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1. 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 2026 World Championships, 2026 Pan American Zonal Championships and other Senior international events during the 2025-26 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.

2. 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.



3. 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.

4. HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION PANEL (HPSP)

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

5. 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.



6. 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.

7. HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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 HPP
- Selection of HP athletes to the National Teams for:
 - 2026 Cadet and Junior Pan American Zonal Championships.
 - 2026 Cadet and Junior World Championships.
- Selection of HP athletes for designated and non-designated Junior and Senior World Cups.
- Selection of HP athletes for designated and non-designated EFC competitions.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated Junior and Senior World Cups.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated FIE Satellite events.

8. 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, Junior 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).

9. APPLICATION TO THE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM (HPP)

To be eligible for the HPP, an athlete must:

- Hold a valid CFF license for the 2025-2026 season obtained from the provincial fencing association at [2025-26 CFF Memberships](#)
- Purchase a FIE license and/or an EFC license for the 2025-2026 season.
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Complete the HPP application at <https://fencing.ca/hpp-application/> and,
- Have no outstanding debts with the CFF.

The CFF may reject an application to the HPP 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 September 25th, 2025.

LATE REGISTRATION: \$650.00 if paid on or after September 26th, 2025.

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, 2026, may count results from competitions starting January 1, 2026).

CFF Expectations of HP 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 FIE or EFC International competition in Cadet, Junior or Senior must:

- 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 is permitted to be absent from the Team event (regardless of whether he/she is competing or supporting) without being approved by the National Coach and HPD (in writing) 14 days prior to the event.

- Wear a CFF Team Canada tracksuit jacket for the team event (both for the athletes who are fencing and those supporting).
- 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.
- Team Event: All fencers selected for a Junior World Cup Team 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. a. 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:

- School exam - must have a letter on school letterhead from the instructor.
- Athlete injury during the individual event.
- 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 Junior & Cadet National Selection Policies 2025 – 2026 Handbook to removal of HP points earned from that competition, removal of all international HP points gained from previous and current international events, or removal from the HP program.

10. HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION RANKINGS

The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for international competition selections and for CFF funding opportunities. 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 result achieved by each athlete at a designated international(FIE World Cup) competition



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

11. 2026 CADET AND JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

The CFF will select four athletes per weapon and gender category for each of the Cadet and Junior Pan-American Championships and Cadet and Junior World Championships.

There are 2 qualification pathways for athletes to qualify for the 2026 Cadet and Junior Pan-American and World Championship teams.

Pathway 1 (2025 WCT SELECTION)– For Cadet and/or Junior fencers who were selected to represent Canada at the 2025 **SENIOR** World Championships for individual or team events based on meeting senior selection criteria.. The athlete must have been RANKED in the top 4 of the High Performance SENIOR rankings and qualified for the 2025 SENIOR World Championships through HP selection points and by meeting criteria (not by replacement pursuant to an injury or declined selection by another athlete).

Athletes who were selected for the Senior World Championships by virtue of ranking (i.e in the top 4 of the HP senior rankings) but declined due to injury and reported such injury as required by the CFF injury policy (see section 17 of this booklet), will also meet the criteria to qualify via pathway 1.

Athletes who are eligible for Pathway 1 **MUST** satisfy the criteria below to be selected to the 2026 Cadet and Junior Pan-American and World Championship team:

1. Attend every designated senior world cup competition (not Grand Prix events) in their weapon category prior to the selection date (February 23rd, 2026) for the Cadet/ Junior World Championships. Athletes must also be available and present for every team event, whether selected to compete in the team event or not. Athletes may be excused attending a senior world cup competition if permitted by the national coach, HPD and CFF Executive Director provided a written request to do so is submitted at least 14 days prior to the competition. Approval can be granted for reasons that include, but are not limited to: academic school commitments, NCAA athletic commitments, family emergencies or similar. The athlete must write an email to the national coach, HPD and ED no later than 14 days prior to the World Cup explaining why they need to miss a designated event.
2. Exceptions to the above criteria may be made in the event of injury to an athlete which prevented participation in the 2025 Senior world championships or in 2025/26 competitions as per the injury policy.

The following athletes may be eligible for qualification pathway 1 in the 2025/26 season, subject to meeting the criteria above:

- Junior Men's Epee: Nick Zhang
- Junior Women's Epee: Ruien (Angel) Xiao, Nicole Xuan, Julia Yin
- Junior Men's Foil: Jia Bao (Bowen) Xu
- Junior Women's Foil: Yunjia Zhang, Nadia Hayes
- Cadet Women's Epee: Julia Yin
- Cadet Men's Foil: Jia Bao (Bowen) Xu



Athletes who are eligible for Pathway 1 AND who satisfy the above criteria will be ranked ahead of all other athletes on the Cadet and Junior High Performance (HP) point rankings, regardless of actual HP points.

Pathway 2 (HP POINTS) – Cadet and Junior fencers can qualify for the 2026 Cadet and Junior Pan American and World Championships Teams by earning High Performance (HP) points through designated competitions. The top ranked fencers on the Cadet and Junior HP rankings will be selected to the 2026 Team after athletes who have qualified through Pathway 1 have been selected. Please refer to each weapon's Cadet and Junior National Team Selection Program Overview for how many competitions count for HP points and accompanying list of designated competitions for the 2025-26 season. The selection date of March 12th, 2026 will be the last day for earning HP points.

Tiebreaker for Cadet and Junior World Championships selection:

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied on the Junior HP rankings, the tie will be broken as follows:

- By the best result (as defined by HP points) among the designated international competitions.
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated international (FIE) Senior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated international (FIE) Junior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated NAC Senior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated NAC Junior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated Canada Cup Senior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated Canada Cup Junior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the final Junior HP Ranking achieved in the 2024/5 season



Should two (2) or more fencers be tied on the Cadet HP rankings, the tie will be broken as follows:

- By the best result (as defined by HP points) among the designated international competitions.
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated international (FIE) Senior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated international (FIE) Junior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated NAC Senior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated NAC Junior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated NAC Cadet competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated Canada Cup Senior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated Canada Cup Junior competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the best result by position in the most recent result achieved by each athlete at a designated Canada Cup Cadet competition
- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken by the final Cadet HP Ranking achieved in the 2024/5 season

ATHLETES SELECTED FOR CADET AND JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION TO BE FINALIZED:

- Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the World Championships by replying to the selection e-mail (hpd@fencing.ca) sent to all fencers. Fencers must reply within 72 hours of receiving the selection e-mail. If a reply is not received in this time frame, it will be considered as refusal of the selection.
- Fencers must arrive and depart on the dates communicated by the High Performance Director.
- Hotel and Rooming assignments will be made by the CFF for ALL cadet and junior Canadian team fencers. Unless decided otherwise by the HPD, fencers will stay with teammates as assigned by the HPD for the duration of their events. Parents and guardians must make their own hotel arrangements.
- Payment for athlete hotel costs and airport transfers must be made by the date indicated on the selection letter.
- Selection to Cadet and Junior World Championship teams is conditional upon fulfilling the above criteria.



12. 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>



13. SELECTION DATES

2026 CADET AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date:** 4-12th April, 2026
- **Location:** Rio De Janiero, Brazil
- **Selection Date:** February 23rd, 2026 (after February Canada Cup)
- **Number of athletes:** 4 (Junior), 3 (Cadet)

2026 CADET AND JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date:** February 15- March 1st 2026 (TBD)
- **Location:** TBD
- **Selection Date:** January 8th (Foil and Epee) January 20th (Sabre) 2026
- **Number of athletes:** 4



14. NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS EPEE AND FOIL

The designated competitions for each weapon and age category are shown below.

For Cadet and Junior Epee and Foil the following results will apply to the final rankings used to select athletes for the Cadet and Junior world championships.

- Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals results: Cadet-best 9 (of 11 cadet, junior and senior events), Junior- best 6 (of 7 junior and senior events)
- NAC results: Cadet best 6 (of 7), Junior – best 4 (of 5)
- Best 1 (of 2) Junior world cup result
- Best 3 (of 4) Senior world cup or Grand Prix result

For further clarification the best 6 of the following 7 NAC events will count for cadet points:

- October NAC: Div 1, Junior and Cadet
- November NAC: Div 1, Cadet
- February NAC: Div 1, Junior

And the best 4 of the following 5 NAC events will count for junior points

- October NAC: Div 1, Junior
- November NAC: Div 1
- February NAC: Div 1, Junior

Replacement of NAC events:

- Cadet athletes can decide in advance to replace up to two NAC results (Cadet, junior or senior) by using their second Junior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2) and/or their fourth Senior world cup or Grand Prix result (4 out of 4 instead of best 3 of 4). To do so, they must advise the HPD in writing before the USFA close of registration date for each NAC event(s) they decide not to attend and which Junior or Senior world cup or Grand Prix they wish to use as a replacement.
- Junior athletes can decide in advance to replace up to two NAC results (Junior or senior) by using their second Junior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2) and/or their fourth Senior world cup or Grand Prix result (4 out of 4 instead of best 3 of 4). To do so, they must advise the HPD in writing before the USFA close of registration date for each NAC which NAC event(s) they decide not to attend and which Junior or Senior world cup or Grand Prix they wish to use as a replacement.

Selections for the Pan American Championships for Foil and Epee athletes will be based on the number of HP points earned as of January 8th



DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - CADET AND JUNIOR EPEE AND FOIL DOMESTIC AND USFA COMPETITIONS							
	CC#1	CC #2	CC#3	CC#4	NAC #1	NAC#2	NAC#3
MEN'S EPEE							
dates	May-25	28-30th-Sep	28th-Nov – Dec 1st	20-22nd-Feb	2-6 th -Oct	14-17th-Nov	13-16th Feb
locations	Ontario	Kingston	Vancouver	Calgary	Salt Lake City	Fort Worth	TBD
WOMEN'S EPEE							
dates	May-25	28-30th-Sep	28th-Nov – Dec 1st	20-22nd-Feb	2-6 th -Oct	14-17th-Nov	13-16th Feb
locations	Ontario	Kingston	Vancouver	Calgary	Salt Lake City	Fort Worth	TBD
MEN'S FOIL							
dates	May-25	28-30th-Sep	28th-Nov – Dec 1st	20-22nd-Feb	2-6 th -Oct	14-17th-Nov	13-16th Feb
locations	Ontario	Kingston	Vancouver	Calgary	Salt Lake City	Fort Worth	TBD
WOMEN'S FOIL							
dates	May-25	28-30th-Sep	28th-Nov – Dec 1st	20-22nd-Feb	2-6 th -Oct	14-17th-Nov	13-16th Feb
locations	Ontario	Kingston	Vancouver	Calgary	Salt Lake City	Fort Worth	TBD

DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - CADET AND JUNIOR EPEE AND FOIL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS						
	Int#1	Int#2	Int#3	Int#4	Int#5	Int#6
MEN'S EPEE						
dates	Oct 31-Nov2nd	6-9th Nov	4-7th Dec	3-4th Jan	23-25 Jan	5-6 th -Feb
locations	San Salvador JWC	Fujairah SWC	Vancouver SWC	Basel JWC	Doha GP	Heidenheim SWC
WOMEN'S EPEE						
dates	Oct 31-Nov2nd	6-9th Nov	4-7th Dec	5-6th Jan	23-25-Jan	6-8 ^T Feb
locations	San Salvador JWC	Fujairah SWC	Vancouver SWC	Udine JWC	Doha GP	Wuxi SWC
MEN'S FOIL						
dates	31st Oct-2nd Nov	7-9th Nov	5-7th Dec	13-15th Dec	9-11th Jan	Feb7-5th
locations	Istanbul JWC	Tunis SWC	Tokyo SWC	Bangkok JWC	Paris SWC	Turin GP
WOMEN'S FOIL						
dates	31st Oct-2nd Nov	7-9th Nov	5-7th Dec	13-15th Dec	9-11th Jan	Feb7-5th
locations	Istanbul JWC	Belgrade SWC	Busan SWC	Bangkok JWC	Hong Kong SWC	Turin GP



15. NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS MEN'S SABRE

IMPORTANT NOTE: For the 2025/26 season, senior FIE world cups and Grand Prix competitions will not be used as designated qualifying events at the cadet and junior level for Men's Sabre fencers. This will be re-evaluated for subsequent seasons

For **Cadet Men's Sabre** the following results will apply to the final rankings:

- Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals results: Cadet-best 9 (of all 11 cadet, junior and senior events)
- NAC results: best 1 of 2 cadet, 1 of 2 junior and 1 of 3 Div 1 of the following NAC events:
 - October NAC: Div 1, Junior and Cadet
 - November NAC: Div 1, Cadet
 - February NAC: Div 1, Junior
- EFC – best 1 (of 2) results
- Junior world cup results: best 2 (of 3) results,

Replacement of NAC events:

Cadet Men's Sabre athletes can decide in advance to replace up to two NAC results (Cadet, junior or senior) by using their second Junior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2) and/or their second EFC result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2). To do so, they must advise the HPD in writing before the USFA close of registration date for each NAC event(s) they decide not to attend and which Junior world cup or EFC event they wish to use as a replacement.

For **Junior Men's Sabre** the following results will apply to the final rankings:

- Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals results: best 6 (of 7 of all junior and senior events)
- NAC results: best 1 (of 2) junior and 1 (of 3) senior of the following 5 NAC events will count for **Male** junior sabre points
 - October NAC: Div 1, Junior
 - November NAC: Div 1
 - February NAC: Div 1, Junior
- Junior world cup results: best 2 (of 3) results,

Replacement of NAC events

Junior Men's Sabre athletes can decide in advance to replace up to two NAC results (Cadet, junior or senior) by using their second Junior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2) To do so, they must advise the HPD in writing before the USFA close of registration date for each NAC event(s) they decide not to attend and which Junior world cup or Senior world cup event they wish to use as a replacement.

Selections for the Pan American Championships for Men's Sabre will be based on the number of HP points earned as of January 20th 2026

**DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - CADET AND JUNIOR MEN'S SABRE DOMESTIC AND USFA EVENTS**

	CC#1	CC #2	CC#3	CC#4	NAC #1	NAC#2	NAC#3
CADET MEN'S SABRE							
dates	May-25	28-30th-Sep	28th-Nov – Dec 1st	20-22nd-Feb	2-6 th -Oct	14-17th-Nov	13-16th Feb
locations	Ontario	Kingston	Vancouver	Calgary	Salt Lake City	Fort Worth	TBD

DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - CADET MEN'S SABRE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

	Int#1	Int#2	Int#3	Int#4	Int#5
CADET MEN'S SABRE					
dates	8-9th November	6-7th December	13-14th December	16th-18th Jan	31st Jan-1st Feb
locations	Budapest EFC	Eislingen EFC	Dormagen JWC	Boston JWC	Plovdiv JWC

DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - JUNIOR MEN'S SABRE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

	Int#1	Int #2	Int#3	Int#4
JUNIOR MEN'S SABRE				
dates	13-14th December	16th-18th Jan	31st Jan-1st Feb	
locations	Dormagen JWC	Boston JWC	Plovdiv JWC	



16. NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS WOMEN'S SABRE

For **Cadet Women's Sabre** the following results will apply to the final rankings:

- Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals results: Cadet-best 9 (of all 11 cadet, junior and senior events)
- NAC results: best 6 (of 7) results
- EFC – best 1 (of 2) results
- Junior world cup results:, Female best 1 (of 2) results

For further clarification the best 6 of the following 7 NAC events will count for **Cadet Women's Sabre** points:

- October NAC: Div 1, Junior and Cadet
- November NAC: Div 1, Cadet
- February NAC: Div 1, Junior

Replacement of NAC events:

Cadet Women's Sabre athletes can decide in advance to replace up to two NAC results (Cadet, junior or senior) by using their second Junior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2) and/or their second EFC result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2). To do so, they must advise the HPD in writing before the USFA close of registration date for each NAC event(s) they decide not to attend and which Junior world cup or EFC event they wish to use as a replacement.

For **Junior Women's Sabre** the following results will apply to the final rankings:

- Canada Cup and Canadian Nationals results: best 6 (of 7 of all junior and senior events)
- NAC results: best 4 (of 5)
- Junior world cup results: Female best 1 (of 2) results
- Senior world cup Female best 1 (of 2) results

For further clarification, the best 4 of the following 5 NAC events will count for **Junior Women's sabre** points

- October NAC: Div 1, Junior
- November NAC: Div 1
- February NAC: Div 1, Junior

Replacement of NAC events:

Junior Women's Sabre athletes can decide in advance to replace up to two NAC results (Cadet, junior or senior) by using their second Junior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2) and/or their second Senior world cup result (2 out of 2 instead of best 1 of 2). To do so, they must advise the HPD in writing before the USFA close of registration date for each NAC event(s) they



decide not to attend and which Junior world cup or Senior world cup event they wish to use as a replacement.

Selections for the Pan American Championships for Women's Sabre will be based on the number of HP points earned as of January 20th 2026

DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - CADET AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S SABRE DOMESTIC AND USFA EVENTS							
	CC#1	CC #2	CC#3	CC#4	NAC #1	NAC#2	NAC#3
CADET WOMENS SABRE							
dates	May-25	28-30th-Sep	28th-Nov – Dec 1st	20-22nd-Feb	2-6 th -Oct	14-17th-Nov	13-16th Feb
locations	Ontario	Kingston	Vancouver	Calgary	Salt Lake City	Fort Worth	TBD

DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - CADET WOMEN'S SABRE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS					
	Int#1	Int#2	Int#3	Int#4	Int#5
CADET WOMENS SABRE					
dates	6-7th December	13-14th December	16th-18th Jan	7-8th February	
locations	Eislingen EFC	Budapest JWC	Boston JWC	Praha EFC	

DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS - JUNIOR WOMEN'S SABRE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS				
	Int#1	Int #2	Int#3	Int#4
JUNIOR WOMEN'S SABRE				
dates	6-8 th November	22-24 th January	13-14th December	16th-18th Jan
locations	Oran SWC	Salt Lake City SWC	Budapest JWC	Boston JWC

Notes:

- NAC events may be replaced with other competitions if USA Fencing registration requirements change significantly
- For Cadet athletes, HP points will be assigned for events at all Cadet, Junior and Senior events held at the relevant designated competitions
- For Junior athletes, HP points will be assigned for events at all Junior and Senior events held at the relevant designated competitions



17. REGISTRATION AND SELECTION POLICIES FOR FIE AND EFC INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Only the CFF can register fencers for designated or Non-Designated Junior and Senior World Cups, Grand Prix, or Satellite events, through the FIE website as well as European Fencing Confederation (EFC) competitions.

Minor athletes participating in any of the above events must be accompanied by an adult (parent, personal coach or another guardian as outlined in a letter sent to the CFF).

Entry Procedures: HPP athletes can only make entry requests for FIE events online through the membership system. The link will be posted at www.fencing.ca under the High Performance tab. For all EFC competitions, athletes must make entry requests by email to internationalentries@fencing.ca.

Only athletes listed on the High Performance rankings for that weapon are eligible for selection. For any designated or non designated international event, athletes on the HP Program rankings have priority over all other athletes for selection.

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

Registration deadline: HPP athletes must make registration requests a minimum of 30 days before the first day of competition of any designated or non designated FIE competition OR according to the deadline communicated by the National Team Coach.

Withdrawals from an FIE or EFC 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 the equivalent of 500 Euros in Canadian dollars and will be suspended from any future international event registration until the fine is paid.**

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.

Registration limits:

The CFF will select a maximum of 9 fencer per weapon and gender category for designated Junior world cups. If more than 9 people apply, an additional up to 3 athletes may be selected and will be required to contribute to the full costs of sending additional referees, as well as the partial divided cost of the referees required to support the original 9 athletes.



The CFF will select a maximum of 12 fencer per weapon and gender category for designated European Cadet circuit competitions.

A fee to defray the cost of sending a referee will be charged to the athletes attending Junior World Cups and European Cadet circuit competitions. Only the Junior World Cups and European Cadet circuit competitions designated by the CFF will be used for National Team selection for 2026 Cadet and Junior World Championships and 2026 Cadet and Junior Pan American Championships.

A maximum of 4 fencers will be selected for all other (non-designated) Junior World Cup events. Athletes are encouraged to enter additional Junior World Cups for experience and to improve their FIE ranking, but only the results from the designated Junior World Cups will appear on the HP point rankings. Non-designated Junior World Cups will NOT count for HP points.

Registration deadline:

HPP athletes must make registration requests 30 days before the first day of competition of any designated or non designated FIE or EFC competition

Entry Procedures:

HPP athletes can make entry requests online through the membership system. The link will be posted on at www.fencing.ca under the High Performance tab.

Team Event: All fencers selected for a designated Junior 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” (page 5 of this booklet). FIE team event fees must be paid by the participating fencers. Fencers for the team event will be selected by the National coach at the competition. Selection Policies:

All selections for the designated Junior World Cup 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.
- The CFF will select a maximum of 9 fencers for the designated Junior World Cup in each weapon.
- Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Junior HPP rankings.

Selections for non designated Junior world cups 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.
- The CFF will select a maximum of 4 fencers for the designated Junior World Cup in each weapon.
- Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Junior HPP rankings.

Registration numbers and procedures for senior FIE events not held in Canada are documented within the senior booklet.



SENIOR WORLD CUPS AND GRAND PRIX EVENTS HELD IN CANADA

Registration numbers and procedures for senior FIE events held in Canada are documented within the senior booklet.

NORTH AMERICAN CUPS (USA FENCING)

North American Cups (Cadet, Junior and Div I NAC's) are organized by USA Fencing (USFA) and are designated as international selection competitions for the CFF HPP Selection Rankings.

Selection: Fencers must purchase a foreign fencer membership with USFA and comply with USFA rules. Foreign fencer licenses are available through this link: [USA Fencing Memberships](#)

The USFA imposes a minimum standard for Division I NAC's, requiring fencers to have an "A", "B" or "C" letter rating to register for a Division I NAC.

In addition, For the 2025-26 season, the USFA will impose registration caps on entries for Division I, Junior, and Cadet NAC's. USFA's explanation of this process is available here: [USA Fencing Registration Process](#)

The CFF publishes a list of letter ratings earned in Canada annually and shares this information with the USFA so that they may update their letter rating database.

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 USFA website here: [USA Fencing](#)



18. 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>

19. 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](#), complete the **NEW [Canadian Safe Sport Program \(CSSP\) education module and consent](#)** form, and to familiarize themselves with the information on the [Safe Sport](#) page of the CFF website, including the CFF's [Safe Sport Policy Manual](#).

20. ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

For more information about the CFF/Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), please consult the documentation on the CFF website under the High Performance Program tab.



APPENDIX A: JUNIOR AND CADET HIGH PERFORMANCE POINT TABLE

Place	Senior FIE world Cup	Junior FIE world cup and DIV 1. NAC	Junior NAC	European Cadet Circuit	Cadet NAC	Senior Canada Cup	Junior Canada Cup	Cadet Canada Cup
1st	32000	4000	2000	1000	1000	500	400	300
2nd	26000	3000	1500	750	750	400	300	200
3rd	20000	2000	1000	500	500	300	200	100
4-8th	14000	1500	500	250	250	150	100	50
9-16th	8000	1000	250	100	100	75	50	25
17- 32nd	4000	500	100	50	50			
33-64th	2000	250	50	25	25			
65-96th	1000							

Notes:

If a JWC competition has less than 150 competitors, 75% of points will be awarded

If a European Cadet Circuit competition has less than 125 competitors, 75% of points will be awarded