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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 Cadet and Junior World Championships, 2024 Cadet and Junior Pan American Championships and other Junior and Cadet 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 (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:
 - ✓ Selection of HP athletes for 2024 Cadet and Junior Pan American Championships.
 - ✓ Selection of HP athletes for 2024 Cadet and Junior World Championships.
- Selection of HP athletes for designated Junior World Cups.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated Junior World Cups.
- Selection of HP athletes for non-designated European Fencing Confederation Cadet circuit events.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Fencers must be Canadian citizens in possession of a valid Canadian passport and eligible to represent Canada by applicable selection deadlines to compete in any event requiring an FIE License (for example, Junior World Cups, Satellite World Cups, Senior World Cups, Grand Prix individual and team competitions), 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.

Permanent residents may register only for Cadet international (EFC) events.

Permanent residents will be selected, according to HP rankings, after eligible Canadian citizens.

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>

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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 a 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. 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 October 12, 2023

LATE REGISTRATION: \$650.00 if paid on or after October 13, 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 HPP athletes 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 FIE or EFC International competition in Cadet, Junior or Senior 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 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.
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 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.
 - b. The following exemptions will be potentially granted by the HPD and National Coach:**
5. School exam - must have a letter on school letterhead from the instructor.
6. Athlete injury during the individual event.
7. 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 previous and current international events, or removal from the HP program.

QUALIFICATION FOR 2024 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

2024 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date: April 12-20, 2024**
- **Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**
- **Selection Date: March 12, 2024**
- **Number of athletes: 4**

The top four fencers on the High Performance Program junior rankings will be selected as members of the 2024 Junior World Championships Team. There are 2 qualification pathways for athletes to qualify for the 2024 Junior World Championship team.

Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)– For Junior fencers who represented Canada at the 2023 SENIOR World Championships based on selection. The athlete must have been RANKED in the top 4 of the High Performance SENIOR rankings and qualified for the 2023 SENIOR World Championships through HP selection points (not by replacement pursuant to an injury or declined selection by another athlete).

Athletes who are eligible for **Pathway 1 MUST** satisfy the criteria below to be selected to the 2024 Junior World Championship team:

1. Compete in at least 3 events from the FIE list of Senior World Cups and/or Grand Prix events held before the selection date of March 12, 2024, **AND**
2. Achieve 2 results in the top 96 OR 1 result in the top 64 of the entry field at Senior World Cups or Grand Prix events.

For the 2024 Junior World Championships, the following athletes are eligible for **Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)**:

- Junior Men’s Epee: Nicholas Zhang
- Junior Women’s Epee: Marie-Frédérique Millette, Ruien (Angel) Xiao
- Junior Men’s Foil: Bogdan Hamilton
- Junior Women’s Foil: Sabrina Fang, Jessica Guo, Yunjia Zhang
- Junior Men’s Sabre: Olivier Desrosiers
- Junior Women’s Sabre: Tamar Gordon

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



Pathway 2 (HP POINTS) - Junior fencers can qualify for the 2024 Junior World Championships Team by earning High Performance (HP) points through designated competitions. The top ranked fencers on the Junior HP rankings will be selected to the 2024 Junior World Championships Team after athletes who have qualified through Pathway 1 have been selected. Please refer to each weapon's Junior National Team Selection Program Overview for how many competitions count for HP points and accompanying list of designated competitions for the 2023-24 season. The selection date of March 12, 2024 will be the last day for earning HP points.

Tiebreaker for 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) 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.

ATHLETES SELECTED FOR JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST FULFILL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO BE FINALIZED:

1. Confirm Participation in Junior World Championships

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.

2. Fencers must arrive and depart on the dates communicated by the High Performance Director.

3. Hotel and Rooming assignments will be made by the CFF for ALL cadet and junior Canadian team fencers. 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.

4. Payment for athlete hotel costs and airport transfers must be made by the date indicated on the selection letter.

Selection to Junior World Championship teams is conditional upon fulfilling the above criteria.



JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date: TBD**
- **Location: TBD**
- **Selection Date: TBD**
- **Number of athletes: 4**

The top four fencers on the High Performance Program junior rankings will be selected as members of the 2024 Junior Pan American Championships Team. There are 2 qualification pathways for athletes to qualify for the 2024 Junior Pan American Championship team.

Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)– For Junior fencers who represented Canada at the 2023 SENIOR World Championships based on selection. The athlete must have been RANKED in the top 4 of the High Performance SENIOR rankings and qualified for the 2023 SENIOR World Championships through HP selection points (not by replacement pursuant to an injury or declined selection by another athlete).

Athletes who are eligible for **Pathway 1 MUST** satisfy the criteria below to be selected to the 2024 Junior Pan American Championship team:

- Compete in at least 3 events from the FIE list of Senior World Cups and/or Grand Prix events held before the selection date, **AND**
- Achieve 2 results in the top 96 OR 1 result in the top 64 of the entry field at Senior World Cups or Grand Prix events.

For the 2024 Junior Pan American Championships, the following athletes are eligible for **Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)**:

- Junior Men’s Epee: Nicholas Zhang
- Junior Women’s Epee: Marie-Frédérique Millette, Ruien (Angel) Xiao
- Junior Men’s Foil: Bogdan Hamilton
- Junior Women’s Foil: Sabrina Fang, Jessica Guo, Yunjia Zhang
- Junior Men’s Sabre: Olivier Desrosiers
- Junior Women’s Sabre: Tamar Gordon

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

Pathway 2 (HP POINTS) - Junior fencers can qualify for the 2024 Junior Pan American Championships Team by earning High Performance (HP) points through designated competitions. The top ranked fencers on the Junior HP rankings will be selected to the 2024



Junior Pan American Championships Team after athletes who have qualified through **Pathway 1** have been selected. Please refer to each weapon's Junior National Team Selection Program Overview for how many competitions count for HP points and accompanying list of designated competitions for the 2023-24 season. The selection date for Junior Pan American Championships will be determined once a date for Junior Pan American Championships has been published. This date will be the last date for earning HP points.

Tiebreaker for Junior Pan American 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) 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.

In the case of Pathway 2, to be eligible for selection to the 2024 Junior Pan American Championships team, the fencer must have earned at least 1 Junior HP Point at both domestic (Canada Cup, Canadian Nationals) AND international (NAC or World Cup) level competitions.



QUALIFICATION FOR 2024 CADET CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

2024 CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date: April 12-20, 2024**
- **Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**
- **Selection Date: March 12, 2024**
- **Number of athletes: 4**

The top four fencers on the High Performance Program junior rankings will be selected as members of the 2024 Cadet World Championships Team. There are 2 qualification pathways for athletes to qualify for the 2024 Cadet World Championships team.

Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)– For Cadet fencers who represented Canada at the 2023 SENIOR World Championships based on selection. The athlete must have been RANKED in the top 4 of the High Performance SENIOR rankings and qualified for the 2023 SENIOR World Championships through HP selection points (not by replacement pursuant to an injury or declined selection by another athlete).

Athletes who are eligible for **Pathway 1 MUST** satisfy the criteria below to be selected to the 2024 Cadet World Championship team:

1. Compete in at least 3 events from the FIE list of Senior World Cups and/or Grand Prix events held before the selection date of March 12, 2024, **AND**
2. Achieve 2 results in the top 96 OR 1 result in the top 64 of the entry field at Senior World Cups or Grand Prix events.

For the 2024 Cadet World Championships, the following athletes are eligible for **Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)**:

- Cadet Women’s Epee: Ruien (Angel) Xiao
- Cadet Women’s Foil: Yunjia Zhang

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

Pathway 2 (HP POINTS) - Cadet fencers can qualify for the 2024 Cadet World Championships Team by earning High Performance (HP) points through designated competitions. The top ranked fencers on the Cadet HP rankings will be selected to the 2024 Cadet World Championships Team after athletes who have qualified through **Pathway 1** have been selected. Please refer to each weapon’s Cadet National Team Selection Program Overview for how many competitions count for HP points and accompanying list of designated competitions for the 2023-24 season. The selection date of March 12, 2024 will be the last day for earning HP points.



Tiebreaker for Cadet World Championships selection:

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied on the 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.

ATHLETES SELECTED FOR CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST FULFILL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO BE FINALIZED:

1. Confirm Participation in Cadet World Championships

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.

2. Fencers must arrive and depart on the dates communicated by the High Performance Director.

3. Hotel and Rooming assignments will be made by the CFF for ALL cadet and junior Canadian team fencers. 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.

4. Payment for athlete hotel costs and airport transfers must be made by the date indicated on the selection letter.

Selection to Cadet World Championship teams is conditional upon fulfilling the above criteria.



2024 CADET PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Date: TBD**
- **Location: TBD**
- **Selection Date: TBD**
- **Number of athletes: 4**

The top four fencers on the High Performance Program cadet rankings will be selected as members of the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championships Team. There are 2 qualification pathways for athletes to qualify for the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championship team.

Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)– For Cadet fencers who represented Canada at the 2023 SENIOR World Championships based on selection. The athlete must have been RANKED in the top 4 of the High Performance SENIOR rankings and qualified for the 2023 SENIOR World Championships through HP selection points (not by replacement pursuant to an injury or declined selection by another athlete).

Athletes who are eligible for **Pathway 1 MUST** satisfy the criteria below to be selected to the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championship team:

1. Compete in at least 3 events from the FIE list of Senior World Cups and/or Grand Prix events held before the selection date **AND**
2. Achieve 2 results in the top 96 OR 1 result in the top 64 of the entry field at Senior World Cups or Grand Prix events.

For the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championships, the following athletes are eligible for **Pathway 1 (2023 WCT SELECTION)**:

The following athletes have qualified for the above criteria:

- Cadet Women’s Epee: Ruien (Angel) Xiao
- Cadet Women’s Foil: Yunjia Zhang

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

Pathway 2 (HP POINTS) - Cadet fencers can qualify for the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championships Team by earning High Performance (HP) points through designated competitions. The top ranked fencers on the Cadet HP rankings will be selected to the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championships Team **after** athletes who have qualified through **Pathway 1** have been selected. Please refer to each weapon’s Cadet National Team Selection Program



Overview for how many competitions count for HP points and accompanying list of designated competitions for the 2023-24 season. The selection date for Cadet Pan American Championships will be determined once a date for Cadet Pan American Championships has been published. This date will be the last date for earning HP points.

Tiebreaker for Cadet Pan American Championships selection:

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied on the 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.

In the case of Pathway 2, to be eligible for selection to the 2024 Cadet Pan American Championships team, the fencer must have earned at least 1 Cadet HP Point at both domestic (Canada Cup, Canadian Nationals) AND international (NAC or World Cup) level competitions.



NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEWS

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR EPEE

| Cadet (U17) | Junior (U20) |
|--|---|
| <u>Best 6</u> of 9 results at Domestic competitions (Cadet, Junior and Senior) | <u>Best 4</u> of 6 results at Domestic competitions (Junior and Senior) |
| <u>Best 4</u> of 6 results at designated NAC's | <u>Best 4</u> of 5 results at designated NAC's |
| <u>Best 1</u> of 2 results at designated Junior or Senior World Cup | <u>Best 2</u> of 3 results at designated Junior or Senior World Cups |



Designated Events – MEN’S EPEE

| MENS EPEE | |
|---|---|
| CADET | JUNIOR |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13- 15, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13 - 15, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) |
| Cadet and Division 1 NAC(Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 | Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 |
| Cadet and Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 | Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 |
| Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 | Division 1 NAC (Richmond, VA) December 1 - 4, 2023 |
| Senior World Cup (Vancouver, CAN) Dec 7 - 10, 2023 | Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 |
| Junior World Cup (Basel, SUI) Feb 3 - 4, 2024 | Senior World Cup (Vancouver, CAN) December 7 - 10, 2023 |
| | Junior World Cup (Basel, SUI) Feb 3 - 4, 2024 |
| | Senior World Cup (Heidenheim, GER) February 22 - 24, 2024 |



Designated Events – WOMEN’S EPEE

| Women’s Epee | |
|---|---|
| CADET | JUNIOR |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13- 15, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13 - 15, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) |
| Cadet and Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26-29, 2023 | Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26-29, 2023 |
| Cadet and Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 | Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 |
| Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 | Division 1 NAC (Richmond, VA) December 1 - 4, 2023 |
| Senior World Cup (Vancouver, CAN) Dec 7 - 10, 2023 | Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 – 8, 2024 |
| Junior World Cup (Beauvais, FRA) February 17 – 18, 2024 | Senior World Cup (Vancouver, CAN) Dec 7 - 10, 2023 |
| | Senior World Cup (Barcelona, ESP) Feb 9 – 11, 2024 |
| | Junior World Cup (Beauvais, FRA) February 17 – 18, 2024 |



NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR SABRE

| Cadet (U17) | Junior (U20) |
|---|--|
| <p><u>Best 6</u> of 9 results at Domestic competitions (Cadet, Junior and Senior)</p> | <p><u>Best 4</u> of 6 results at Domestic competitions (Junior and Senior)</p> |
| <p><u>Best 4</u> of 6 results at designated NAC's</p> | <p><u>Best 4</u> of 5 results at designated NAC's</p> |
| <p><u>Best 1</u> of 1 result at designated Junior World Cup</p> | <p><u>Best 2</u> of 3 results at designated Junior or Senior World Cups</p> |



Designated Events – MEN’S SABRE

| Men’s Sabre | |
|---|---|
| CADET | JUNIOR |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13- 15, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13 - 15, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) |
| Cadet and Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 | Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 |
| Cadet and Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 | Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 |
| Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 | Division 1 NAC (Richmond, VA) December 1 - 4, 2023 |
| Junior World Cup (Plovdiv, BUL) February 3 – 4, 2024 | Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 – 8, 2024 |
| | Senior World Cup (Algiers, ALG) November 9 - 11, 2023 |
| | Junior World Cup (Plovdiv, BUL) February 3 – 4, 2024 |
| | Senior World Cup (Warsaw, POL) February 9-11, 2024 |



Designated Events – WOMEN’S SABRE

| Women’s Sabre | |
|---|---|
| CADET | JUNIOR |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 - 21, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13 - 15, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13 - 15, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 - 21, 2024) |
| Cadet and Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 | Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 |
| Cadet and Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 | Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 |
| Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 | Division 1 NAC (Richmond, VA) December 1 - 4, 2023 |
| Junior World Cup (Plovdiv, BUL) February 3 – 4, 2024 | Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 – 8, 2024 |
| | Senior World Cup (Algiers, ALG) November 9 - 11, 2023 |
| | Junior World Cup (Plovdiv, BUL) February 3 – 4, 2024 |
| | Senior World Cup (Lima, PER) February 9 - 11, 2024 |



NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW FOR FOIL

| Cadet (U17) | Junior (U20) |
|---|--|
| <p><u>Best 6</u> of 9 results at Domestic competitions (Cadet, Junior and Senior)</p> | <p><u>Best 4</u> of 6 results at Domestic competitions (Junior and Senior)</p> |
| <p><u>Best 4</u> of 6 results at designated NAC's</p> | <p><u>Best 4</u> of 5 results at designated NAC's</p> |
| <p><u>Best 1</u> result at designated Junior or Senior World Cups</p> | <p><u>Best 2</u> of 3 results at designated Junior or Senior World Cups</p> |



Designated Events – MEN’S FOIL

| Men’s Foil | |
|---|--|
| CADET | JUNIOR |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19- 21, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 – 21, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13- 15, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13-15, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19- 21, 2024) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 – 21, 2024) |
| Cadet and Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 | Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 |
| Cadet and Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 | Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 |
| Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 | Division 1 NAC (Richmond, VA) December 1 - 4, 2023 |
| Junior World Cup (Sabadell, ESP) February 17 - 18, 2024 | Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 – 8, 2024) |
| | Senior World Cup (Tokyo, JPN) Dec 8 - 10, 2023 |
| | Senior World Cup (Paris, FRA) Jan 11 - 14, 2024 |
| | Junior World Cup (Sabadell, ESP) February 17 - 18, 2024 |



Designated Events – WOMEN’S FOIL

| Women’s Foil | |
|---|---|
| CADET | JUNIOR |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19- 21, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canadian Nationals (May 19 – 21, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13- 15, 2023) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (October 13-15, 2023) |
| Cadet/Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19- 21, 2024) | Junior/Senior Canada Cup (January 19 – 21, 2024) |
| Cadet and Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 | Division 1 NAC (Orlando, FL) October 26 - 29, 2023 |
| Cadet and Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 | Junior NAC (Fort Worth, TX) November 10 - 13, 2023 |
| Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 - 8, 2024 | Division 1 NAC (Richmond, VA) December 1 - 4, 2023 |
| Junior World Cup (Mödling, AUT) February 17 - 18, 2024 | Junior and Division 1 NAC (San Jose, CA) January 5 – 8, 2024 |
| | Senior World Cup (Belgrade, SRB) December 8 – 10, 2023 |
| | Senior World Cup (Paris, FRA) January 11 – 14, 2024 |
| | Junior World Cup (Mödling, AUT) February 17 - 18, 2024 |



REGISTRATION AND SELECTION POLICIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

DESIGNATED JUNIOR WORLD CUPS (FIE)

Only the CFF can register fencers for Junior World Cup 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 9 fencers for each designated Junior World Cup. A fee to defray the cost of sending a referee will be charged to the athletes attending designated Junior World Cups. Only the Junior World Cups designated by the CFF will be used for National Team selection for 2024 Cadet and Junior World Championships and 2024 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: 21 days (3 weeks) before the first day of competition of the designated Junior World Cup 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.

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



DESIGNATED SENIOR WORLD CUPS (FIE)

Only the CFF can register fencers for Senior World Cup 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. Only the Senior World Cups designated by the CFF will be used for National Team selection for 2024 Cadet and Junior World Championships and 2024 Cadet and Junior Pan American Championships.

A maximum of 4 fencers will be selected for all other (non-designated) Senior World Cup and Senior Satellite World Cup events. Athletes are encouraged to enter additional Senior World Cups for experience and to improve their FIE ranking, but only the results from the designated Senior World Cups will appear on the HP point rankings.

Only designated Senior World Cups will count for HP points.

Registration deadline: 21 days (3 weeks) before the first day of competition of the designated Senior World Cup 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 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: All selections for the designated Senior World Cup will be made using the following criteria:

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

1. CFF will select a maximum of 12 fencers for the designated Senior World Cup in each weapon.
2. Selected athletes will be prioritized according to the Senior HPP rankings.

NON-DESIGNATED JUNIOR WORLD CUPS (FIE)

Only the CFF can register fencers for Junior World Cup 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 4 fencers for each non-designated Junior World Cup.



No referee will be required. 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: 14 days (2 weeks) before the first day of competition of the non-designated Junior World Cup 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: No Canadian teams will be entered at non-designated Junior World Cups.

Selection Policies: All selections for the non-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.**

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

NON-DESIGNATED SENIOR WORLD CUPS (FIE)

Only the CFF can register fencers for World Cup 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 4 fencers for each non-designated World Cup. No referee will be required.

Non-designated World Cups will NOT count for HP points.

Registration deadline: 14 days (2 weeks) before the first day of competition of the non-designated World Cup 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.



Selection Policies: All selections for the non-designated 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.

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

Withdrawals from an FIE Competition: Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at hpc@fencing.ca, at least 14 days prior to the first day of the competition. Voice mail is not acceptable. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show up at the competition will be fined \$1,500.00 and will be suspended from any future international event registration until the fine is paid. This is a fine assessed by the FIE to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete at fault.

Exceptions to this fine will be considered if the fencer is withdrawing due to a “force majeure” situation such as an injury or illness, which prevents the fencer from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor must accompany the withdrawal notice, which must be sent by e-mailed with the withdrawal request before the scheduled competition.

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

EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION CADET COMPETITIONS (EFC)

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 3 fencers for any European Circuit. No referee will be required. Athletes are encouraged to enter EFC cadet events for experience.

European Fencing Confederation Cadet 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 under the High Performance tab.

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



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

1. CFF will select a maximum of 3 fencers for each EFC Cadet event.
2. Athletes will be selected according to the Cadet 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, 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 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.

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.

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

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 Cadet and Junior 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 | / | / | / | / | / | / |