



CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION 2005-2006 HP PROGRAM Selection Criteria

FENCING • ESCRIME
CANADA

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
1. Introduction	2
2. Key changes from 2004-2005	3
3. CFF HP Program	
a) Eligibility for HPP	4
b) HPP Eligibility Ranking (HPPER)	5
c) HPP Application Procedure	5
4. Selection Policies	
a) Eligibility for Selections	6
b) HP Selection Committee	6
c) NAC's and International B's	6
d) World Cups (FIEA and GP)	7
e) National Team Projects (NTP's)	8
f) 2006 World Championships	10
g) 2006 Commonwealth Championships	11
h) Sport Canada Athletes Assistance Program (AAP)	12
5. HPP Selection Rankings and Athlete ID standards	16
6. Weapon Programs	
a) HPP Selection Camp	19
b) International Selection Competitions	20
c) NT Projects by weapon	21

INTRODUCTION

This document contains the general selection principles, which will be used to select athletes for the CFF HPP and projects within the HPP during the 2005-2006 season.

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

Similarly, the dates of international selection competitions 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 for events that are not NT Projects. Furthermore it is the athletes (and their personal coaches) responsibility to be familiar with the information within this document.

Due to the nature of the international competition schedule and other unforeseeable problems, this document should be considered a guideline. The CFF has taken every possible step to ensure that this material will remain accurate for the entire season, but in instances where changes do occur, specifically to international selection competitions, the CFF reserves right to make amendments to this document. Up-to-date versions of this document will be posted on the CFF Web Page if any changes are required.

November 25, 2005

Revised December 5, 2005 – pages 4 and 8

Updated April 7, 2006 – pages 20 and 24 (WS GP in Algiers due cancelled)

Updated May 8, 2006 – pages 20 and 26 (changes to MF international selection competitions)

CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION
6000 St Exupery
Laval, QC
H7H 1H6

TEL: (450) 628-7000
FAX: (450) 628-1791
E-MAIL: hpd@fencing.ca
Web Page: www.fencing.ca

2. KEY CHANGES FROM 2004-2005

- 1) **Point Grid:** There are now five categories of international competitions. This change was made to improve the evaluation of the strength of international competitions and to address the changes to the Criteria and Prioritization of Athletes for the Sport Canada AAP.
- 2) **Criteria and Prioritization of Athletes for the Sport Canada AAP:** Although the CFF is requesting additional cards for the 06-07 carding cycle, the current indication is that we will only have 16 SR cards available for distribution. The criteria have been changed to reflect this. In order to earn a SR card a fencer must meet the “HP standard” (the point grid has been adjusted to reflect this change). Any unused SR cards can be split into D cards at a ratio of 2 to 3. This is being done in order to maintain the maximum number of carded athletes possible in the HPP.
- 3) **International Selection Competitions:** Seven (7) (instead of eight) international competitions have been identified for selection purposes in each weapon. These competitions will be held between January 1 and June 30, 2006 (3 before March 31 and 4 after).
- 4) **HPP Selection Camp:** This season the camp will be held on three separate weekends. Each weapon (male and female combined) will have a 4-day period (including a weekend), which best suits the weapon program with respect to the international calendar.

3. CFF High Performance Program (HPP)

a) Eligibility for HPP

The application to the CFF HPP is by invitation only. To be invited a fencer must:

~~I. compete in both CSC#1 and CSC#2. Exemptions may be granted to the National Team (those athletes who represented Canada in the most recent Worlds/Olympics) and to any athletes who are unable to attend due to injury or illness (HPP must be notified in writing prior to the competition and a medical certificate is required).~~

AND

II. achieve the HP, A, B, S or JA standard during the previous season;

OR

be ranked in the top 12 on the HPP Eligibility Ranking (HPPER - see section b) after CSC#2;

A LIST OF THE 12 FENCERS (AND 4 ALTERNATES) INVITED IN EACH WEAPON WILL BE POSTED ON THE CFF WEB SITE AFTER CSC#2.

There are three other ways by which someone can receive an invitation to the HPP. Additional invitations will be extended to any fencer who:

III. is recognized for AAP support (Injury Card) by Sport Canada for the current carding cycle. The regular deadline applies;

IV. achieves one "A standard" (based on the calculated strength) at one of the first two "DIV1 NAC's" (in December and January) and has met section I (above). The HPP application procedure must be completed within 10 days of being notified of the invitation.

Should the NAC, in which the result was obtained, not be designated as an *international selection competition* for the current season, the result will only be considered as a qualifying event for the HPP. NO POINTS OR STANDARDS will be awarded for Selection Rankings.

V. is selected for the Junior/Cadet World Championships. Upon his selection, this athlete is required to complete the HPP application procedure by February 7th of the current season;

ONLY THOSE FENCERS WHO ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE CFF HPP WILL APPEAR ON THE HPP SELECTION RANKINGS. THEY WILL BE THE ONLY FENCERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY INTERNATIONAL SELECTIONS (NT PROJECTS, WORLD CUPS, COMMONWEALTH AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, FISU, PAN-AM AND OLYMPIC GAMES)

b) HPP Eligibility Ranking (HPPER)

The HPPER will be used to select athletes for the HPP and will be posted (and updated) on the CFF web site after each event. In each weapon, fencers will be ranked:

- I. first, by the Athlete ID achieved during the previous season in the following order HP>A>B>S> JA;
- II. second, by the point total of the following three (3) competitions held in the same calendar year preceding the selection date for the HPP:
 - 1) the National Championships
 - 2) CSC#1
 - 3) CSC#2

Points for each of the competitions above will be awarded using the following grid:

place	points
1	15
2	12
3	9
5-8	6
9-12	3

Tie-breaking

Should two or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken:

- 1) by the best single result by point total. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the best result (by placing) in CSC#2. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 3) by the best result (by placing) in CSC#1.

c) HPP Application Procedure

To be accepted into the HPP, a fencer must:

- 1) be a competitive member of the CFF for the current season;
- 2) purchase a FIE license on the CFF web site for the current season;
- 3) be invited to join the HPP; and
- 4) complete the [HPP Application Procedure](#) by December 15 of the current season.

Should an invited fencer not submit a complete HPP application by the deadline, his/her spot will be given to the next eligible alternate. Alternates will be notified after the deadline and will have 7 days from notification to complete the procedure.

Those athletes who have been accepted into the HPP will appear on the HPP Selection Rankings on or after Dec 15th. Any fencers who are invited mid-season will be added when they are accepted.

4. SELECTION POLICIES

A. Eligibility for Selections

To be selected for any international competition sanctioned by the FIE (World Cup, World Championship, Commonwealth Championship and FISU, Pan-Am or Olympic Games), a fencer must be invited to join, registered for and accepted into the CFF HPP. In addition the athlete must meet any specific selection criteria for the respective event as identified in the following sections.

B. HP Selection Committee

The HP Selection Committee will confirm the final team composition for the World Championships and Commonwealth Championships using the criteria published in this document. The committee will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director,
- 2) the V-P High Performance,
- 3) the National Coaches, and
- 4) an athletes representative (a retired HPP Athlete).

The Selection Committee reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from a 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 “HPP Athletes Agreement”.**
3. **If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the “CFF Code of Conduct”.**

C. NAC’s and International B’s

Selection: none

The CFF does not make any selections for NAC’s or International B’s. Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions, unless the competition is identified as part of a National Team Project. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective web sites before booking flights:

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).

The organizers may impose some standards for participation (ie. FIE license for events in Europe, C classification for NAC’s). All athletes should verify with the organizers whether they are eligible to compete prior to making travel arrangements.

D. World Cups (FIE A and GP)

i. Held in Canada and the USA

Selection: none at this time

CANADA: Vancouver will host a World Cup in four weapons (WE, ME, MF, WS) in June 2006. This event is open to all CFF competitive members, who have purchased a FIE license before June 1, 2006 and who have registered with the organizers by the posted deadline.

USA: Las Vegas will host a World Cup in Women's Foil in June 2006. This event is open to all CFF competitive members, who have purchased a FIE license before June 1, 2006 and who have registered with the organizers by the posted deadline.

Grand Prix events held in Canada and the USA are treated as NT Projects and are by selection only.

All fencers should be aware that the FIE may eventually impose a maximum quota for Canadian entries for these events. Should this be the case, a selection process will be developed with priority given to the HPP athletes using the HPP Selection Rankings.

ii. All other World Cups

Selection: among HPP athletes only

Specific rules apply for World Cup and Grand Prix competitions that are part of a National Team Project (see section E).

For all World Cups (FIE A) that are **not** designated as international selection competitions, the CFF may be required to limit the number of entries to four fencers. This is due to the FIE rules which require the National Federations to send judges to World Cups, if they have more than four fencers competing.

The CFF will **only register HPP athletes** who have confirmed their participation by e-mail at wcreg@fencing.ca at least 30 days prior to the event. The e-mail must include the following information:

- a) Name;
- b) FIE #;
- c) Weapon; and
- d) Date and location of the World Cup;

Should more than four fencers express an interest in competing in a world cup that is not designated as an international selection competition, the HP Director and the National Coach for the respective weapon will make the selection using the HPP Selection Ranking 30 days before the event.

A fencer not respecting this deadline will not be registered for the requested World Cup.

E. National Team Projects (NTP's)

In each weapon certain designated international selection competitions (usually those associated with a Team World Cup) have also been designated as National Team Projects (NTP), for which the CFF will coordinate travel for all selected athletes. Furthermore, each athlete will be provided with a national team tracksuit the first time they make a team selection (NTP's and Sr/Jr/Cd Worlds). **All athletes must keep this tracksuit until the conclusion of the 2007-2008 season and wear it for all NTPs and any other team selections.** Should an athlete require a new tracksuit, that athlete will be charged a \$150 replacement fee.

All athletes who receive travel subsidies (see funding on page 9) must still be prepared to cover the remaining cost of the flight (paid to the CFF) and any other costs associated with the project, these include ground transportation, accommodation, food and any individual competition entry fees. All other selected fencers are invited to be part of the team for the project but must pay the CFF for the cost of their airfare as arranged by the CFF.

Any amounts owed to the CFF for an NTP should be paid to the CFF prior to the departure date of each project. The CFF imposes an interest charge for any amounts that are 30 days past due of 2.5% per month. Furthermore, any HPP athlete, who has an outstanding balance with the CFF will not be selected for a NTP until all past due accounts have been settled.

Selection Criteria for NTP's

The HP Director and the National Coach (for the respective weapon) will make all selections for NTP's using the criteria below:

- 1) The selection dates and the maximum number of athletes who will be selected for each NTP are listed for each weapon program starting on page 21.
- 2) The fencers must accept to travel and stay with the team as arranged by the CFF for the entire project. Fencers living outside of Canada must agree to arrive on the day indicated by the National Coach (coordinating their travel with the HPD) and stay at the same hotel as the team for the duration of the project. **The HPD and National Coach may authorize alternate travel arrangements for an athlete/team (i.e. aeroplan ticket) provided that it does not interfere with the general organization of the NTP.**
- 3) The National Coach reserves the right to pre-select an athlete, **who is carded (AAP)** but has been unable to compete in international selection competitions during the current season due to injury, illness, pregnancy or other extenuating circumstances.
- 4) The HPP Selection Ranking (on the selection date for each project) will be used to select the remaining fencers (and alternates) for each project up to the predetermined maximum.
- 5) In the case where an NTP consists of multiple competitions and there are fewer athletes accepting the selection than the number of spots available, the National Coach and HPD may select athletes for only one of the competitions. This selection will only be made once all HPP athletes have been given an opportunity to accept/decline the selection for that NTP. The HPP rankings will be used to fill any spots for a single competition within a NTP.

NOTE: Athletes receiving AAP support are reminded that they are required to take part in all NTPs in their entirety.

Selection 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 NTP will take part in the Team World Cup(s) associated with the project. All other fencers who are not taking part in the team competition are required to be present in order to observe, assist and encourage their teammates during the team event.

Funding for NTP's

All selected athletes may qualify for financial assistance to offset the cost of travel (provided that the CFF has funds at its disposal) by either 1) being identified as HP/A at the time of selection; or 2) meeting a performance benchmark during the NTP.

All funding is conditional on funds being available at the time of selection. It is possible that some projects may be entirely self-funded if the CFF is not able to allocate financial resources for athlete travel. Should this be the case, athletes will be notified at the time of selection. In such situations, all selected athletes should be prepared to bear the full cost of taking part in a project. However, the CFF will still coordinate all travel and, if financially possible, provide coaching support to all athletes who take part in the project.

1) Travel Subsidy based on Athlete ID at time of selection

Athletes who qualify for a travel subsidy at the time of selection will have part of their airfare paid prior to departure as follows:

Athlete ID at time of selection	Travel subsidy	Athlete's contribution
HP	50%	50%
A	30%	70%
B	10%	90%

2) Travel subsidy based on Performance Benchmark

This travel subsidy will either: 1) be refunded to the athlete on his return (based on the amount already paid); or 2) allocated as a credit for the next NTP. The total of an athlete's combined travel subsidy based on Athlete ID and a performance benchmark can't exceed 100% of the cost of the airfare. The performance benchmarks are:

Result at the Grand Prix associated with the NTP (benchmark based on calculated strength)		Travel subsidy % of the cost of flight which will be refunded to athlete
HPWC	WCA	
HP standard and Top 8	HP standard and Top 4	100% + per diem
HP standard and Top 16	HP standard and Top 8	100%
HP standard and Top 32	HP standard and Top 16	60%
A standard and Top 64	A standard and Top 32	20%

Team results may also contribute to funding for a NTP, but this will be evaluated on a case by case basis depending on the number of teams entered and funds available. As a guide, all athletes who contribute to the team result may be eligible for this funding as follows:

Team World Cup result (min 16 teams)	Travel subsidy % of the cost of flight which will be refunded to athlete
5th	100%
6th	90%
7th	80%
8th	70%
9th	60%
10th	50%

Should there be fewer than 16 teams, this scale will be adjusted by taking into account the number of team victories and the quality of the opposition.

The members of the WE team that placed sixth at the 2005 worlds have been awarded a special budget by the Canadian Sport Review Panel (CSRP) and will be funded above the aforementioned funding levels.

F. World Championships

Date: September 29 to October 8, 2006
Location: Turin, Italy
Selection date: June 26, 2006
Minimum standard: A
Funding: Not yet allocated, will be announced at time of selection

Selection criteria

In each weapon the selection will be made as follows:

- 1) The athletes who have met the minimum standard and are ranked first and second on the HPP Selection Ranking will be selected.
- 2) If two fencers have met the minimum standard, the National Coach will recommend to the HP Selection Committee the third and fourth team members (and an alternate) who he believes can best contribute to the team performance at the World Championships. In making this recommendation, the National Coach is not obligated to use solely the HPP Selection Rankings. He will take into consideration the following criteria, which will be monitored over the course of the season and will be evaluated on a selection grid:
 - i. Performance in Team World Cups, particularly in the 5th to 8th relays vs teams ranked in the top 16 in the World.
 - ii. Performance in Team World Cups against probable opponents in the team event at the Worlds.
 - iii. Athlete ID standard achieved during the current season.
 - iv. Athlete ID standard achieved during the previous two seasons.
 - v. Team Spirit.
 - vi. Executing the National Coach's tactical and strategic directions.
 - vii. Ability to defend a lead and/or bring the score back up.
 - viii. Discipline on and off the strip.
 - ix. Participation in all Training Camps during the season.
 - x. Results at the Junior World Championships.

The HP Selection Committee will be required to confirm the National Coach's recommendation of the third and fourth team members.

- 3) If no fencer has met the minimum standard, then only the fencer who is ranked first on the HPP Selection Ranking will be selected.
- 4) In extraordinary situations where only one fencer has been selected, the HP Selection Committee will have the authority to decide if it is in the best interest of the CFF to take part in the team event. This selection is by no means guaranteed and will only be made on the recommendation of the HP Director to address the overall goals of the HPP. Should the HP Selection Committee decide to send a team, the National Coach will recommend the names of the second and third (and possibly fourth) team members using the criteria listed in section 2 above. This recommendation requires the confirmation of the HP Selection Committee.

NOTE: All selections are conditional on the selected athlete taking part in all mandatory training camps prior to the World Championships. Should an athlete miss a training camp (except for injury), the next eligible alternate will replace them. All selected athletes should be available for training camps between July 20 and Sept 1, 2006.

G. Commonwealth Championships

Date: September 20-25, 2006
Location: Belfast, Northern Ireland
Selection date: June 26, 2006
Minimum standard: S or JA
Funding: Not yet allocated, will be announced at time of selection

The Commonwealth Championships are designated as a preparation competition for the World Championships since they will be held the week before in Europe.

No selection points will be awarded. However, results in the individual event will be recognized for Athlete ID standards based on the calculated strength of the competition.

Selection Criteria

- I. Those athletes who are selected for the World Championships (including the 1st alternate) will also be selected for the Commonwealth Championships.

- II. In those weapons in which a full team (5) has not already been selected, any remaining spots (up to five in each weapon) will be filled by those athletes who have met the Minimum standard (S or JA) by using the HPP Selection Rankings on the selection date.

NOTES:

- 1) As of November 24, 2005, the schedule of events for Commonwealth Championships has not been set. The Selection of Athletes for the Commonwealth Championships may exclude fencers who are participating in the worlds should the HPD and National Coaches judge that the Commonwealths could interfere with the team performance at the World Championships. This could apply to the entire team or specific weapons or specific athletes. In such a situation, the CFF reserves the right to select a different group of athletes (who have met the minimum standard) for the Commonwealths. This decision can't be made at this time, but should it arise athletes will be selected by point II above. This section will be updated as soon as the decision is made.

- 2) All selections are conditional on the selected athlete taking part in all mandatory training camps prior to the Commonwealth Championships. Should an athlete miss a training camp (except for injury), the next eligible alternate will replace them. All selected athletes should be available for training camps between July 20 and Sept 1, 2006.

- 3) All athletes who are selected for both the Commonwealth and World Championships MUST be prepared to be away from September 17th to October 8th, 2006. The alternates for worlds will be given the option of returning home after the Commonwealth Championships or travelling with the team to Turin as an observer.

Sport Canada Athletes Assistance Program (AAP)

Sport Canada AAP Policy

Sport Canada has two levels of carding, **Senior (designated as SR1, SR2, SR or C-1) and Development (designated as D)** cards. Additional information can be found at http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/prog/paa-aap/paa-aap_e.pdf

An athlete must be registered in the CFF HPP to receive financial support from the AAP for the current season. Participation (except for injury or other extenuating circumstances) in the National Championships is mandatory to be eligible for nomination for the AAP.

Sport Canada has allocated 16 SR cards to the CFF for 2006-2007. Since the total number of athletes meeting the standards for AAP support can exceed the total number of cards available, an order of priority has been developed (see page 14) to distribute the cards based on merit. Development cards are obtained by dividing two unused SR cards into three D cards (2SR = 3D). The number of cards made available by Sport Canada for the 2006-2007 carding cycle is being contested by the CFF and could change. Meeting a standard does not guarantee AAP support for the next carding cycle.

“Senior International Card”

A “Senior International Card” is awarded to those athletes who place in the “top 16” individually or the “top 8” by team at the World Championships/Olympic Games. Such an athlete will receive \$1,500 per month, (\$18,000 a year tax-free) 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 CFF HP Program and continues to respect the athlete agreement.

“Senior Card”

A “Senior card” (SR) is awarded to those athletes who meet the “Senior card” criteria and who have previously been carded at the C-1, SR, SR1 or SR2 level. Such an athlete receives \$1,500 per month, (\$18,000 a year tax-free) 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**.

“Special Development Card” for Junior and Cadet Athletes

A “Special Development” card is awarded to those athletes who place in:

- 1) the top 8 at the Cadet World Championships; or
- 2) the top 16 at the Junior World Championships.

Athletes will receive \$900 per month, (\$10,800 a year tax free) 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 qualify for the CFF HPP each year and continue to respect the athlete agreement.

“Development Card”

A “Development card” (D) is awarded to those athletes who meet the “Development card” criteria. Such an athlete receives \$900 per month, (\$10,800 a year tax-free) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

National Team Selections

Should an athlete who has met the carding criteria decline a National Team selection (NTP/World Championships or other major event), that athlete will not be proposed for carding and/or his current AAP status will come under review. 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.

Duration of Carding Status

Carding (D and SR) status cannot be awarded indefinitely. "D" carded athletes must progress to the "SR" level. Athletes at the "SR" level must also demonstrate potential to reach the "SR International" level.

A senior athlete can only be carded at the D level for a maximum of four 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 who are 24 years old or older must continue to demonstrate a progress in performance. Consequently, any such athlete already carded at the SR level will only be allowed to fall back to the D level once for a one year period. The second time this occurs, the athlete will not be recommended for carding, even if that athlete has met the "Development Card" criteria. For the 2006-2007 carding cycle, an athlete who has met the CFF "A Standard" but is only nominated for a D card will not be considered to have fallen back. Furthermore, this clause will be reexamined by SC and the CFF once the changes to the criteria can be fully evaluated after the 05-06 season.

Commitment of Carded Athletes

The CFF recognizes that it is essential to monitor each carded athlete's involvement in the HPP. 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 respective weapon as published by the CFF. Carded athletes must also assume responsibility for ongoing reporting as outlined by the HPP or requested by the National Coaches.

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

Carding Cycle and Qualification Period

The table below indicates the qualification period and funding cycles leading up to the 2008 Olympics:

Fencing season	Qualification period	Funding cycle
05-06	November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2005	November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006
06-07	November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006	November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007
07-08	November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007	November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008

Athlete Agreement

All carded athletes must sign the CFF HPP Athlete Agreement and return it each year to the CFF by November 15th. Failure to sign and respect the agreement will result in suspension of financial support by Sport Canada.

Criteria and Prioritization of Athletes for the Sport Canada AAP

Each year after the World Championships/Olympic Games, the CFF meets with Sport Canada to determine which athletes in HPP have qualified for the AAP. Since Sport Canada provides the CFF with a limited number of cards each year, athletes will be prioritized for carding based on the results/standards they have achieved during the qualification period as follows:

- 1) **International Standard (SR1 or SR2):** Athletes who place in the top 16 (individual) or a top 8 (team) at the World Championships/Olympic Games. This card is renewable for a 2-year period provided that the athlete qualifies for the HPP each year and continues to respect the athlete agreement.
- 2) **National Team – Individual Standard (SR):** Athletes who are selected for the World Championships and who have met one of the following standards will be nominated for a **SR Card**. Athletes will be prioritized within this group as follows:
 - i. Top 32 result at the World Championships
 - ii. HP Standard
- 3) **National Team – Individual Standard (D):** Athletes who are selected for the World Championships and who have met the “A” Standard will be nominated for a **D Card**. Should the CFF receive additional cards from Sport Canada for 06-07, these athletes could be upgraded to a SR card.
- 4) **National Team – Team Standard (D):** Athletes who place in the top 12 by team (and top half of the field) at the World Championships will be nominated for a **D Card**. To be eligible, the athlete must have contributed to the result by competing in the team event. Should the CFF receive additional cards from Sport Canada for 06-07, these athletes could be upgraded to a SR card.
- 5) **National Team – Alternate Standard (D):** In each weapon, the first alternate for the World Championship Team, who has met the “A standard” will be nominated for a **D Card**. Should the CFF receive additional cards from Sport Canada, these athletes could be upgraded to SR.
- 6) **Injury/Force Majeur (D):** Athletes who were carded at the Senior (SR2, SR or C-1) level during the previous carding cycle and who have **not** met the criteria due to injury, illness or pregnancy may be considered for a D card. Athletes must submit a written request with a medical certificate (which states the anticipated date of return to competition) and any other supporting documentation to the HP Director by September 1, 2006 to be considered.

Other extenuating circumstances beyond an athlete’s control, which prevented them from taking part in the majority of the international selection competitions may also be considered in this category. Athletes must submit a written request, which states the reason and includes a complete list of the competitions missed and any supporting documentation to the HP Director by September 1, 2006 to be considered. Each case will be evaluated by the HP Selection Committee, which will make a final recommendation on whether the athlete should be recommended for AAP support. Should the CFF receive additional cards from Sport Canada, these athletes could be upgraded to SR.

- 7) **Special Development (D)** - Athletes who obtain one of the following results at the Junior/Cadet World Championship will be nominated for a D:
 - i. Top 16 in an individual Junior event
 - ii. Top 8 in an individual Cadet eventThis card is renewable annually for a 3-year period provided that the athlete qualifies for the HPP each year and continues to respect the athlete agreement.
- 8) **National B Team – Individual Standard (D):** Athletes who are selected for the World Championships and who have met the **B or JA standard** will be nominated for a **D Card**.

- 9) **Junior National Team (D):** Athletes who are selected for the Junior World Championships and who have met one of the following standards will be nominated for a **D Card**. Athletes will be prioritized within this group as follows:
- i. Top 32 result at the Junior World Championships
 - ii. JHP Standard
 - iii. JA Standard
- 10) **Injury (D):** Any athletes who were carded at the Development (D) level during the previous carding cycle and who have **not** met the criteria due to injury, illness or pregnancy may be considered. Athletes must submit a written request with a medical certificate (which states the anticipated date of return to competition) and any other supporting documentation to the HP Director by September 1, 2006.
- 11) **National B Team – Other standards (D):** If any D cards are still available, they will be distributed to the athletes who have met one of the following standards, prioritized as follows:
- i. A Standard
 - ii. B Standard
 - iii. S Standard
 - iv. JA Standard
- 12) Should more athletes qualify in any of the above categories (or sub categories) than the total number of cards available, athletes will be prioritized within each category by the final season point total of the international component of the respective HP Selection Ranking. Should a tie exist in total international points, the result (by final placing) at the 2006 World Championships (for the respective age group) will be used to break the tie.

Note

The specific criteria for each of the athlete ID standards can be found on page 16 of this document for the senior standards and on page 8 of the 2005/2006 Junior/Cadet Selection Criteria for the junior standards.

5. HPP Selection Rankings and Athlete ID Standards

Overview: The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for all international selections, CFF funding opportunities and to nominate athletes for the AAP. Consequently, only those athletes who have been accepted into the HPP will appear on this ranking.

Athletes will be ranked **first by the Athlete ID standard** that they have achieved in the designated international competitions, then by the total number of selection points earned during the current season. The criteria for each Athlete ID standard and the order of priority on the ranking is:

- 1) HP Standard ⇒ Three HP results in the designated international competitions
- 2) A Standard ⇒ Three A results in the designated international competitions
- 3) B Standard ⇒ Three B results in the designated international competitions
- 4) JHP Standard ⇒ Two JHP results in Junior designated international competitions.
A junior fencer who achieves an “A” standard in a designated international competition will have that result considered equivalent to a JHP result and it will count towards the JHP standard.
- 5) S Standard ⇒ Two B results in the designated international competitions
- 6) JA Standard ⇒ Two JA results in Junior designated international competitions.
A junior fencer who achieves a “B” standard in a designated international competition will have that result considered equivalent to a JA result and it will count towards the JA standard.

The HPP selection ranking is reset to zero at the beginning of each season, consequently, athletes retain their Athlete ID from the previous season until the third designated international selection competition.

After the third international selection competition, the selection rankings will only consider the standards and results obtained during the current season. Junior fencers will retain their junior standard from previous season until January 1 of the current season.

The ranking within each division will be determined by the point total of the domestic (i) and international (ii) components.

i. Domestic component

The domestic component will be the point total of the following three elements:

1. The point total from the HPPER.
2. The HPP Selection Camp
3. The National Championships

The following point grid will be used to award selection points for HPP Camp and Nationals:

placing	HPP Camp	Nationals									
1	60	60	In cases where athletes are selected for a Team World Cup (TWC) which conflicts with the Nationals, those athletes will be awarded points for Nationals for a result at the Grand Prix associated with that TWC. The following point grid will be used in such situations:								
2	55	50									
3	50	40									
4	45	30									
5	40										
6	35										
7	30										
8	25	20									
9	20										
10	15										
11	10										
12	5										
13-16	1	10		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Top 8</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Top 16</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Top 32</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Top 64</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </table>	Top 8	60	Top 16	50	Top 32	40	Top 64
Top 8	60										
Top 16	50										
Top 32	40										
Top 64	30										

ii. International component

The international component will be the point total of best five (5) results from the list of seven (7) CFF designated international selection competitions in each weapon, which are listed on page 20.

The following point grid will be used to award selection points and Athlete ID standards:

	HPWC		WCA		WCB		INT		DEV			
# of fencers ranked in FIE top 128	> 64		33 to 64		17 to 32		9 to 16		0 to 8			
1	200	HP	160	HP	130	HP	90	HP	60	HP		
2	160		130		110		80		50	A		
3	130		110		90		70		40			
top 8	110		90		70		60		A	30	B	
top 12*					60		A		50	25		
top 16	90		70		50		40		B	20		
top 24*					A		40		B	30	15	
top 32	70		50		30		20			10		
top 64	50	A	30	B	20	10						
top 96	30	B	20		10							

*points only awarded in DEV, INT and WCB strength competitions if a "repechage" or pools are held.

NOTES

1) The strength of a competition will be determined by taking into consideration the total number of fencers present who are ranked in the top 128 of the FIE World Rankings the day after the competition.

- > 64 = HPWC
- 33 - 64 = WCA
- 17 - 32 = WCB
- 9 - 16 = INT
- 0 - 8 = DEV

2) In order to earn points and Athlete ID standards a fencer must place in the DE bracket (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 96) in which 40% of the competitive field has placed. For example:

HPWC	with 192 entries	X 40% = 77	Top 96 earn points and ID standard
WCA	with 66 entries	X 40% = 26	Top 32 earn points and ID standard
INT	with 102 entries	X 40% = 41	Top 64 earn points and ID standard

3) The strength of each designated international selection competition will be set at the beginning of the season and will be identified in the weapon programs. Should a competition's calculated strength be greater than the set category, the higher category will prevail.

4) The World Championships will count for points and Athlete ID at HPWC strength for the Final HPP Rankings. Any other Championships (Pan-Am, Commonwealth, FISU) will only count for Athlete ID (no points) at the calculated strength for the respective competition.

Tie-breaking

Should two or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken:

- 1) by the point total of the international component in the HPP Selection Rankings.
Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the best result (by point total) among the international selection competitions.
Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 3) by the best result (by placing) at the most recent international selection competition.

Updates

In each weapon, the HPP Selection Ranking will be updated on the CFF web site after:

- 1) the HPP application deadline;
- 2) the HPP Selection Camp;
- 3) the Nationals; and
- 4) any designated international selection competition.

6. Weapon Programs

a) HPP Selection Camp

This **mandatory** camp will be held at different times for each weapon (male and female combined). Specific details will be posted on the CFF web site in January 2006. The CFF will be providing financial assistance to cover the cost of travel to the camp to all carded athletes and to those fencers selected for the Junior/Cadet World Championships who must travel to Montreal by plane. **Athletes who do not participate in this camp will be expelled from the HPP. The camp will take place at the Montreal NTC.**

**Dates: February 9-12, 2006 – Men’s and Women’s Foil,
February 23-26, 2006 – Men’s and Women’s Epee
March 9-12, 2006 – Men’s and Women’s Sabre**

- 1) **Eligibility:** The camp is restricted to HPP Athletes only.
- 2) **Registration and Fee:** Fencers register for the camp when they register for the HPP. No further registration is required. The fee is included in HPP registration.
- 3) **Format:** the first two days will consist of individual matches (daily “poule unique” followed by a DE with matches for all the places in tableau) that will be used to rank fencers and award selection points. There will also be two days of bouting focussed on team matches.
- 4) **Camp Ranking:**
 - Fencers ranked by the lowest point total of four individual results (by placing):
Total = P1 + DE1 + 2xP2 + 2xDE2, where
where: P1= placing in poule on Day 1, DE1 = placing in tableau on Day 1,
P2= placing in poule on Day 2, DE2 = placing in tableau on Day 2,
 - Should a fencer not fence in one of the sessions then they will be given the points for last place plus one for that session.
 - Selection points will be awarded using the point grid on page 16.
 - If a fencer does not participate in the team matches at the camp, 20 points will be deducted from the selection points earned for the individual matches. An exception will be made for an injury sustained at the camp that is verified by the medical support staff.

Special rules for camp

- 1) It is the fencer’s responsibility to be ready to fence at the scheduled time.
- 2) Fencers must initial score sheet after each match.
- 3) 3 minute bouts for 5 hits, 3x3 min for 15 hits.
- 4) Automatic default of 1-0 if fencer is not ready to fence when called (not enough working weapons or body cords, out of the room, etc).
- 5) No personal coaching during bouts (personal coaches may only communicate with their fencers in between bouts).
- 6) The DT will consist of the HPD, a National Coach (of the weapon concerned) and a designated referee.
- 7) Fencers will do some of the refereeing themselves (to stimulate observation).
- 8) Qualified referees will be present to judge and observe the bouts being fenced to ensure fairness for all participants. They will have the authority to overturn calls when major mistakes are made due to inexperience.

Notes:

- 1) Fencers should be physically prepared for the HPP Camp. The volume of bouts is significantly greater than in any competition. Everyone should be in good physical condition to be able to endure and benefit from the bouting opportunities available at these camps.
- 2) Fencers should come to the camps properly equipped. This means that they must bring at least 4 working weapons and 3 body cords plus extra blades and replacement parts should something break. **Each fencer is responsible** to have proper working equipment when they are called to fence. Should a fencer not be ready to fence a particular bout, they will lose by default 1-0.

b) International Selection Competitions

The designated international selection competitions (and their pre-set strength) in each weapon for the 2005-2006 season are listed in the table below.

	WE	ME	WF	MF	WS	MS
INT#1	WC-Prague (WCB) Jan 28-29, 2006	GP-Kuwait (WCB) Jan 27-29, 2006	NAC#2 (DEV) Jan. 13-16, 2006	GP-Paris (WCA) Jan. 27-29, 2006	NAC#2 (DEV) Jan. 13-16, 2006	WC-Istanbul (INT) Jan. 21-22, 2006
INT#2	GP-St. Maur (WCA) Feb 3-5, 2006	GP-Doha (WCA) Feb 10-12, 2006	GP-Seoul (WCB) Feb 24-26, 2006	WC-Seoul (INT) Feb 25-26, 2006	GP-Budapest (WCA) Feb 24-26, 2006	GP-Tunis (WCB) Jan. 27-29, 2006
INT#3	WC-Rome (WCB) Mar 17-18, 2006	GP-Stockholm (WCA) Mar 10-12, 2006	WC-Shanghai (INT) Mar 4-5, 2006	GP-Shanghai (WCA) Mar 3-5, 2006	WC-London (INT) Mar 4-5, 2006	GP-Seoul (WCB) Feb 24-26, 2006
INT#4	GR-Mannheim (INT) May 6-7, 2006	GP-Heidenheim (WCA) Apr 28-30, 2006	WC-Budapest (WCB) May 27-28,2006	GP St.Petersburg (WCA) Apr 28-30, 2006	FR-Paris (INT) Apr 23, 2006	FR-Kremlin (INT) Apr 22-23, 2006
INT#5	GP-Barcelona (WCA) May 12-14,2006	WC-Legnano (WCB) May 6-7, 2006	GP-Marseille (WCA) June 2-4, 2006	WC-Bonn (WCB) May 6-7, 2006	WC-Ghent (WCB) May 13-14,2006	GP-Madrid (WCA) May 5-7, 2006
INT#6	WC-Vancouver (INT) June 9-10, 2006	WC-Vancouver (INT) June 9-10, 2006	WC-Las Vegas (INT) June 16-17,2006	WC-Vancouver (INT) June 10-11,2006	WC-Vancouver (INT) June 10-11,2006	WC-Warsaw (WCB) May 13-14,2006
INT#7	GP-Havana (WCA) June 16-18,2006	GP-Carolina (WCB) June 16-18,2006	GP-Havana (WCB) June 21-23,2006	WC-Havana (INT) June 19-20,2006	GP-Las Vegas (WCA) June 16-18,2006	GP-Santiago (WCB) June 9-11, 2006
legend	GP-Grand Prix	WC-World Cup	FR-French circuit	GR-German crcuit	NAC-US circuit	

FIE quotas apply for all WC (except for Vancouver and Las Vegas) and GP competitions. Participation in these competitions is **by selection only (see NT Projects)**. If a WC is not part of an NTP, the selection will still be made using the NTP selection criteria but fencers may be responsible for their own travel arrangements.

If a NAC, a German or a French Circuit competition, is not part of an NT Project, fencers are responsible for their own registration with the organizers and for making their own travel arrangements.

c) NTP's by weapon

Women's Epee

Project 1: January 25 to February 6, 2006

World Cup, Prague, TCH

Grand Prix and Team World Cup, St. Maur, FRA

Eight athletes will be selected.

An additional athlete will be selected for Prague Only. (quota for GP's is 8 fencers)

Selection date: December 4, 2005

January 25: travel to Prague
January 28-29: World Cup, Prague
Jan. 30-Feb 2: Training in Paris
February 3-4: Grand Prix, St. Maur
February 5: Team World Cup, St. Maur
February 5: return to Canada

Project 2: March 15 to 19, 2006

World Cup, Rome, ITA

Nine athletes will be selected.

Selection date: February 6, 2006

March 15: travel to host city
March 17-18: Individual World Cup
March 19: return to Canada

Project 3: May 4 to 15, 2006

German Circuit, Mannheim, GER

Grand Prix and Team World Cup, Barcelona, ESP

Eight athletes will be selected

Any number of additional fencers can join the team for the German Circuit in Mannheim.

Selection date: March 21, 2006

May 4: travel to Mannheim
May 6-7: German Circuit, Mannheim
May 8-10: training in Germany
May 11: Travel to Barcelona
May 12-13: Grand Prix, Barcelona
May 14: Team World Cup, Barcelona
May 15: return to Canada

The athletes who are selected for Project 4 will be allowed to skip Mannheim but a replacement competition will not be designated.

Project 4: Special Project
Grand Prix and Team World Cups
Nanjing, CHN, May 19-21, 2006
Sydney, AUS, May 26-28, 2006
Three or four carded athletes will be selected.
Selection date: March 21, 2006

May 16: Depart
May 29: Return

Project 5: June 14-19, 2006
Grand Prix and Team World Cup, Havana, CUB,
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: May 15, 2006

June 14: travel to host city
June 16-17: Grand Prix
June 18: Team World Cup
June 19: return to Canada

Women's Foil

Project 1: February 21 to March 6, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Seoul, KOR
World Cup, Shanghai, CHN

Six athletes will be selected.

Selection date: January 17, 2006

February 21: travel to Seoul
February 24-25: Grand Prix, Seoul
February 26: Team World Cup, Seoul
Feb. 27-Mar. 2: training in Korea/China
March 4-5: World Cup, Shanghai
March 6: return to Canada

Project 2: May 24 to June 5, 2006
World Cup, Budapest, HUN
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Marseille, FRA
Six athletes will be selected.

Selection date: April 17, 2006

May 24: travel to host city
May 25-26: World Cup, Budapest
May 27-June 1: Training in Budapest/Marseille
June 2-3: Grand Prix, Marseille
June 4: Team World Cup, Marseille
June 5: return to Canada

Project 3: June 19-24, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Havana, CUB,
Eight athletes will be selected.

Selection date: April 17, 2006

June 19: travel to host city
June 21-22: Grand Prix
June 23: Team World Cup
June 24: return to Canada

Women's Sabre

Project 1: February 21 to March 6, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Budapest, HUN
World Cup, London, GBR
Six athletes will be selected.
Selection date: January 17, 2006

February 21: travel to Budapest
February 24-25: Grand Prix, Budapest
February 26: Team World Cup, Budapest
Feb. 27 – Mar 3: training in Budapest/London
March 4-5: World Cup, London
March 6: return to Canada

~~**Project 2: April 25 to May 1 (or 15), 2006—Competition Cancelled**~~
~~**Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Algiers, ALG**~~
~~Six athletes will be selected.~~
~~**Selection date: March 6, 2006**~~

~~April 25: travel to Algiers~~
~~April 28-29: Grand Prix~~
~~April 30: Team World Cup~~
~~May 1: return to Canada~~

~~**This project could be modified to include the World Cup in Ghent, BEL on May 13-14.**~~

Project 2: June 9 to June 19, 2006
World Cup, Vancouver, CAN
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Las Vegas, USA
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: April 10, 2006

June 9: travel to Vancouver
June 10-11: World Cup
June 12-15: training in Vancouver or Las Vegas
June 16-17: Grand Prix, Las Vegas
June 18: Team World Cup, Las Vegas
June 19: return to Canada

Men's Epee

Project 1: January 24 to February 6, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Kuwait City, KUW
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Doha, QAT,
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: December 4, 2005

January 24: travel to Kuwait
January 27-28: Grand Prix, Kuwait
January 29: Team World Cup, Kuwait
Jan. 30-Feb.6: training camp (location to TBD)
February 9-10: Grand Prix, Doha
February 12: Team World Cup, Doha
February 13: return to Canada

Project 2: March 7 to 13, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Stockholm, SWE
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: February 13, 2006

March 7: travel to Stockholm
March 10-11: Grand Prix
March 12: Team World Cup
March 13: return to Canada

Project 3: April 25 – May 8, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Heidenheim, GER,
World Cup, Legnano, ITA
Eight athletes will be selected.
An additional athlete will be selected for Legnano only (quota for GP's is 8 fencers).
Selection date: March 13, 2006

April 25: travel to HDH
April 28-29: Grand Prix, HDH
April 30: Team World Cup, HDH
May 1-5: training in HDH
May 6-7: World Cup, Legnano
May 8: return home

Project 4: June 14-19, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Carolina, PUR
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: May 8, 2005

June 14: travel to host city
June 16-17: Grand Prix
June 18: Team World Cup
June 19: return to Canada

Men's Foil

Project 1: January 24-30, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Paris, FRA
Six athletes will be selected.
Selection date: December 4, 2004

January 24: travel to host city
January 27-28: Grand Prix
January 29: Team World Cup
January 30: return to Canada

Project 2: February 21 to March 6, 2006
World Cup, Seoul, KOR
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Shanghai, CHN
Six athletes will be selected.
Selection date: January 17, 2006

February 21: travel to Seoul
February 25-26: World Cup, Seoul
Feb. 27-Mar. 2: training in Korea/China
March 3-4: Grand Prix, Shanghai
March 5: Team World Cup, Shanghai
March 6: return to Canada

Project 3: April 25 – May 8, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, St. Petersburg, RUS
World Cup, Bonn, GER
Six athletes will be selected.
Selection date: March 6, 2006

April 25: travel to St. Petersburg
April 28-29: Grand Prix, St. Petersburg
April 30: Team World Cup, St. Petersburg
May 1-4: training in Russia/Bonn
May 6-7: World Cup, Bonn
May 8: return home

~~**Project 4: May 30 to June 5, 2006 Project Cancelled**~~
~~**Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Valencia, VEN**~~
~~Eight athletes will be selected.~~
~~**Selection date: April 17, 2006**~~

~~May 30: travel to host city~~
~~June 2-3: Grand Prix~~
~~June 4: Team World Cup~~
~~June 5: return to Canada~~

Men's Sabre

Project 1: January 18 to 30, 2006
World Cup, Istanbul, TUR
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Tunis, TUN
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: December 4, 2005

January 18: travel to Istanbul
January 21-22: World Cup, Istanbul
January 23-26: training in Istanbul/Tunisia
January 27-28: Grand Prix, Tunis
January 29: Team World Cup, Tunis
January 30: return to Canada

Project 2: February 21 to 27, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Seoul, KOR
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: January 17, 2006

February 21: travel to Seoul
February 24-25: Individual Grand Prix, Seoul
February 26: Team World Cup, Seoul
February 27: return to Canada

Project 3: May 2-15, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Madrid, ESP
World Cup, Warsaw, POL
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: March 15, 2006

May 2: travel to Madrid
May 5-6: Individual Grand Prix, Madrid
May 7: Team World Cup, Madrid
May 8-12: training in Madrid/Warsaw
May 13-14: World Cup, Warsaw
May 15: return home

It is possible that 3 fencers may remain in Europe to take part in the GP/Team WC in Padoua on May 19-21, 2006 as a Special Project for the Team World Rankings

Project 4: June 7 to 12, 2006
Grand Prix/Team World Cup, Santiago, CHI
Eight athletes will be selected.
Selection date: April 25, 2006

June 7: travel to host city
June 9-10: Grand Prix
June 11: Team World Cup
June 12: return to Canada