



## CFF Letters – 2007:1

Welcome

In order to improve the flow of information from the CFF to the branch members, I am trying an emulation of the letters we receive from the FIE. Short and brief, but communicating what has been going on.

I hope you find this format informative.

Should you be receiving this letter?

We have undergone yet another phase where various boards and committees change membership. Please ensure that we have the correct contact information from your province. Are you the person who should be receiving this information?

Electronic Forum

We have implemented an application called 'Sharefile' to store all of the CFF's electronic data. Once we have gained a comfort level in using this product, we shall be adding two email addresses in each province as clients. This will give you initially access to approved minutes of the CFF Board and Committees. Look to be accessing all of the information for the 2008 AGM through this tool.

CFF Coaching Staff

The CFF is pleased to welcome on board maitre Gabor Salamon as senior epée coach, joining Jean-Marie Banos and Dominique Tesseire in sabre and foil respectively. Our HP strategic committee is currently working on a HP coaching model for the CFF to lead us through Beijing and on to London 2012.

CFF Office Staff

The CFF Board has approved the development of a work description for a projects administrator to replace

the existing technical director portfolio. The CFF will additionally be seeking a part time secretary to assist all staff and Board and a Bookkeeper to remove this responsibility from board members. These positions will be posted for open competition shortly.

#### Competition Ranking

The major wrinkles have been worked out of the CFF's ranking application and we are anticipating this season frequent and timely updates to the domestic rankings posted on the CFF website. Additionally, files of ranked athletes in a format for direct import into enguarde will be made available. Instructions for their use will be posted on the website.

#### Competition Results

The CFF will continue to expect competition results to be submitted in the fff format from enguarde. Many fff files were received last season containing numerous types of errors. To eliminate an syntax errors, we have developed a small utility that checks the fff file syntax. This will be made available for download from the CFF website with installation instructions. It functions in both French and English.

#### International Events

The CFF was host and organizer for two Grand Prix epee events in June and for the Pan American Zone Championships in August. Both of these events were very demanding upon time and resources. On a technical front we gained first hand experience integrating live results display systems into enguarde and implementing video arbitrage.

#### Canadian Teams

The Canadian Team athletes performed well in the Grand prix events and following an intense period of preparation excelled during the Pan Am Zone Championships. See the CFF web site for all the results. I am sure you wish to join with me in voicing your support and encouragement as the teams prepare for the World Championships in St. Petersburg later this month. You can send any letters of support for the team members to [cff@fencing.ca](mailto:cff@fencing.ca)

National  
Competitions

I would just like to remind you that all CFF national level competitions are now closed events. See the selection criteria posted on the CFF website for details. An exception was made for the 2007 September events whereby the CFF Board removed the restrictions to open entries for 48 hours. This was the result of multiple emails received indicating that there was some confusion surrounding the closing of these events. There will be no future variances from the selection criteria.

Schwende Junior  
WC 2008

Due to a conflict with an NAC event being organized by the USFA, the CFF has cancelled the Schwende Junior World Cup event for January 2008.

Veterans Committee

The CFF is in discussion with a group of veterans who have an interest in creating a permanent division of the CFF to encourage the growth of veterans events. This is in the early stages of discussion.

CFF Competitions  
2008 and 2009

The development committee is preparing to post the bid packages for the CFF events to be held in the 2008-2009 season before the end of the current calendar year.

There will be a change in format for the 2008-2009 season. The senior club team event will be held with the senior national championships in December, while a new provincial junior team event format will be implemented for the May event to be in conjunction with the cadet and junior national championships. The final details for these events are just being finalized.



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