

CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION JUNIOR AND CADET SELECTION CRITERIA 2008-2009

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1. INTRODUCTION

This document contains the general selection principles and identifies the selection events, which the CFF will use to select the team for the 2009 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 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 National Team Projects (NTPs). Furthermore it is the athletes (and their personal coaches) responsibility to be familiar with the information within this document.

CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

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 High Performance Director (in consultation with the HP Selection Committee) reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure the selection of the best athletes for the 2009 Junior and Cadet World Championships and any other competitions that may not already be included in this document.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly via the CFF web site. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.

The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

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August 5, 2008 – p. 12-13: update to approved Jr A competitions in ME/WE after changes to FIE calendar.

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2. KEY CHANGES FROM 2007-2008

- 1) **Qualification criteria for Junior and Cadet Worlds:** Only those fencers who meet the minimum standard, Cadet (CT) and Junior (JB), will be considered for selection for the World Championships. The CFF will no longer automatically select a fencer who is ranked first who has not met the minimum standard (see section 9).
- 2) **Athlete ID Standards:** Information is provided to clarify how junior fencers can earn JHP and JA standards at (senior) International Selection Competitions (see section 10).
- 3) **Junior/Cadet Point grid:** Minor adjustments have been made to the international point grids (see section 11).
- 4) **Junior/Cadet International Selection competitions:** The CFF will once again host a six weapon Junior World Cup in Canada during the 2008-2009 season (October 25-26, 2008), consequently, there will be one additional international selection competition in both age groups (see section 12).

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 08-09 FIE license for Canada; and
- 3) be a Canadian Citizen or a Canadian landed immigrant.

4. HP SELECTION COMMITTEE

The HP Selection Committee will make the final selections for the Junior/Cadet World Championships. In each weapon, the committee will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director,
- 2) a member designated by the CFF Board.
- 3) the National Coach (for the respective weapon), 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”. **will provide link when posted on web****
3. **If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the “CFF Code of Conduct”. **will provide link when posted on web****

5. CADET/JUNIOR/DIV I AND II NACS

NACs organized by the USFA will often be designated as international selection competitions for the Junior and Cadet HP Selection Rankings. Please refer to page 12 for a complete list.

There are no selection criteria to compete in Cadet and Junior NACs. 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, however, 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 NACs. 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 deadline of any DIV I NAC).

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

6. JUNIOR WORLD CUPS (JR FIEA) HELD IN CANADA

Date: October 25-26, 2008
Location: Montreal, QC
Selection date: Sept. 4, 2008
Registration deadline: September 25, 2008

To be eligible to register, a fencer must have:

- 1) a validated 08-09 CFF license; and
- 2) ordered a 08-09 FIE license on the CFF web site before Sept 25, 2008.

According to FIE rules the CFF has a maximum quota of 30 fencers per event as the host of this Junior World Cup. Selection for this competition will be made as follows:

- 1) Any fencers ranked in the top 16 on the Junior HP Selection Rankings on Sept. 4, 2008 will be selected;
- 2) Any fencers ranked in the top 8 on the Cadet HP Selection Rankings on Sept. 4, 2008 will be selected
- 3) Any remaining spots (up to 30) will be filled using the Junior Domestic Rankings published on the CFF web site on Sept. 4, 2008.

This group of selected fencers will have until September 25, 2008 to confirm their selection by registering on the CFF website.

After the deadline, a list of alternates using point 3 will be posted. The alternates will have until October 3rd to register. After this date no other entries will be accepted.

All fencers must register individually for this competition online on the CFF web site.

7. JUNIOR WORLD CUPS (JR FIEA) HELD OUTSIDE OF CANADA

Junior World Cups, other than those listed in Appendix A, do not count for the HP Selection Rankings, however they serve an important opportunity to further a fencer's development by providing valuable international experience.

To be eligible to compete in a Junior FIE A competition held outside of Canada, a fencer must be ranked in the top 12 on the Junior HP 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** (http://fencing.ca/competitions/fie_comp_check.htm) on the CFF web site **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 HP 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 selected and registered for the event.

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 14 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 **\$800 and will be suspended from any international selections until the fine is paid**. This is a fine assessed by the FIE to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete at fault. 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 are another group of competitions in Germany and France, which also provide an important developmental opportunity. Due to their format (poules and DE with repechage) and size they are a much better developmental opportunity than a Junior FIE A. They are a great first contact with the international scene. 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. 2009 CADET AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date:	April ? , 2009 (to be confirmed)
Location:	Belfast, GBR
Qualification period:	April 1, 2008 to the selection date
Selection date:	February 2, 2009
Minimum standard:	Cadets - CT Juniors - JB and one participation in an Jr FIE A (in Europe)

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, 2009);
- b) Participate in the mandatory training camp(s) for the respective weapon;
- c) Have a 08-09 FIE license;
- d) Travel to Belfast 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

There will one or two **mandatory training camps** for all Juniors and Cadets to prepare them for the Worlds. Participation is required to confirm their selection for the 2009 Cadet/Junior World Championships.

These camps will likely be held in February/March, but the date, duration and location are still to be confirmed.

Any fencer who does not attend these camps will have their selection revoked by the Selection Committee. Details of the camp(s) will be included in the notice of selection that will be distributed to all selected athletes by e-mail.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Any junior or cadet 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 HP Selection Rankings on February 2, 2009.

FUNDING

The CFF will fund the support staff, selected by the National Coaches and HPD, to support all selected athletes for this event. The athlete funding formula will be announced at the time of selection but all selected athletes should be prepared to cover the full cost (travel, hotel and meals) of taking part in this event (estimated to be \$2000 to \$2500).

A. Junior individual events

I. First, any junior fencer who was selected for the 2008 Pan-Am Championships and who met the “B” standard in 07-08, will be pre-selected for the same junior event. This selection is conditional on the athlete:

- 1) registering in the 08-09 CFF HPP by the October deadline;
- 2) competing (except for injury or other extenuating circumstance) in the Junior and Senior events at the Sept. and Nov. CSCs/Nationals in 2008; and
- 3) taking part (except for injury or other extenuating circumstance) in all (Sr.) National Team Projects or Training Camps and (Sr.) International Selection Competitions prior to the Junior Worlds.

This pre-selection will be made on October 15, 2008 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 (or higher) will be selected. If more than three fencers have qualified by I and II, the selection will be made using the “Junior HP Selection Rankings”.

III. If less than 3 fencers qualify for any of the junior events, the highest ranked fencer(s) on the “Cadet HP 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.

B. 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 (II) will be made using the “Cadet HP Selection Rankings”.

C. Junior 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 HP Selection Rankings, provided that he/she has met the “JA” criteria and is willing to go to the Worlds for the team event only OR by retaining the top ranked cadet, provided that he /she has met the JB standard.

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 results 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

A junior who achieves an “A” result in a designated international competition during the qualification period, will have that result considered equivalent to a JHP result and it will count towards the JHP standard.

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

A junior who achieves a “B” result in a designated international competition during the qualification period, will have that result considered equivalent to a JA result and it will count towards the JA standard.

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

Clarification - Jr Athlete IDs earned at Senior International Selection Competitions

Since some Juniors may also be selected for (senior) international competitions (INT#1-5, Pan-Ams or Worlds), the HPP Selection Criteria allow for Junior athletes to earn a Junior Athlete ID standard for a senior performance. Junior Fencers will be credited with a JHP or JA Standard by achieving a Senior Athlete ID standard (A=JHP or B=JA) for any competition (except D1 NACs) appearing on the (senior) HP Selection Rankings that was held during the qualification period. These competitions will count towards the Junior Athlete ID standard but will neither provide selection points nor replace any Junior international selection competitions for points.

Athletes Assistance Program eligibility

Any fencers who have met the JHP/JA standard **may** be eligible for Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) from Sport Canada for 09-10. 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 in the HPP Selection Criteria which will be published in November 2008. The CFF has not yet received an indication of the number of cards allocated by Sport Canada for 09-10.

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:

	JHP		JWC		JINT		JDEV/CDEV	
# of fencers ranked in Jr FIE top 64	>31		16 to 31		5 to 15		0-4	
1	100	JHP	65	JHP	40	JHP	30	JA
2	90		55		35	JA	26	
3	80		45		30		22	
top 8	70	JA	35	JA	25	JB	18	JB
top 12	55*		30*		20*		14*	
top 16	50		25		15	10		
top 24	35*		20*		10*	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 the total number of fencers present at the competition who are ranked in the top 64 of the Junior FIE World Rankings the day after the competition.
 - > 31 = JHP
 - 16 - 31 = JWC
 - 5 - 15 = JINT
 - 0 - 4 = JDEV/CDEV

- 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) in which 40% of the competitive field has placed. For example:

JHP with	99 entries	X 40% = 40	Top 64 earn points and ID standard
JINT with	39 entries	X 40% = 16	Top 16 earn points and ID standard
CDEV 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.
- For Cadet age group competitions, a fencer can only earn a CT standard.

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 2008 Pan-Ams.
- 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)

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Junior National Championships | Montreal, QC | June 26-29, 2008 |
| 2. Senior CSC#1 | Montreal, QC | June 26-29, 2008 |
| 3. Junior CSC#1 | TBD | Sept. 26-28, 2008 |
| 4. Senior CSC#2 | TBD | Sept. 26-28, 2008 |
| 5. Junior CSC#2 | TBD | Nov. 28-30, 2008 |
| 6. Senior National Championships | TBD | Nov. 28-30, 2008 |

b. An International component (best 4 results count)

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|---|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. 2008 Junior World Championships | | April 2007 | (JHP) |
| 2. JR FIEA-Junior | Montreal, QC | October 25-26, 2008 | (JDEV) |
| 3. NAC – Junior | St. Louis, MO | November 7-10, 2008 | (JINT) |
| 4. NAC – Junior | Louisville, KY | January 16-19, 2009 | (JINT) |
| 5. NAC – Senior | Louisville, KY | January 16-19, 2009 | (JWC) |
| 6. ONE Jr International competition outside of North America among Jr. FIEA competitions held between Oct. 1, 2008 and Feb 1, 2009. These competitions will be pre-set as JINT. 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 HP 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 | Montreal, QC | June 26-29, 2008 |
| 2. Junior National Championships | Montreal, QC | June 26-29, 2008 |
| 3. Cadet CSC#1 | TBD | Sept. 26-28, 2008 |
| 4. Junior CSC#1 | TBD | Sept. 26-28, 2008 |
| 5. Cadet CSC#2 | TBD | Nov. 28-30, 2008 |
| 6. Junior CSC#2 | TBD | Nov. 28-30, 2008 |

b. An International component (best 3 results count)

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. NAC – Cadet | Columbus, OH | October 10-13, 2008 | (CDEV) |
| 2. JR FIEA-Junior | Montreal, QC | October 25-26, 2008 | (JDEV) |
| 3. NAC – Cadet | St. Louis, MO | November 7-10, 2008 | (CDEV) |
| 4. NAC – Junior | St. Louis, MO | November 7-10, 2008 | (JINT) |
| 5. NAC – Junior | Louisville, KY | January 16-19, 2009 | (JINT) |

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 respective HP Selection Rankings. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the single best international result (by points) among the international (INT#1-6) selection competitions. Should a tie still exist the, tie will be broken,
- 3) by the best result (by placing) at INT#5. Should a tie still exist the, tie will be broken,
- 4) by the best result (by placing) at INT#4.

HP Selection Ranking 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	Warsaw POL	04.10.08
Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	12.10.08
Jr FIEA	Helsinki, FIN	23.11.08
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	05.12.08
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	03.01.09
Jr FIEA	Dijon FRA	15.03.09 date no longer is selection period
Jr FIEA	Goteborg SWE	01.02.09

Men's Epee

Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	11.10.08
Jr FIEA	Laupheim GER	16.11.08
Jr FIEA	Helsinki, FIN	22.11.08
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	06.12.08
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	04.01.09
Jr FIEA	Bâle SUI	07.02.09 date no longer is selection period
Jr FIEA	Goteborg SWE	01.02.09

Women's Foil

Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	12.10.08
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	05.12.08
Jr FIEA	Bochum GER	13.12.08
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	02.01.09
Jr FIEA	Waldkirch GER	25.01.09
Jr FIEA	Lyon, FRA	01.02.09

Men's Foil

Jr FIEA	Bratislava SVK	12.10.08
Jr FIEA	Londres GBR	18.10.08
Jr FIEA	Madrid ESP	15.11.08
Jr FIEA	Aix-en-Provence FRA	23.11.08
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	06.12.08
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	02.01.08

Women's Sabre

Jr FIEA	Sosnowiec POL	11.10.08
Jr FIEA	Dormagen GER	22.11.08
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	06.12.08
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	03.01.09
Jr FIEA	Kunzelsau GER	11.01.09
Jr FIEA	Logrono ESP	24.01.09

Men's Sabre

Jr FIEA	Sosnowiec POL	12.10.08
Jr FIEA	Dormagen GER	22.11.08
Jr FIEA	Lignano Sabbiadoro ITA	07.12.08
Jr FIEA	Budapest HUN	04.01.09
Jr FIEA	Kunzelsau GER	10.01.09
Jr FIEA	Logrono ESP	24.01.09

Only the competitions listed above will be considered for the Junior HP Selection Rankings and will appear under INT#6. Should a fencer compete in more than one competition listed in Appendix A, only the first one entered will count for the Junior HP Selection Rankings.