

CFF High Performance Program (HPP)

These criteria are being published in May 2008 since there are competitions which will influence athlete selection for the 08-09 HPP in May and June 2008. The first round of athlete selection for the HPP will be done after the CSC#2 and posted on the CFF web site the first week of October 2008.

a) Qualification for 2008-2009 HPP

The application to the CFF HPP is by **invitation only**. To be invited a fencer must meet one of the following criteria:

- I. Be recognized for AAP support by Sport Canada for the 08-09 carding cycle;
- II. Represent Canada at the 2008 Olympic Games or 2008 Pan-Am Championships;
- III. Achieve the HP, A, JHP, B or JA standard during the 07-08 season;
- IV. Be ranked in the top 8 on the HPP Eligibility Ranking (HPPER - see section b), after the CSC#2;

During the course of the season, additional athletes who meet the following criteria will also be invited

- V. A Top 8 result at any one of the three “**DIV1 NACs**”. The HPP application procedure must be completed within 10 days of being notified of the invitation;
- VI. Selection for the 2009 Junior/Cadet World Championships. Upon selection, this athlete is required to complete the HPP application procedure by the date specified in the selection letter;
- VII. The National Coach may invite up to 2 additional athletes to join the HPP after the Senior Nationals (Dec.) who he feels have demonstrated the potential for future international success.

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, PAN-AM AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, FISU, PAN-AM AND OLYMPIC GAMES) DURING THAT CALENDAR YEAR.

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, any athletes selected for the 2008 Olympic Games or 2008 Pan-Am Championships. These athletes will be ranked 1-4 on the HPPER based on the Final HPP Selection Rankings from the previous season;
- II. Second, by the Athlete ID achieved on the Final HPP Selection rankings from the previous season in the following order HP>A>JHP>B>JA;
- III. Third, by the point total of the following two (2) competitions held in the same calendar year preceding the selection date for the HPP:
 - 1) CSC#1
 - 2) CSC#2

Points for each of the competitions will be awarded using the domestic point system, however, points will only be awarded to those fencers who place in the top 16 (i.e. qualify for the super pools) in each of the two competitions.

Tie-breaking

Should two or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken by the best result (by placing) at CSC#2.

c) HPP Application Procedure

To receive an invitation an athlete must hold a validated CFF license for the current season;

To be accepted into the HPP, a fencer must:

- 1) be invited to join the HPP;
- 2) purchase a FIE license on the CFF web site for the current season;
- 3) complete the [HPP Application Procedure](#) by October 15, 2008; and
- 4) have no outstanding accounts (amounts due from previous NTPs) with the CFF.

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

Those athletes who have been accepted into the HPP will appear on the HPP Selection Rankings on or after Oct 15th, 2008. Any fencers who are invited mid-season will be added when they are accepted.