

CFF High Performance Program (HPP)

PREAMBLE

Since the 2006-2007 version of HPP Selection criteria will not be published until late November this document is being published to remind everyone of the criteria for eligibility for the CFF HPP. 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 2005-2006.

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a) Eligibility for HPP

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

- I. 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 the 06-07 Senior Nationals in December 2006;

A LIST OF THE 12 FENCERS (AND 4 ALTERNATES) INVITED IN EACH WEAPON WILL BE POSTED ON THE CFF WEB SITE AFTER THE 06-07 NATIONALS.

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

- II. is recognized for AAP support (Injury Card) by Sport Canada for the current carding cycle. The regular deadline applies;
- III. achieves one "A standard" (based on the calculated strength) at one of the first two "DIV1 NAC's" (in December and January). 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.

- IV. is selected for the 2007 Junior/Cadet World Championships. Upon his selection, this athlete is required to submit a complete HPP application package by February 7, 2007;

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 competition. 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) 05-06 National Championships (May 2006)
 - 2) CSC#1 (September 2006)
 - 3) 06-07 National Championships (December 2006.)

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 07-08 Nationals. 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 15th. Any fencers who are invited mid-season will be added when they are accepted.