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**CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION NOMINATES
ALANNA GOLDIE, ALEXANDRE LYSSOV AND MIGUEL BREAUT-MALLETTE
TO THE 2010 CANADIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC TEAM**

Montreal, QC (July 5th, 2010) - The Canadian Fencing Federation is very pleased to announce the nomination of Alanna Goldie from Alberta, Alexandre Lyssov from Ontario and Miguel Breault-Mallette from Quebec to the 2010 Canadian Youth Olympic Team. Goldie, Lyssov and Breault-Mallette earned Canada's selection as a result of the *Fédération Internationale d'Escrime* (FIE) selection process based on their performance at the 2010 Cadet World Championships.

There are only 44 days before the largest multi-purpose convention and exhibition facilities in Singapore will open its doors to host the best 14-17 year old athletes in the world at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

Canada will be well represented from August 15 to 18 in the women's foil, men's epee and saber fencing events.

Alanna, with three National Champion titles; a third position at the Carl Schwende Junior World Cup in Montreal in 2009; and her 10th place at the 2010 Junior World Championships (a Canadian Best-ever result) in women's foil is in good position to contribute to Canada's success.

Alexander, the 2009 Canadian Cadet Champion; 2009 Ontario and Quebec Provincial Champion; and finished 16th at the 2010 Cadet World Championships in the Men's epee category is also ready. *"I am thankful to all whose efforts contributed to my development that resulted in the selection to first ever Youth Olympics Games: my coaches, parents, OFA, CFF and my skillful opponent,"* stated Alexander.

Miguel, 35th at the 2010 Cadet and Junior World Championships in Baku in men's saber, 13th at the NAC in Des Moines, in Ohio in 2009; and 29th at the 2009 Carl Schwende World Cup in Montreal is also looking forward to compete for Canada.

Team Leader Stéphane Hamel from Quebec who will also act as the communication liaison was one of the coaches at the 2010 Cadet World Championships is confident that Canada will be well represented by our fencers. *"A few weeks away now, you can feel the excitement building". "I have seen how these athletes perform on the International stage when they are under pressure and I'm confident that the three athletes will be well prepared, it will only be a matter of execution come Games time."*

"There are many competitions in fencing at the International and National level but, this is the first Youth Olympic Games. This is a great opportunity for our young athletes to be exposed to an Olympic type environment, as they continue to develop towards the senior national team" said Danek Nowosielski the High Performance Director at the Canadian Fencing Federation.

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