

## **OTP MAINTAINING FUNDING OF FENCING**

Following our review with Own The Podium (OTP), fencing remains one of the 18 funded sports. Based upon last year's performances, OTP has realigned its funding to continue supporting sabre fencers Sandra Sassine, Olga Ovchinkova, epee fencer Sherraine Schalm as well as to start supporting wheelchair fencer Pierre Mainville, bronze medalist at the 2010 World Championships.

This realignment in funding has reduced the support from OTP to fencing. The board and the HPD have reviewed OTP's recommendations and are in the process of adjusting the high performance budget to maximise programme performances and increase sustainability up to the London Olympic Games and beyond.

OTP realigned the staff and coaching budgets to reflect their priorities for fencing. Currently this is under review by the CFF Board in conjunction with Sport Canada funding to maximize the programme resources. The outcomes of this process will be announced as soon as the final decisions have been reached.

In the meantime, we can communicate that, the following programme budgets were eliminated by OTP:

- World Championships and Pan American Games preparation training camps
- Funding to cover Centre Claude-Robillard facility fees
- Integrated Support Team support, except for medical support

However, OTP will continue to support the following items:

- National Training Programs in women's epee and sabre (for the three identified athletes)
- Administrative support, including HPD and general costs

Finally OTP has added funds to support the epeeist Pierre Mainville as a potential Olympic medalist.

While providing targeted funds to support our key athletes, being an OTP-recognized sport provides additional benefits for many athletes, including an increased number of Sport Canada cards.

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