



# Canadian Fencing Federation Policy

Policy Name: **Qualification Criteria for 11-12 CSCs/Nationals**

Policy Group: **Canadian Fencing Federation Athletes**

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## Age Categories – All Events

Canadian Selection Circuit and Nationals are established to focus on the LTAD stages Train to Train and above.

The following age groups are defined as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 for the season starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and ending on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Minimum age limit for all events, except veterans: 12 years.

| Age Criteria | Description                   | Year |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------|
| U15          | any athlete Under 15 years    | 1997 |
| Cadet        | any athlete Under 17 years    | 1995 |
| Junior       | any athlete Under 20 years    | 1992 |
| Senior       | any athlete over 12 years     |      |
| Veterans     | any athlete 40 years and over | 1971 |

The following criteria will apply for qualification to CSCs and Nationals in **2011 – 2012** and must be met 45 days before the start of the event. Initial registration start is 4 weeks prior to event and late registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to event.

These selection criteria will be reviewed during the Competition Review process and may be revised for 2012 - 2013.

## **Qualification Criteria for 11 - 12 Canadian Selection Circuit (CSCs)**

### **1) U15 (under 15)**

- 1) **Minimum qualification standard**  
Fencer must have a valid 11 - 12 license to be able to register.
- 2) **Non-Canadian athletes**  
Open to participation by non-Canadian athletes holding a membership with the national federation of origin.

### **2) Cadet (under 17)**

- 1) **Minimum qualification standard**  
Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Only those with a valid 11 - 12 license will be able to register.
- 2) **Non-Canadian athletes**  
Open to participation by non-Canadian athletes holding a membership with the national federation of origin.

### **3) Junior (under 20)**

- 1) **Minimum qualification standard**  
Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Only those with a valid 11 - 12 license will be able to register.
- 2) **Non-Canadian athletes**  
Open to participation by non-Canadian athletes holding a membership with the national federation of origin.

### **4) Senior (open to all age categories) CSC**

- 1) **Minimum qualification standard**  
Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Only those with a valid 11 - 12 license will be able to register.
- 2) **Non-Canadian athletes**  
Open to participation by non-Canadian athletes holding a membership with the national federation of origin.

### **5) Veterans (40 and over) CSC**

- 1) **Minimum qualification standard**  
Fencer must have a valid 11 - 12 license to be able to register.
- 2) **Non-Canadian athletes**  
Open to participation by non-Canadian athletes holding a membership with the national federation of origin.

## Qualification Criteria for 11 - 12 Nationals

### 1) U15 (under 15)

a) **Minimum qualification standard**

Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Only those with a valid 11 - 12 license will be able to register.

b) **NATIONALS Citizenship**

**Eligibility:** Only Canadian citizens or holders of Canadian Landed Immigrant cards and do not hold a FIE affiliation with another nation are eligible to compete in the Canadian National Championships.

### 2) Cadet (under 17)

a) **Minimum qualification standard**

Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Only those fencers appearing on the cadet ranking, with a valid 11 - 12 license will be able to register.

b) **NATIONALS Citizenship**

**Eligibility:** Only Canadian citizens or holders of Canadian Landed Immigrant cards and do not hold a FIE affiliation with another nation are eligible to compete in the Canadian National Championships.

### 3) Junior (under 20)

a) **Minimum qualification standard**

Fencer must appear on the Domestic Ranking to be able to register. Only those fencers appearing on the junior ranking, with a valid 11 - 12 license will be able to register.

b) **NATIONALS Citizenship**

**Eligibility:** Only Canadian citizens or holders of Canadian Landed Immigrant cards and do not hold a FIE affiliation with another nation are eligible to compete in the Canadian National Championships.

### 4) Senior (open to all age categories)

a) **Automatic qualifiers:**

- Any fencers registered in the CFF HP Program.
- Any fencers identified as JHP, JA or JB, CT, on the Junior or Cadet HP Selection Rankings
- Any fencers ranked in the Top 64 on the Domestic Rankings.
- Any fencers ranked in the Top 8 on the Junior Domestic Rankings.

b) **Provincial selection and quotas:**

Each province may select two (2) fencers, in addition to any automatic qualifiers. The host province may select an additional three (3) fencers, for a total of five

(5). The names of these athletes (and CFF license numbers) must be submitted by the provincial branch to the CFF 45 days prior to the event using the online CSC/Nationals Provincial Selection Form.

**c) CFF wild card:**

CFF wild cards may be awarded by the HP Selection Committee either 1) to athletes who have previously represented Canada at a Junior or Senior World Championship but have not qualified due to injury, illness or other extenuating circumstance; or 2) to any former Olympian or former Senior National Champion. The CFF will also accept requests for epee events from an athlete who represented Canada at a Pentathlon World Championship. In each case, the athlete must make the request, explaining the situation, and it must be submitted by e-mail to [pa@fencing.ca](mailto:pa@fencing.ca) at least 45 days before the competition to be considered for a CFF wild card.

**d) NATIONALS Citizenship**

**Eligibility:** Only Canadian citizens or holders of Canadian Landed Immigrant cards and do not hold a FIE affiliation with another nation are eligible to compete in the Canadian National Championships.

**5) Veterans (40 and over)**

**a) Minimum qualification standard**

Fencer must have a valid 11 - 12 license to be able to register.

**b) NATIONALS Citizenship**

**Eligibility:** Only Canadian citizens or holders of Canadian Landed Immigrant cards and do not hold a FIE affiliation with another nation are eligible to compete in the Canadian National Championships.

**Summary:**

Basic changes and rationale:

- Change dates to be consistent with current season: obvious need to have correct season in policy.
- Addition of additional age categories: U15 and Veterans
- Change of standards to align age categories
- Broadened domestic ranking minimums for CSCs
- Change in foreign participation criteria to reflect operational need.