



## CFF Letters – 2009:2

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### Introduction

I have started this CFF letter several times with the intention of writing fewer, but shorter communications. This has not proven successful as I never seem to get to a concluding point. So you will be receiving this CFF letter complete or not.

### CFF AGM 2009

Winnipeg. Workshops were hosted on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> with a focus on strategic planning, linking LTAD and Podium Canada to the CFF Strategic Plan.

Updates from provincial issues can be found under separate headers below.

### World Championships 2009

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sherrain on her performance in Antalya and on winning the silver medal. This was overall an excellent World championships from several perspectives, and puts the Canadian teams in a positive light for the push to the Olympics in London.

### Podium and Sports Canada

We have now been receiving additional Podium Canada based high performance funding for just over six months. We shall be reviewing the progress at this months Board meeting as well as meeting with Podium to report the CFF's progress.

### World Cups in Canada

The organization of both the Junior and Senior world cups in Canada was assigned to an organizing committee, EIM, chaired by Yann Bernard. The committee has successfully completed hosting the first years events.

### Ranking System

Following updating, the following information will be posted on the CFF website along with the current domestic ranking results:

- The date each event was ranked along with its force factor.

- A listing of all results in the system so that an athlete will be able to search for a specific event or all of their results.
- Several administrative updates to improve the usability of the system.

The CFF office receives frequent questions around ranking issues. The following notes clarify some important facts.

Notes:

- your CFF licence information drives the ranking system, supplying your year of birth, gender and CFF licence number.
- your CFF licence number links your competition information to your results and to your licence information.
- a competition participant must have a valid CFF licence to compete and to have their results show in the CFF ranking.
- ranking results do not show, even if you have them, if a valid CFF licence is not found.
- incorrect licence information causes nearly all of the errors in ranking events.
- the most frequent event error is an incorrect CFF licence number. The results get posted to the CFF licence number submitted in the competition event file.

CFF Licence  
Administration System

As announced at the AGM, the CFF has released a new licencing system. The implementation of this system has been a learning process by both the CFF and the systems managers HBSMS. The CFF in identifying the aspects of the software system that have benefit or require modification to meet our needs and by HBSMS in understanding how the CFF requirements differ from their existing clients and how to meet our needs. So far, we have seen a positive uptake of the system, with relatively few problems. Most of the problems were related to individuals getting login information when the email address registered did not match their existing email address. There are however some issues related to the data in the system:

- individual year of birth data is in some instances incorrect. According to the system reports, we have a healthy age range of participation in our sport, from 1

	<p>years old to more than 1,000 years old.</p> <p>- if your year of birth is incorrect, your competition results could be excluded from the ranking system!</p>
Licence system – next steps	<p>Currently the licence system accommodates the registration for the national and provincial levels. As of Q1 2010, we shall be releasing the system for club registration. This early release will enable all clubs who are interested to have their registration pages set up for the 2010-2011 season.</p> <p>Club registration has been in test this fall and has proven successful, providing a one-stop registration system.</p> <p>Coming online in November 2009, the CFF will be releasing a line of CFF logo clothing in time for the festive season. Both CFF licence holders and non-licence holders will have access to these products.</p> <p>In 2010, these items will additionally be made available to the provincial associations for sale with their respective logos and we are currently planning that these items will be available with club logos in the fall of 2010.</p>
Provincial Competitions	<p>The CFF is now only ranking those provincial competitions identified by the respective provincial associations.</p>
CFF hosted competitions – clothing standards	<p>The CFF has undertaken discussions with our insurers, the FIE, particularly the medical commission, the FCC and others. A draft proposal has been discussed and will be brought forward to the November CFF Board meeting.</p>
CFF Staffing	<p>The CFF has discussed administrative staffing with our funding partners to receive approval within this funding block and will be initiating a staffing process following the November board meeting.</p> <p>Two of three national coaches have been hired and have taken up their positions.</p>
CFF Hosted events	<p>Following discussions, the CFF has open registration</p>

	for the cadet and junior events at CFF hosted events. Following this initial phase, the impact of opening senior events will be reviewed as part of the competition review process.
CFF Bi-lingual documents	CFF documents, where required, are being release in both official languages at the same time.
FEQ Armoury Manual	The FEQ had received a provincial grant to develop a detailed and extensive armoury manual. A copy was presented to the CFF last month for CFF use and distribution. How this will be achieved has yet to be decided. We thank the FEQ for their collaboration in this matter.
Policies	A number of new policies have been adopted. These are posted on the CFF website as required in the CFF Bylaws.
Coaches	If you have questions of the CFF, please ask your board representative (Lynn Seguin or Jean-Marie Banos).  coachesrep@fencing.ca
Athletes	If you have question of the CFF, please ask your athletes representatives, Mark Peros or Sandra Sassine.  athletesrep@fencing.ca

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