

CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION NATIONAL TEAM BOOKLET



Athletes', Coaches' and Administrators' Guide



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While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the material contained within the National Team Booklet, readers are advised to consult with the High Performance Director or the National Coaches if they are in doubt about any aspects contained within.

Similarly, the competition dates are accurate as of the date of publication, but dates and events can and do change. Please verify competition details before making final travel arrangements.

Due to the nature of the FIE schedule and other unforeseeable problems, this document should be considered a guideline. Every possible step has been taken to ensure that this material will remain accurate for the entire season, but in instances where changes do occur to competitions identified in the weapon programs, the CFF reserves the right to adjust the weapon programs as required. Any such changes will be communicated using the CFF web site.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This edition of the NTB replaces the 2-year booklet, which was initially published in 2002. Due to the hiring of new senior National Coaches during the 2002-2003 season, the HP director wanted to utilise their knowledge and experience in this important Olympic year. It was particularly essential that the National Coaches have direct input into the selection process for the 2004 Olympic Games, especially for the team events.

Key changes include:

- 1) **Athlete ID Criteria:** There have been some minor adjustments to simplify the Athlete ID Criteria for the 2003-2004 season. Please review the criteria on page 4.
- 2) **New criteria for joining the CFF HP Program:** A minimum performance standard has been established to be eligible to apply to the HP Program. Please review the criteria on page 30.
- 3) **Olympic Selection Ranking:** A special selection procedure was designed by the national coaches to select athletes for the Olympics in those weapons where Canada qualifies by team. The HP Rankings will continue to be used for all other selections in 2003-2004.
- 4) **Selection Rankings have been renamed HP Rankings:** As of November 1, 2003, only those fencers who are registered in the HP Program will appear on these rankings.

This NTB is specifically designed for those athletes that are in position to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games. All other HP Program fencers should focus on the developmental competitions and those international selection competitions for which they are eligible in order to meet the standards to participate in World Cups and National Team Projects in 2004-2005.

As a general guideline for those athletes undertaking the high performance stream, the route to a selection to a National Team is a multiyear process and can be broken down to the following steps:

- 1) Qualification for the CFF HP Program by achieving a Canadian performance standard.
- 2) Qualification for National Team Projects by achieving an international standard.
- 3) Selection to a National Team for World Championships/Olympics by consistent (top 32) performances at international selection competitions.

This is the last time that the NTB will be published in this format. In 2004, the NTB will be replaced with a four-year Athlete Handbook that will contain all the selection policies and relevant criteria for the 2005-2008 quadrennial. After each World Championships/Olympics, an annual National Team Program for each weapon will be published, which will contain the selection competitions, training camps and other relevant HP Program information that will be applied for the following season.

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2. ATHLETE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Purpose: Provide HP Selection Committee with a tool to objectively evaluate the performance of HP Program athletes in CFF identified international competitions.

Overview: All the results in CFF identified international competitions during the previous full year of the published date of the HP Ranking will be considered to determine an athlete's status (ID) in the HP Program

Only results achieved in the international competitions that are identified by the CFF in the respective weapon programs for each season will be considered. They are:

- a) **Selection** - CFF designated international selection competitions plus any 2004 World Cups that are identified in Appendix A of the COC Schedule A
- b) **Development** - CFF designated international developmental competitions

The criteria for each senior division are the following:

1) HP Athlete (HP)

One of the following:

Either 1) a "top 16" individual result at the World Championships/Olympic Games (HPWC)

Or 2) two results among

“Top 16” result in a WC or HPWC strength **selection competition**

“Top 8” result in a INT strength **selection competition**

2) A Athlete (A)

Two results among the following:

“Top 32” result in a WC or HPWC strength **selection competition**

“Top 16” result in a INT strength **selection competition**

3) B Athlete (B)

Three results among the following:

“Top 64” result in a WC or HPWC strength **selection or development competition**

“Top 32” result in a INT strength **selection or development competition**

“Top 16” result in a INT DEV/NAC strength **selection or development competition**

4) Squad Fencer (S)

Two results among the following:

“Top 64” result in a WC or HPWC strength **selection or development competition**

“Top 32” result in a INT strength **selection or development competition**

“Top 16” result in a INT DEV/NAC strength **selection or development competition**

Note: For a result to be considered, a fencer must finish in the top half (50%) of the field in the competition.

Athletes, who have missed a significant part of the season due to injury, illness or pregnancy and have been recommended for AAP support, could be identified as “HP, A or B Athletes” based on results obtained in previous years. This request must be made to the HP Director and approved by the HP Selection Committee. If the request is granted, the fencer will be placed in the division determined by the HP Selection Committee for a specified period of time (generally 4 months). The fencer must re-qualify during this period, at the end of which he/she will be placed in a division based on the criteria achieved through his/her results.

3. SELECTION POLICIES

A. Eligibility for Selections

To be eligible for a CFF selection an athlete must:

- 1) Be accepted into the CFF HP Program (see eligibility and application procedure on page 30).
- 2) Meet the minimum criteria for that particular selection.
- 3) Athletes that are receiving AAP Support from Sport Canada must also sign the Carded Athletes Agreement.

The HP Selection Committee will confirm all selections, however, it reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's selection:

- 1) If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organized by the CFF prior to the event.
- 2) If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "Carded Athletes Agreement".
- 3) If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the "CFF Code of Conduct".

B. HP Selection Committee

The HP Selection Committee has the responsibility of confirming all selections. This committee's role is to make sure that the CFF selection policies outlined in the National Team Booklet are followed.

For each selection within a weapon program, the Committee will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director,
- 2) the V-P High Performance,
- 3) the National Coach for the weapon, and
- 4) the athlete's representative, to be named by the Athletes Commission. This person should no longer be active in the HP Program.

The HP Selection Committee will make all selections using the Athlete Identification system and HP Rankings on the respective selection date. The one exception is for the weapons that have qualified by team for the 2004 Olympics, in which case the Olympic Selection Rankings will be used.

C. NAC's and International B's

- NOTES**
- 1) The USFA requires that a fencer have a D classification or higher to compete in NAC's.
 - 2) The CFF strongly recommends that fencers have a B classification and be registered in the HP Program before competing in international developmental competitions in Europe.

The CFF does not make any selections for NAC's or International B's, unless specified in the Weapon Programs. Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines before booking flights on the respective websites:

1. NAC events on the USFA web site (www.usfa.org).
2. French Circuit events on the FFE web site (www.escrime-ffe.fr).
3. German Circuit events on the DFB web site (www.fechten.org).
4. FIE Satellite events on the FIE (www.fie.ch) or the Coupe du Nord (www.coupedunord.org) web site.

D. World Cups (FIE A and GP)

A fencer must have an FIE license to be eligible to fence in any World Cup competition, designated by the Federation Internationale d'Esgrime as FIE A or GP. The only way to apply for an FIE license is through the CFF HP Program application procedure. The only exception to this policy will be for the Montreal Men's Epee World Cup, where FIE licenses will be available the morning of the competition.

a. Held in Canada and USA

Minimum criteria: none

The CFF will only register the National Team for the following World Cups. All other fencers are reminded that they are responsible for their own registration with the tournament organizers.

- 1) Men's Epee World Cup in Montreal.
- 2) Men's Sabre World Cup in New York.
- 3) Women's Sabre World Cup in New York.
- 4) Women's Foil World Cup in New York.

b. Held in other Pan-Am countries

Minimum criteria: Be registered in the HP Program

There are no selections for World Cups held in the Pan-Am Zone (except for National Team Projects). However, the CFF will only register those fencers who are registered in the CFF HP Program and that confirm their participation in writing (e-mail is sufficient) to the HP Director 30 days prior to the event. Only those fencers that are registered by the CFF will be allowed to compete.

c. Held outside of the Pan-Am zone

Minimum criteria: Identified as a "Squad Fencer" (or higher) 30 days prior to the competition

The CFF will only register those fencers who are registered in the CFF HP Program and that confirm their participation in writing (e-mail is sufficient) to the HP Director 30 days prior to the event.

Since the CFF has limited financial resources and the FIE requires that Canada send a judge, if more than four Canadian fencers are competing, the CFF reserves the right to allow only four fencers to compete in any World Cup that is not identified as a CFF designated international selection competition. The selection of the 4 fencers for such World Cups will be done using the HP Rankings 30 days before the event.

E. National Team Projects

In each weapon certain competitions that are designated international selection competitions and/or Team World Cups have been designated as National Team Projects. There are two types of projects:

- 1) **CFF-funded:** As a general policy, the CFF will coordinate travel and provide coaching support for all selected fencers.

For funded projects, a travel subsidy will be provided to a specific number of fencers to cover the cost of travel (air or ground) from the athlete's home city as arranged by the CFF. **Only those fencers who are identified as "B Athletes" or higher on the selection date are eligible for this funding. A maximum of four fencers per project will be funded but there may be some projects where fewer fencers receive funding due to limited financial resources.** The athletes who receive funding must still be prepared to cover the remaining cost of the project, which includes ground transportation, accommodation, food and any competition entry fees. All other selected fencers are invited to be part of the team for the project but will have to secure their own funding.

Should a selected athlete choose not to attend a CFF-funded National Team Project, the funding that the athlete would have received will not be transferred to another project for that athlete.

- 2) **Self-Funded:** For these projects the CFF will not be able to provide any financial support but will help to coordinate travel and, if financially possible, provide coaching support to the fencers that take part in the project. Athletes should be prepared to bear the full cost of taking part in this project.

Selection Criteria for National Team Projects

- 1) The selection dates for each National Team Project are listed in the respective weapon programs.
- 2) The maximum number of selected athletes for each project is listed in the respective weapon programs.
- 3) A fencer must be identified as a Squad Fencer (or higher) on the selection date to be eligible for selection.
- 4) The HP Rankings (on the selection date of each project) will be used to select individuals. Except where indicated in the weapon projects, the HP Rankings will also be used identify the athletes that are eligible for travel subsidies for CFF-funded projects.
- 5) Should less than 4 fencers meet the minimum criteria on a project selection date, the HP Selection Committee may select one or more fencers who have met the "Junior Team" criteria to take part in a National Team Project. (The Junior HP Rankings on the project selection date will be used to prioritize Junior Team Fencers). Any junior fencers selected for a National Team Project will be allowed to compete in all World Cup(s) associated with the project and the result(s) will be considered for the HP Rankings. **This selection is not guaranteed and will only be considered by the HP Selection Committee on the recommendation of the National Coach for the respective weapon. This is considered a developmental opportunity for "Junior Team" fencers to begin the transition to the senior ranks.**

Selection of individuals for Team World Cups associated with National Team Projects:

The National Coach (responsible for each weapon) has the final decision as to which four fencers among all the selected individuals for the National Team Project will take part in the Team World Cup(s) associated with the project. This means that a fencer that receives funding for a project should not expect to fence in the team event unless selected by the National Coach. All other fencers who are not taking part in the team competition are expected to be present and to encourage their teammates during the team event.

F. 2004 Olympic Games

ATHENS 2004

**PREAMBLE TO SCHEDULES 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'
OF THE
OLYMPIC SELECTION AGREEMENT**

FENCING

1. Schedule 'A' of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)/Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) selection agreement represents the selection criteria athletes must achieve in order to be eligible for nomination to the Olympic Team. In certain circumstances, as outlined in Section II of Schedule 'B', an athlete may be deemed to have met Schedule 'A' selection criteria. Athletes who meet the selection criteria in Schedule 'A' are not guaranteed selection to the Olympic Team. Achieving the Schedule 'A' selection criteria makes one eligible for nomination.
2. Schedule 'B' of the COC/CFF selection agreement represents the criteria to be used by the Canadian Fencing Federation in determining which athletes of those eligible for nomination will actually be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the Olympic Team.
3. Schedule 'C' of the COC/CFF selection agreement represents the most current copy of the Olympic qualification system of the Fédération internationale d'escrime (FIE). In addition to Schedule 'A' and 'B' requirements, an athlete nominated by the Canadian Fencing Federation must *also* qualify for entry in the Olympic Games according to the FIE qualification system. The COC has no control over the details and/or changes to the FIE qualification system and strongly suggests that athletes stay in touch with their National Federation on this matter. Under no circumstances can an athlete be entered in the Olympic Games by virtue only of the athlete having qualified for entry according to the FIE qualification system. Athletes nominated must also satisfy the selection criteria set forth in Schedules 'A' and 'B' of the COC/CFF selection agreement.
4. Schedule 'D' of the COC/CFF selection agreement is the athlete acknowledgement and acceptance form.

SCHEDULE 'A'

COC OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA

OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA*[1]
1. QUALIFYING SPORT SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
<p>INDIVIDUAL From January 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, athletes achieving the following standards twice (2) (with at least one standard being achieved at a World Cup or HP World Cup designated competition) at the competitions listed in Appendix "A", and subject to reclassification by the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) as per the CFF Senior Point Grid, will be <u>eligible</u> for selection to the Olympic Team subject to Schedules 'B' and 'C' attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. 1/8th-final (huitième de finale) placing in a Canadian Fencing Federation designated selection competition at WC or HPWC strength from Appendix "A" attached; <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">II. 1/4th-final placing in a Canadian Fencing Federation designated selection competition at International (INT) strength from Appendix "A" attached. <p>TEAM The Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) is <u>eligible</u> to nominate a team to the COC provided the CFF qualifies for entry in the Olympic Games according to the International Fencing Federation (FIE) Olympic qualification system (see Schedule 'C').</p> <p>If the CFF does not qualify a team for entry according to the FIE Olympic qualification system, but is subsequently invited to participate in the Games due to the withdrawal of a country which had qualified according to FIE, or for any other reason, the nomination of a Canadian Team by FIE under these circumstances is subject to review by the Team Selection Committee, which will seek to determine whether the team proposed for nomination by the CFF meets COC eighth-final (huitième de finale) requirement.</p>

OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA*[1]
2. QUALIFYING RANK AT THE 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
<p>Athletes achieving a 1/8th-final (huitième de finale) placing or better at the 2003 World Championships will be <u>eligible</u> for selection to the Olympic Team subject to Schedule 'B' and 'C' attached.</p>

[1] Meeting the Olympic Selection Criteria does not guarantee selection to the Olympic Team (see paragraph 6b of the COC/NSF Team Selection Agreement);

[2] An athlete meeting the selection criteria qualifies the respective event, not the individual athlete;

[3] All qualifying criteria must be achieved within the same event.

APPENDIX "A"

Men's Épée		
WC	2003	Designation
WC(GP)	Lisbon, POR	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Barcelona, ESP	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Montreal, CAN	(WC)
WC *	Legnano, ITA	(WC)
WC(GP)	Stockholm, SWE	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Sydney, AUS	(INT)
2004		
WC*	Doha, QAT	(INT)
WC(GP)	Lisbon, POR	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Barcelona, ESP	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Vancouver, CAN	(WC)

Women's Épée		
WC	2003	Designation
WC(GP)*	Budapest, HUN	(WC)
WC*	Tauber, GER	(WC)
WC *	St. Maur, FRA	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Malaga, ESP	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Havana, CUB	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Sydney, AUS	(INT)
2004		
WC(GP)*	Budapest, HUN	(WC)
WC*	St. Maur, FRA	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Tauber, GER	(WC)
WC	Estoril, POR	(WC)

Men's Foil		
WC	2003	Designation
WC(GP)*	Paris, FRA	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Seoul, KOR	(INT)
WC(GP)	Shanghai, CHN	(INT)
WC	Bonn, GER	(WC)
WC (GP)*	Espinho, POR	(WC)
WC*	Havana, CUB	(WC)
2004		
WC	Copenhagen, DEN	(INT)
WC	Venise, ITA	(WC)
WC	Zalegerszeg, HUN	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Cairo, EGY	(WC)

Women's Foil		
WC	2003	Designation
WC	Salzburg, AUT	(WC)
GC	Mosbach, GER	(INT)#
WC(GP)*	Paris, FRA	(WC)
WC	Buenos Aires, ARG	(INT)
WC(GP)*	New York, USA	(INT)
WC(GP)	Havana, CUB	(INT)
2004		
WC(GP)*	Aqaba, JOR	(INT)
WC(GP)*	Como, ITA	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Seoul, KOR	(WC)
WC(GP)	Shanghai, CHN	(WC)

Men's Sabre		
WC	2003	Designation
WC*	London, GBR	(INT)
WC	Nancy, FRA	(WC)
WC (GP)*	Padoue, ITA	(WC)
WC (GP)*	Madrid, ESP	(WC)
WC (GP)*	New York, USA	(WC)
WC (GP)	Havana, CUB	(INT)
2004		
WC*	London, GBR	(INT)
WC	Bonn, GER	(WC)
WC	Bangkok, THA	(INT)
WC(GP)	Athens, GRE	(WC)

Women's Sabre		
WC	2003	Designation
NAC	San Diego, USA	(INT)#
WC(GP)	Orleans, FRA	(WC)
GC	Koblenz, GER	(INT)#
WC	Tauber, GER	(WC)
WC(GP)*	New York, USA	(INT)
WC(GP)	Havana, CUB	(INT)
2004		
NAC	San Jose, USA	(INT)#
WC*	Budapest, HUN	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Moscow, RUS	(WC)
WC(GP)*	Lam. Terme, ITA	(WC)

Note: The schedule of pre-selected FIE competitions is based on the best information available at the time of signing this agreement and are subject to change by the FIE. Changes to the above schedule of pre-selected events will be subject to mutual agreement between the COC and the CFF.

These competitions will only be considered if the calculated strength is INT or higher.

* Denotes a Team World Cup associated with this competition.

SCHEDULE 'B'

CFF OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA

SECTION I - INTRODUCTION

1.1 Schedule 'B' of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)/Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) selection agreement represents the internal nomination procedures of the Canadian Fencing Federation. These criteria, along with Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'C', set forth the method by which the Canadian Fencing Federation will determine its Olympic Team nominations for submission to the Canadian Olympic Committee. Therefore, if the Canadian Fencing Federation qualifies for entry in the Olympic Summer Games in accordance with International Federation rules and regulations as outlined in Schedule 'C', athletes nominated by the Canadian Fencing Federation to the COC for membership on the 2004 Olympic Team must be those who:

- i) Have met the Olympic Selection Criteria in Schedule 'A' or be deemed to have met the Olympic Selection Criteria in Schedule 'A' according to Section II of Schedule 'B'.

AND

- ii) Qualify for nomination in accordance with Section II of Schedule 'B' entitled "INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES".

1.2 The Canadian Fencing Federation may nominate to the COC up to the maximum number permitted by Olympic entry regulations in each event, and overall, subject to points 1.1i and ii above.

1.3 The final qualification date is midnight, July 11, 2004. Olympic Team nominations must be submitted to the COC no later than noon, July 12, 2004.

1.4 Once the COC accepts those athletes nominated by the Canadian Fencing Federation according to 1.1 i and ii above, it is up to the sport to decide the actual athletes to be entered in events at the Games, (see Section III, below), provided however that the COC reserves the right to not enter an athlete in an event that he or she has not qualified for if that event is not reasonably preparatory for the event the athlete qualified for.

1.5 Following the 2003 season the COC and CFF will meet to review Schedule 'B'. The Canadian Fencing Federation, in collaboration with the COC may produce an addendum to Schedule 'B' to clarify the terms of Schedule 'B' or to address other issues which may have been overlooked initially or have unexpectedly arisen. However, only in the event that both the COC and the Canadian Fencing Federation agree on a change will any change be made to Schedule 'B'. All changes must be made in writing and signed by both the Canadian Fencing Federation and the COC to be effective. Athletes will be informed by the Canadian Fencing Federation of any changes thusly made to Schedule 'B'.

SECTION II - CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

2.1 In the weapon(s) in which Canada has qualified a team according to the FIE Olympic selection criteria, the athletes will be selected as follows:

2.1.1 The fencer in that weapon who has met the Schedule 'A' criteria and is ranked among the Top-2 American Zone Fencers on the FIE World Rankings on March 31, 2004 will be selected.

2.1.2 The Top-2 ranked fencers (one if a fencer is already selected by 2.1.1 above) on the CFF Olympic Selection Rankings (see Appendix 'A') on March 31, 2004 in that weapon will be selected;

2.1.3 The National Coach for that weapon will select the third fencer and the alternate among the Top-2 ranked fencers (the two fencers who have been previously selected will be excluded from this ranking) on the Olympic Selection Rankings after the sixth international selection competition of the 2003-2004 season (see Appendix A).

The National Coach will have the authority to make the final decision with respect to the third member of the team for the Olympic Games, as well as the alternate. In making this selection, the National Coach will take into consideration the following criteria:

- i. Performance in all team World Cups in 2003 and 2004, as well as the team event at the 2003 World Championships.
- ii. Team Spirit.
- iii. Executing the National Coaches tactical and strategic directions.
- iv. Ability to defend a lead and bring the score back up.
- v. Discipline on and off the piste.
- vi. Individual performance in team matches against the other teams (countries) that have qualified for the Olympics.
- vii. Participation in all Training Camps during the 2003-2004 season.

2.2 In the weapon(s) in which Canada has qualified one individual fencer based the FIE World Rankings (Schedule C), the CFF will select that athlete only if he/she has met Schedule 'A' by March 31, 2004.

2.3 In the weapon(s) where Canada is eligible to send a fencer to the Continental Olympic Qualifier (April 2004), the CFF will select the top ranked fencer on the HP Rankings on March 31, 2004 who has met Schedule 'A'. If this fencer wins the continental qualifier he/she will be nominated to the Olympic Team.

2.4 All the selections must confirmed by the HP Selection Committee prior to nomination to the COC.

2.5 The HP Selection Committee reserves the right to withdraw any athletes selection if he/she does not take part in the mandatory training camps and preparation competitions leading up to the Olympic Games.

2.6 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the 2004 Olympic Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, the CFF's HP Selection Committee reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action

SECTION III - ENTRY AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

3.1 The CFF will only enter athletes in those events in which they have qualified according to FIE Rules.

SECTION IV - ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

4.1 All potential Olympic Team members are required to read, sign and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance form (Schedule 'D') to the Canadian Fencing Federation with their HP Program Application.

SECTION V - APPEALS TO CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

5.1 Any appeals to CFF internal nomination procedures shall be dealt with in the manner set forth in CFF Policy for Appeals of Selections in affect at the time.

Appendix 'A'

Olympic Selection Rankings for Team Events

The Olympic Selection Ranking was conceived by the Senior National Coaches and the HP Director and will only be used in those weapons where Canada qualifies for the team event at the 2004 Olympics. The HP Rankings will continue to be used in those weapons where Canada is eligible to send a fencer to the Continental Olympic Qualifier. Fencers will be ranked by the total Olympic Selection Points (OSP) accumulated using the following formula of:

$$\mathbf{OSP} = \mathbf{P}_{2003} + \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{I}_1 + \mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{I}_{4,5,6}$$

where

OSP is the total Olympic Selection Points;

P₂₀₀₃ is the total points earned during the 2002-2003 season in the three Canadian selection circuits and the best four international selection competitions;

W is the points earned at the 2003 World Championships, calculated at HPWC strength with a 1.2 coefficient;

I₁ is the points earned in the first International Selection Competition in 2003-2004;

I₂ is the points earned in the second International Selection Competition in 2003-2004;

I₃ is the points earned in the third International Selection Competition in 2003-2004;

I_{4,5,6} is the point total of the best two results among the fourth, fifth and sixth International Selection Competitions in 2003-2004.

All points will be awarded using the Senior HP Point Grid.

As indicated in Section II of Schedule 'B' of the Olympic Selection Criteria, this ranking will be used to make an initial selection of two fencers on March 31, 2004. In the case that two or more fencers have the same total OSP, the fencer that achieves the best result (by final placing) in the third International Selection Competition in 2003-2004 will be ranked higher.

After the sixth international Selection Competition, this ranking will identify two fencers that are eligible for selection. The National Coach for that weapon will identify the third member for the team (and the alternate) among these two fencers using criteria identified in 2.1.4 of Section II of Schedule 'B'. In the case that two or more fencers have the same total OSP, the fencer that achieves the best result (by final placing) in the sixth International Selection Competition in 2003-2004 will be ranked higher.

SCHEDULE 'C'

FIE OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Global qualification

10 events

200 fencers:

According to item 1) below:

$$4 \times 36 = 144$$

According to item 2) below:

$$2 \times 24 = 48$$

$$+ 8 = 8 \text{ (organising country)}$$

$$\text{Total} = 200$$

1) Qualification for weapons in which there is an individual event and a team event

a) Team qualification

The teams will be of three fencers, with 8 teams (24 fencers) in each weapon, plus a team from the organizing country if appropriate. These teams will be selected as follows:

- The first four teams in the FIE Official Team Ranking, without taking zone into account.
- The highest ranked team from each zone in the **Adjusted FIE Team Official Ranking (A.O.R.)**.
- If appropriate, a team from the organising country of the Olympic Games.

b) Individual qualification

- in each weapon, the 24 fencers in the team competition will be selected.
- 7 fencers from the **A.O.R.** of the FIE (2 from Europe, 2 from Asia-Oceania, 2 from America, 1 from Africa) with only one fencer from any one country.
- 5 fencers from continental qualifying competitions (2 from Europe, 1 from Asia-Oceania, 1 from America, 1 from Africa).

It is understood that in no case may a country select more than 3 fencers at any one weapon and that selection by the **A.O.R.** is reserved for countries that are not taking part in the team event.

The continental competition is therefore open (1 fencer per country) to those countries that have no-one selected (in the team event or via the **A.O.R.**).

The total number of fencers in the individual events in which there is also a team event: $24+12=36$ fencers. It is understood that the organizing country will have the right to 8 fencers, to be distributed between team and individual events as they see fit: thus they could enter two teams or have no team and only select for the individual events.

2) Qualification for weapons in which there is no team event:

Individual qualification

There are 24 places for each weapon, which will be divided as follows:

- the first 8 of the FIE Official Ranking (maximum 2 per country);
- the first 8 on the **A.O.R.** by continent (1 fencer per country), (3 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America, 1 for Africa);
- the first 8 from the continental competitions (1 fencer per country), (3 for Europe, 2 for Asia, 2 for America, 1 for Africa). The Continental competition is open to those countries which have no-one selected by the two preceding criteria.

It is understood that in no case may a country select more than 3 fencers per weapon.

SCHEDULE 'D'

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

I, _____, a registered athlete in the Canadian Fencing Federation's HP Program hereby acknowledge that:

1. I have read, understood and accept the selection criteria established by the Canadian Olympic Committee (the "COC") and by the Canadian Fencing Federation (the "CFF") (attached hereto as Schedule 'A', Schedule 'B' and Schedule 'C' - in the event of any inconsistency or conflict between Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'B' and/or Schedule 'C', the terms of Schedule 'A' prevail) to be applied to the selection of athletes and teams to the Olympic Team in the sport of Fencing; and
2. I understand that an athlete's right of appeal with respect to the CFF internal nomination procedures must be made in accordance with Section V of Schedule 'B'. Once the CFF submits its final nominations to the COC an athlete who is not satisfied with a decision of the COC Team Selection Committee has a right to appeal that decision as described in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.
3. I understand that, the Olympic Charter grants the COC exclusive jurisdiction over the naming of athletes who will represent Canada at the Olympic Summer Games. The COC Team Selection Committee is responsible for team selection for the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece. The Team Selection Committee requires that all entries submitted to it by national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter.
4. I understand that an athlete who is nominated by the CFF to the COC Team Selection Committee for membership on the 2004 Olympic Summer Games Team has the right to appeal the decision of the COC Team Selection Committee, in relation to his /her nomination, to the COC Executive Committee in accordance with procedures (Appeal Procedures from COC Team Selection Committee to COC Executive Committee) that have been circulated to each National Sport Federation.

Date this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Athlete's Signature

Witness' Signature

Name (Please Print)

Name (Please Print)

G. HP Rankings

Purpose: To provide the HP Selection Committee with an objective tool for evaluating the performance of athletes registered in the CFF HP Program.

Overview: The HP Rankings have two elements (Athlete ID and points) that will be determined on an annual (365 days) rolling basis. The same type of competition replaces the one held the previous year irrespective of the date. For example, CSC#1 of the current season replaces CSC#1 of the previous season, INT#1 replaces INT#1, etc. It is possible for one of the point gathering competitions to remain on the list for more than 365 days or be replaced earlier. Developmental competitions will be removed from the rankings if they have not been held in the last 365 days prior to the date of the ranking update.

Only athletes accepted into the HP Program will appear on the HP Rankings. The ranking will be made using the fencers Athlete ID, followed by their point total. The ranking order for each division is the following:

- 1) HP Athletes (HP)
- 2) A Athletes (A)
- 3) B Athletes (B)
- 4) Squad Fencers (S)

The ranking within each division will be determined by the point total of (a + b):

a. Canadian component (best two results count)

1. First Canadian Selection Circuit
2. Second Canadian Selection Circuit
- ~~Elite Nationals-Cancelled~~
3. Summer Nationals

b. International component

The international component for each weapon will be the point total of the 2003 World Championships plus the **best four results from the list of six CFF designated international selection competitions** as indicated in the respective weapon programs.

International selection points will be awarded using the Senior HP Point Grid (page 26). CFF designated international selection competitions will be pre-set at a minimum strength but should a competition's calculated strength be greater than the pre-set category, the higher category will prevail.

Tie-breaking

Should two or more fencers have the same point total within the same division, the most recent result (by final placing) among the six CFF designated international selection competitions will be used to break the tie. Should a tie still exist, the second (and third if required) most recent international result (by final placing) will be used.

Updates

HP Ranking updates will be published on the CFF web site after the following competitions:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 1) CSC#1 | 6) INT#1 |
| 2) CSC#2 | 7) INT#2 |
| 3) Winter Nationals | 8) INT#3 |
| 4) Summer Nationals | 9) INT#4 |
| 5) World Championships | 10) INT#5 |
| | 11) INT#6 |

4. NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS

The Senior National Team Programs reflect the current state of development of each weapon and the reality of the qualification process for the 2004 Olympic Games. The weapons have been divided into three categories based on their current level of international performance (number of HP, A and B Athletes) and the reality of the Olympic selection process. They are:

	HP	A	B
Potential Olympic Teams			
Men's Epee	0	5	2
Women's Epee	1	0	5
Potential Olympic Individuals			
Men's Foil	0	1	1
Men's Sabre	1	0	1
Women's Sabre	0	1	1
Developing Teams			
Women's Foil	0	0	0

Potential Olympic Teams will have more National Team Projects and will have priority for CFF-funded projects in order to assure Olympic qualification by team.

Although the other weapons will have National Team Projects, it is unlikely that teams will be funded for these projects during the Olympic qualification process. In these weapons, only "A or HP Athletes" can expect to receive funding to assist them with the costs involved with the Olympic qualification process, provided that they are in a position to qualify for Athens.

Each weapon has a program that has been designed to address the qualification criteria for the 2004 Olympics. The National Coaches may further adjust the respective weapon programs in April 2004 to ensure proper preparation of qualified athletes for the Olympics.

Each weapon program will have the following components:

- A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions:** These will be the only international competitions in which international selection points can be earned for the HP Rankings or the Olympic Selection Rankings. The minimum strength (for selection points) of these competitions is guaranteed as indicated in each weapon program.
- B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions:** Even though the number of point gathering competitions considered for the HP Rankings is restricted, some fencers may elect to compete in other competitions for training purposes, to gain valuable competition experience and/or to meet the minimum criteria for participation in World Cups. For this reason the CFF has identified several developmental competitions in each weapon and although these competitions will **not** be considered for points, **results in these competitions will be considered for the "B Athlete" or "Squad Fencer" criteria.** A fencer can't earn an "A criteria" in these competitions. The minimum strength of these competitions is guaranteed as INTDEV/NAC but they will be upgraded if the calculated strength is greater.
- C. National Team Projects:** Projects will include competitions and training camps.

4.1 Women's Epee

A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions

1.	World Cup (GP)	Budapest, HUN	Jan. 23-25, 2004	(WC)
2.	World Cup	St. Maur, FRA	Feb 6-8, 2004	(WC)
3.	World Cup	Tauber., GER	Feb 20-22, 2004	(WC)
4.	World Cup	Moedling, AUT	May 1-2, 2004	(WC)
5.	World Cup	Zurich, SUI	May 7-8, 2004	(WC)
	World Cup	Legnano, ITA	May 14-15, 2004	(WC)
6.	World Cup (GP)	Malaga, ESP	May 21-23, 2004	(WC)

B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions

1.	French Circuit	Limoges, FRA	Oct. 18-19, 2003
2.	FIE Satellite	Copenhagen, DEN	Oct. 25-26, 2003
3.	French Circuit	Monaco, FRA	Nov. 22-23, 2003
4.	NAC	Palm Springs, USA	Dec. 12-14, 2003
	OR German Circuit	Bochum, GER	Dec. 13-14, 2003
5.	NAC	San Jose, USA	Jan. 16-18, 2004
6.	German Circuit	Mannheim, GER	Feb. 28-29, 2004
7.	French Circuit	Villeurbanne, FRA	Mar. 13-14, 2004
8.	French Circuit	Paris, FRA	April 17-18, 2004
9.	World Cup*	Havana, CUB	June 18-19, 2004
10.	World Cup	San Juan, PUR	June 26-27, 2004

Note: Any World Cup that is directly associated with a National Team Project but is not on this list will also be considered as an International Developmental Competition.

C. National Team Projects

Projects in this weapon focus on the qualification and preparation of a team for the 2004 Olympics. The projects may be revised after March 31, 2004, pending the result of the FIE qualification process.

Project 1 (CFF Funded) – January 15-February 23, 2004

Up to nine athletes will be selected.

Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.

Selection date: December 15, 2002

January 17-18: [World Cup in Goteborg, Sweden](#)

January 23-24: World Cup in Budapest, Hungary

January 25: Team World Cup in Budapest, Hungary

January 31-1: World Cup in Prague, Czech Republic

February 6: Team World Cup in St. Maur, France

February 7-8: World Cup in St. Maur, France

Feb. 14-15: World Cup in Ipswich, England

February 20: Team World Cup in Tauberbishofsheim, Germany

February 21-22: World Cup in Tauberbishofsheim, Germany

Project 2 (Project will only be held if team has qualified for Olympics) – April 15-28, 2004

Mid-season Training Camp

Selection date: March 1, 2004

Up to six athletes will be selected

Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.

April 17-26: Hungary

Team will remain in Europe for Project 3

Project 3 (CFF Funded if qualified for Olympics) – April 28 to May 24, 2004

Up to nine athletes will be selected.

Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.

Selection date: March 31, 2004

April 28: Training base in Paris

May 1-2: World Cup in Moedling, Austria

May 7-8: World Cup in Zurich, Switzerland

May 14-15: World Cup in Legnano, Italy

May 21-22: World Cup in Malaga, Spain

May 24: Team World Cup in Malaga, Spain

Project 4 (CFF Funded if qualified for Olympics) – June 17-21, 2004

Up to nine athletes will be selected.

Olympic Team will receive funding.

Selection date: May 26, 2004

June 18-19: World Cup in Havana, Cuba

June 20: Team World Cup in Havana, Cuba

~~**Project 5 (CFF Funded if qualified for Olympics) – July 1-12, 2004 Cancelled**~~

~~Olympic Team only.~~

~~**Selection date: May 26, 2004**~~

~~July 2-8: Training in Sydney~~

~~July 9-10: World Cup in Sydney, Australia~~

~~July 11: Team World Cup in Sydney, Australia~~

Project 6 (CFF Funded if qualified for Olympics) – July 16-25, 2004

Olympic Training Camp I

Selection date: May 26, 2004

Olympic Team

July 16-25: Location to be determined

Project 7 (CFF Funded if qualified for Olympics) – August 1-10, 2004

Olympic Training Camp I

Selection date: May 26, 2004

Olympic Team

August 1-10: Location to be determined

4.2 Women's Foil

A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions

1.	NAC	Palm Springs, USA	Dec. 12-14, 2003	(INTDEV)
2.	NAC	San Jose, USA	Jan. 16-18, 2004	(INTDEV)
3.	World Cup (GP)	Como, ITA	Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2004	(WC)
4.	World Cup (GP)	Shanghai, CHN	Mar. 6-7, 2004	(WC)
	French Circuit	Reims, FRA	Mar. 20-21 2004	(INTDEV)
5.	World Cup (GP)	New York, USA	June 11-13, 2004	(INT)
6.	World Cup (GP)	Havana, CUB	June 21-22, 2004	(INT)

B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions

1.	French Circuit	Gonesse, FRA	Nov. 8-9, 2003
2.	French Circuit	Lyon, FRA	Nov. 22-23, 2003
3.	German Circuit	Mosbach GER	Dec. 20-21, 2003
4.	German Circuit	Goppingen, GER	Jan. 24-25, 2004
5.	French Circuit	Reims, FRA	Mar. 20-21 2004
6.	French Circuit	Paris, FRA	Apr. 17-18, 2004

C. National Team Projects

The projects in this weapon will focus on the transition from the Junior to Senior ranks for the next quadrennial. Consequently, there are only two projects, both at the conclusion of the junior season.

Project 1 (CFF-funded) - June 10-14, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Three eligible athletes will receive funding

Selection date: April 30, 2004

June 11-12: World Cup in New York, USA

June 13: Team World Cup in New York, USA

Project 2 (self-funded) – June 20-26, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Selection date: April 30, 2004

June 21-22: World Cup in Havana, Cuba

4.3 Women's Sabre

A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions

1.	NAC	Palm Springs, USA	Dec. 12-14, 2003	(INTDEV)
2.	NAC	San Jose, USA	Jan. 10-12, 2004	(INTDEV)
3.	World Cup	Budapest, HUN	Feb. 28-29, 2004	(WC)
4.	World Cup (GP)	Lamezia Terme, ITA	Mar. 26-27, 2004	(WC)
5.	World Cup (GP)	New York, USA	June 12-14, 2004	(WC)
6.	World Cup	Havana, CUB	June 24-25, 2004	(INT)

B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions

1.	French Circuit	Grenoble, FRA	Jan. 18, 2004 - Modified
2.	German Circuit	Mulheim, GER	Jan. 24-25, 2004
3.	French Circuit	Strasbourg, FRA	Feb. 7-8, 2004
4.	French Circuit	Paris, FRA	Apr. 17-18, 2004
	French Circuit	Charleville Mezieres, FRA	Apr 25, 2004 - Cancelled
5.	German Circuit	Koblenz, GER	May 15, 2004

C. National Team Projects

Projects in this weapon focus on the qualification of an individual for the Olympic Games and the transition of juniors to the senior ranks for the next quadrennial.

Project 1 (CFF-funded) – Feb. 26 – Mar. 1, 2004

Up to four athletes will be selected.

One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: Jan. 15, 2004

Feb. 28-29 World Cup in Budapest, HUN

Project 2 (CFF -funded) – Mar. 16 – 29, 2004

Up to four athletes will be selected.

One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: Jan. 15, 2004

Mar. 20-21 World Cup in Moscow, RUS

Mar. 26-27 World Cup in Lamazia Terme, ITA

Project 3 (CFF -funded) - June 11-15, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Up to three eligible athletes will receive funding

Selection date: May 1, 2004

June 12-13: World Cup in New York, USA

June 14: Team World Cup in New York, USA

Project 4 (CFF-funded) – June 20-26, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected

Only the athlete that has qualified for the Olympics will receive funding.

Selection date: May 1, 2004

June 24-25: World Cup in Havana, Cuba

4.4 Men's Epee

A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions

1.	World Cup	Doha, QAT	Jan. 10-11, 2004	(INT)
2.	World Cup (GP)	Lisbon, POR	Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2004	(WC)
3.	World Cup (GP)	Vancouver, CAN	Mar. 20-22, 2004	(WC)
	World Cup	Heidenheim, GER	Apr. 30 - May 1, 2004	(WC)
4.	World Cup	Legnano, ITA	May 8-10, 2004	(WC)
	World Cup (GP)	Stockholm, SWE	May 29-30, 2004	(WC)
5.	World Cup	Havana, CUB	June 18-19, 2004	(INT)
6.	World Cup	Carolina, PUR	June 26-27, 2004	(INTDEV)

B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions

1.	French Circuit	Toulouse, FRA	Oct. 18-19, 2003
2.	FIE Satellite	Copenhagen, DEN	Oct. 25-26, 2003
3.	NAC	Palm Springs, USA	Dec. 5-7, 2003
4.	NAC	San Jose, USA	Jan. 10-12, 2004
	OR German Circuit	Reutlingen, GER	Jan. 11-12, 2004
5.	French Circuit	Lisieux, FRA	Jan. 17-18, 2004
6.	German Circuit	Recklinghausen, GER	Jan. 24-25, 2004
7.	World Cup	Bogota, COL	Mar. 27-28, 2004
8.	World Cup	Havana, CUB	June 21-22, 2004
9.	World Cup	Carolina, PUR	June 26-27, 2004

Note: Any World Cup that is directly associated with a National Team Project but is not on this list will also be considered as an International Developmental Competition.

D. National Team Projects

Projects in this weapon focus on the qualification and preparation of a team for the 2004 Olympics. The projects may be revised after March 31, 2004, pending the result of the FIE qualification process.

Project 1 (CFF-funded) – Nov. 7-16, 2003 – Pre-season Training Camp

Montreal Training center
Eight athletes will be invited - Mandatory for all carded athletes

Project 2 (CFF-funded) – January 6 - 18, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.
Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.
Selection date: November 1, 2003
January 10-11: World Cup in Doha, Qatar
January 13-16: Training in Tauber.
January 17: Team World Cup in Tauber., Germany

Project 3 (CFF-funded) – Jan. 28 - Feb. 9, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.
Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.
Selection date: December 15, 2003
Jan. 31-Feb. 1: World Cup in Lisbon, Portugal
February 2-5: Training in Lisbon or Barcelona
February 6: Team World Cup in Barcelona, Spain
February 7-8: World Cup in Barcelona, Spain

Project 4 (CFF-funded) – March 1-15, 2004

Four athletes will be selected.

Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.

Selection date: February 9, 2004

March 1-12: training in Innsbruck, Austria

March 6-7: World Cup in Berne, Switzerland

March 14: Team World Cup in Poitiers, France

Project 5 (CFF-funded) – March 20-22, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.

Selection date: February 9, 2004

March 20-21: World Cup in Vancouver, Canada

March 22: Team World Cup in Vancouver, Canada

~~Project 6 (Project will only be held if team qualified for Olympics) – April 2-11, 2004~~

~~Mid season Training Camp~~

~~Date and location still to be confirmed.~~

~~Mandatory for all carded athletes~~

Project 6 (self-funded) – May 6 – May 17, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Selection date: April 7, 2004

May 8-9: World Cup in Legnano, Italy

May 10: Team World Cup in Verceli, Italy

May 11-14: Training in Innsbruck, Austria

May 15-16: World Cup in Innsbruck, Austria

~~Project 8 (CFF-funded if qualified for Olympics) – May 27 – June 6, 2004~~

~~Up to eight athletes will be selected.~~

~~Four athletes selected using the Olympic Selection Rankings will receive funding.~~

~~Selection date: May 10, 2004~~

~~May 29-30: World Cup in Stockholm, Sweden~~

~~May 31 – June 3: Training in Sweden or Tunisia~~

~~June 4-5: World Cup in Tunis, Tunisia~~

Project 7 (self-funded) – May 25-30, 2004 Post-Nationals Training Camp

Montreal NTC

Preparation for all athletes planning to take part in Projects 8 and 9

Project 8 (self-funded) – June 13-20, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Selection date: May 10, 2004

June 18-19: World Cup in Havana, Cuba

*The National Coach is attempting to arrange a training camp with the Cuban team prior to the World Cup.

Project 9 (self-funded) – June 25-28, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Selection date: May 10, 2004

June 26-27: World Cup in Carolina, Puerto Rico

4.5 Men's Foil

A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions

1.	World Cup	Copenhagen, DEN	Nov. 22-23, 2003	(INT)
2.	NAC	San Jose, USA	Jan 16-18, 2004	(INTDEV)
3.	World Cup	Venice, ITA	Jan. 31- Feb. 1, 2004	(INT)
4.	World Cup	Zalagerszeg, HUN	Feb. 7-8, 2004	(INT)
5.	World Cup	Cairo, EGY	Mar. 13-14, 2004	(WC)
	French Circuit	Bordeaux, FRA	April 10-11, 2004	(INT)
6.	World Cup	Havana, CUB	June 21-23, 2004	(WC)

B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions

1.	French Circuit	Valence, FRA	Oct. 18-19, 2003
2.	FIE Satellite	London, GBR	Oct. 25-26, 2003
3.	French Circuit	Melun, FRA	Nov. 8-9, 2003
4.	NAC	Palm Springs, USA	Dec. 12-14, 2003
5.	German Circuit	Heidenheim, GER	Jan..11-12, 2004
	OR French Circuit	Bourg la Reine, FRA	Jan..11-12, 2004
6.	French Circuit	St. Denis de l'Hotel, FRA	Feb., 7-8, 2004
7.	French Circuit	Limoges, FRA	Mar., 7-8, 2004
	French Circuit	Bordeaux, FRA	April 10-11, 2004

C. National Team Projects

Projects in this weapon focus on the qualification of an individual for the Olympic Games and the transition of juniors to the senior ranks for the next quadrennial.

Project 1 (CFF-funded) – November 19 - 24, 2003

Up to four athletes will be selected.

One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: October 12, 2003

November 22-23: World Cup in Copenhagen, Denmark

Project 2 (CFF-funded) – January 28 - February 10, 2004

Up to four athletes will be selected.

One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: December 15, 2003

Jan. 31-Feb. 1: World Cup in Venice, ITA

February 7-8: World Cup in Zalaegerszeg, HUN

Project 3 (CFF-funded) – April 8-12, 2004

One athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: March 10, 2004

April 10-11: French Circuit in Bordeaux, France

Project 4 (CFF-funded) – June 19-23, 2003

Up to eight athletes will be selected.

Only the athlete that has qualified for the Olympics will receive funding.

Selection date: May 15, 2004

June 21-22: World Cup in Havana, Cuba

June 23: Team World Cup in Havana, Cuba

4.6 Men's Sabre

A. CFF Designated International Selection Competitions

1.	NAC	San Jose, USA	January 10-13, 2004	(INTDEV)
2.	World Cup	London, GBR	Jan. 24-25, 2004	(INT)
3.	World Cup	Bonn, FRA	February 14-15, 2004	(WC)
4.	World Cup	Athens, GRE	Mar. 12-13, 2004	(WC)
5.	World Cup (GP)	New York, USA	June 12-14, 2003	(WC)
6.	World Cup	Havana, CUB	June 24-25, 2003	(INT)

B. CFF Designated International Developmental Competitions

1.	French Circuit	Grenoble, FRA	Nov. 15-16, 2003	Cancelled
1.	FIE Satellite	Amsterdam, HOL	Nov. 15-16, 2003	
2.	NAC	Palm Springs, USA	Dec. 12-14, 2003	
3.	French Circuit	Strasbourg, FRA	Feb. 7-8, 2004	
4.	French Circuit	Charleville-Mezieres, FRA	Apr 25, 2004	Cancelled
1.	FIE Satellite	Mannheim, GER	Mar 27-28, 2004	Cancelled
4.	World Cup	Madrid, ESP	May 7-8, 2004	
5.	German Circuit	Koblenz, GER	May 16, 2004	
6.	World Cup	Padoue, ITA	May 21-22, 2004	
7.	World Cup	Nancy, FRA	May 29-30, 2004	

C. National Team Projects

Projects in this weapon focus on the qualification of an individual for the Olympic Games and the transition of juniors to the senior ranks for the next quadrennial.

Project 1 (CFF-funded) – January 15-Feb. 2, 2004

Up to four athletes will be selected.
One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: December 15, 2003

~~January 17: Team World Cup in Paris, France~~

January 24-25: World Cup in London, England

Jan. 31 –Feb. 1 World Cup in Budapest, Hungary

Project 4 (CFF-funded) – June 11-15, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.
Up top three eligible athletes will receive funding.

Selection date: May 1, 2004

June 12-13: World Cup in New York, USA

June 14: Team World Cup in New York, USA

Project 2 (CFF-funded) – February 11-16, 2004

Up to four athletes will be selected.
One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: December 15, 2003

February 14-15: World Cup in Bonn, Germany

Project 5 (CFF-funded) – June 20-26, 2004

Up to eight athletes will be selected.
Only the athlete that has qualified for the Olympics will receive funding.

Selection date: May 1, 2004

June 24-25: World Cup in Havana, Cuba

Project 3 (CFF-funded) – March 1-22, 2004

Up to four athletes will be selected.
One eligible athlete will receive funding.

Selection date: January 28, 2004

March 6-7: World Cup in Bangkok, Thailand

March 12-13: World Cup in Athens, Greece

March 20-21: World Cup in Moscow, Russia

6. SENIOR HP POINT GRID

Description of point grid:

1) Senior grid has six categories:

- HPWC - the strongest World Cups, and the World Championships/Olympic Games
- WC - regular World Cups, and very strong international “B” events
- INT.- medium strength World Cups and strong international “B” events
- INTDEV - NAC’s and any remaining international competitions
- Nationals –Canadian (Winter and Summer) National Championships
- CSC – Canadian Selection Circuit

2) Below the medal positions, rounds and half rounds will be awarded points as follows:

- 1st place
- 2nd place
- 3rd place
- 5th to 8th place
- 9th to 12th place
- 13th to 16th place
- 17th to 24th place
- 25th to 32nd place
- 33rd to 64th place

A fencer must also finish in the top 1/2 (50%) of the field to earn points, except for CEC’s/Nationals where the top 16 will be given points regardless of the number of entries.

- 3) The strength of CFF designated selection competitions will be pre-set at the beginning of the season. Should a competition’s calculated strength be greater than the pre-set category, the higher category will prevail.
- 4) The strength of CFF designated international developmental competitions will be pre-set as a minimum INTDEV/NAC. Should a competition’s calculated strength be greater than the pre-set category, the higher category will prevail.
- 5) The FIE World Rankings published the day after the competition will be used to calculate the actual strength of the competition. The strength (F) calculation will be as follows:

$$F = P/10 + 6S_8 + 5S_{16} + 4S_{32} + 3S_{64} + 2S_{85}$$

where, P= the number of entries in the competition

S8= fencers ranked in the top 8 on the FIE World Rankings

S16= fencers ranked 9 to 16 on the FIE World Rankings

S32= fencers ranked 17 to 32 on the FIE World Rankings

S64= fencers ranked 33 to 64 on the FIE World Rankings

S85= fencers ranked 65 to 85 on the FIE World Rankings

Senior Point Grid

Position	HPWC	WC	INT	INTDEV / NAC	Nationals	C.E.C.
<i>Strength</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>15</i>		
1	200	150	100	80	60	50
2	180	140	90	70	55	45
3	160	130	80	60	50	40
5 - 8	140	110	70	50	40	30
9 - 12	115	85	55	35	30	20
13 - 16	110	80	50	30	25	16
17 - 24	85	55	35	20	X	X
25 - 32	80	50	30	10	X	X
33 - 64	50	30	10	X	X	X

N.B. X = 0 points

7. SPORT CANADA CARDING CRITERIA

Sport Canada Carding Policy

Sport Canada has two levels of carding, **Senior (designated as SR1, SR2, SR or C-1) and Development (designated as D)** cards. Athletes in all of the weapons are eligible for AAP support. An athlete must be registered in the CFF HP Program at the time of the nomination meeting with Sport Canada to be nominated.

Under agreement with Sport Canada, the CFF is limited to a maximum of 31 AAP cards for 2003-2004, with an internal limit of 18 SR cards. Development cards are obtained by dividing a SR card into two D cards. Please note that the exact number of cards available is being re-evaluated by Sport Canada and could change for the 2004-2005 carding cycle.

“Senior International Card”

A “Senior International Card” is awarded to those athletes who achieve a “top 16” individual result or a “top 8” team result at the World Championships or Olympic Games. Such an athlete receives \$1,100 per month, (\$13,200 a year) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada. This card is valid for a two-year period, provided that the athlete maintains his/her status in the HP Program.

“Senior Card”

A “Senior card” (SR) is awarded to those athletes who achieve “Senior A Athlete” criteria and that have previously been carded at the C-1, SR, SR1 or SR2 level. Such an athlete receives \$1,100 per month, (\$13,200 a year) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

Please specifically note that if an athlete achieves this “Senior Card” criteria and they have not been previously carded (as C-1 or higher), they will only receive the **Development** Carding Stipend and will be designated as **C-1**.

“Development Card”

A “Development card” is awarded to those athletes who achieve the “Senior B Athlete” or “Junior HP/Team” criteria. Such an athlete receives \$500 per month, (\$6,000 a year) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

“Special Development Card” Qualification for Junior and Cadet Athletes

Individually: A “Special Development” card will be awarded to those athletes who reach the top 8 and the top 1/3 of the field individually at the Junior or Cadet World Championships.

By Team: A “Special Development” card will be awarded to those athletes who reach top 4 and top 1/3 of the field in the team event at the Junior World Championships. This card does not apply to the alternate unless he/she has fenced and contributed to the result.

Athletes will receive \$500 per month, (\$6,000 a year) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada. This card is issued for a maximum three-year period. To maintain the “Special Development” card, the athlete must be active in the CFF HP Program.

Participation in National Championships

Participation in both the Elite and Summer Nationals is mandatory to be eligible for nomination for carding. Exceptions may be granted by the HP Selection Committee for special circumstances, such as, injury (medical certificate required), scheduling conflicts with qualifying World Cups, participation in conflicting National Team Projects or a extenuating circumstances. A written request must be submitted to the HP Director.

National Team Selections

Should an athlete who has met the carding criteria decline a National Team selection (Team World Cup/World Championships), that athlete will not be proposed for carding. An exception will be made for medical reasons (certificate required) or extenuating circumstances. In all cases where the athlete's carding nomination, or continuation of carding, is in question because of health problems, the athlete must meet the requirements as outlined within the Sport Canada policy on curtailment of training and competition for health-related reasons

Commitment of Carded Athletes

The CFF recognizes that it is essential to monitor each carded athlete's involvement in our HP Program. This implies that carded athletes must be accountable for their annual training and competitive performance, and agree to follow the National Team Program for their weapon as published in the National Team Booklet. Carded athletes must also assume responsibility for ongoing reporting as outlined by the CFF HP Program and the National Coaches.

In extreme situations where the athlete demonstrates a lack of commitment to the HP Program, the CFF may choose to recommend to Sport Canada that the athlete's carding status be withdrawn.

Duration of Carding Status

"Senior" or "Development" Card status cannot be awarded indefinitely. "Development" carded athletes must progress to the "Senior" category. Senior Athletes at the "Senior" carding level must also demonstrate potential to reach the top 16 at the Senior World Championship/Olympic Games.

As of the 2001-2002 carding cycle, a senior athlete can only be a carded at the D level for a maximum of three years. This total does not include any years that the athlete has been carded at the D level as a junior. Sport Canada has also indicated that they may impose an age limit for a D card in the future.

Those athletes that are no longer eligible to compete in the age group (cadet/junior) World Championships must demonstrate a progress in performance. Consequently, an athlete already carded at SR level will only be allowed to fall back to the D level once (for a maximum of two carding cycles). The second time this occurs, the athlete will not be recommended for carding, even if that athlete has met the "Development Card" criteria.

It is conceivable that at some time in the future, athletes with 5+ years at one constant "Card" level without advancement may be required to meet additional criteria.

Carding Cycle and Qualification Period

Qualification period: November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004.

Funding cycle: November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2005.

Athlete Agreement

All carded athletes must sign the CFF Athlete Agreement and return it to the CFF by a by November 14, 2003. Failure to sign and respect the agreement will result in suspension of financial support.

Prioritization of Athletes for Sport Canada Carding

After the Olympics, the CFF will meet with Sport Canada to determine the carding status of athletes in the CFF HP Program. Since the CFF has a limited number of cards that are made available each year by Sport Canada, athletes will be prioritized for carding as follows:

- 1) **Senior Card – International Criteria:** This card is available for athletes that achieve an individual top 16 or a team top 8 result at the 2004 Olympic Games. This card is valid for two carding cycles and is designated by Sport Canada as **SR1 or SR2**.
- 2) **Senior Card – Olympic Team:** This card is available for athletes that are selected for the 2004 Olympic Team (including the alternate for the team event). This card is valid for one carding cycle and is designated by Sport Canada as **SR**.
- 3) **Senior Card – Senior HP/A Athletes:** This card is available for athletes that achieve the “Senior HP Athlete” or the “Senior A Athlete” criteria, based on CFF Athlete Identification System. This card is valid for one carding cycle and is designated by Sport Canada as **SR**. The athletes will be prioritized within this category as follows:
 - a) Senior HP Athletes;
 - b) Senior A Athletes.
- 4) **Special Development Card - Junior/Cadet Athletes** - Junior/Cadet athletes who place in the top 8 Junior/Cadet World Championships. This card is valid for up to three carding cycles, provided that the athlete remains involved in the CFF HP Program. It is designated by Sport Canada as **D**.
- 5) Any athletes that were carded at the Senior (SR) level during the previous carding cycle and that have not met the criteria due to injury, illness or pregnancy may be considered. To be considered the athlete must submit a written request with a medical certificate to the HP Director by September 1, 2004.
- 6) **Development cards - Senior Athletes** – This card is available for athletes who achieve the “B Team Athlete” criteria, based on CFF Athlete Identification System. This card is valid for one carding cycle and is designated by Sport Canada as **D**. All athletes will be considered together but a maximum of four (4) senior development cards may be awarded in a single weapon.
- 7) **Development cards - Junior Athletes** – This card is available for athletes who achieve the “Junior HP” or the “Junior Team” criteria, based on CFF Athlete Identification System. This card is valid for one carding cycle and is designated by Sport Canada as **D**. The athletes will be prioritized within this category as follows:
 - a) Junior HP Athletes;
 - b) Junior Team Athletes.All athletes will be considered together but a maximum of three (3) junior development cards may be awarded in a single weapon.
- 8) Any athletes that were carded at the Development level during the previous carding cycle and that have not met the criteria due to injury, illness or pregnancy may be considered. To be considered the athlete must submit a written request with a medical certificate to the HP Director by September 1, 2004.
- 9) If any cards are still available they will be distributed to the athletes in those weapons that have exceeded their maximum quota, Senior B athletes will have priority over Junior Team athletes.
- 10) Should more athletes qualify in any of the above categories than the total number of cards made available by Sport Canada, the athletes will be prioritized within the respective category by:
 - a) The point total of the international component of the HP Rankings,
 - b) The point total of the international component Junior HP Rankings (for this calculation the 2004 Junior World Championships will be considered as an international selection competition).
 - c) Should a tie exist in total international points, the result (by final placing) at the most recent World Championships (for the respective age group) will be used to break the tie.

8. APPLICATION TO THE CFF HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Eligibility for the HP Program

In order to be eligible to apply for the CFF HP program, a fencer must:

- 1) Be identified as a Squad Fencer (or higher) on Sept.1 2003; or
- 2) Be identified as a Junior Team fencer (or higher) after the 2003 Summer Nationals; or
- 3) Be ranked in the top 8 of the final 2002-2003 Domestic Ranking (after Summer Nationals); or
- 4) Place in the top 8 in both CSC's in 2003. These fencers will be invited to join the HP Program by the National Coach for the respective weapon (or the HP Director) and will be given a secondary deadline of December 15, 2003 to submit their application.
- 5) For 2003-2004 only, those fencers who are ranked in the top 4 of the HP Rankings on Sept 1, 2003 will also be eligible to join the HP Program

A list of eligible athletes will be posted on the CFF web site at the time of publication of the NTB.

Only those fencers that have been accepted in to the CFF HP Program will be eligible for selections.

A) Application form

All athletes must submit all of the following:

- 1) A completed High Performance Program Application Form (page 31)
- 2) A copy of the annual training and competition plan, signed by their personal coach.
- 3) A signed Schedule D of the COC agreement (page 15).
- 4) A signed Code of Conduct Form (page 32-33).
- 5) A completed athlete profile (page 34).
- 6) Application Fee of \$65.00 (payable to the Canadian Fencing Federation). This includes a FIE license.
- 7) Two recent **passport-sized** photos. (head and shoulders only)
- 8) A photocopy of pages 2-3 from your government of Canada Passport or proof of Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant papers.

Application Deadline: October 15th, 2003

ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT BY MAIL AT THE SAME TIME. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE FENCER TO BE COMPLETED.

Applications must be sent to the HP Director at the following address:

**CFF HP Program Application
c/o Danek Nowosielski
6000 St. Exupery
Laval, QC
H7H 1H6**

Canadian Fencing Federation 2003/2004 High Performance Program

Name: _____ Date of birth _____ Club _____
(Surname) (First Name) (Initial) (day/month/year)

Weapon: Epée Foil Sabre Level: Cadet Junior Senior Gender: M F Hand: R L
(Please circle one) (Please circle one or more) (Please circle one)

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell. _____ Work _____

Fax _____ Email _____
(important to ensure regular communication)

Name of Parent or Guardian _____
(Minors Only)

Personal Coach: _____ Tel. _____ e-mail: _____

All Athletes that want to be included in the CFF High Performance Program for the 2003/2004 season must complete and submit this application.

If any medication is prescribed for a medical condition, please consult www.cces.ca and complete the Medication declaration form for restricted substances. This form must be submitted with the HP application and also faxed to CCES (Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport).

I understand that I must:

- **Read the National Team Booklet (NTB).**
- Comply with the annual training and competition requirements, as outlined in the NTB.
- Organize my annual competitive program such that it is complementary to the NTB and takes into account the selection policies.
- Maintain a training log and be able to provide a copy to the National Coaches/HP Director on request.
- Immediately report injuries or medical problems that may affect my training or competition schedule, to the National Coach or the HP Director.
- Ensure that my behaviour as a member of the CFF High Performance Program shall be exemplary and consistent with the Code of Conduct.
- Purchase a CFF competitive membership from my province for 2003-2004.
- Agree to comply with the CFF Rules & Regulations and related High Performance policies.

I agree to all of the above, and will attempt to fulfill my obligations to the best of my abilities.

 Athlete Signature Date

For Minors Only: I consent to my son/daughter/ward applying to become a member of the CFF High Performance Program.

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Include payment of \$65 (cheque payable to the CFF)

NOTE: All fencers will receive a 2003-2004 FIE license with their HP Program application.

B) CODE OF CONDUCT - Canadian Fencing Federation

Guidelines for Conduct of Participants In National Team Activities

Definitions

- Participants are considered to be individuals who are seen to represent the CFF at a particular event. Participants can be athletes, coaches, managers, referees and / or designated representatives.
- Events are tournaments, training camps, meetings and / or functions where the CFF is seen to have an interest and is being represented by a designated individual or group of individuals.

Expectations

I. General:

- a) Treat fellow participants with respect at all times.
- b) Work cooperatively with designated coaches, managers, and / or team leaders.
- c) Demonstrate a high degree of professionalism in your National Team involvement.
- d) Ensure that one's activities and / or behaviour does not jeopardize the safety of oneself or fellow participants.
- e) Provide information and opportunities for fellow participants to be meaningfully involved in the decisions that affect them.
- f) Do not engage in any type of derogatory behaviour or offensive language with fellow participants.
- g) Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate in others, all forms of harassment and discrimination related to gender, race, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, etc.
- h) Advocate the positive aspects of sport, i.e. sporting excellence, fair play, honest competition and effort, while refraining from any practices that would suggest favouritism or cheating.

II. Specific:

- a) Team Uniform – Wear the designated Canadian Team uniform at all times when at a competitive venue, and on other occasions as directed by the team leader / manager.
- b) Team Support – Actively support Canadian Teammates, when otherwise not directly involved yourself.
- c) Commitment – Take part in all required team functions and meetings. Also, participants who are no longer involved in the competition, should make it a practice to observe succeeding rounds, including the finals.
- d) Alcohol – If under the legal drinking age, refrain totally from the use of all alcoholic beverages. If over the legal drinking age, avoid alcohol consumption to a level which would reasonably be expected to impair performance and / or result in disruptive or unsafe behaviour.
- e) Illegal Substances – Refrain from using banned substances in contravention of the rules of the IOC, FIE and CFF. Actively discourage the use of performance-enhancing drugs.
- f) Consideration of Others – Refrain from activities and behaviours which may interfere with or distract others, thereby lessening their ability to focus on the competition.
- g) Initiation Activities – Refrain from pranks, jokes, initiation ceremonies and other activities which endanger, embarrass and / or ridicule others.
- h) Hygiene – Practice daily cleanliness routines (body and clothing), particularly in consideration of close quarter living with fellow participants.
- i) Curfew – Respect curfew times set by coaches / manager and be particularly sensitive disturbing behaviour during designated “quiet times.”

Consequences

At the discretion of the CFF High Performance Committee and / or the Board of Directors, and in consultation with those parties involved in the incident, the following consequences may be applied if expectations are not met:

- 1) Written or verbal reprimand.
- 2) Requirement of verbal or written apology.
- 3) Removal from the event.
- 4) Restriction from participation in future events.
- 5) Restriction from funding opportunities.
- 6) Revocation of CFF membership.

Reporting of Breaches of CFF Guidelines for Conduct

Breaches should be reported to:

- a) The designated Team Manager, Head Coach or Head of Delegation, or
- b) In writing, to the Vice President High Performance, or the Executive Director.

Breaches reported while the team is at a competition or training camp should, ideally, be dealt with on-site. The Team Manager, or Head of Delegation, will be responsible for convening a small panel to review the reported breach. This panel must include an athlete representative. If the matter cannot be dealt with through this initial process, the CFF complaints procedure (Rules and Regulations – Chapter 8) should be followed.

Confidentiality of Reporting

Anyone wishing to report a breach of conduct guidelines should attempt to maintain the greatest possible confidentiality, by discussing one's concerns with as few other as possible outside of the above mentioned people designated specifically to deal with such concerns.

Participant's Agreement

I have read and understand the "Guidelines for Conduct of Participants in National Team Activities" and agree to abide by them for the duration of the current competitive season.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Approved, CFF High Performance Committee, October 1997

C) ATHLETE PROFILE

Name/Nom:

Weapon:

**Born/Née:
in/à:**

Residence/ Résidence:

Hgt/Taille

Wgt/Poids:

Occupation:

Club:

Coach/Entraîneur:

Personal info/ renseignements personnels:

**Results/Résultats:
Year/Competition
Année**

Location/Lieu

Place

8. INVITATION TO COMMENT

In an effort to improve all aspects of program and athlete development, the CFF invites written comments from any athlete and coach involved in our National program. You may write to the CFF National Office in confidence, directing your remarks to either the VP High Performance, or the Executive Director or the High Performance Director. Any submissions received at the National Office will only be viewed by the individual(s) identified above, and any actions taken would be carried out with the utmost concern for confidentiality. While understanding that each National Coach will also have their own methods of gathering feedback on items such as training camps, competitions and selection criteria, it is recognized that there may be other aspects of the National program that concern you. Please feel free to share your opinions with the designated CFF representatives at any time. A short list of possible topics is given below. Athletes with specific concerns can also avail themselves of their elected representatives who sit on the CFF Board of Directors and High Performance Committee. The aim of the CFF is to improve the quality and effectiveness of our programs, in partnership with the key participants - the high performance athletes and coaches.

Examples of Subjects/Topics for Comment:

- . Training Camps
- . Communication
- . National Coaches, Managers, Physios
- . Financial Policies
- . CFF Staff
- . AAP Policies
- . Multi-Weapon Competitions
- . Athlete Interactions
- . Selection Policies
- . HP Committee

** Please identify all material as confidential on the outside of the letter, by writing confidential on the bottom right corner.