

# NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION BOOKLET 2024/2025 Senior

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This Handbook contains the selection policies which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will use to select the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2025 World Championships, 2025 Pan American Zonal Championships and other Senior international events during the 2024-25 season. This information will allow athletes and their coaches to develop their 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 (hpd@fencing.ca) if they have questions about any element contained within.

Similarly, the dates of international selection competitions are accurate as of the date of publication of this Handbook, but dates and events can and do change. Please verify competition details before making final travel arrangements. Furthermore, it is the athletes' (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 High Performance Director (HPD) 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 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.



### **ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION**

#### High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC)

The High Performance Advisory Committee will be consulted on the development and interpretation of the Selection Criteria and Booklet, and any subsequent changes to the Booklet. It will be comprised of the following members:

- The High Performance Director (Chair).
- At least three National coaches (one per weapon).
- One member with experience competing and/or coaching at the international level.
- One member representing the CFF Board of Directors.
- The CFF Executive Director.
- Any other additional member appointed by the High Performance Director on an ad hoc basis, when considered relevant to a specific issue.

#### High Performance Selection Panel (HPSP)

The High Performance Selection Panel will make the initial selections for all World Championships, Olympic Games, Pan American Zonal Championships and Pan American Games, and will be comprised of the following members:

- The High Performance Director (HPD) (Chair).
- The national coach (or designate) for the appropriate weapon.
- The Executive Director of the CFF.
- The President of the CFF or a representative of the CFF Board of Directors designated by the President of the CFF.
- One HPAC representative excluding the above mentioned members.

#### Panel Selection Criteria

The HPSP will use the following criteria to determine which athletes will be selected for a tournament:

- Performance potential (Next Gen athletes may be prioritized)
- Training commitment (Evidence of following a 20 hour per week training schedule)
- Designated National Team training camp commitment and participation
- Tournament commitment (number of events attended, tournament readiness)
- Contribution to team results
- Working relationship with national team program and coaches
- Past performance (results improving over athlete's career or significant career
- achievements World Cup finals)
- Disciplinary issues
- Demonstrates a strong athletic character that matches the values and behaviors of a member of Canada's national team, including, but not limited to, respect for other athletes and staff and professionalism in approach to training.



## **ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION**

#### Withdrawal from Selection

The HPSP panel reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from selection in the following cases:

- If the athlete does not respect the 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 by the HPD in consultation with the National Coach.
- If the athlete fails to meet specific performance readiness criteria communicated by the National Coach in writing such as: mandatory meetings, engagement with IST, respect for others.
- If the athlete has not fulfilled responsibilities as identified in the "HPP Athlete Agreement".
- If the athlete has outstanding debts with the CFF
- To conform with a decision made by the appropriate disciplinary body concerning a code of conduct breach.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

In the event of a perceived conflict of interest (for instance where an athlete under consideration for selection is a family member, personal student, or member of the same club as a panel member) the panel member will be substituted as follows:

- The HPD will be replaced with someone appointed by the CFF Executive Director.
- The National coach will be replaced with someone appointed by the HPD.
- The CFF Executive Director will be replaced by someone appointed by the President.
- The President of the CFF will be replaced with another member of the Board appointed by the Board.

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## **CFF SELECTION POLICIES**

Athletes must be registered in the High Performance Program (HPP) to be eligible to be selected to participate in all international events (FIE Satellite events, World Cups, European Fencing Confederation competitions, Pan American and World Championships). This booklet outlines the policies and procedures for the following:

- Application to the High Performance Program (HPP).
- Selection of HP athletes to the National Teams for:
  - \* 2025 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships.
  - \* 2025 Senior World Championships.
- Selection of HP athletes for designated Senior World Cups.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated Senior World Cups.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated FIE Satellite events.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated European Fencing Confederation U23 Circuit events.

## **CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Fencers must be Canadian citizens in possession of a valid Canadian passport and eligible to represent Canada by applicable selection deadlines to compete in any event requiring an FIE License (FIE Satellite World Cups, Senior World Cups, Grand Prix event competitions), or to be selected for any World Championships, World University Games, Pan American Zonal Championships, Pan American Games, or Olympic or Paralympic Games.

Permanent residents with a valid EFC license may register for European Fencing Confederation (EFC) international events only. Permanent residents will be selected for EFC events after eligible Canadian citizens and according to the current HP rankings

Fencers wishing to change nationality for FIE registration purposes must first contact the High Performance Director in writing indicating the desire to change representation to or from Canada with an explanation of reasons and any supporting documentation. Rules regarding change of country affiliation are governed by the FIE (please see FIE Administrative Rule 1.4 and FIE Statute 9.2).

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE FIE

#### **CFF Selection Appeals Policy**

In the event of a dispute over selection, athletes can find the *CFF Policy of Selection Appeals* through the link:

http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/Appeals-Policy.pdf

## **APPLICATION TO THE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (HPP)**

To be eligible for the High Performance Program, an athlete must:

- a. Hold a valid CFF license for the 2024-2025 season obtained from the provincial fencing association at <u>2024-25 CFF Memberships</u>
- b. Purchase a FIE license and/or an EFC license for the 2024-2025 season.
- c. Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- d. Complete the HPP application at <u>https://fencing.ca/hpp-application/</u> and,
- e. Have no outstanding debts with the CFF.

Please note that the CFF may reject an application to the High Performance Program or suspend an athlete's HPP membership, if there are adequate grounds to do so. Examples that may justify a rejection or suspension of HPP membership include, but are not limited to, outstanding financial debts owed to the CFF and any behaviour that violates the CFF Code of Conduct and Ethics. Any HP selection points earned during a suspension will not be awarded, even once the suspension is cleared.

**REGULAR REGISTRATION**: \$500.00 if paid on or before October 3, 2024. **LATE REGISTRATION**: \$650.00 if paid on or after October 4, 2024.

**NOTE:** Only results from competitions that begin following the completion of the HPP application and payment will be included in the HPP Rankings. Results from competitions before a completed application will not appear in the HPP Rankings (e.g., an athlete who registers and pays the \$650 fee on January 1, 2025, may count results from competitions starting January 1, 2025).

The CFF will ensure that HPP athletes are provided with an official CFF tracksuit once every four years. Athletes are obliged to wear the official CFF tracksuit when representing the CFF at international competitions, training camps, media events or as instructed by the National Coach or HPD. Replacement tracksuits may be purchased from the CFF for \$200.00.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS

The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for international competition selections and for CFF funding opportunities. Please see Appendix A for the High Performance Point Grid. Athletes will be ranked by their total points in the designated selection competitions in the current season.

Ties in the senior HP rankings will be broken as follows:

- By the best result (as defined by HP points) in the designated international competitions.
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent designated international competition.

## Only athletes who are registered in the High Performance Program will appear in the HPP selection rankings.

## **QUALIFICATION FOR 2025 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

## **2025 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Date: July 20-30, 2025
- Location: Tbilisi, GEORGIA
- Selection Date: May 26, 2025 (following the last designated World Cup of the season)
- Number of athletes: 4

To be selected for the 2025 Senior World Championship team, athletes must meet one of these criteria:

- 1. Two (2) finishes in the top 25% of the entry field of designated World Cups or Grand Prix events during the 2024-25 season. **OR**
- 2. One top 8 placement at the October 2024 or January 2025 USA Fencing Division I NAC AND one (1) finish in the top 25% of the entry field of a designated World Cup or Grand Prix event.

If, in any weapon, fewer than 4 athletes achieve these criteria, the High Performance Selection Panel (HPSP) will select additional team members as outlined below:

- If more than four athletes achieve these criteria, the selection will be based on total HP points in qualifying events as described in the points grid.
- If only four athletes achieve these criteria, these athletes will be selected, irrespective of their HP ranking.
- If only three athletes achieve these criteria, these three athletes will be selected, and the fourth athlete will be selected by the HPSP selection panel.
- If only two athletes achieve these criteria, these two athletes will be selected, and two athletes will be selected by the HPSP selection panel.
- If only one athlete achieves these criteria, this athlete will be selected, and three athletes will be selected by the HPSP selection panel.
- If no athlete achieves these criteria, the athlete with the most HP points accumulated during the season will be selected and the other three athletes will be selected by the selection panel.



## **SENIOR PAN AMERICAN ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Date: June 12 July 11, 2025 (TBD)
- Location: TBD
- Selection Date: Men's and Women's Epee:

May 13, 2025 IF Pan Am Championships begin <u>before</u> June 20, 2025 May 25, 2025 IF Pan Am Championships begin <u>after</u> June 19, 2025 (please see weapon criteria for further explanation) Men's and Women's Sabre: May 13, 2025 IF Pan Am Championships begin <u>before</u> June 20, 2025 May 25, 2025 IF Pan Am Championships begin <u>after</u> June 19, 2025 (please see weapon criteria for further explanation) Men's and Women's Foil: May 13, 2025

• Number of athletes: 4

To be selected for the 2025 Senior Pan American Zonal Championship team, athletes must meet one of these criteria:

- 3. Two (2) finishes in the top 25% of the entry field of designated World Cups or Grand Prix events during the 2024-25 season. **OR**
- 4. One top 8 placement at the October 2024 or January 2025 USA Fencing Division I NAC AND one (1) finish in the top 25% of the entry field of a designated World Cup or Grand Prix event.

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- If only three athletes achieve these criteria, these three athletes will be selected, and the fourth athlete will be selected by the HPSP selection panel.
- If only two athletes achieve these criteria, these two athletes will be selected, and two athletes will be selected by the HPSP selection panel.
- If only one athlete achieves these criteria, this athlete will be selected, and three athletes will be selected by the HPSP selection panel.
- If no athlete achieves these criteria, the athlete with the most HP points accumulated during the season will be selected and the other three athletes will be selected by the selection panel.



## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEWS

## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR EPEE

Senior

Best 1 result

(2024 Senior Nationals – Montréal, QC)

## Best 1 of 2 results

at designated USA Fencing North American Circuits

(Division I NAC)

## Best 1 of 3 results

at designated Grand Prix events

## **Best 4** results

at designated Senior World Cups before selection date\*

\*If Pan Am Zonal Championships are held June 11 - June 19, 2025, Men's Epee St. Maur, FRA and Women's Epee Nanjing, CHN
WILL NOT count for Pan Am Zonal Championship team selection.

\*If Pan Am Zonal Championships are held June 20 - July 11, 2025, Men's Epee St. Maur, FRA and Women's Epee Nanjing, CHN WILL count for Pan Am Zonal Championship team selection

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## **Designated Events – SENIOR MEN'S EPEE**

Competition	Start	End	City	Country	Age Group	HP Points
Senior Nationals – Canada Cup #1	18-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	Montréal	QC	Senior	1 of 1
North American Cup (NAC) #1	4-Oct-24	7-Oct-24	Atlantic City	NJ, USA	Division I	Best
North American Cup (NAC) #3	3-Jan-25	6-Jan-25	Kansas City	MO, USA	Division I	1 of 2
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Designated Grand Prix	24-Jan-25	26-Jan-25	Doha	QATAR	Senior	Best
Designated Grand Prix	14-Mar-25	16-Mar-25	Budapest	HUNGARY	Senior	1 of 3
Designated Grand Prix	9-May-25	11-May-25	Cali	COLOMBIA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	8-Nov-24	10-Nov-24	Berne	SWITZERLAND	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	21-Nov-24	24-Nov-24	Vancouver	CANADA	Senior	Best
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	6-Feb-25	8-Feb-25	Heidenheim	GERMANY	Senior	4 Result *See not
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	27-Mar-25	30-Mar-25	Marrakesh	MOROCCO	Senior	below
**Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team**	23-May-25	25-May-25	Saint-Maur	FRANCE	Senior	

#### NOTES:

\*\* St. Maur, FRA World Cup results **WILL NOT** count for Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 11-19, 2025.

\*\* St. Maur, FRA World Cup results **WILL** count for 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 20-July 11, 2025,

#### \*\*IN ALL CASES, St, Maur World Cup results may be counted among "Best 4 Results" for 2025 Senior World Championships team selection.



## **Designated Events – SENIOR WOMEN'S EPEE**

Competition	Start	End	City	Country	Age Group	HP Points
Senior Nationals – Canada Cup #1	18-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	Montréal	QC	Senior	1 of 1
North American Cup (NAC) #1	4-Oct-24	7-Oct-24	Atlantic City	NJ, USA	Division I	Best
North American Cup (NAC) #3	3-Jan-25	6-Jan-25	Kansas City	MO, USA	Division I	1 of 2
Designated Grand Prix	24-Jan-25	26-Jan-25	Doha	QATAR	Senior	
Designated Grand Prix	14-Mar-25	16-Mar-25	Budapest	HUNGARY	Senior	Best 1 of 3
Designated Grand Prix	9-May-25	11-May-25	Cali	COLOMBIA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	8-Nov-24	10-Nov-24	TBD	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	21-Nov-24	24-Nov-24	Vancouver	CANADA	Senior	Best
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	7-Feb-25	9-Feb-25	Barcelona	SPAIN	Senior	4 Results See Note
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	27-Mar-25	30-Mar-25	Marrakesh	MOROCCO	Senior	Below
**Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team**	23-May-25	25-May-25	Nanjing	CHINA	Senior	

#### NOTES:

\*\* Nanjing, CHN World Cup results **WILL NOT** count for Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 11-19, 2025.

\*\* Nanjing, CHN World Cup results **WILL** count for 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 20-July 11, 2025.

#### \*\* IN ALL CASES, Nanjing, CHN World Cup results may be counted among "Best 4 Results" for 2025 Senior World Championships team.



## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR <u>SABRE</u>

Senior

### Best 1 result

at CFF Canada Cup (domestic) competition

(2024 Senior Nationals – Montréal, QC)

Best 1 of 2 results

at designated USA Fencing North American Circuits (Division I NAC)

### Best 1 of 3 results

at designated Grand Prix events

#### **Best 4** results

at designated Senior World Cups before selection date\*

\*If Pan Am Zonal Championships are held June 11 - June 19, 2025, Men's Sabre Madrid, SPAIN and Women's Sabre Lima, PERU
WILL NOT count for Pan Am Zonal Championship team selection.

\*If Pan Am Zonal Championships are held June 20 - July 11, 2025, Men's Sabre Madrid, SPAIN and Women's Sabre Lima, PERU
WILL count for Pan Am Zonal Championship team selection



## **Designated Events – SENIOR MEN'S SABRE**

Competition	Start	End	City	Country	Age Group	HP Points
Senior Nationals – Canada Cup #1	18-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	Montréal	QC	Senior	1 of 1
North American Cup (NAC) #1	4-Oct-24	7-Oct-24	Atlantic City	NJ, USA	Division I	Best
North American Cup (NAC) #3	3-Jan-25	6-Jan-25	Kansas City	MO, USA	Division I	1 of 2
Designated Grand Prix	5-Dec-24	7-Dec-24	Orleans	FRANCE	Senior	
Designated Grand Prix	10-Jan-25	12-Jan-25	Tunis	TUNISIA	Senior	Best 1 of 3
Designated Grand Prix	2-May-25	4-May-25	Seoul	KOREA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	7-Nov-24	9-Nov-24	Algiers	ALGERIA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	23-Jan-25	25-Jan-25	TBD	TBD	Senior	Best
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	7-Mar-25	9-Mar-25	Padua	ITALY	Senior	4 Results **See Notes
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	28-Mar-25	30-Mar-25	Budapest	HUNGARY	Senior	Below
**Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team**	23-May-25	25-May-25	Madrid	SPAIN	Senior	

#### NOTES:

\*\*Madrid, SPAIN World Cup results **WILL NOT** count for Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 11-19, 2025.

\*\* Madrid, SPAIN World Cup results **WILL** count for 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 20-July 11, 2025.

\*\* IN ALL CASES, Madrid, SPAIN World Cup results may be counted among "Best 4 Results" for 2025 Senior World Championships team.

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## **Designated Events – SENIOR WOMEN'S SABRE**

Competition	Start	End	City	Country	Age Group	HP Points
Senior Nationals – Canada Cup #1	18-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	Montréal	QC	Senior	1 of 1
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North American Cup (NAC) #1	4-Oct-24	7-Oct-24	Atlantic City	NJ, USA	Division I	Best
North American Cup (NAC) #3	3-Jan-25	6-Jan-25	Kansas City	MO, USA	Division I	1 of 2
Designated Grand Prix	5-Dec-24	7-Dec-24	Orleans	FRANCE	Senior	Best
Designated Grand Prix	10-Jan-25	12-Jan-25	Tunis	TUNISIA	Senior	1 of 3
Designated Grand Prix	2-May-25	4-May-25	Seoul	KOREA	Senior	

Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	7-Nov-24	9-Nov-24	Algiers	ALGERIA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	23-Jan-25	26-Jan-25	TBD	TBD	Senior	Best
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	7-Mar-25	9-Mar-25	Heraklion	GREECE	Senior	4 Results See Notes
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	28-Mar-25	30-Mar-25	Cairo	EGYPT	Senior	Below
**Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team**	23-May-25	25-May-25	Lima	PERU	Senior	

#### NOTES:

\*\* Lima, PERU World Cup results **WILL NOT** count for Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 11-19, 2025.

\*\* Lima, PERU World Cup results **WILL** count for 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships team selection **IF** 2025 Pan American Senior Zonal Championships are held June 20-July 11, 2025,

#### \*\*IN ALL CASES, Lima, PERU World Cup results may be counted among "Best 4 Results" for 2025 Senior World Championships team selection.



## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR FOIL

Senior
<u>Best 1</u> result
at CFF Canada Cup (domestic) competition
(2024 Senior Nationals – Montréal, QC)
Best 1 of 2 results
at designated
USA Fencing North American Circuits
(Division I NAC)
<u>Best 1</u> of 3 results
at designated Grand Prix events
<u>Best 4</u> of 5 results
at designated Senior World Cups

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## **Designated Events – SENIOR MEN'S FOIL**

Competition	Start	End	City	Country	Age Group	HP Points
Senior Nationals – Canada Cup #1	18-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	Montréal	QC	Senior	1 of 1
North American Cup (NAC) #1	4-Oct-24	7-Oct-24	Atlantic City	NJ, USA	Division I	Best
North American Cup (NAC) #3	3-Jan-25	6-Jan-25	Kansas City	MO, USA	Division I	1 of 2
Designated Grand Prix	7-Feb-25	9-Feb-25	Turin	ITALY	Senior	Best 1 of 3
Designated Grand Prix	21-Mar-25	23-Mar-25	Lima	PERU	Senior	
Designated Grand Prix	16-May-25	18-May-25	Shanghai	CHINA	16-May-25	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	22-Nov-24	24-Nov-24	Hammamet	TUNISIA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	6-Dec-24	8-Dec-24	Takasaki	JAPAN	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	10-Jan-25	12-Jan-25	Paris	FRANCE	Senior	Best 4 of 5
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	6-Mar-25	9-Mar-25	Cairo	EGYPT	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	1-May-25	4-May-25	Acapulco	MEXICO	Senior	



## **Designated Events – SENIOR WOMEN'S FOIL**

Competition	Start	End	City	Country	Age Group	HP Points
Senior Nationals – Canada Cup #1	18-Oct-24	20-Oct-24	Montréal	QC	Senior	1 of 1
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North American Cup (NAC) #1	4-Oct-24	7-Oct-24	Atlantic City	NJ, USA	Division I	Best
North American Cup (NAC) #3	3-Jan-25	6-Jan-25	Kansas City	MO, USA	Division I	1 of 2
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Designated Grand Prix	7-Feb-25	9-Feb-25	Turin	ITALY	Senior	Best 1 of 3
Designated Grand Prix	21-Mar-25	23-Mar-25	Lima	PERU	Senior	
Designated Grand Prix	16-May-25	18-May-25	Shanghai	CHINA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	8-Nov-24	10-Nov-24	TBD	SERBIA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	6-Dec-24	8-Dec-24	Busan	SOUTH KOREA	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	10-Jan-25	12-Jan-25	Hong Kong	HONG KONG	Senior	Best 4 of 5
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	6-Mar-25	9-Mar-25	Cairo	EGYPT	Senior	
Designated Senior World Cup – Individual & Team	1-May-25	4-May-25	Acapulco	MEXICO	Senior	



## **REGISTRATION AND SELECTION POLICIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### DESIGNATED SENIOR WORLD CUPS AND GRAND PRIX EVENTS (FIE)

Only the CFF can register fencers for Senior World Cup competitions through the FIE website. 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).

**Entry Limitations**: CFF will select a maximum of 12 fencers for each designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix event. Only the Senior World Cups and Grand Prix events designated by the CFF and held before the team selection dates will be used for National Team selection for 2025 Senior World Championships and 2025 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships.

#### Only designated Senior World Cups and Grand Prix events will count for HP points.

**Registration deadline**: 25 days before the first day of competition of the designated Senior World Cup or Grand Prix competition.

**Entry Procedures**: HPP athletes can make entry requests online through the membership system. The link will be posted at <u>www.fencing.ca</u> under the High Performance tab.

**Team Event:** All fencers selected for a designated Senior World Cup must be prepared to participate in the team event and abide by the conditions outlined in the "<u>CFF Expectations of</u> <u>Athletes at International Competitions</u>". Fencers for the team event will be selected by the National coach.

**Selection Policies:** All selections for designated Senior World Cups and Grand Prix events will be made using the following criteria:

#### Only athletes listed on the High Performance rankings for that weapon are eligible for selection.

- 1. CFF will select a maximum of 12 fencers per weapon for each designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix event.
- 2. The top 8 athletes (with a minimum of 1 FIE point) on the FIE Senior rankings for that weapon will be selected.
- 3. The top 2 fencers on the HP Junior rankings not otherwise qualified will be selected.
- 4. Two (2) fencers on the HP rankings will be selected at the discretion of a committee of the High Performance Director, the Executive Director, and the National Coach.
- 5. For designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix events held in Canada, there will be specific selection criteria for the maximum of 30 fencers that the FIE allows the host nation. This selection process will be posted separately (2024-10-21).

## Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an email confirming that they have been registered.

### NON-DESIGNATED SENIOR WORLD CUPS AND SATELLITE EVENTS (FIE)

Only the CFF can register fencers for World Cup and Satellite competitions through the FIE website. 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).

**Entry Limitations**: CFF will select a maximum of 4 fencers for each non-designated World Cup or Satellite event. No referee will be required. Athletes are encouraged to enter non-designated World Cups and FIE Satellite events for experience and to improve their FIE rankings.

#### Non-designated World Cups and FIE Satellite events will NOT count for HP points.

**Registration deadline**: 25 days before the first day of competition of the non-designated World Cup or FIE Satellite event competition.

**Entry Procedures**: HPP athletes can make entry requests online through the membership system. The link will be posted at <u>www.fencing.ca</u> under the High Performance tab.

Selection Policies: All selections for the non-designated World Cups and FIE Satellite events will be made using the following criteria:

# Only athletes listed on the High Performance rankings for that weapon and age category are eligible for selection.

- 1. CFF will select a maximum of 4 fencers for each non-designated World Cup.
- 2. Athletes will be selected according to the Senior HPP rankings as of registration deadline.

Withdrawals from an FIE Competition: Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at hpc@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 event registration until the fine is paid. This is a fine assessed by the FIE to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete. Exceptions 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-mailed with the withdrawal request before the scheduled competition.

## Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an email confirming that they have been registered.



## EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION U23 (UNDER 23) COMPETITIONS (EFC)

Only the CFF can register fencers for EFC competitions. 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.

**Entry Limitations**: CFF will select a maximum of 3 fencers for any European Circuit. No referee will be required. Athletes are encouraged to enter EFC U23 events for experience.

#### European Fencing Confederation U23 Events will NOT count for HP points.

Registration deadline: 25 days before the first day of competition.

Entry Procedures: HPP athletes can make entry requests by email to hpc@fencing.ca

Selection Policies: All selections for the EFC U23 events will be made using the following criteria:

## Only athletes listed on the High Performance rankings for that weapon and age category are eligible for selection.

- 1. CFF will select a maximum of 3 fencers for each EFC U23 event.
- 2. Athletes will be selected according to the HPP rankings as of the registration deadline.

## Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an email confirming that they are registered.

Withdrawals from an EFC Competition: Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by email at hpc@fencing.ca, at least 14 days prior to the first day of the competition. Voice mail is not acacceptable. 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 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 Exceptions 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 a doctor must accompany the withdrawal notice, which must be sent by e- mail with the withdrawal request before 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.

## NORTH AMERICAN CUPS (USA FENCING)

#### North American Cups (NAC)

Division 1 North American Cups (Div I NAC) organized by USA Fencing are designated as international selection competitions for the Senior HPP Selection Rankings.

**Selection:** Open to any Canadian athlete with a CFF license. Fencers must purchase a foreign fencer membership with USA Fencing and comply with USA Fencing rules.

USA Fencing imposes a minimum standard for Division 1 NAC's. USA Fencing requires fencers to have an "A", "B" or "C" letter rating to register for a Division I NAC.

The CFF publishes a list of letter ratings earned in Canada annually and shares this information with USA Fencing.

https://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024-Classification-1.pdf

In addition, letter ratings may be earned by Canadian fencers at USA Fencing events throughout the year. These letter ratings will be used by USA Fencing for NAC competitions.

Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to North American Cup competitions. Before booking flights or hotels for NAC events, please confirm all dates, locations, and registration deadlines on the USA Fencing website here: USA Fencing



## **SELECTION PROVISION FOLLOWING DOCUMENTED INJURY / ILLNESS**

The National Coach, in collaboration with the HP Director, may select for the National Team or for a competition, an athlete who has been injured or ill during a part of the season, regardless of ranking, if within seven (7) days of the injury or illness, 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

#### **SAFE SPORT**

All athletes, parents of athletes under the age of 18, and coaches traveling to an event or taking part in the team's activities, are required to complete the Coaching Association of Canada <u>Safe Sport training</u> module, or the applicable program from <u>Respect in Sport</u>, complete the <u>Abuse-Free Sport online consent</u> form, and to familiarize themselves with the information on the <u>Safe Sport</u> page of the CFF website, including the CFF's <u>Safe Sport</u> <u>Policy Manual</u>.

## 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 HPP athletes and coaches of HPP athletes who have access to the program. For more information, please consult the documentation on the CFF website under the High Performance Program tab.



## **APPENDIX A: HIGH PERFORMANCE POINT TABLE**

## FOR SENIOR TEAM SELECTIONS ONLY

## **Grand Prix**

## Senior World Cup

PLACE	Senior World Championships	Division I NAC	Senior Canadian Nationals	
1	32 000	4000	500	
2	26 000	3000	400	
3	20 000	2000	300	
5 - 8	14 000	1000	150	
9 - 16	8000	500	75	
17 - 32	4000	250	0	
33 - 64	2000	100	0	
65 - 96	1000	0	0	

