

## **CFF High Performance Program (HPP)**

### **PREAMBLE**

Since the 2005-2006 version of HPP Selection criteria will not be published until late November the HP Committee has decided to publish the criteria for eligibility for the HPP at this time. This will allow all fencers who aspire to be part of the HPP to better plan the first part of the season.

The criteria are essentially the same as in 2004-2005 with one exception. The clause, which allowed for a fencer to be invited mid-season for the HPP has been changed. This modification was made for the following reasons:

- 1) The number of International Selection Competitions will be reduced to seven and will likely focus on the World Cup and Grand Prix events. Since these events are by selection only, among HPP fencers, it would mean that it would not be possible for any new fencers to qualify for the HPP during the season.
- 2) The NAC's are an important step in an athlete's development. To encourage developing fencers to take part it was important to accord them some importance in the HPP and recognize any significant results.
- 3) The first two NAC's are usually held after CSC#2 and prior to the HP Selection camp.
- 4) Consequently, the first two NAC's have been identified as the alternate route for qualification for the HPP, should an athlete fail to qualify in the group of 12 after CSC#2.

### **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 (HPD 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). A complete HPP package must be submitted 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 athletes is required to submit a complete HPP application package by February 10 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 by December 15 of the current season;
- 3) be invited to join; and
- 4) submit a complete HPP Application package by December 15 of the current season. The registration package is available on the CFF web site.

**Should an invited fencer not submit a complete application by the deadline his/her spot will be given to the next eligible alternate. Alternates should also submit an application package by the deadline. The application package will be returned if the alternate is not accepted into the HPP.**

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