

2027 Pan-American Games Internal Nomination Procedure – Fencing

INTRODUCTION

Purpose:

The purpose of this Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the Canadian Fencing Federation to select athletes and coaches to the 2027 Pan-American Games team.

Objectives:

This INP 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 2027 Pan-American Games.

Team Size:

As per Pan-Am Sports, 9 male and 9 female athletes will be nominated to the 2027 Pan-American Games as follows:

Individual events: – 2 athletes per event (women's foil, men's foil, women's epee, men's epee, women's sabre, men's sabre)

Team events: – 3 athletes per event (women's foil, men's foil, women's epee, men's epee, women's sabre, men's sabre)

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

- The High Performance Director (HPD), in consultation with the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC) is responsible for developing and approving this INP to determine which athletes will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the 2027 Pan American Games.
- The Canadian Olympic Committee mandates the Canadian Fencing Federation to determine the INP's for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the COC for the 2027 Pan-American 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 HPAC.
- All Canadian Fencing Federation nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.

Decision-making power at the 2027 Games.

During the on-site competition period during the 2027 Pan-American Games, the decision-making power will be exercised by the High Performance Director.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY: In order to be eligible for nomination to the COC for Pan-American Games Team selection, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen (in accordance with Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter)
- Must not be subject to a provisional suspension, other interim measure or period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or any sanction imposed by the CFF, Sport Integrity Canada, an SDRCC safeguarding tribunal or Appeal Tribunal, or any other relevant sport organization that would prevent or restrict the athlete's ability to participate in or adequately prepare for the games.
- Hold a Canadian passport that expires after February 9th, 2028.
- Be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements established by the FIE.
- Comply with all relevant FIE eligibility requirements.
- Sign and submit the COC Athlete Agreement and the Eligibility Requirements Form by June 14th, 2027.
- Be a member of the Canadian Fencing Federation High Performance Program as of June 17th, 2027.

International Federation eligibility requirements

- Respect the residency requirements established by the FIE
- Hold a license in good standing with the FIE for 2027-2028
- Must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements established by the FIE.

Athlete Requirements •

- All athletes will be invited for selection by May 31st, 2027, and must also comply with all of the obligations contained in this document and must ensure that all administrative and financial obligations are fulfilled by no later than June 14th, 2027

Doping Control Requirements:

- Athletes must 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 Sport Integrity Canada pursuant to the Canadian 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 2027 Pan-American Games, all athletes, including alternates, must have signed the 2027-2028 CFF Athlete Agreement, COC Athlete Agreement, and IOC / Peru 2027 Conditions of Participation Form.
- Athletes and coaches must abide by the CFF Code of Conduct and all other Canadian Fencing Federation policies.

Other requirements:

- Athletes named to compete in the 2027 Pan-American Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the Canadian Fencing Federation Team and the COC.
- Athletes named to the 2027 Pan-American Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the FIE and IOC.

STAFF SELECTION

The HPD, in consultation with the HPAC, has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including team leader, coach(s) for the 2027 Pan-American Games.

The nominated team leader must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the COC's Team Leader Position Description.

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

The CFF HPD and HPAC 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 2027 Pan-American Games

Coaching accreditation will be a prioritized as follows:

- Priority 1: The coaches of the senior national team
- Priority 2: Personal coaches

To be selected as a coach for the 2027 Pan-Am games coaches must:

- Be a member in good standing of CFF
- Be a member in good standing of the with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada, or a registered coach with the CAC
- Have completed a criminal background check Complete the "Respect and Sport" training available at <http://fencing.ca/en/respect-and-sport/> or the Coaching Association of Canada Safe Sport module available at <https://safesport.coach.ca>
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age as of June 14th, 2027
- Must adhere to the CFF Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Must comply with any other requirements or obligations imposed on coaches as found in this Internal Nomination Procedure.
- Must sign, submit and comply with the COC support staff agreement and Organizing Committee (OCG) Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 14th, 2027
- Must not be subject to a provisional suspension, other interim measure or period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or any sanction imposed by the CFF, Sport Integrity Canada, an SDRCC safeguarding tribunal or Appeal Tribunal, or any other relevant sport organization that would prevent or restrict the coaches ability to participate in or adequately prepare for the games.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

High Performance Selection Panel

The High Performance selection panel will make the selection for athletes competing in the team event only at the Pan Am Games, and for athletes competing in the individual and team events where one or more athletes do not meet the selection criteria

The High Performance selection panel will be comprised of the following members: •

- The High Performance Director (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

Decisions of the selection panel will be made by majority vote.

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 President of the Board will be replaced with another board representative appointed by the Board.
- The CFF Executive Director will be replaced by someone appointed by the President.

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

NOTE: The top two ranked athletes will be selected for each individual event and team event, and a third athlete will be selected to compete in the team event only.

Individual event:

Two athletes will be selected provided they meet the following criteria

Top 16 placement in a single FIE World Cup or Grand Prix event during the 2026-2027 season,

OR,

Two Top 25% placements in an FIE World Cup and/or Grand Prix events during the 2026-2027 season

- In the event that more than two athletes achieve this criteria, the selection will be based on HP points accumulated for international qualifying events held in the 2026-2027 season as described in the senior national team booklet points grid.
- Points will be calculated based on the top 6 results achieved out of the 8 World Cup and Grand Prix competitions held in the 2026-2027 season
- In the event that a World Cup or Grand Prix event in a weapon category is cancelled the top 6 results achieved out of the 7 remaining World Cup and Grand Prix competitions held in the 2026-2027 season will be used to calculate points
- In the event that more than one World Cup or Grand Prix event in a weapon category is cancelled the results from all remaining World Cup and Grand Prix competitions held in the 2026-2027 season will be used to calculate points
- In the event that only two athletes achieve this criteria, both will be selected for the individual event
- In the event that only one athlete achieves the criteria, the athlete achieving the criteria will be automatically selected for the individual event and the second athlete selected for the individual event by the selection committee using the process outlined below
- In the event that no athletes achieve the criteria, two athletes will be selected for the individual event by the selection committee using the process outlined below
- Both athletes selected for the individual event will automatically be selected for the team event

Tiebreaker

- Should two (2) or more fencers meeting criteria be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken as follows: •
 - By the best result (by HP points) in a designated international (i.e World Cup or Grand Prix) competition in the 2026-7 season
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken •
 - By the best result in the most recent designated international competition (i.e World Cup or Grand Prix) in the 2026-7 season
- For further clarity, “the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete” means the most recent result achieved by an athlete in the designated competition for their weapon closest to the selection date

Team event:

The athletes selected for the team event will be selected by the selection panel using the process outlined below. The maximum team will be three persons per weapon per gender, for a total of 18 athletes.

Panel Selections

- In all cases where the selection panel will determine which athletes qualify for the Pan-American Games, selection will be based on a combination of:

Criteria	Evidence	Weighting given
Performance potential	Results at designated and non-designated FIE tournaments, NAC's, etc. HP points accumulated in 2026_7 season	20
Past performance	Demonstrable Improving results over past two seasons or significant career achievements (ex: Top 64 placements at World Championships, medals at designated and non-designated events)	20
Training commitment	Evidence of following a 20 hour per week training schedule, as per weekly and monthly training logs submitted to national coach	10
Designated National Team training camp commitment and participation	Attendance at team camps	10
Tournament commitment	Number of designated and non-designated events attended, such as satellite tournaments, NAC's, World Cups, Grand Prix's, Canada Cups and Canadian Nationals	10

Contribution to team results	Points for/against, team spirit, Feedback from national coaches	10
Working relationship with national team program and coaches	Feedback from national coaches	10
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, professionalism in approach to training.	Feedback from national coaches	10
Disciplinary issues	Black cards, actions which require formal discipline from head coaches or CFF	Discretionary, up to 100% based on severity of issue

Withdrawal from Selection:

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

1. 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 once discussed between the HPD and the National Coach.
2. If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "HPP Athlete Agreement".
3. In order to abide by a code of conduct breach decision made by the appropriate disciplinary mechanism.
4. If the athlete has outstanding debts with the CFF.

Health Related Circumstances

In the event that a selected athlete has a Health Related Circumstance, the Head Coach and the High Performance Director will consider the medical recommendations made by a CFF approved sports medicine specialist in making their final decision.

Athletes with Health Related Circumstances 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 tests 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 2027 Pan-American Games Team or that the athlete's performance will be at this level by the time they compete at the 2027 Pan-American Games.

If, once at the 2027 Pan-American Games, it is determined by the HPD that the athlete is not ready for the competition as a result of a Health Related Circumstance, or it is discovered that they have not disclosed a Health Related Circumstance that, on the basis of the opinion of team medical staff, will have a negative impact on their performance or

may aggravate their Health Related Circumstance, 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 Games, or the conduct would bring CFF's reputation into disrepute.

A copy of the Code of Conduct and Ethics is available at <http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-Conduct-and-Ethics.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 Sport Integrity Canada if 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 June 17th, 2027, the athletes to be nominated by the COC for a position on the 2027 Pan-American Games Team will be determined.

Nomination will be pending COC approval. In addition, by June 17th, 2027, 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 2027 Pan-American Games Team.

Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2027 Pan-American Games 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 2027 Pan-American Games Team by June 17th, 2027. Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

AMENDMENTS & UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

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, the COC, 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.

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 INP as written, the HPD will have discretion to resolve the issue as he or she sees fit considering 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 2027 Pan-American Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the CFF Appeal Policy.

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

Any disagreement involving a national team player and the CFF may be heard by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SRDCC).

A dispute must be filed by the athlete by June 8th, 2027

GENERAL •

The Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2027 Pan-American Games will be communicated through CFF official publications, posted on the CFF web site and distributed by email to 2026-2027 CFF HPP members. All athletes and three staff will be funded by the COC. The CFF will fund remaining coaches.

TIMELINES SUMMARY

INP Published	September 10 th , 2026
Qualification Period	October 15 th 2026 – May 30 th 2027
Team Nominations	May 31 st , 2027
Team Notification Deadline	June 1 st , 2027
Appeals Deadline	June 8 th , 2027
Team Registration requirements	June 14 th , 2027
Team Nominations Deadline	June 17 th , 2027
Late Athlete Replacement starts	July 2 nd , 2027