



Parafencing Development Program

Heritage component

Background

The development of wheelchair fencing, which we now call para-fencing, has always been constrained by the specific needs that adapted sport requires. Para fencing is not the only adapted sport to have this problem. Most Paralympic sports require adapted equipment which necessarily costs more than that of their colleagues practicing the same Olympic discipline. The technical, training and qualification requirements are just as difficult and expensive.

This is why the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF), in collaboration with Sport Canada and the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC), is offering a loan program for equipment adapted for the practice of para fencing.

Project objectives

The main objective of the program is: to increase membership in para fencing.

The sub-objectives are as follows:

1. Increase the number of athletes with a disability registered with the Canadian Fencing Federation.
2. To increase the number of athletes registered in the Canadian High Performance Program in Para Fencing.
3. Improve the accessibility of the activity.

Methods

The CFF wants to make one of the two starting sets available to clubs for a limited period of 3 years. This period will allow the organization to find the financial resources to purchase equipment.



Proposed equipment

For permanent salles:

- 2 Tween Ryder Ambidextrous Fencing Wheelchairs
- 1 x Absolute Fencing Steel Fastener

For temporary salles (assembly and dismantling of equipment in a multi-sports facility)

- 2 Tween Ryder Ambidextrous Fencing Wheelchairs
- 1 Handifix carbon binding from the French Handisport Federation (FFH)

Loan Conditions

1. Affiliated Club or Provincial Association
2. Maintain a minimum of 2 affiliated para fencers meeting the minimum IWAS classification criteria between the 6th month and the last day of the program.
3. Present a membership development plan for the entire duration of the program.
4. Have a national classification for each of the parafencers in the program.

Selection conditions

1. CFF retains ownership of the equipment
2. Keep equipment in good working order until its return to the CFF. Maintain, repair or replace the equipment with the approval of the CFF.
3. Ensure the equipment with the CFF designated as the owner of the equipment.
4. Make equipment available to CFF to support or organize para fencing events. Make equipment available to hold competitions.
5. Notify CFF when the equipment will be used in local competitions.
6. Return the equipment to CFF if the organization does not meet the conditions of the loan.
7. Return equipment at the end of the program:
 - a. Ensuring proper functioning;
 - b. Making repairs if necessary, OR
8. Purchase equipment at the price set by CFF at the beginning of the contract.

Email paraleader@fencing.ca for more information and to submit an application.