



CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION

2007-2008 HP PROGRAM

Selection Policies

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INTRODUCTION

This document contains the selection policies, which will be used to select athletes for the Canadian Fencing Federations (CFF) High Performance Program (HPP) and projects within the CFF HPP during the 2008 season.

The objective of the CFF HPP is to design programs so that Canadian teams/athletes can win medals at the World Championships and Olympic Games on a sustained basis. This objective is the driving force behind any decision and orientations in the HPP.

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 (HPD) or the National Coaches (NCs) if they are in doubt 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 teams possible for the 2008 Pan-Am Championships and 2008 Olympic Games.**

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all National Team Members. 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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2. CHANGES FROM 2007-2008

With the 2008 Olympic Games now on the horizon, the CFF HPP has fine tuned to attain the following performance objectives:

- 1) Qualify 1 team and 5-6 other individuals for the 2008 Olympic Games.**
- 2) Win Canada's first ever Olympic medal in Beijing.**
- 3) Achieve two other top 8 results in Beijing**

These performance objectives are the driving factor for any decisions in the CFF HPP, consequently, the following changes have been made to the HPP from the 06-07 season.

- 1) International Selection Competitions:** In each weapon five (instead of six) international competitions will be identified for individual selection purposes, with the best four (instead of five) results counting for the international component. These competitions will be held between January 1 and June 30, 2008, with 3 prior to March 31, 2008 and 2 between May 1 and June 30, 2008. Some flexibility will be provided to Athletes who competed at the 2007 World Championships in every weapon.
- 2) Point Grid:** A small adjustment has been made to the number of ranked fencers required for each strength category based on an analysis of the strength of competitions in 06-07.

3. CFF High Performance Program (HPP)

The 2008 qualification criteria are the same as published in the update on Aug 17, 2007 on the CFF web site.

a) Qualification for 2008 HPP

The application to the CFF HPP is by **invitation only**. To be invited a fencer must:

I. achieve the HP, A, JHP, B or JA standard during the previous season;

OR

be ranked in the top 12 on the HPP Eligibility Ranking (HPPER - see section b), after the Nationals;

A LIST OF THE 12 FENCERS (AND 4 ALTERNATES) INVITED IN EACH WEAPON WILL BE POSTED ON THE CFF WEB SITE AFTER NATIONALS.

There are four other ways by which someone can receive an invitation to the HPP. Additional invitations will be extended to any fencer who:

II. is recognized for AAP support (Injury Card) by Sport Canada for the current carding cycle. The regular deadline applies;

III. achieves a Top 8 result at any one of the two “**DIV1 NACs**”. The HPP application procedure must be completed within 10 days of being notified of the invitation.

IV. is selected for the 2008 Junior/Cadet World Championships. Upon selection, this athlete is required to complete the HPP application procedure by the date specified in the selection letter.

V. represents CANADA at the 2007 World Championships, 2007 Pan-am Games or 2007 Pan-Am Championships and is unable to compete in CSC#1 because he/she was competing in a conflicting NTP and/or is unable to compete CSC#2 due to conflicting mandatory training camp.

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, by the Athlete ID achieved on the Final HPP Selection rankings from the previous season in the following order HP>A>JHP>B>JA;
- II. second, by the point total of the following three (3) competitions held in the same calendar year preceding the selection date for the HPP:
 - 1) CSC#1 (May)
 - 2) CSC#2 (Sept.)
 - 3) the National Championships (Nov./Dec.)

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 three competitions.

Tie-breaking

Should two or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken:

- 1) by the best result (by placing) at the Nationals. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the best single result by point total.

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 December 15, 2007; and
- 4) have no outstanding accounts (amounts due from previous NTPs) with the CFF.

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

Those athletes who have been accepted into the HPP will appear on the HPP Selection Rankings on or after Dec 15th, 2007. Any fencers who are invited mid-season will be added when they are accepted.

4. SELECTION POLICIES

A. Eligibility for Selections

To be selected for any international competition sanctioned by the FIE (FIEA/GP/TWC, Pan-Am/World/Commonwealth Championship or FISU/Pan-Am/Olympic Games), a fencer must be invited to join, register for and be accepted into the CFF HPP. In addition the athlete must meet any specific selection criteria for the respective event as identified in the following sections.

B. HP Selection Committee

The HP Selection Committee will confirm the final team composition for all major Championships and Games using the criteria published in this document. The selection committee for each weapon will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director,
- 2) the V-P High Performance,
- 3) an athletes representative (a retired HPP Athlete), and
- 4) the National Coach (for the respective weapon).

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 organized by the CFF prior to the event.**
2. **If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the “HPP Athletes Agreement”.**
3. **If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the “CFF Code of Conduct”.**

C. NAC’s and International B’s

Selection: none (open to non HPP athletes)

The CFF does not make any selections for NAC’s or International B’s. Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions, unless the competition is identified as part of a National Team Project. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the respective web sites before booking flights:

1. NAC events on the USFA web site (www.usfa.org).
2. French Circuit events on the FFE web site (www.escrime-ffe.fr).
3. German Circuit events on the DFB web site (www.fechten.org).

The organizers may impose additional qualification standards for participation (ie. FIE license in France or Germany, C classification for NAC’s, etc.). All athletes should verify with the organizers whether they are eligible to compete prior to making travel arrangements.

D. FIE Sanctioned competitions (Satellite, FIE A and GP)

REGISTRATION FOR FIE COMPETITIONS

Only the CFF can register fencers for an FIE competition, therefore, all requests for registration in FIE competitions that are not part of a National Team Project must be made as indicated in the sections below.

POLICY FOR WITHDRAWING FROM ANY FIE COMETITIONS (INCLUDING ANY NTP)

Withdrawals must be received in writing (fax, mail, or email). Voice mail is not acceptable. The deadline for a withdrawal is 21 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 **\$750 and will be suspended from the HPP until the fine is paid.** 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

i. FIE Satellite

Selection: none (open to non HPP athletes)

The CFF does not make any official selections for FIE satellite events, since these competitions are considered developmental events. However, the CFF must register all fencers for these competitions and due to referee requirements, the CFF will only register a maximum of four fencers for any FIE Satellite competition.

The CFF will only register those fencers who have completed the [FIE competition registration form](#) **at least 30 days prior to the event.** Should more than four fencers express an interest in competing in a FIE Satellite competition, priority will be given to HPP Athletes using the HPP Selection Rankings and then to the highest ranked athletes on the Domestic Rankings as posted on the CFF web site 28 days before the Satellite competition.

The HP Director and the National Coach (for the respective weapon) will make the selection using the HPP Selection Ranking 28 days before the event. Athletes should not make any travel arrangements until they have received an e-mail confirming that they are registered.

ii. FIE A/GP Held in Canada

Selection: Athletes registered in the 2008 HPP are automatic qualifiers. Any remaining spots, up to the FIE quota, will be filled using the domestic rankings on April 1, 2008.

Canada hosts an annual World Cup in certain weapons. In May-June 2008 the CFF will host a GP in ME and WE and a FIEA in MF. The FIE imposes a quota for each participating country. As the host, Canada can enter a maximum of 30 fencers in MF (FIEA) and 20 fencers in ME (GP) and WE (GP).

Registration is online on the CFF web site for **all Canadian fencers.**

iii. All other FIE A/GPs

Selection: among HPP athletes only

Specific rules apply for any FIEA and GP competitions that are identified as an International Selection Competitions or that are part of a National Team Project (see section E).

For all FIE A competitions that are **not** designated international selection competitions, the CFF may be required to limit the number of entries to four fencers. This is due to the FIE rules which require National Federations to send referees, if they have more than four fencers competing.

The CFF will only register those fencers who have completed the [FIE competition registration form](#) **at least 30 days** before the event. Should more than four fencers express an interest in competing in a FIEA that is not a designated international selection competition, the HP Director and the National Coach (for the respective weapon) will make the selection using the HPP Selection Rankings 28 days before that event.

A fencer who does not respect the 30 day deadline will not be registered for the requested World Cup.

E. National Team Projects (NTP's)

In each weapon certain designated international selection competitions (usually those associated with a Team World Cup) have also been designated as National Team Projects (NTP). The CFF will coordinate travel for all selected athletes for all NTPs. Furthermore, each athlete will be provided with a national team tracksuit the first time they make a team selection (NTPs and Sr/Jr/Cd Worlds). **All athletes must keep this tracksuit until the conclusion of the 2008 season and wear it for all NTPs and any other team selections.** Should an athlete require a new tracksuit, that athlete will be charged a \$150 replacement fee.

All athletes who qualify for travel subsidies (see NTP Funding on page 9) must still be prepared to cover the remaining cost of the flight (paid to the CFF) and any other costs associated with the project, which include ground transportation, accommodation, food and any individual competition entry fees. All other selected fencers are invited to be part of the team for the project but must pay the CFF for the cost of their airfare as arranged by the CFF.

Any amounts owed to the CFF are **payable within 7 days** of being notified of the amount owed (usually at the conclusion of an NTP). Athletes will be sent an e-mail indicating the amount owed after each NTP. The e-mail will indicate the cost of airfare minus any travel subsidies and performance bonuses.

The CFF imposes an interest charge for any amounts that are 30 days past due of 2.5% per month. Furthermore, any HPP athlete, who has an outstanding balance with the CFF, will not be selected for an NTP until all past due accounts have been settled.

Selection Criteria for NTP's

The HP Director and the National Coach (for the respective weapon) will make all selections for NTP's using the criteria below:

- 1) The selection dates and the maximum number of athletes who will be selected for each NTP are listed in the weapon program, which will be distributed to all athletes registered in the HPP for the current season.
- 2) The fencers must accept to travel and stay with the team as arranged by the CFF for the entire NTP. Fencers living outside of Canada must agree to arrive on the day indicated by the National Coach (coordinating their travel with the HPD) and stay at the same hotel as the team for the duration of the project. The HPD and National Coach may authorize alternate travel arrangements for an athlete (i.e. aeroplane ticket) provided that it does not interfere with the general organization of the NTP.
- 3) For NTPs that include a Team World Cup, the National Coach reserves the right to select the four athletes for the team event. These athletes will automatically be selected for the entire NTP. Any remaining spots will be allocated using point 4 and 5 below.
- 4) The National Coach has the authority to select any athlete who is carded (AAP) for any NTP.
- 5) The HPP Selection Ranking (on the selection date for each project) will be used to select the remaining fencers (and alternates) for each project up to the predetermined maximum.
- 6) In the case where an NTP consists of multiple competitions and there are fewer athletes accepting the selection than the number of spots available, the National Coach and HPD may select athletes for only one of the competitions. This selection will only be made once all HPP athletes have been given an opportunity to accept/decline the selection for that NTP. The HPP rankings will be used to fill any spots for a single competition within a NTP.

NOTES

- 1) **Carded athletes (AAP), are reminded that they are required to take part in all NTPs (for which they are selected) in their entirety.**
- 2) **Carded athletes who are still juniors may be directed by the National Coach to skip a NTP or part of an NTP in order to focus their preparation for the Junior World Championships.**

Selection for Team World Cups associated with National Team Projects

The National Coach (responsible for each weapon) has the final decision as to which four fencers among all the selected individuals for any NTP will take part in the Team World Cup(s) associated with the project. All other fencers who are not taking part in the team competition are required to be present in order to observe, assist and encourage their teammates during the team event.

Funding for NTP's

Due to limited financial resources the CFF is not able to provide subsidies to all athletes who take part in a NTP. The primary objective of the HPP this season is to achieve podium and top 8 results at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Consequently, only those athletes who are in a strong position to qualify for the 2008 Olympics should expect to receive any financial support from the CFF for the remainder of the Olympic Qualification period this season. The athletes who have been targeted by Project Beijing are as follows:

WE – Schalm, Dunnette, Leprohon
ME – Tikhomirov, Linteau
WF – Kwan, Luan
MF – McGuire
WS – Sassine, Ovtchinikova, Cloutier, Saschenbrecker
MS – Beaudry, Mayer

The athletes identified above will receive varying levels of financial support based on their probability of qualification, their actual qualification and their demonstrated performance potential at the 2008 Olympics. These amounts will be communicated to them individually.

The CFF will continue to support all HPP athletes who take part in an NTP by paying for any entry fees for Team World Cups associated with any project and make all efforts possible to provide coaching support to all selected athletes.

F. 2008 Olympic Pan-Am Zone Qualifier

Date: April **26-28**, 2008
Location: Santiago de Queretaro, MEX
Selection date: March 24, 2008
Funding: performance based funding tied to Olympic Selection

In any weapon in which Canada failed to earn an FIE qualification spot for the 2008 Olympics, via the FIE World Rankings, either

1) a team

OR

2) an individual,

the CFF may send one athlete in that weapon to represent Canada at the Olympic Pan-Am Zone Qualifier. The winner of this competition will earn a nominative selection by the FIE for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Selection Criteria

In each weapon where Canada can send an athlete to the zonal qualifier, **the athlete who is ranked first on the HPP Selection Rankings on the March 24, 2008 will be selected** to represent Canada at the Pan-Am Zone Qualifier.

G. 2008 World Championships (WE Team and MF Team only)

Date: April 18-19, 2008
Location: Beijing, CHN
Selection date: March 17, 2008
Funding: performance based funding
Minimum Standard: A

In order for a WE Team or a MF Team to be selected, at least 3 athletes must have met the “A Standard” at the time of selection. In any weapon where fewer than 3 athletes have met the A standard, the HPD will make a recommendation to the HP Selection Committee on whether or not Canada should send a team by taking into account CFF strategic objectives for 2012 and beyond. In such a situation the CFF reserves the right to select only 3 individuals.

Selection criteria

In those weapons where a team will be entered, the selection will be made as follows:

1. Any athlete who is ranked in the top 8 on the FIE World Rankings or among the top two Pan-American zone fencers on the FIE World Rankings, (i.e. in a position to earn an FIE nominative selection for the 2008 Olympics) will be selected
2. The National Coach will nominate to the HP Selection Committee three or four fencers (and an alternate) who he believes can best contribute to a Top 8 team performance at the Worlds. In making this nomination, the National Coach is not obligated to use solely the HPP Selection Rankings. He will take into consideration the following:
 - i. Performance Evaluations from Team World Cups/Worlds/Pan-Ams over the last two seasons with a greater emphasis placed the current season and on:
 - a) matches against probable opponents in the team event at the Worlds;
 - b) matches against teams ranked in the top 12 in the World;
 - c) ability to add to a lead or recover a deficit;
 - d) ability to defend a lead;
 - iii. Executing the National Coach’s tactical and strategic directions
 - iii. Following the National Team Program
 - ii. Participation in National Team Training Camps during the current season
 - iv. Discipline on and off the strip.
 - vi. Team Leadership and Spirit.
 - vii. Performance at previous Worlds/Pan-Ams.
 - iii. Athlete ID standard achieved during the current season.
 - ix. Athlete ID standard achieved during the previous two seasons.

The National Coach may select an athlete who was injured for part of the season.

The HP Selection Committee will be required to confirm the National Coach’s recommendation of the second, third and fourth (and any alternate) team members.

NOTE: Selections are conditional on the selected athlete taking part in all mandatory training camps or preparation competitions prior to the World Championships.

H. 2008 Pan Am Championships

Date: July 8-12, 2008
Location: Mexico (still to be confirmed)
Selection date: June 2, 2008
Funding: performance based model

This will be the major target event for a majority of National Team Athletes in 2008, except for the athletes selected for the 2008 Olympics.

CFF HPP Performance Objective:

100% medal return per event entered = 12 medals, including 5 gold

Selection Criteria

In each weapon the selection will be made as follows:

1. Any athlete who, on the selection date, **has qualified for an FIE nominative selection for the 2008 Olympics will be selected for the individual event.**
2. Any athlete who, on the selection date, is ranked first on the CFF HPP Selection Ranking will be selected for the individual event.
3. The National Coach will nominate to the HP Selection Committee the four fencers (and an alternate) who he believes can best contribute to a gold medal team performance. In making this recommendation, the National Coach is not obligated to use the HPP Selection Rankings. He will take into consideration the following:
 - i. Performance Evaluations from Team World Cups/Worlds/Pan-Ams over the last two seasons with a greater emphasis placed the current season and on:
 - a) matches against probable opponents in the team event at the Pan-Ams;
 - b) matches against teams ranked in the top 12 in the World and the top 4 in the Pan-Am Zone;
 - c) ability to add to a lead or recover a deficit;
 - d) ability to defend a lead;
 - ii. Executing the National Coach's tactical and strategic directions
 - iii. Following the National Team Program
 - iv. Participation in National Team Training Camps during the current season.
 - v. Discipline on and off the strip.
 - vi. Team Leadership and Spirit.
 - vii. Performance at previous Worlds/Pan-Ams.
 - viii. Athlete ID standard achieved during the current season.
 - ix. Athlete ID standard achieved during the previous two seasons.

The National Coach may select an athlete who was injured for part of the season.

The HP Selection Committee will be required to confirm the National Coach's recommendation of the four team members (and alternate).

4. If the fencer selected in point (1) or (2) has not been selected for the team event, the three remaining individual spots will be filled by the three highest ranked athletes (among the four selected for the team) on the HPP Selection Ranking on the selection date.

NOTE: Selections are conditional on the selected athlete taking part in all mandatory training camps prior to the Pan-Am Championships.

I. 2008 Olympic Games

Date: Aug 8-16, 2008
Location: Beijing, CHN
Selection date: final nominations submitted to COC June 27, 2008
Funding: fully-funded by the COC

CFF HPP Performance Objective:

1 medal, 2 top 8 and 1 top 16 result

Preamble

In order for Canada to be able to select any athletes for the 2008 Olympic Games:

- 1) Canada must qualify a team in any given weapon (WET and MFT are not an event at the 2008 Olympics). This will allow the CFF to select 3 athletes in that weapon to compete in Beijing; or
- 2) the athlete must earn an FIE individual nominative selection via the FIE World Rankings or via the Pan-Am Zone qualifier.
- 3) **the athlete must meet International Olympic Committee and FIE Nationality requirements in addition to having a valid Canadian Passport when they register for the CFF High Performance Program.**

The complete FIE Olympic qualification criteria can be found at

<http://www.fie.ch/download/documents/en/Criteria%20for%20qualification%20OG-FIE-ang.pdf>

The CFF makes the final nomination Fencing Team members but the COC makes the final selection for the 2008 Olympics.

All nominations are conditional on the nominated athlete taking part in all mandatory training camps and preparation plans prior to the Olympic Games.

Selection in weapons where Canada did not qualify a Team

The FIE will post a list of all qualified individuals on May 12, 2008. Any Canadians who appear on this list will be nominated for the 2008 Olympic Games, in the individual weapon event for which they have qualified for a FIE nominative selection.

These selections will be confirmed by the HP Selection Committee the week of May 19, 2008.

Selection in weapons where Canada did qualify a team

In each weapon, the final nomination of the final team members for the 2008 Olympics, will be done in a two step process

Step 1

On March 24, 2008, the National Coach of each weapon that has qualified a team for the 2008 Olympics, will identify up to 6 athletes, who will be eligible for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Team in that weapon. This group will include:

- 1) **the 4 fencers who fenced the most matches in Team World Cups during the 2008 season;** and
- 2) up to two other athletes selected by the National Coach.

The athletes in this group will be required to follow the Olympic Preparation program for that weapon (April 1 – June 30, 2008).

Step 2

The week of June 23, 2008 the final nomination will be made by the National Coach using the following criteria to make the final selection among the group of six athletes.

- 1) Any athlete who would have otherwise secured an individual FIE nominative spot for 2008 Olympics had Canada not qualified a team will be selected for the individual event for the Olympic Games.
- 2) The National Coach will nominate, to the HP Selection Committee, the three team members (and an alternate) who he believes can best contribute to a podium team performance at the Olympic Games. In making this recommendation, the National Coach is not obligated to use solely the HPP Selection Rankings. He will take into consideration the following:
 - i. Performance Evaluations from Team World Cups/Worlds/Pan-Ams over the last two seasons with a greater emphasis placed on the current season and on:
 - a) matches against probable opponents in the team event at the Olympic Games
 - b) matches against teams that qualified for the Olympic Games
 - c) ability to add to a lead or recover a deficit
 - d) ability to defend a lead
 - ii. Executing the National Coach's tactical and strategic directions.
 - iii. Following the National Team Program.
 - iv. Participation in National Team Training Camps during the current season.
 - v. Discipline on and off the strip.
 - vi. Team Leadership and Spirit.
 - vii. Performance at previous Worlds/Pan-Ams.
 - viii. Athlete ID standard achieved during the current season.
 - ix. Athlete ID standard achieved during the previous two seasons.

The National Coach may select an athlete who was injured for part of the season.

The HP Selection Committee will be required to confirm the National Coach's nomination of the three team members (and alternate).

- 3) If the fencer selected in point (1) has not been selected for the team event, the two remaining individual spots will be filled by the two highest ranked athletes (among the three selected for the team) on the HPP Selection Ranking on **June 23, 2008**.

NOTE: All Nominations are conditional on the selected athlete taking part in all mandatory training camps prior to the Olympic Games.

J. Athletes Assistance Program (AAP) nominations for the 08-09 carding cycle

Sport Canada AAP Policy

Sport Canada has two levels of carding, **Senior (designated as SR1, SR2, SR or C-1) and Development (designated as D)** cards. Additional information can be found at http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/pol/athlete05/aap_e.pdf.

An athlete must be registered in the CFF HPP to receive financial support from the AAP for the current season. Participation (except for injury or other extenuating circumstances) in the National Championships and following the National Team Program is mandatory to be eligible for nomination for the AAP and continued support from the AAP.

Fencing is eligible for 16 Senior cards; 2 Sr cards may be converted to 3 D cards. These criteria have been designed to maximize the total number of athletes carded in the CFF HPP.

“Senior International Card” (SR1/SR2)

A SR1 is awarded to those athletes who place in the “top 16” individually or the “top 8” by team and top half of the field at the World Championships/Olympic Games. Such an athlete will receive \$1,500 per month (tax free) for the duration of the funding cycle and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada. Sport Canada sets these criteria for Senior Cards. Athletes who meet the international criteria are eligible to be nominated by the NSO for two consecutive years, with the card for the first year referred to as SR1 and the card for the second year referred to as SR2. The second year of carding is contingent on the athlete meeting the SR2 maintenance criteria, being re-nominated by CFF and a training and competitive program approved by CFF and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must also sign an Athlete/NSO Agreement and complete an AAP Application Form for the year in question.

“Senior Card” (SR/C1)

A SR card is awarded to those athletes who meet the SR card criteria. Such an athlete receives \$1,500 per month (tax free) for the duration of the funding cycle and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

Senior cards awarded to athletes who meet the SR card criteria for the first time are called C1 cards and are funded at the Development card level.

“Special Development Card” for Junior and Cadet Athletes (D)

A “Special Development” card is awarded to those athletes who place in the:

- 1) **top 8** at the Junior World Championships; or
- 2) **top 4** at the Cadet World Championships.

Athletes will receive \$900 per month (tax free) for the duration of the funding cycle and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada. This card is renewable for two additional years, provided that the athlete qualifies for the CFF HPP each year, meets a minimum standard the following season and continues to respect the athlete agreement.

“Development Card”

A “Development card” (D) is awarded to those athletes who meet the “Development card” criteria. Such an athlete receives \$900 per month (tax free) for the duration of the funding cycle and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

National Team Selections

Should an athlete who is carded or who has met the carding criteria decline a National Team selection (Team World Cup/World or Pan-Am Championships), that athlete will not be proposed for carding and/or his current AAP status will come under review. An exception will be made for medical reasons (certificate required), which can include direct family members (illness or death of spouse, sibling or parents). In all cases where the athlete's carding nomination, or continuation of carding, is in question because of health problems, the athlete must meet the requirements as outlined within the Sport Canada policy on curtailment of training and competition for health-related reasons. The CFF reserves the right to have an athlete who has sent a medical certificate examined by a physician of its choice.

Duration of Carding Status

The AAP is not a reward for past performance. It is financial support to assist athletes to progress to the top 16/Top 8 in the world. Consequently, carding (D and SR) status cannot be awarded indefinitely. "D" carded athletes must progress to the "SR" level. Athletes at the "SR" level must also demonstrate potential to reach the "SR International" level.

An athlete can only be carded a maximum of four years at the D level. Furthermore, an athlete can only be carded at the D/SR level a maximum of eight years without ever reaching the SR1 level. In both cases, the years that the athlete was carded as a junior (under 20) will not count towards the 4 or 8 year rule.

After which time (4 years at D or a combination of 8 years at D/SR), Sport Canada will require a comprehensive review of the athlete's performance over the past three years in order to demonstrate progress toward performance equivalent to top 16 and top half at the World Championships or Olympic Games, which then warrants nomination of D or SR card status for an additional year. This process must be followed for all subsequent years that the athlete is nominated at this level.

Commitment of Carded Athletes

The CFF recognizes that it is essential to monitor each carded athlete's involvement in the HPP. This implies that carded athletes must be accountable for their annual training and competitive performance, and agree to follow the National Team Program as designed by the National Coach for their respective weapon. Carded athletes must also assume responsibility for ongoing reporting as outlined by the HPP Athlete Agreement or as requested by the National Coaches/HP Director.

Where the athlete demonstrates a lack of commitment to the HPP, the CFF may choose to recommend to Sport Canada that the athlete's carding status be withdrawn.

Carding Cycle and Qualification Period

The table below indicates the qualification period and funding cycles up to the 2010 World Championships:

Fencing season	Qualification period	Funding cycle
07-08	November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007	November 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 (10 months)*
08-09	November 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008	September 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009 (14 months)*
09-10	November 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009	November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010 (To be confirmed)**

* Funding cycles are aligned to end the month of the Olympic Games or World Championships.

** Date of 2010 World Championships has not been set yet.

Athlete Agreement

All carded athletes must sign the CFF HPP Athlete Agreement and return it each year to the CFF by December 15th. Failure to sign and respect the agreement will result in the CFF recommending suspension of financial support by Sport Canada.

Criteria and Prioritization of Athletes for the Sport Canada AAP

The CFF will meet with Sport Canada after the 2008 Olympic Games, to determine which athletes in the HPP have qualified for the AAP. To be confirmed, the athlete must be registered for the 2009 CFF HPP and fully committed to following the program. Athletes will be prioritized for carding based on the results/standards they achieved during the qualification period as follows:

“Senior International Card” (SR1/SR2)

- 1) **SR1 Card – Olympics Team Top 8:** Athletes who place in the top 8 by team at the 2008 Olympic Games will be nominated for an **SR1 Card**. To be eligible, the athlete must have competed in the team event at the Olympic Games. SR2 maintenance criteria: this card may be renewed to SR2, if the athlete is selected for the 2009 World Championships and registers for the 2010 HPP.
- 2) **SR1 Card – Olympics Individual Top 16:** Athletes who place in the top 16 individually at the 2008 Olympic Games will be nominated for an **SR1 Card**. SR2 maintenance criteria: this card may be renewed to **SR2**, if the athlete is selected for the 2009 World Championships and registers for the 2010 HPP.
- 3) **SR1/SR2 Injury Card:** Athletes who were carded at the SR1/SR2 level the previous year and who meet the injury cards clause criteria. The athletes must register and follow the 2009 HPP to be confirmed.

“Senior Card” (SR/C-1)

- 4) **SR Card – Olympic Selection:** Athletes who were selected for the 2008 Olympic Games will be nominated for an **SR Card**.
- 5) **SR Card – Worlds Team Top 8:** Athletes who place in the top 8 by team at the 2008 World Championships (WET or MFT only) will be nominated for an **SR Card**.
- 6) **SR Card – FIE Team Ranking Top 8:** Athletes who were selected for the 2008 Pan-Am Championships and whose team is ranked in the top 8 on the FIE Team Rankings at the time of the 08-09 AAP review, will be nominated for an **SR Card**. To be eligible, the athlete must have competed in the team event at the Pan-Ams.
- 7) **SR Card – FIE Individual Ranking Top 16:** Athletes who are ranked in the top 16 on the FIE World Rankings, at the time of the 08-09 AAP review, will be nominated for a **SR Card**.
- 8) **SR Card – HP Standard:** Athletes who competed at the 2008 Pan Am Championships and who have met the “HP” standard, will be nominated for a **SR Card**.
- 9) **SR Injury Card:** Athletes who were carded at the SR/C1 level the previous year and who meet the injury cards clause criteria. The athletes must register and follow the 2009 HPP to be confirmed.

Development Card (D)

- 10) **D Card – Olympic Team alternate:** Any athlete who is the 1st alternate and who travels to Beijing for the team event at the 2008 Olympics will be nominated for a **D Card**.
- 11) **D Card –Pan-Am Team Gold:** Athletes who place first by team, at the 2008 Pan-Am Championships, will be nominated for a **D Card**. To be eligible, the athlete must have either achieved the A standard or competed in the team event at the Pan-Ams.

- 12) **D Card - Special Junior/Cadet Development:** Athletes who obtain one of the following results at the 2008 Junior/Cadet World Championships will be nominated for a **D card**:
- i. Top 8 in an individual Junior event
 - ii. Top 4 in an individual Cadet event
- 13) **D Card - Special Junior/Cadet Development:** Athletes who obtained one of the following results at the 2007 Junior/Cadet World Championships and who met the JA or B standard during the current qualification period will be nominated for a **D card**:
- i. Top 8 in an individual Junior event
 - ii. Top 4 in an individual Cadet event
- 14) **D Card – Pan-Am Individual Top 3:** Athletes who place in the top 3 individually at the 2008 Pan-Am Championships will be nominated for a **D Card**.
- 15) **D Card – Pan-Am Team Silver and “A/JHP” Standard:** Athletes who place second by team at the 2008 Pan-Am Championships and who have either met the A/JHP standard, will be nominated for a **D Card**.
- 16) **D Card – Pan-Am Team Silver and “B/JA” Standard:** Athletes who place second by team at the 2008 Pan-Am Championships and who have met the B/JA standard, will be nominated for a **D Card**.
- 17) **D Card - National Team:** Athletes who are selected for the 2008 Pan-Am Championships and who have met the **A, B, JHP or JA standard** will be nominated for a **D Card**. Athletes will be prioritized as follows:
- ii. A Standard
 - iii. JHP Standard
 - iv. B Standard
 - v. JA Standard
- 18) **D Card - Junior National Team:** Athletes who are selected for the 2008 Junior or Cadet World Championships and who have met one of the following standards will be nominated for a **D Card**. Athletes will be prioritized within this group as follows:
- i. Top 16 result at the Junior World Championships
 - ii. Top 8 result at the Cadet World Championships
 - iii. JHP Standard
 - iv. JA Standard
- 19) **D Card - National B Team:** Athletes who have met one of the following standards, will be nominated for a **D Card**. Athletes will be prioritized within this group as follows:
- i. A Standard
 - ii. JHP Standard
 - iii. B Standard
 - ii. JA Standard
- 20) **D Injury Card:** Athletes who were carded at the D level the previous year and who meet the injury cards clause criteria. The athletes must register and follow the 2009 HPP to be confirmed.
- 21) **D Card - National B Team, partial standards:** If any D cards are still available, they will be distributed to the athletes who have achieved the following results, prioritized as follows:
- i. 2/3 of an A standard – two “A” results
 - ii. 2/3 of a B standard – two “B” results.

Injury Cards: Athletes who were carded at the SR2, SR, C-1 or D level during the 07-08 carding cycle and who have **not** met the criteria due to injury, illness, or pregnancy may be considered for the AAP. Athletes must submit a written request with a medical certificate (which states the anticipated date of return to competition) and any other supporting documentation to the HP Director **by August 1, 2008**. Each case will be evaluated by the HP Selection Committee, which will make a final recommendation on whether the athlete should be recommended for AAP support and where the athlete should be ranked in the prioritization order based on the athletes previous carding cycle's carding level.

Prioritization within each category: Should more athletes qualify in any of the above categories (or sub categories) than the total number of cards available, athletes will be prioritized within each category first by the Athlete ID standard achieved then by the final season point total of the international component of the respective HPP Selection Ranking (at the time of the AAP annual review). Should a tie exist in total international points, the result (by final placing) at the 2008 Olympic Games and then the 2008 Pan-Am Championships or the 2008 Junior World Championships (for junior standards) will be used to break the tie.

N . Health/Fitness readiness

The HPP Selection Committee reserves the right to evaluate a selected athlete's fitness level after the selection date and before the team departure for a World/Pan-Am Championship or Olympic/Pan-Am Games to insure that they are able to contribute to the team performance.

This policy is currently under development with the COC and will be published prior to selection of the teams for these events.

O. POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE APPEALS OF SELECTIONS

I) Right to Appeal: Any athlete who is not selected shall have the right to appeal a selection in the event that:

1. the selection was not made in accordance with the published policies, procedures, rules and criteria;
- or
2. in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the appeal should be heard because there appears to be good reason to doubt the correctness of the selection in question and the appeal sought involves matters of significant fairness. **The Board member on the Appeal Board can't be involved in this decision.**

II) Appeal Board: The Appeal Board for Selections shall be comprised of three members, identified as follows:

- one member of the CFF Board of Directors who does not sit on the HP Selection Committee and who is appointed at the beginning of the season by the CFF Board of Directors (a replacement shall also be designated in case the Director is absent or is from the same club as the athlete lodging the appeal);
- one athletes' representative, chosen from among the athlete representatives for each weapon and appointed by the CFF Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Athletes' Representative to the Board of Directors; and
- one coaches' representative, chosen from among the National Coaches and appointed by the CFF Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the HP Director.

In order to maintain neutrality, the Athletes' and Coaches' representative shall not be from the same club or weapon as the athlete lodging the appeal. Therefore, the CFF Board of Directors shall only designate the Athletes' Representative and the Coaches' Representative once an appeal has been lodged.

The CFF Director shall serve as the Chairperson of the Appeal Board. All three members of the Appeal Board are voting members. No member of the **HP Selection Committee** can be a member of an Appeal Board pertaining to the same selection.

III) Appeal Procedure: The athlete shall give written notice to the CFF National Office of his or her request to appeal the selection of the HP Selection Committee within seven (7) days following the Final Selection Date. The notice shall be signed and shall specify the grounds upon which the appeal ought to be granted. If the athlete is under the age of majority, then the notice shall also be signed by their parent or legal guardian. The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a \$50 deposit which shall be returned to the athlete at the completion of the appeal unless the appeal is found by the Appeal Board to have been frivolous.

The right to appeal expires seven (7) days following the Final Selection Date, as defined above. Written communication may take place by fax, e-mail, or letter (courier or post).

Any documentation pertaining to the Selection Board's decision and the athlete's request to appeal shall be distributed to the Appeal Board, which shall meet and render its decision within eight (8) days following receipt of the appeal by the National Office. The Appeal Board may meet by telephone conference call, if it is not feasible to meet in person.

At his or her request, the athlete may present an oral argument to the Appeal Board, in which event the HP Director (or his or her designate) may also attend and deliver an oral argument in rebuttal. The athlete may have an advisor attend before the Appeal Board. The Appeal Board may, at its discretion, limit attendance before it to the athlete, the HP Director and one advisor each.

The athlete shall assume responsibility for one-third (1/3) of the total costs of transportation for the Appeal Board, the HP Director and the athlete, in the event that the athlete exercises his or her right to present oral argument. If

the appeal is granted, the athlete shall be reimbursed this amount by the CFF, plus compensated for any personal travel expenses incurred in accordance with CFF reimbursement policies.

IV) Decision of the Appeal Board: The Appeal Board shall review the published selection policies, the minutes of the HP Selection Committee, any supporting material **provided by both parties** and the notice of appeal of the athlete to decide if the appeal falls within the appeal policy.

If not, the **Appeal Board** shall provide written notification of such decision to the National Office and the athlete within three (3) days of taking the decision.

If the Appeal Board determines the appeal falls within **the requirements of** this policy, then it shall hear the appeal considering the published selection policies, the minutes of the HP Selection Committee, any supporting material, the notice of appeal, and any testimony or argument from the athlete, his or her representative, **and** the HP Director, and take one of the following decisions:

1. grant the appeal and immediately select the athlete;
2. instruct the HP Selection Committee to review the selection in accordance with any directions, provided by the Appeal Board;
3. reject the appeal;
4. declare itself incompetent and request the CFF Board of Directors to refer the appeal to another authority, to be determined by the CFF Board of Directors.

V) Communication of Outcome: The Appeal Board shall, within the eight day period for decision, communicate its decision in writing to the HP Director and the athlete.

VI) Subsequent Appeal: Any appeal of this decision shall be handled through independent arbitration as provided through the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) with notice being provided to the Board of Directors of the CFF of such appeal in writing within three (3) days of receipt of the decision of the Appeal Board.

Notwithstanding the above, for any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13.1 http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/pol/athlete05/1_e.cfm.

VII) Time Frames: For reasons of fairness, any of the time frames provided for in this policy and procedure may be relaxed by the Board of Directors at the request of the HP Selection Committee or Appeal Board, if it feels, at its discretion, that such a change is reasonable and appropriate.

VIII) Modes of Communication: Unless otherwise specified within this policy, all communications can take place by e-mail, by fax, or by post.

IX) Interpretation: For reasons of fairness, any question of the technical interpretation of the language of this policy (such as calculation of time periods, etc.) should be resolved in favour of the appellant athlete.

Revised and accepted by the Board of Directors **January 2008**.

5. HPP Selection Rankings (HPPSR) and Athlete ID Standards

Overview: The HPP Selection Rankings are used to identify athletes for most international selections, CFF funding opportunities and as one of the selection criteria to nominate and prioritize athletes for the AAP. Consequently, only those athletes who have been accepted into the HPP will appear on this ranking.

Athletes will be ranked **first by the Athlete ID standard** they have achieved in the designated international competitions (during the previous calendar year), then by the total number of selection points earned during that period. The criteria for each Athlete ID standard and the order of priority on the ranking is:

- 1) HP Standard ⇒ Three HP results in the designated international competitions
- 2) A Standard ⇒ Three A results in the designated international competitions
- 3) JHP Standard ⇒ Two JHP results in Junior designated international competitions.
A junior fencer who achieves an “A” result in a designated international competition, will have that result considered equivalent to a JHP result and it will count towards the JHP standard.
- 4) B Standard ⇒ Three B results in the designated international competitions
- 5) JA Standard ⇒ Two JA results in Junior designated international competitions.
A junior fencer who achieves a “B” result in a designated international competition, will have that result considered equivalent to a JA result and it will count towards the JA standard.

The HPP selection ranking will generally be a 1-year rolling ranking. However, since designated competitions may not always be held at the same time each year, competitions with the same designation will replace the ones from the previous season. The table below indicates which competitions in 2008 will replace results from 2007:

2008		2007
2007 Nationals	replace	2006 Nationals
2008 HPP Sel. Camp	replace	2007 HPP Sel. Camp
INT#1	replace	INT#1 and INT#2
INT#2	replace	INT#3
INT#3	replace	INT#4
INT#4	replace	INT#5
INT#5	replace	INT#6
2008 Olympic Games	replace	2007 World Championships
2008 Pan-Am Championships	replace	2007 Pan-Am Championships

Results at the following major championships will also be tabulated in the HPP Selection Rankings but (with the exception of the World Championships/Olympic Games which are set at HPWC) will **only count for an Athlete ID standard** based on the calculated strength.

1. World Championships– **points awarded for a top 32 result only**
2. Olympic Games - **points awarded for a top 16 result only**
3. Pan-Am Championships (Pan-Am Games do not count)
4. Commonwealth Championships (expire 365 days after the date of the event)
5. FISU Games (expire 365 days after the date of the event).

The ranking among athletes with the same Athlete ID will be determined by the point total of (i) domestic and (ii) international components.

i. Domestic component

The domestic component will be the point total of the following two elements:

1. **The National Championships:** November 23-25, 2007 in Montreal, QC
2. **The HPP Selection Camp:**

This **mandatory** selection camp will be held at different times for each weapon (male and female combined). Specific details will be sent to all athletes registered in the CFF HPP by e-mail. The CFF will provide financial assistance (provided that funds are available) to cover the cost of travel to this camp for all athletes receiving AAP and to those fencers selected for the Junior/Cadet World Championships, who must travel to Montreal by plane. **Athletes who do not participate in this camp will be expelled from the HPP. In 2008, an exception will be given to those athletes who the CFF has directed to take part in a conflicting World Cup, in order to secure an individual Olympic Selection.** The camp will take place at the Montreal NTC.

2008 Dates: Feb 14-17, 2008 – Men’s and Women’s Foil
Feb 21-24, 2008 – Men’s and Women’s Sabre
March 13-16, 2008 – Men’s and Women’s Epee

- 1) **Eligibility:** The HPP Selection Camp is restricted to HPP Athletes; however, the National Coach (for each weapon) may invite some foreign fencers to take part in this camp to increase the difficulty.
- 2) **Registration and Fee:** Fencers register for the camp automatically when they register for the HPP. No further registration is required. The fee is included in HPP registration.
- 3) **Format:** Format will be announced when camp details sent by e-mail.

The following point grid will be used to award selection points for domestic component:

placing	Nationals	HPP Sel. Camp
1	50	50
2	40	40
3	30	30
4		24
5	20	20
6		16
7		12
8		10
9	10	8
10		6
11		4
12		2
13-16	5	1

ii. International component

The international component will be the point total of best four (4) results from the list of five (5) CFF designated international selection competitions and the World Championships/Olympic Games in each weapon.

The 2008 designated international selection competitions (and their pre-set strength) in each weapon are listed in the table below.

	WE	ME	WF	MF	WS	MS
INT#1	NAC-Atlanta (DEV) Jan. 18-21, 2008	NAC-Atlanta (DEV) Jan. 18-21, 2008	NAC-Atlanta (DEV) Jan. 18-21, 2008	NAC-Atlanta (DEV) Jan. 18-21, 2008	NAC-Atlanta (DEV) Jan. 18-21, 2008	NAC-Atlanta (DEV) Jan. 18-21, 2008
INT#2	GP-Rome (WCA) Feb. 8-9, 2008	GP-Lignano (WCA) Feb. 1-2, 2008	GP-Gdansk (WCA) Feb 29-Mar 1, 2008	GP-Paris (WCA) Jan. 25-26, 2008	FIEA-London (INT) Feb. 2-3, 2008	GP-Athens (WCA) Feb. 1-2, 2008
INT#3	GP-St Maur (WCA) Feb. 22-23, 2008	GP-Stockholm (WCA) Mar. 7-8, 2008	GP-St. Petersburg (WCA) Mar 5-6, 2008	GP-St. Petersburg (WCA) Mar 7-8, 2008	GP-Orleans (WCA) Feb. 8-9, 2008	GP-Budapest (WCA) Feb. 8-9, 2008
INT#4	GP-Montreal (WCA) May 30-31, 2008	GP-Montreal (WCA) May 30-31, 2008	GP-Havana (WCA) June 11-12, 2008	FIEA-Montreal (INT) May 29-30, 2008	FIEA-Havana (INT) June 14-15, 2008	FIEA-Valencia (INT) June 14-15, 2008
INT#5	FIEA-Havana (INT) June 6-7, 2008	FIEA-Caguas (INT) June 6-7, 2008	FIEA-Las Vegas (INT) June 20-21, 2008	GP-Havana (WCA) June 8-9, 2008	GP-Las Vegas (WCA) June 20-21, 2008	GP-Las Vegas (WCA) June 20-21, 2008
legend	GP-Grand Prix	FIEA-World Cup	NAC-USFA DIV1 NAC			

NOTES

- 1) For NACs, fencers are responsible for their own registration with the organizers and for making their own travel and hotel arrangements.
- 2) FIE quotas apply for all FIE A and GP competitions. Participation in these competitions is **by selection only**. If a FIE A or GP is not part of an NTP, the selection will still be made using the NTP selection criteria but only four fencers may be selected for an FIE A. Fencers may also be responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Replacement Competitions in 2008

An athlete who represented Canada at the 2007 World Championships may elect to replace INT#1 with a designated replacement GP/A competition. To do so the athlete must submit a written request by December 31, 2007, to the HP Director at hp@fencing.ca. Only the competitions listed below can be used as a replacement competition for the NAC.

- WE – GP Budapest
- WF – A Leipzig
- WS – GP Lamezia Terme
- ME – GP Doha
- MF – A Copenhagen
- MS – A Istanbul

Furthermore, any athletes who are selected by the CFF to take part in a Team World Cup, which is in direct conflict with INT#1, will automatically be eligible to replace the GP associated with the Team World Cup for the INT#1. In 2008, this situation may arise in ME and WE and the following competitions will replace the NAC.

- WE – GP Budapest
- ME – GP Doha

The strength of all replacement competitions will be determined by the calculated strength.

The following point grid will be used to award selection points and Athlete ID standards for designated international selection competitions:

	HPWC		WCA		WCB		INT		DEV				
# of fencers ranked in FIE top 128	> 64		49 to 64		25 to 48		11 to 24		0 to 10				
1	200	HP	160	HP	130	HP	90	HP	60	HP			
2	160		130		110		80		50	A			
3	130		110		90		70		40				
top 8	110		90		70		60		A	30	B		
top 12*					60		A		50	25			
top 16	90		70		50		40		20				
top 24*							A		40	B	30	15	
top 32	70		50		30		B		20		10		
top 64	50	A	30	B	20	10							

*points only awarded in DEV, INT and WCB strength competitions if a "repechage" or pools are held.

NOTES

- The strength of a competition will be determined by taking into consideration the total number of fencers present who are ranked in the top 128 of the FIE World Rankings the day after the competition.
 - > 64 = HPWC
 - 49 - 72 = WCA
 - 25 - 48 = WCB
 - 11 - 24 = INT
 - 0 - 10 = DEV
- In order to earn points and Athlete ID standards a fencer must place in the DE bracket (4, 8, 16, 32, 64) in which 40% of the competitive field has placed. For example:

HPWC	with 192 entries	X 40% = 77	Top 64 earn points and ID standard
WCA	with 66 entries	X 40% = 26	Top 32 earn points and ID standard
INT	with 102 entries	X 40% = 41	Top 64 earn points and ID standard

- The strength of each designated international selection competition will be set at the beginning of each season and will be identified in the list of designated international selection competitions. Should a competition's calculated strength be greater than the set category, the higher category will prevail.

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 HPP Selection Rankings.
Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the best result (by point total) among the international selection competitions.
Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 3) by the best result (by placing) at the most recent international selection competition.

Updates

In each weapon, the HPP Selection Ranking will be updated on the CFF web site after:

- 1) the HPP application deadline (which will include the Nationals);
- 2) the HPP Selection Camp;
- 3) any designated international selection competition;
- 4) the Pan-Am Championships; and
- 5) the World Championships/Olympic Games.

6. Weapon Programs

The Weapon Programs will be sent by e-mail to the athletes who qualify and register for the 2008 CFF HPP.