

**CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION
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SELECTION CRITERIA
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1. INTRODUCTION

This document contains the general selection principles and the dates of selection events, which the CFF will use to select the team for the 2008 Junior and Cadet World Championships. This information will allow athletes and coaches to develop their annual training and competition plans for the 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, if they have questions about any elements 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 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 pre-designated selection competitions, up-to-date copies of these changes can be found on the CFF Web Page.

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page 12, Appendix A (modification to the list of approved junior international competitions due to cancellations/conflicts)

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2. KEY CHANGES FROM 2006-2007

- 1) **Junior/Cadet Point grid:** Minor adjustments have been made to the domestic and international point grids. All results on the junior and cadet selection rankings will be adjusted to the new grid after the September CSC.
- 2) **Junior and Cadet Selection Rankings:** Will revert to a 1-year rolling ranking to allow for a better selection of athletes for Junior World Cups during the season.
- 3) **Junior International competition requirement:** Participation in a Junior FIE A (world cup) or French Circuit competitions is a condition of Selection for Junior Worlds. Consequently, the minimum standard to be eligible to take part in a Jr FIE competition is top 8 on the Junior Selection Rankings.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTIONS

To be eligible for selection for the Junior/Cadet World Championships a fencer must:

- 1) be a member of the CFF;
- 2) have a valid FIE license; and
- 3) be selected by the HPP Selection Committee.

4. HP SELECTION COMMITTEE

The HP Selection Committee will make the final selections for the Junior/Cadet World Championships. It will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director,
- 2) the V-P High Performance,
- 3) the National Coaches, and
- 4) an athletes representative named by the Athletes Council.

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 organised 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”.**

5. CADET/JUNIOR/DIV I AND II NAC’S

NAC’s organized by the USFA will often be designated as international selection competitions for the HPP Selection Rankings. Please refer to page 12 for a complete list.

There are no selection criteria to compete in Cadet and Junior NAC’s. All cadet and junior fencers are strongly encouraged to take part in any DIV II competition that may be held the same weekend as a Cadet or Junior NAC. The USFA does not allow a fencer with a B rating or higher to compete in DIV II competition. This is a terrific developmental opportunity for our fencers to accumulate additional competition experience and learn to win.

The USFA does impose a minimum standard for DIV I NAC’s. They require that a fencer have a C rating or higher to register. Since our two systems are different, the CFF has negotiated a policy with the USFA whereby (in each weapon) the CFF will award temporary C rating to all Junior fencers ranked in the top 8 and all Cadet fencers ranked in the top 4 on the respective HPP ranking (on the registration date of any DIV I NAC).

Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines before booking flights for NAC events on the USFA web site (www.usfencing.org).

6. JUNIOR WORLD CUPS IN CANADA

There are no Junior World Cups in Canada in 2007-2008

7. FIE Sanctioned competitions (Junior FIE A)

Although these competitions do not necessarily count for the selection rankings, they do serve an important developmental role. Some fencers may be at the level to take part in FIE (Junior FIE A) competitions to prepare for the Worlds and gain valuable international experience.

To be eligible to compete in a Junior FIE A (world cup) held outside of Canada, a fencer must be ranked in the top 8 on the Junior Selection Rankings **30 days prior to the competition**. The CFF will select a maximum of 4 fencers for any junior FIE A event held outside of Canada.

The CFF will only register those fencers who have completed the **FIE competition registration form at least 30 days before the event**. Should more than four fencers express an interest in competing in a Junior FIEA competition; the HP Director will make the selection using the Junior Selection Rankings 28 days before that event. Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an e-mail confirming that they are registered.

A fencer who does not respect the 30 day deadline will not be registered for the requested World Cup.

POLICY FOR WITHDRAWING FROM ANY JR FIEA COMPETITION

Withdrawals must be received in writing (fax, mail, or email). Voice mail is not acceptable. The deadline for a withdrawal is 21 days prior to the first day of competition. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show up at the competition will be fined **\$750 and will be suspended from the HPP until the fine is paid**. Exceptions to this fine/suspension will be considered if the fencer is withdrawing due to an injury or illness which prevents the fencer from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor must accompany the withdrawal notice, which must be sent to the HPD before the scheduled competition.

8. OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL COMPETITIONS

There is final group of competitions in Germany and France, which are also important to an athlete's development. Due to their format and size they are a much better investment than a Junior FIE A for a fencer's development. Information on these circuits can be found at:

1. French Circuit (http://www.escrime-ffe.fr/SITE_FFE/competitions/competitions.htm)
2. German Circuit (www.fechten.org), specifically for Cadet competitions

Personal/Provincial Coaches are encouraged to plan a club/provincial team trip to one of the Cadet or Junior competitions held in these countries as a developmental tour (competition and training in clubs). In some cases it may be more beneficial for several clubs and/or provinces to get together to resource such a project. The HPD can assist in identifying and establishing contacts for such a project.

FOR ALL COMPETITIONS LISTED IN CHAPTERS 5-8, THE CFF DOES NOT SEND ANY COACHES OR SUPPORT PERSONNEL. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MINORS TRAVEL WITH AN ADULT (PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CLUB/PROVINCIAL COACH).

9. 2008 CADET AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date:	April 7-15, 2008
Location:	Catania, ITA
Qualification period:	April 1, 2007 to the selection date
Selection date:	February 4, 2008
Minimum standard:	Cadets - CT Juniors - JB and one participation in an Jr FIE A or French Circuit competition

In order to confirm a selection, a fencer must:

- a) Be registered in the CFF HPP (If not already registered, a selected fencer will be invited to join the HPP and must submit all required documentation by February 15, 2008);
- b) Participate in the mandatory training camp (HPP Selection Camp);
- c) Have a valid FIE license;
- d) Travel to Italy with the team as organized by the CFF; and
- e) Stay with the team at the designated hotel for the entire World Championships.

MANDATORY TRAINING CAMPS

The HPP Selection Camp is **mandatory** for all Junior and Cadet fencers in order to confirm their selection for the 2008 Cadet/Junior World Championships. It is a four or five day camp, with a very heavy emphasis on fencing competitive bouts. It will likely be held in February or March at the Montreal NTC, but the date and location are still to be confirmed. Please refer to the 06-08 HPP Selection Criteria when they will be published in November 2007.

Any fencer who does not attend this camp will have their selection revoked by the Selection Committee. Details of the camp will be posted on the CFF web site once the team has been selected.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Any junior criteria identified below must be achieved during the qualification period. For each event, the selection committee will select team members using the respective age group HPP Selection Rankings the week of February 4, 2008

FUNDING

Due to current low funding levels from Sport Canada, it is most probable that there will be **no direct funding** available to athletes for this event, although the CFF will fund a support staff. All selected athletes will be responsible for the full cost of taking part in this event (estimated to be \$2500 to \$3000). Should any funds become available they will be distributed to those athletes who perform at the 2008 Jr Worlds.

A. Cadet individual events

- I. First, any cadet fencer who has been selected for a junior individual event will be selected for the same cadet event.**
- II. Second, fencers who have met the “CT” standard will be selected.** If more than three fencers have qualified by I and II, the selection among CT fencers will be made using the “Cadet Selection Rankings”.
- III. If no one has met the “CT” standard,** only one fencer will be selected - the fencer who is ranked first on the “Cadet Selection Rankings”.

B. Junior individual events

- I. First, any junior fencer who was selected for the 2007 World Championships in St Petersburg and who has met the “B” standard in 06-07, will be pre-selected for the same junior event.** This selection is conditional on the athlete:
 - 1) registering in the CFF HPP by the December deadline;
 - 2) competing (except for injury or conflicting Senior Team event) in the Junior and Senior events at both CSC’s in 2007 ; and
 - 3) taking part (except for injury) in all Sr. National Team Training Camps and Sr. International Selection Competitions prior to the Junior Worlds.

This pre-selection will be made after St Petersburg and will be reconfirmed by the HP Selection Committee on the selection date provided that, the athlete has respected the above conditions. Should any fencers not respect all of the conditions stated above, they must qualify in the same manner as all other junior fencers starting with point II below.

- II. Second, fencers who have met the “JB” standard will be selected.** If more than three fencers have qualified by I and II, the selection among these (JHP/JA/JB) fencers will be made using the “Junior Selection Rankings”.
- III. If no one has met the “JB” standard,** only one fencer will be selected - the fencer who is ranked first on the “Junior Selection Rankings”.
- IV. If less than 3 fencers qualify for any of the junior events,** the highest ranked fencer(s) on the “Cadet Selection Rankings” who has been selected for the same cadet event will be selected to take part in the junior event to gain additional international experience.

C. Team Event

Should three fencers be selected for a junior event, the CFF will enter a team in that weapon. The three fencers who competed in the junior event will be selected automatically.

The National coach will have the option of selecting the 4th team member from the Junior fencer ranked 4th in the same event on the Junior Selection Rankings, provided that he/she has met the “JA” criteria and is willing to go to the Worlds for the team event only.

The National Coach will also have the authority to remove a fencer from the team should a fencer not follow the program (training and observation) that has been set up by the National Coach prior to the team event at the Junior/Cadet World Championships.

10. ATHLETE ID STANDARDS

The Athlete ID standards form the basis of all CFF selections (National Teams, World Cups, CFF funding opportunities and Sport Canada AAP support). These standards can only be achieved by obtaining specific results in designated international selection competitions during the qualification period for the respective age categories.

When fencers compete in designated international competitions, their result will also be considered for the Athlete ID standards. The point grid on page 10 indicates the junior/cadet ID standard that will be awarded for the corresponding result (depending on the strength of the competition).

The various Junior/Cadet Athlete ID categories and the results required to achieve the various standards are as follows:

Junior HP (JHP): Two “JHP” results in designated junior international selection competitions

Junior A (JA): Two “JA” results in designated junior international selection competitions

Junior B (JB): Two “JB” results in designated junior international selection competitions

Cadet Team (CT): Two “CT” results in a designated cadet international selection competition

Any fencers who have met the JA/JHP standard **may** be eligible for Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) from Sport Canada for 08-09. Achieving the standard does not guarantee AAP support, since Sport Canada only provides a limited number of cards to the CFF each season. Please refer to the AAP Criteria when they will be published in November.

11. JUNIOR/CADET POINT GRIDS

The following point grid will be used to award selection points for the CSC/Nationals:

placing	Sr	Jr	Cd
1	36	24	12
2	30	20	10
3	24	16	8
5-8	18	12	6
9-12	12	8	4
13-16	6	4	2

The following point grid will be used to award selection points and Athlete ID standards at designated junior and cadet international competitions:

	JWC		JINT		JDEV		CDEV	
# of fencers ranked in Jr FIE top 64	>24		13 to 24		5 to 12		0-4	
1	100	JHP	65	JHP	40	JHP	30	CT
2	90		55		35	JA	26	
3	80		45		30		22	
top 8	70	35	25	18				
top 12	55*	JA	30*	JA	20*	JB	14*	
top 16	50		25	15	10			
top 24	35*		20*	JB	10*	CT	6*	
top 32	30		15	5	2			
top 64	15	JB	5					

* points only awarded if a "repechage" or pools are held to obtain this placing.

NOTES

- The strength of a competition will be determined by taking into consideration the total number of fencers present who are ranked in the top 64 of the Junior FIE World Rankings the day after the competition.

- > 24 = JWC
- 13 - 24 = JINT
- 5 - 12 = JDEV

- In order to earn points and Athlete ID criteria in designated international competitions 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:

Jr WC with	99 entries	X 40% = 40	Top 64 earn points and ID standard
Jr INT with	39 entries	X 40% = 16	Top 16 earn points and ID standard
Jr DEV with	78 entries	X 40% = 31	Top 32 earn points and ID standard

- The strength of each designated international selection competition will be pre-set at the beginning of the season. Should a designated competition's calculated strength be greater than the pre-set category, the higher category will prevail.

12. JUNIOR/CADET SELECTION RANKINGS

The Junior/Cadet Selection Rankings will be used to rank athletes for all HPP selections.

Overview: Athletes will be ranked first by the Athlete ID standard that they have achieved during the selection period, then by the total number of selection points. The order of priority for the Athlete ID standards is:

- 1) HP/A/B and selected for the 2007 Sr Worlds.
- 2) JHP
- 3) JA
- 4) JB
- 5) CT (for Cadet rankings only)

The Rankings will be compiled as a 1-year rolling ranking. Fencers will be ranked within each age group for selection purposes by the point total of a + b as follows:

Junior HPP Rankings

a. A Canadian component (best 5)

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|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Junior National Championships | Saskatoon, SK | May 16-20, 2007 |
| 2. Senior CSC#1 | Saskatoon, SK | May 16-20, 2007 |
| 3. Junior CSC#1 | Saskatoon, SK | Sept. 7-9, 2007 |
| 4. Senior CSC#2 | Saskatoon, SK | Sept. 7-9, 2007 |
| 5. Junior CSC#2 | Montreal, QC | Nov. 23-25, 2007 |
| 6. Senior National Championships | Montreal, QC | Nov. 23-25, 2007 |

b. An International component (best 3 results count)

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|---|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. 2007 Junior World Championships | | April 2007 | (JWC) |
| 2. NAC – Junior | Dallas, TX | November 9-12, 2007 | (JDEV) |
| 3. NAC – Junior | Atlanta, GA | January 18-21, 2008 | (JDEV) |
| 4. NAC – Senior | Atlanta, GA | January 18-21, 2008 | (JINT) |
| 5. ONE Jr International competition outside of North America listed on Appendix A among Jr. FIEA or French Circuit competitions held between Sept 15, 2007 and Feb 3, 2008. These competitions will be pre-set as JDEV. Should an athlete take part in more than one competition in this group, <u>only the result obtained in the first competition entered</u> will be considered for the Junior Selection Rankings. A list of eligible competitions can be found in Appendix A. | | | |

Cadet HPP Rankings

a. A Canadian component (best 5)

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|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Cadet National Championships | Saskatoon, SK | May 16-20, 2007 |
| 2. Junior National Championships | Saskatoon, SK | May 16-20, 2007 |
| 3. Cadet CSC#1 | Saskatoon, SK | Sept. 7-9, 2007 |
| 4. Junior CSC#1 | Saskatoon, SK | Sept. 7-9, 2007 |
| 5. Cadet CSC#2 | Montreal, QC | Nov. 23-25, 2007 |
| 6. Junior CSC#2 | Montreal, QC | Nov. 23-25, 2007 |

b. An International component (best 3 results count)

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. NAC – Cadet | Tucson, AZ | October 5-8, 2007 | (CDEV) |
| 2. NAC – Cadet | Dallas, TX | November 9-12, 2007 | (CDEV) |
| 3. NAC – Junior | Dallas, TX | November 9-12, 2007 | (JDEV) |
| 4. NAC – Junior | Atlanta, GA | January 18-21, 2008 | (JDEV) |

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 Selection Rankings. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the best international result by point total among the pre-designated 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. Should a tie still exist the, tie will be broken,
- 4) by the best result (by placing) at the most recent Canadian competition.

Updates

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

- 1) CSC#1
- 2) CSC#2; and
- 3) any designated international selection competition.

Appendix A **List of approved junior international competitions**

Women's Epee

Jr FIEA	Varsovie POL	06.10.07
Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	14.10.07
Jr FIEA	Ponte de Sor POR	20.10.07
Fr Cr	Paris, FRA	20.10.07
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	09.12.07
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	05.01.08
Jr FIEA	Dijon FRA	13.01.08
Fr Cr	Toulouse, FRA	19.01.08

Men's Epee

Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	14.10.07
Fr Cr	Paris, FRA	20.10.07
Jr FIEA	Ponte de Sor POR	21.10.07
Jr FIEA	Laupheim GER	18.11.07
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	08.12.07
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	06.01.08
Fr Cr	Toulouse, FRA	19.01.08
Jr FIEA	Bâle SUI	26.01.08

Women's Foil

Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	13.10.07
Fr Cr	Henin B., FRA	20.10.07
Jr FIEA	Loures POR	17.11.07 CANCELLED
Jr FIEA	Leszno, POL	01.12.07
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	07.12.07
Jr FIEA	Bochum GER	15.12.07
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	04.01.08
Jr FIEA	Waldkirch GER	27.01.08
Jr FIEA	Lyon, FRA	03.02.08

Men's Foil

Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	13.10.07
Jr FIEA	Londres GBR	20.10.07
Fr Cr	Henin B., FRA	20.10.07
Jr FIEA	Madrid ESP	17.11.07
Jr FIEA	Aix-en-Provence FRA	25.11.07 conflict with CSC
Jr FIEA	Leszno, POL	02.12.07
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	07.12.07
Jr FIEA	Burgstienfurt, GER	16.12.07
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	04.01.08

Women's Sabre

Fr Cr	Crest Livron, FRA	30.09.07
Jr FIEA	Sosnowiec POL	13.10.07
Jr FIEA	Dormagen GER	24.11.07 conflict with CSC
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	08.12.07
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	05.01.08
Jr FIEA	Göppingen GER	13.01.08
Jr FIEA	Logrono ESP	26.01.08
Fr Cr	Bourges, FRA	26.01.08

Men's Sabre

Fr Cr	Crest Livron, FRA	30.09.07
Jr FIEA	Sosnowiec POL	14.10.07
Jr FIEA	Dormagen GER	24.11.07 conflict with CSC
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	09.12.07
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	06.01.08
Jr FIEA	Göppingen GER	12.01.08
Jr FIEA	Logrono ESP	26.01.08
Fr Cr	Bourges, FRA	26.01.08

Only the competitions listed above will be considered for the Junior Selection Rankings.
If a fencer should compete in more than one competition above, only the first one will count for the Junior Selection Rankings.