must sign a consent letter for children traveling abroad or travel together with the selected athlete.

Coach Selection *

*The number of selected coaches is subject to change based on number of athletes attending the international event.

- Six personal coaches who have athletes who have accepted the invitation and are ranked highest in the CFF Youth National Team selection ranking by the time of selection, will be invited to be the CFF Youth National Team international project coaches for the trip abroad in May/June 2018.
- If a coach of the highest ranked athlete declines the invitation or has already accepted the invitation in a different weapon/gender, the personal coach of the next highest ranked fencer will be invited.
- If personal coaches of all athletes selected for the international project reject the selection, the CFF HP Committee will select a coach for the trip.
- Selected coaches must have a valid CFF license.
- The six coaches who accept the selection to take part in the International event abroad will be recognized by the CFF as the 2017-18 CFF National Youth Development Coaches.



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- All coaches who accept the invitation will receive a Canadian National Team jacket unless already received previously.
 - One of the six coaches selected will be designated the team manager for the trip.
 - If all six coaches selected for the international project have no satisfactory experience to be a team manager for the international project, the CFF HP Committee will select an additional individual to act as team manager.
 - If all coaches selected for the project are all of the same gender, a team manager from the opposite gender will be selected.
 - The CFF will pay all travel expenses for all selected coaches and the team manager. All expenses must be approved by the CFF and be consistent with its travel and reimbursement guidelines.