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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 2024 Paris Olympics, the 2024 Senior Pan American Championships and other senior international events during the 2023-24 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 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 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 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.

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

- If the athlete does not respect his/her 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 has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the “HPP Athlete Agreement”.
- To conform with a decision made by the appropriate disciplinary body concerning a code of conduct breach.
- If the athlete has outstanding debts with the CFF.



### **Conflict 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 any and all international events (European Fencing Confederation competitions, Grand Prix events, World Cups, Pan American and World Championships, Olympic Games). This booklet outlines the policies and procedures for the following:

- Application to the High Performance Program (HPP).
- Selection of the National Teams for:
  - ✓ 2024 Senior Pan American Championships.
  - ✓ 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
- Selection of HP athletes for designated Senior World Cups and Grand Prix events.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated Senior World Cups and Grand Prix events.
- Selection of HP athletes for any EFC competitions.

## 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 (for example, Satellite World Cups, Senior World Cup individual and team competitions, Grand Prix events), or to be selected for any World Championships, World University Games, Pan American Zonal Championships, Pan American Games, Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic or Paralympic Games.

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)."

<https://static.fie.org/uploads/24/123121-ADMINISTRATIVE%20RULES%20ang.pdf>

<https://static.fie.org/uploads/29/147908-Statuts%20FIE%20fra%20%281%29.pdf>

### **CFF Selection Appeals Policy**

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

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



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (HPP)

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

- a. Hold a valid CFF license for the 2023-2024 season obtained from the provincial fencing association at <https://2mev.com/#!/listings/memberships>;
- b. Purchase an FIE license and/or an EFC license for the 2023-2024 season. These are available for purchase when purchasing a provincial membership;
- c. Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- d. Complete the HPP application at <https://fencing.ca/hpp-application/> and,
- e. Pay the HPP Registration fees detailed below;
- f. Have no outstanding debts with the CFF.

Registration fees are used to pay coordination and operation expenses of the HPP program.

HPP Registration fees for the 2023-24 season are:

**REGULAR REGISTRATION:** \$500.00 if paid on or before November 6, 2023

**LATE REGISTRATION:** \$650.00 if paid on or after November 7, 2023.

**NOTE:** In the case of late registration in the HP Program, only results from competitions that begin following the completion of the HPP application and payment will be included in the CFF HPP Rankings. Results from competitions obtained 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, 2024 will only be able to count results from competitions that take place starting January 1, 2024). Only athletes registered with the High Performance Program will appear on the CFF HPP Rankings.

The CFF will ensure that HPP athletes have been or will be provided with an official CFF tracksuit. Athletes will be obliged to wear the official CFF tracksuit when publicly representing the CFF (ex: international competition, training camps, media events) as instructed by the National Coach or HPD. Should an athlete require a replacement tracksuit, the athlete will be charged a \$200 replacement fee.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS

The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for international competition selections and CFF funding opportunities. Please see appendix A for the High Performance Point Grid.

Athletes will be ranked by the point total that they have achieved in the designated selection competitions. The HPP Selection Ranking will be reset at zero at the beginning of each season.



**Only athletes who are registered in the High Performance Program will be ranked in the HPP selection rankings.** The application process for the High Performance Program is in the previous section.

## Updates

In each weapon, the HPP Selection Rankings will normally be updated on the CFF website no more than seven (7) days after each competition.

## **CFF Expectations of Athletes at International Competitions**

The CFF values sport professionalism, teamwork, inclusion, dedication, and commitment from all staff, athletes, and volunteers. Based on these values we are clearly defining our expectations for all National team program members.

**Athlete Support (Individual and Team):** Any athlete who has been registered by the CFF to represent Canada in any weapon at any International Senior competition (including FIE World Cups, Commonwealth Championships, FISU Games), must:

1. Be physically present in the fencing competition area supporting the Canadian Team in that weapon during the Team competition day (regardless of whether the athlete is competing or not). No athlete will be exempted from the obligation to be present at the Team event (regardless of whether he/she is competing or supporting) unless approved by the National Coach and/or HPD (in writing) 14 days prior to the event, except in the case of a force majeure (i.e. injury requiring hospitalization, death in the family).
2. Wear a CFF Team Canada tracksuit jacket for the team event (both for the athletes who are fencing and those supporting).
3. For all senior World Cup team events, be present at the team dinner the night before the team competition unless instructed otherwise by the Team Coach. This applies to all athletes entered in the individual event.
4. Team Event: All fencers selected for a Senior World Cup event must be prepared to participate in the team event. The participating fencers will be responsible for paying the FIE team fees. The project coach at the competition will select fencers for the team event.
5. If an athlete is unable to adhere to the above rules, they are requested to contact the National Coach and the HPD at least 14 days prior to the event. Each case will be reviewed and will be approved by the National Coach and the HPD on a case-by-case basis.

### **The following exemptions will be potentially granted by the HPD and National Coach:**

- i. School exam - must have a letter on school letterhead from the instructor.
- ii. Athlete injury during the individual event.
- iii. Any other exceptional reason deemed valid by the National Coach and the HPD.

If an athlete fails to be present for the Team event (unless approved by the coach in charge of the team and HPD in writing), the HP Advisory Committee will impose appropriate consequences after consulting with the National Coach. These consequences may include, without being limited to, removal of HP points earned from that competition, removal of all international HP points





gained from that competition and previous international events, or removal from the HP program without reimbursement of fees.

## **QUALIFICATION FOR 2024 OLYMPICS & 2024 PAN AMERICAN ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **QUALIFICATION FOR 2024 PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES**

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE – FENCING

**This version of the INP Fencing was approved on May 4, 2023, as it relates to the Paris Olympic Games.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### Purpose

- The purpose of this Internal Nomination Procedure is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the Canadian Fencing Federation to select athletes and coaches to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games team.

#### Objectives

- This Internal Nomination Procedure was developed with the objective of selecting athletes and coaches with the potential to win a medal. In the event that no athletes who are eligible for selection have demonstrated the potential to win a medal, the objective is the highest possible position of finish at the 2024 Olympic Games.

#### Team Size

- The number of athletes nominated to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be determined by the number of quota spots qualified by Canada during the qualification process following the qualification process of the Fédération Internationale d’Escrime (FIE), as it appears in the FIE: <https://static.fie.org/uploads/28/140899- Olympic%20Games%20Paris%202024%20qualification%20system%20-%20Fencing%20-%20English.pdf>

### **DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

- The High Performance Director (HPD), in consultation with the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC), is responsible for developing and approving this Internal Nomination Procedure to determine which athletes will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the 2024 Olympic Games.
- The Canadian Olympic Committee mandates the Canadian Fencing Federation to determine the Internal Nomination Procedures for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the COC for the 2024 Games.



- The national team coaches are responsible to put forward nominations to the HPD of individual and team athletes in accordance with the criteria found in this Internal Nomination Procedure. All nominations, including alternates and staff, must be ratified by the HPD in consultation with the HPAC.
- The HPD is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the nomination process is fair and equitable for all eligible candidates.
- The HPD has the final authority over the nomination of the team.
- Where there is a lack of clarity or if unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in this Internal Nomination Procedure, a final and binding decision will be made by the HPD, in consultation with the HPSC.
- All Canadian Fencing Federation nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.

### **Decision-making power at the 2024 Games**

During the on-site competition period during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the decision-making power will be exercised by the HPD.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FIE**

This Internal Nomination Procedure is based on the rules and regulations of the FIE as currently known and understood and on the basis of the most recent information available to the Canadian Fencing Federation.

Any changes to this Internal Nomination Procedure because of a change to the rules and regulations of the FIE will be communicated by the Canadian Fencing Federation to affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible.

In such circumstances, the Canadian Fencing Federation will review and amend this Internal Nomination Procedure to comply with the new rules and conditions. Changes to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes and will be posted on the Canadian Fencing Federation's website.

The criteria of the International Fencing Federation can be found at this link:

<https://olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/paris-2024-olympic-games>



## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination to the COC for the Olympic Team selection, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen (in accordance with Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter).
- Hold a valid Canadian passport that expires after **February 11, 2025**.
- Must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements established by the FIE.
- Comply with all relevant FIE and International Olympic Committee (IOC) eligibility requirements.
- Be a member of the Canadian Fencing Federation High Performance Program as of **December 31, 2023**.

### International Fencing Federation Eligibility Requirements

- Respect the residency requirements established by the FIE.
- Hold a license in good standing with the FIE for 2023 – 2024.
- Must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements established by the FIE.

### National Sport Federation (NSF) Financial Requirements

- Be a member in good standing of the Canadian Fencing Federation as of **June 1st, 2024**.

### Alternate Athlete Requirements

- Alternate athletes selected must also comply with all the obligations contained in this document and must ensure that all administrative and financial obligations are fulfilled within 48 hours of notification of their pending team nomination.

### Doping Control Requirements

- Be available for sample collection and, if required to do so, have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by the Canadian Fencing Federation, FIE and/or the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) pursuant to the Canadian Sport Policy.
- The athlete or coach must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.

### NSF / COC Athlete Agreements

- In order to participate in the 2024 Olympic Games, all athletes, including alternates, must have signed the 2023-2024 CFF Athlete Agreement, COC Athlete Agreement, and IOC / Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation Form.



- Athletes and coaches must abide by the CFF Code of Conduct and all other Canadian Fencing Federation policies.

#### Other

- Athletes named to compete in the 2024 Olympic Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the Canadian Fencing Federation Team and the COC.
- Athletes named to the 2024 Olympic Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the FIE and IOC.

## **NSF SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Canadian Fencing Federation will identify the eligible athletes it will nominate as follows:

### **Individual Selection**

Athletes will be selected on the basis of the FIE Olympic Qualification System if the team does not qualify in a specific event:

<https://static.fie.org/uploads/28/140899-Olympic%20Games%20Paris%202024%20qualification%20system%20-%20Fencing%20-%20English.pdf>

### **Team Selection**

If a team qualifies for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games as per the guidelines of the FIE Olympic Qualification System, the three fencers who have earned the highest number of HPP ranking points (best 7 of 9 results by HPP ranking points, with a minimum of 4 Senior World Cups being counted) at FIE Senior World Cups, Senior World Championships, and Grand Prix competition between **April 3, 2023 to April 30, 2024** 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. The athlete with the best single result (by place) at a Senior World Cup or Grand Prix between **April 3, 2023 and April 1, 2024** will be ranked ahead;

Should a tie still exist,

2. The athlete with the best 2<sup>nd</sup> result (by place) at a Senior World Cup or Grand Prix between **April 3, 2023 and April 1, 2024** will be ranked ahead.



## Selection of Alternate Athletes

The selection of alternate athletes will be nominated in accordance with the following criteria and selected by a panel composed of members of the HPSC. The following criteria will be used as guidelines:

- Performance in the Senior Team World Cups in the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 seasons:
  - a) Indicator (Plus / Minus) at Team World Cup events.
  - b) Team win % with the athlete participating as a fencer (not substitute on the team) against top 5 FIE world ranked teams and 6 to 10 FIE world ranked teams.
- The athlete with the most HPP ranking points (best 7 of 9 results by HPP ranking points, with a minimum of 4 senior world cups being counted), calculated from **April 3, 2023 to April 1, 2024** who has not already been nominated to the 2024 Olympic Team.
- The athlete's commitment to the program (see *Performance readiness*).
- Demonstrated ability and willingness to work effectively and cooperate in a team environment, including the athlete's ability and willingness to follow team tactics and strategies.

In the team event, an alternate athlete can replace any of the three athletes who have been nominated to fence the individual event. An alternate will be selected only if the team is qualified.

### Performance Readiness

All nominations are conditional on the athlete following:

- The training, competition and training camp plan approved by the senior national team coach.
- An athlete must participate in at least 5 FIE senior competitions between **April 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024**. The 2023 Senior Pan Am Championships and Senior World Championships are not included in these 5 competitions.
- Report 2 times a month (every 2<sup>nd</sup> week) to the National Coach their personal training plan.
- Follow all proposed training camps designated by the National Coach from **April 1, 2024** to the Olympic Games.



## NOTES

It is possible to request for an exemption for one of the Performance Readiness criteria cited above. Exemptions can be requested in advance but must be requested **before April 1, 2024**. Exemptions will be granted on a case- by-case basis once discussed between the HPD and the National Coach.

For an injury/illness, an athlete must provide a medical certificate issued by a physician recognized by the CFF.

**If no Individual (based on FIE qualification requirements) or Team (based on FIE qualification requirements) qualifies for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024, the CFF will send one athlete per non-qualified weapon to the Zonal Championships (Date and Place TBD). The following will be used to select the athlete:**

- The athlete with the most HPP ranking points (best 7 of 9 results by HPP ranking points, with a minimum of 4 senior world cups being counted) earned at Senior World Cup, Senior World Championships and Grand Prix events **from April 3, 2023 to April 1, 2024** will be selected.

The HPP ranking points will be included in the High Performance Point Grid of the 2023/2024 Selection Booklet to be published at the beginning of the 2023-2024 season.

## INJURIES

If an athlete is injured (or ill), the Head Coach and the High Performance Director will consider the medical recommendations made by Nader Abdelkader (Canadian Fencing Federation Head Doctor) in making their final decision.

Injured or ill athletes will be tested to demonstrate their readiness as determined by the Head Coach in consultation with the athlete's personal trainer and the HPD. Such tests will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or a test or trials in observation.

The expected outcome of this test, which will take place in Canada, will be determined in advance. These athletes will not travel with the team unless the Head Coach and the HPD are satisfied that the athlete's performance is at the level that they were at when nominated for selection to the 2024 Olympic Team or that the athlete's performance will be at this level by the time they compete at the 2024 Olympic Games.

If, once at the 2024 Olympic Games, it is determined by the HPD that the athlete is not ready for the competition as a result of an injury or illness, or it is discovered that they have not disclosed an injury or illness that, on the basis of the opinion of team medical staff, will have a negative impact on their performance or may aggravate their injury or illness, the athlete may be withdrawn from competition. In this case, the alternate will be allowed to compete.



## Removal Of an Athlete Once Selected

- An athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team could be removed if the athlete is found to have committed a Code of Conduct violation by an independent disciplinary panel and that violation results in a suspension that will run through the Olympic Games, or the conduct would bring CFF's reputation into disrepute. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available at the following link:  
<https://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/CFF-Safe-Sport-Policy-Manual-March-29-2023.pdf>
- The CFF will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
- An athlete or coach will be removed from the team if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the CFF, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) they are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation or have been provisionally suspended by any Anti-Doping Organization that has jurisdiction over the athlete.

## **CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES**

As of **May 15, 2024**, the athletes to be nominated by the COC for a position on the 2024 Canadian Olympic Team will be determined.

In addition, on **May 15, 2024** the CFF shall determine the athletes it will select as alternates to the athletes it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2024 Canadian Olympic Team.

Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2024 Canadian Olympic Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, the CFF shall submit its list of athlete and alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2024 Canadian Olympic Team on **May 15, 2024**.

### Late Athlete Replacement Policy

- Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after **July 8, 2024** are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.
- Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline of **July 5, 2024** and the sport technical meeting for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall



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be replaced, subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIE regulations, by the highest ranked alternate (or alternates) in his or her event (or events).

## **AMENDMENTS & UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

*This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond the Canadian Fencing Federation's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.*

*In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the HPD will, where possible, consult with the HPAC to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the HPD shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.*

- The HPD reserves the right to amend the Criteria prior to the Final Nomination Date. The HPD may amend the Criteria under the following circumstances:
  1. When additional (or altered) information that is deemed relevant by the HPD to the Criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event Organizing Committee, Sport Canada, COC, the FIE, or any other relevant organization; and
  2. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the Criteria.
- Any changes made by the HPD are deemed to come into effect immediately upon publication on the CFF website. The HPD will publish the amended Criteria by whatever means and wherever the original Criteria were published.
- Any changes to this document must be communicated directly to affected athletes, their coaches and national team coaches.
- This clause must not be used to justify modifications after a competition or training camp that is part of these internal nomination procedures, unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.
- Changes to this document may be required due to a typographical error or unclear definition or wording.





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- In case of modification of this document, the CFF will inform the COC of the changes and reasons for these changes as soon as possible.
  - If unforeseen circumstances beyond the CFF's control prevent the HPD from fairly implementing this Internal Nomination Procedure as written, the HPD will have discretion to resolve the issue as he or she sees fit taking into account the factors and characteristics and circumstances that it considers relevant.
  - In cases where unforeseen circumstances make it difficult to apply the selection process fairly and objectively, the CFF Board, in consultation with the Executive Director, reserves the right to decide on the appropriate course of action.
  - The HPD reserves the right to review and modify any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the event of rule changes or policies of the FIE or the International Olympic Committee that have an impact on the selection criteria set out in this document.
  - In the event that the selection criteria are changed, the CFF will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

## APPEALS

- CFF nominations to the COC for the 2024 Paris Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the CFF Appeal Policy.  
<https://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/Appeals-Policy-2023.pdf>
- In accordance with CFF By-Laws, any disagreement involving a national team player and the CFF shall be heard by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SRDCC).
- A dispute must be filed by the athlete within 7 days of CFF's publication of the 2024 Paris Games Team – Definite Entry and Alternate List.

## GENERAL

- The Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games will be communicated through CFF official publications, posted on the CFF web site and distributed by email to 2023-2024 CFF HPP members.

## STAFF SELECTION

- Hold a valid Canadian passport that expires after February 11, 2025.



- Sign, submit and comply with the COC support staff agreement by June 24, 2024.
- The nominated team leader must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the COC's *Team Leader Position Description*.
- The HPD, in consultation with the HPC, has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including team leader, coach(s) for the 2024 Olympic Games.
- The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

## COACH SELECTION

- Member in good standing of CFF.
- Member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada.
- Have completed a criminal background check.
- Complete the "Respect and Sport" training available at this link: <http://fencing.ca/en/respect-and-sport/>
- Complete the «Make Ethical Decision » training available at the following link: <https://coach.ca/nccp-make-ethical-decisions>
- Must adhere to the CFF Code of Conduct.
- The CFF High Performance Director and High Performance advisory Committee will select coaches from the qualifying coaches of the Senior National Team (including personal coaches) of the Qualified Athlete. These coaches will then be appointed by the CFF for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
- Coaching accreditation **will be a prioritized as below:**
  1. The coaches of the senior national team.
  2. Personal coaches.
- Must comply with any other requirements or obligations imposed on coaches as found in this Internal Nomination Procedure.



## TIMELINE SUMMARY

DATE	
<b>May 4, 2023</b>	INP approved / circulated
<b>April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024</b>	Qualification period
<b>January 1, 2024</b>	Deadline to have signed the NSF Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct, submitted any documents as required in this Internal Nomination Procedure
<b>May 15, 2024</b>	Date team will be nominated
<b>May 17, 2024</b>	Date athlete must accept their nomination
<b>May 23, 2024</b>	Timeline or deadline for filing an Appeal
<b>May 30, 2024</b>	Date team will be nominated to the COC
<b>June 24, 2024</b>	Date to sign and return the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions
<b>July 8, 2024</b>	Start of late athlete replacement period



## 2024 SENIOR PAN AMERICAN ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date: TBD – June / July 2024**
- **Location: Costa Rica**
- **Selection Date: TBD**
- **Number of athletes: 4**

There are 3 paths for athletes to qualify for the 2024 Senior Pan American Championship team.

### **PATH 1 (For all events that Canada qualifies in for 2024 Paris Olympics)**

INP – Olympic Road map: same as the INP (both team and individual for any athletes or teams that qualify).

- **Team:** 4 athletes as set out in INP (fencers who have earned the highest number of HPP ranking points (best 7 of 9 results by HPP ranking points, with a minimum of 4 Senior World Cups being counted) at FIE Senior World Cups, Senior World Championships, and Grand Prix competition between **April 3, 2023 to April 30, 2024**).
- **Individual:** any athlete who qualifies for 2024 Olympics through the FIE rankings or the Zonal Qualifier will be selected to the 2024 Pan Am Championships

### **PATH 2 (For any event that Canada does not qualify for 2024 Paris Olympics)**

2023-24 HP Rankings – Grand Prix and Senior World Cups (designated selection events between November 2023 through May 2024). See list of designated events below.

- Best 4 of 5 Senior World Cups AND
- Best 2 of 3 Senior Grand Prix.

Athletes must have earned at least 1 FIE point in the designated selection events listed above to be eligible by these criteria. Thus, if only 4 athletes have earned 1 FIE point, they will be selected.

If more than 4 athletes have earned 1 FIE point, the top 3 athletes will be selected by HP ranking points; the 4<sup>th</sup> athlete will be selected by the High Performance Selection Panel (HPSP) from among those remaining who have earned 1 FIE point.

### **High Performance Selection Panel (HPSP)**

The High Performance Selection Panel will make the initial selections for all World Championships, Olympic Games, Pan American 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



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Directors designated by the President of the CFF.

- One HPAC representative excluding the above mentioned members.

### **PATH 3**

If fewer than 4 athletes have attained 1 FIE point in the designated selection events listed below, the High Performance Selection Panel (HPSP) will select the remaining members of the team in that weapon.

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

- The High Performance Director (HPD) (Chair).
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- 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.

Tiebreaker for Senior Pan American Championships selection:

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied on the Senior HP rankings, the tie 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.*



## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEWS (PATH 2 & 3 DESIGNATED SELECTION EVENTS)**

### **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR EPEE\***

#### **Designated Events – MEN’S EPEE\***

**November 10-12, 2023 - Senior World Cup, BERNE, SWITZERLAND**

**December 7-10, 2023 – Senior World Cup, VANCOUVER, CANADA**

**January 26-28, 2024 – Grand Prix de Qatar, DOHA, QATAR**

**February 22-24, 2024 – Senior World Cup, HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY**

**March 8-10, 2024 – WESTEND Grand Prix, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

**March 22-24, 2024 – Senior World Cup, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

**May 3-5, 2024 – Epee Grand Prix, CALI, COLOMBIA**

**May 17 – 19 – Challenge Monal Senior World Cup, PARIS, FRANCE**

#### **Designated Events – WOMEN’S EPEE\***

**November 10-12, 2023 - Senior World Cup, LEGNANO, ITALY**

**December 7-10, 2023 – Senior World Cup, VANCOUVER, CANADA**

**January 26-28, 2024 – Grand Prix de Qatar, DOHA, QATAR**

**February 9 - 11, 2024 – Senior World Cup, BARCELONA, SPAIN**

**March 8-10, 2024 – WESTEND Grand Prix, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

**March 22-24, 2024 – Senior World Cup, CHENGDU, CHINA**

**May 3-5, 2024 – Epee Grand Prix, CALI, COLOMBIA**

**May 17-19, 2024 – Senior World Cup, ABU DHABI, UAE**

**\*Please note that all events are subject to changes in dates and locations.**



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## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR SABRE\***

### **Designated Events – MEN’S SABRE\***

**November 9-12, 2023 - Senior World Cup, ALGIERS, ALGERIA**

**December 8-10, 2023 – Grand Prix NUOMA, ORLEANS, FRANCE**

**January 12-14, 2024 – Grand Prix, TUNIS, TUNISIA**

**February 9 - 11, 2024 – Senior World Cup, WARSAW, POLAND**

**March 1-3, 2024 – Trophée Luxardo Senior World Cup, PADUA, ITALY**

**March 22-24, 2024 – Senior World Cup, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

**May 3-5, 2024 – Grand Prix, SEOUL, KOREA**

**May 17-19, 2024 – Villa de Madrid Senior World Cup, MADRID, SPAIN**

### **Designated Events – WOMEN’S SABRE\***

**November 9-12, 2023 - Senior World Cup, ALGIERS, ALGERIA**

**December 8-10, 2023 – Grand Prix NUOMA, ORLEANS, FRANCE**

**January 12-14, 2024 – Grand Prix, TUNIS, TUNISIA**

**February 9-11, 2024 – Senior World Cup, LIMA, PERU**

**March 1-3, 2024 – Senior World Cup, ATHENS, GREECE**

**March 15-17, 2024 – Senior World Cup, SINT-NIKLAAS, BELGIUM**

**May 3-5, 2024 – Grand Prix, SEOUL, KOREA**

**May 17-19, 2024 – Senior World Cup, HAMMAMET, TUNISIA**

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## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR FOIL\***

### **Designated Events – MEN’S FOIL\***

**November 10-12, 2023 - Senior World Cup, **ISTANBUL, TURKEY****

**December 8-10, 2023 – Senior World Cup, **TOKYO, JAPAN****

**January 11-14, 2024 – Senior World Cup, **PARIS, FRANCE****

**February 9-11, 2024 – Grand Prix, **TURIN, ITALY****

**February 22-25, 2024 - Senior World Cup, **CAIRO, EGYPT****

**March 15-17, 2024 – Grand Prix, **ANAHEIM, USA****

**May 3-5, 2024 – Senior World Cup, **ACAPULCO, MEXICO****

**May 17-19, 2024 – Grand Prix, **SHANGHAI, CHINA****

### **Designated Events – WOMEN’S FOIL\***

**December 8-10, 2023 – Senior World Cup, **NOVI SAD, SERBIA****

**January 11-14, 2024 – Senior World Cup, **PARIS, FRANCE****

**February 9-11, 2024 – Grand Prix, **TURIN, ITALY****

**February 22-25, 2024 - Senior World Cup, **CAIRO, EGYPT****

**March 15-17, 2024 – Grand Prix, **ANAHEIM, USA****

**April 19-21, 2024 – Senior World Cup, **POZNAN, POLAND****

**May 3-5, 2024 – Senior World Cup, **TAUBERBISCHOFSCHEIM, GERMANY****

**May 17-19, 2024 – Grand Prix, **SHANGHAI, CHINA****

**\*Please note that all events are subject to changes in dates and locations.**





## 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 Cups and Grand Prix competitions through the FIE website. Consequently, all requests for registration for FIE competitions must be made as indicated in the sections below. 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 competition. Only Senior World Cups and Grand Prix competitions designated by the CFF will be used for National Team selection for 2024 Paris Olympics and 2024 Senior Pan American Championships.

**Registration deadline:** 21 days (3 weeks) 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 on at [www.fencing.ca](http://www.fencing.ca) 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 “CFF Expectations of Athletes at International Competitions” section of this booklet.

**Selection Policies: Only athletes listed on the High Performance Senior rankings for that weapon are eligible for selection** All selections for designated events will be made using the following criteria:

1. CFF will select a maximum of 12 fencers for Senior World Cups and Grand Prix competitions in each weapon.
2. Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Senior HPP rankings.

**Withdrawals from an FIE Competition:** Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at [hpc@fencing.ca](mailto: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 at fault. The CFF may cancel a fine only if the FIE cancels the fine.

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-mail with the withdrawal request before the scheduled competition.

Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an e-mail confirming that they have been registered.



## EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION COMPETITIONS (EFC): U23 EVENTS

Only the CFF can register fencers for EFC competitions. Consequently, all requests for registration for EFC competitions must be made as indicated in the sections below. 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 any European U23 event. No referee will be required.

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

**Registration deadline:** 21 days (3 weeks) before the first day of competition.

**Entry Procedures:** HPP athletes can make entry requests online through the membership system. The link will be posted on at [www.fencing.ca](http://www.fencing.ca) under the High Performance tab.

**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 4 fencers for each EFC U23 event.
2. Athletes will be selected according to the Senior HPP rankings as of registration deadline.

**Withdrawals from an EFC 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. **NO Voice mail messages will be 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 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 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.

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## **NORTH AMERICAN CUPS (USA FENCING NAC)**

### **North American Cups (NAC)**

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

North American Cups organized by USA Fencing are designated as International selection competitions for the Senior HPP Selection Rankings.

USA Fencing imposes a minimum standard for Division 1 NAC's. They require that a fencer have a "C" rating or higher to register for a Division I 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 <http://www.usafencing.org>.



## 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 [Safe Sport training](#) module, or the applicable program from [Respect in Sport](#), and to familiarize themselves with the information on the [Safe Sport](#) page of the CFF website including the CFF's [Safe Sport Policy Manual](#).

## 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.

<https://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/AAP-2023-24-EN.pdf>

<https://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/PAA-2023-24-FR-1.pdf>



## Appendix A: High Performance Point Grid.

PLACE	Grand Prix	NAC DIV-1					
	Senior World Cups	Junior World Cups	Junior NAC				
	World Champs. Senior	World Champs. Cadet & Junior	EFC Cadet Circuit	NAC Cadet	National Senior	National Junior	National Cadet
1	32,000	4000	2000	1000	500	400	300
2	26,000	3000	1500	750	400	300	200
3	20,000	2000	1000	500	300	200	100
Top 8	14,000	1500	500	250	150	100	50
Top 16	8000	1000	250	100	75	50	25
Top 32	4000	500	100	50	/	/	/
Top 64	2000	250	50	25	/	/	/
Top 96	1000	/	/	/	/	/	/