



CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION / FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE D'ESCRIME

Internal Nomination Procedure

2026 Youth Olympic Games, Dakar, Senegal

1. Performance Objective

For this event, the primary objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select medal potential athletes for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. The secondary objective is to provide multi-sport games experience for 2032 Olympic hopefuls and alternates as part of the Canadian Fencing Federation's High Performance Program.

The Youth Olympic Games will be held from **October 31 to November 13, 2026**.

2. International Federation Criteria

- The Fédération internationale d'escrime (FIE) criteria can be found at [Dakar Participation Principles](#). In the event of a discrepancy, the original FIE version will prevail. In the event of changes by the FIE to the selection and eligibility criteria, the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) is bound by these changes and will inform impacted individuals as soon as possible.
- This Internal Nomination Procedure is based on the FIE criteria as currently known and understood and on the latest information available to the CFF. Any changes to the selection criteria and process necessitated by a change in the FIE rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as is reasonably possible. Should such circumstances occur, the CFF will review and amend the INP to comply with the new conditions. However, any modifications made to the FIE rules and regulations shall come into effect as of the date specified by the FIE, irrespective of the date on which this INP has been modified. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes directly as well as posted on the CFF website.





- To be selected to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must achieve the eligibility standards set forth by the FIE. The specific criteria is below:

DISCIPLINE CODE	DISCIPLINE	AGE REQUIREMENTS	ADDITIONAL IF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FEN	Fencing	<p>Athletes must be 14 years or older on the day of the Opening Ceremony (31 October 2026).</p> <p>The maximum age for participants is 17 years old the time of the Games, including up to the Closing Ceremony.</p>	<p>To be eligible to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a valid international FIE license and; • Participate in at least one (1) Cadet/Junior World Championships or Zone Championships. The calendar of the events can be found at https://fie.org/competitions.

- The FIE has established that the CFF may nominate a maximum of 1 eligible athlete to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games and shall be subject to the following restrictions.
 - One (1) Men’s Epee athlete

3. Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a Canadian citizen (per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter).
- Have a valid Canadian passport that expires after May 15, 2027.
- Be eligible according to all relevant CFF, COC, FIE, and IOC requirements.
- Hold an FIE athlete license in good standing for the 2025-2026 season.
- Be a member in good standing of the Canadian Fencing Federation High Performance Program as of December 31, 2025
- Paid all outstanding invoices to the CFF at least 14 days prior to departure.
- Comply with all vaccination requirements and policies of the CFF, COC, FIE, IOC, and the host country of the event (if applicable).
- Have met the FIE performance qualification criteria at an FIE-sanctioned event as detailed “Section 5 – Selection Process”.





3.1 CFF /COC Athlete Agreements

To participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must

- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation (COP), and the 2025-2026 CFF Athlete Agreement.
- Have signed and complied with the 2025-2026 CFF Athlete Agreement.
- Abide by the CFF Code of Conduct and all other Canadian Fencing Federation policies.

3.2 Additional Agreements

- Athletes named to compete in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the CFF and the COC.
- Athletes named to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the FIE and IOC.

4. CFF Athlete Selection Process & Criteria

The Canadian Olympic Committee has been allocated the following quota, in which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will nominate an athlete:

- One (1) Men's Epee athlete

As stated in Section 2, to be eligible to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have competed in “at least one (1) Cadet/Junior World Championships or Zone Championships”. Following the conclusion of the 2026 Cadet World Championships, age-eligible athletes will be ranked according to their final placement in the event.

The CFF Nomination date is July 15, 2026.

4.1 Appeals

The CFF Appeals Policy will guide any formal disputes related to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games selections. The policy can be found on the CFF website at <https://fencing.ca/Appeals-Policy.pdf>

The CFF Appeal deadline is August 1, 2026.





5. Staff Selection

The HPD, in consultation with the HPAC, will select a coach/team leader for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. The nominated coach/team leader must

- Be in compliance with all relevant FIE, COC, and IOC requirements.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Conditions of Participation (COP) Form before September 14, 2026.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be in good standing with the Coaching Association of Canada's Professional Coaching Program.
- Have a valid passport that expires after May 15, 2027
- Be a coach member in good standing with the CFF.
- Abide by the CFF Code of Conduct and all other CFF policies.
- Comply with dress code regulations of the CFF, COC, and FIE.

6. Decision Making Authority (DMA)

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 and staff will be nominated to the COC. All CFF nominations are subject to the approval of the COC.

- 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.
- 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 HPAC.
- While the HPD has the authority to select the nominated athletes pursuant to the selection process, the High Performance Advisory Committee will ratify the final nominations of the team to ensure that the criteria were adhered to and that the decisions were made in an objective and impartial manner avoiding any conflicts of interest, real or perceived.

6.1 Decision-making power at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games

During the on-site competition period during the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the decision-making power will be exercised by the CFF High Performance Director (HPD).





7. Funding

This event is partially funded by the COC. The following items will be directly covered by the COC:

- Travel Support Grant – \$2,500 CAD
- Team Canada Clothing Kit

Athletes will be responsible for all additional costs, including but not limited to

- Travel and ground travel expenses not encompassed in the direct COC Travel Grant.
- Excess baggage transport fees.

8. Withdrawal from the Team

If an athlete is named to the team but must withdraw for any reason before September 14, 2026:

1. The designated first alternate will be substituted and nominated to the COC.
2. The second alternate will become the first alternate.

Any athlete replacements made after nomination to the COC are subject to the final approval of the COC Team Selection Committee and must comply with the strict 2026 Youth Olympic Games Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

9. Contact

For all questions regarding this INP, please contact Igor Gantsevich, HPD (hpd@fencing.ca)

10. Timelines Summary

DAKAR 2026	Deadline Date
INP Published	June 1, 2026
Athlete Intent (Long List) Deadline	June 3, 2026
Athlete Games Portal Info Deadline	July 14, 2026
Athlete Nomination Notification	July 15, 2026
CFF Internal Appeals Deadline	August 1, 2026
Team Nomination Roster to COC	September 14, 2026
Late Athlete Substitution Deadline	September 25, 2026



