

CFF Competitions & Ranking FAQs

- Q.** Will the regional competitions (Easterns and Westerns) have Cadet and Junior events?
- A.** This is not currently being mandated by the CFF, however, having these events would present an ideal opportunity to establish junior and cadet events with a high Force value for the region and this would be beneficial to those athletes for their domestic junior and cadet rankings.
- Q.** I live in western Canada and I competed in the Eastern Championships, but not the Western Championships. The results from the eastern Championships do not appear in the domestic ranking.
- A.** If you have participated in a regional championship outside of the region where you hold a CFF licence, then the results are counted as a domestic competition. If you have five results with higher ranking points, then yes, you will not see the results listed. Compete in the regional event in which you belong to your club / province.
- Q.** Are the events held at the Canadian Selection Circuits ranked in the domestic rankings as well as the HP selection rankings?
- A.** Yes, following the discussion held at the CFF AGM (2006), the CFF Board of directors agreed that the events should be ranked in the domestic rankings for the 2006-2007 season. The impact of these results on the rankings will be evaluated at the end of the season. This is continuing for the 2007-2008 season.
- Q.** Points from *cadet* events are used in the domestic *cadet* ranking and *junior* events in the domestic *junior* ranking. Therefore, if as a cadet fencer I only compete in junior events, will I be eligible for cadet events at CSC's and Nationals?
- A.** The rules are quite clear in that for participation in CFF Cadet events in 2007-2008, selection will be based upon the domestic cadet ranking. Similarly this applies to Junior and senior events respectively against the junior and senior domestic rankings. So simply, athletes are encouraged to compete in their own age group as well as others if they and their coach feel comfortable.
- Q.** The CFF Rules specify that a sanction fee must be paid 30 days prior to an event being held. Why is this so far in advance of the event?
- A.** The CFF puts the event into the CFF online calendar. To allow others to have an opportunity to see what events are going on in Canada and plan their participation in events, the 30 day window has been implemented. This may increase participation in your competition.
- Q.** I do not know how many entries I will have in an event. How do I sanction it so far ahead?
- A.** The 2007 AGM established a policy that sanction fees paid for events that were not held due to low number would be held in credit by the CFF against future events for the organizer.
- Q.** Rule 12.21 states 'World Championships' and there are several championships held, for example, veterans, and Military. What do you mean here?
- A.** The 'World Championships' as defined in the current FIE Rule Book, meaning the senior World Championships of the FIE.

- Q.** Why is the CFF charging competition ranking fees?
- A.** There is a cost to having competition ranked and the results posted on the CFF website. While currently this is done by a person, a system will be developed which will allow the competition organizer to upload the files and have the competition ranked immediately and the competition results made available online (same as the FIE). It is more efficient for the CFF to collect a single fee per event rather than a ranking fee for each competitor as was implemented in the past.
- Q.** Why are cadet and junior events being ranked now?
- A.** This is to reflect the development activity occurring in Canada in these age categories. The rankings also provide a tool for selection for the CFF competitions.
- Q.** Will there be other ranking categories in the future?
- A.** The CFF is open to adding other categories as a national domestic ranking. This requires the demonstration of an active demographic across the country. A masters age category is being ranked currently.
- Q.** Will the new ranking system affect how I am ranked?
- A.** The new system emphasizes 'quality' as determined by the number of categorized fencers competing in an event and de-emphasizes competition size.
For many competitions, the competition Force for open events will be the lowest value of 30, meaning that the competition winner earns 30 points. However, the point value quickly decreases, hence the emphasis on getting the best placing possible.
For the better fencers in Canada, the new system will have little impact upon their relative positions in the domestic rankings, however, for lower ranked fencers, there may be considerable impact, especially as the number of competitors ranked increases.
The simple principle remains that the better your competition results, the higher you will be ranked no matter what system is used to calculate the points.
- Q.** What is the age for the Masters category?
- A.** The Masters category is defined as 40 years of age and up to be consistent with the World and Commonwealth age definitions.
- Q.** Why is the CFF limiting participation in the CSC and Canadian National Championships?
- A.** The competition system has undergone a initial change to align it closer to the evolving LTAD (Long Term Athlete Development) model being developed for the sport. The LTAD requires that athletes of like ability compete, whereas the international federation maintains age category competitions. The selection process for closed competitions identifies those athletes that have competed in a larger number of competitions and are achieving consistently higher performance results. For athletes to meet these standards, they should be competing in more provincial level events across Canada to gain the experience and volume of activity required to compete at a higher level.
- Q.** The CSC events in the fall of 2007 were opened to all licence holders at the last minute. Is this going to be a consistent trend?
- A.** The CFF Board of directors make the decision to open up the entries for this one event in September 2007 as it was felt there was considerable confusion about the closed requirements for this event. This was a once only event.

- Q.** We never have six women to have an event of our own in my town. What can I do about this?
- A.** The CFF Competition Rules allow for up to five individuals of the opposite gender to the competition to be mixed in. So in this example, up to five females can compete in the men's event. This example works with the reversed genders also.
- Q.** I am a female and competed in the men's event. How many points do I get and where do they show up?
- A.** The competition is ranked as a single event. If you are the only female and you win the event, you would receive all the points accredited to the winner of that event. Your points would show up in the women's ranking for that weapon and age group. This example works with the reversed genders also.
- Q.** I am female and my results only show up in the men's ranking. Why is this?
- A.** The CFF ranking system uses the name, gender and date of birth from the information you provided when you registered for a CFF licence. This means that you identified yourself as the incorrect gender in the licence registration process. Have your provincial membership registrar contact the CFF to have this corrected. This example works with the reversed genders also
- Q.** I am cadet and have competed in several events, yet my results do not appear in the cadet domestic ranking, but my open events results do. Why is this?
- A.** Are you sure you are a cadet? If you are, then the CFF ranking system uses the name, gender and date of birth from the information you provided when you registered for a CFF licence. This means that the year of birth you provided was incorrect. Have your provincial membership registrar contact the CFF to have this corrected. This example works with the reversed genders also
- Q.** I have competed in multiple competitions, yet I do not see my name or results in the domestic ranking. I have purchased a CFF licence online. Why is this?
- A.** The CFF domestic ranking only contains results for CFF licence holders that have been validated by their province as provincial members. Your results are retained in the system and will appear in the ranking when your licence is validated.
- Q.** I have competed in multiple competitions, yet I do not see my name or results in the domestic ranking. I purchased a CFF licence online last week. When will my results appear in the domestic ranking?
- A.** The CFF requires that all participants in any Canadian competition submitted for ranking hold current CFF licences. If you were allowed to compete in an event without a CFF licence then the results you obtained will not appear in the domestic rankings. The ranking system automatically removes the competition results for athletes who do not hold a CFF licence (either validated or non-validated) for the current season.
- Q.** One finds in various documents the terms "Canadian ranking", "national ranking", "domestic ranking", "high performance ranking", "selection ranking", "elite ranking". How many rankings does the CFF have, and which are they?
- A.** For each age category (cadet, junior, senior), the CFF has two rankings only. The first ranking is called indifferently "Canadian ranking", "national ranking", or "domestic ranking", all of those terms being synonymous. The second ranking is called indifferently "high performance ranking", "selection ranking", or "elite ranking", all of those terms being synonymous.