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2009-2010 Wheelchair HP Program

Selection Criteria

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1. CFF High Performance Program (HPP)

a) Eligibility for HPP

Any wheelchair fencer who wishes to take part in international competitions must register for the CFF HPP. Due to the low number of athletes in the sport, there are no selection criteria to join the CFF HPP at this time and an athlete may join at any time in the season.

To request an application package for the CFF HPP please contact the HP Director at hpd@fencing.ca.

2. SELECTION POLICIES

A. Eligibility for Selections

To be selected for any international competition sanctioned by the International Wheelchair Fencing Committee (IWFC), a fencer must be registered for and 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. WCHP Selection Committee

The WCHP Selection Committee will confirm the final team composition for the 2010 World Championships using the criteria published in this document. The committee will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director, and
- 2) the coach(es) who are working with carded wheelchair athletes.

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

Selection: none

The CFF does not make any selections for NAC's organized by the USFA. Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines at www.usfa.org before booking flights:

D. World Cups

i. Held in Canada

Selection: none at this time

The World Cup organized by the “Defi Sportif” in 2010 is open to any wheelchair fencer who registers directly with the organizing committee.

ii. All other World Cups

Selection: only those athletes who are registered in the HPP may attend

The CFF will **only register HPP athletes** who have sent a request to the HP Director by e-mail to hpd@fencing.ca at least **7 days** before deadline set by the organizing committee for that event. Furthermore, the athlete must include as an attachment any relevant fully completed entry forms which need to be forwarded to the organizing committee. Athletes are responsible for all costs of taking part in the competition (travel, hotel and entry fees).

IWFC World Cups

2010

29-31 January 2010	Malchow, GER
30-02 May 2010	Montreal, CAN
21-23 May 2010	Lonato, ITA
9-11 July 2010	Warsaw, POL

E. 2010 World Championships

Date: November 5-13, 2010
Location: Paris, France
Selection date: September 5, 2010
Minimum Standard: Top 32 on the IWFC World Rankings
Funding: Not yet allocated, will be announced at time of selection

Selection criteria

For each event, the selection will be made as follows:

- 1) Any athletes who are ranked in the top 32 on the IWFC World Rankings will be selected for that event.
- 2) If no athletes are ranked in the top 32, only the highest ranked Canadian on the IWFC Rankings for the respective event will be selected.
- 3) Should a fencer not appear on the IWFC rankings they will not be selected.

F. Rankings

Due to the low number of wheelchair fencers, the CFF will use the IWFC World Rankings to rank its fencers in each category, until there are sufficient numbers requiring a domestic ranking.

3. Sport Canada AAP for the 10-11 carding cycle

Sport Canada AAP Policy - Paralympic

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/prog/paa-aap/paa-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) in the National Championships (if held) is mandatory to be eligible for nomination for the AAP.

Fencing is eligible for 2 Senior (SR/C1) cards for the Paralympic program; 2 SR cards may be converted to 3 D cards.

“Senior International Card” (SR1/SR2)

A “Senior International Card” is awarded to those athletes who achieve the following performances at the Paralympic Games or World Championships:

- Top 16 and Top ½ of the field in events with 3 entries per country
- Top 12 and top ½ of the field in events with 2 entries per country
- Top 8 and top ½ of the field in events with 1 entry per country

In Paralympic events that do not have a minimum of 10 countries entered, these cards will be available to athletes who have placed in the top 3 at the Paralympic Games or World Championships with a minimum of 10 entries and a minimum of 5 countries.

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 being re-nominated by the CFF and a training and competitive program approved by the CFF and Sport Canada being maintained. The athlete must sign the HPP Athlete Agreement and complete the AAP Application form for the year in question.

Such an athlete will receive \$1,500 per month, (\$18,000 a year tax-free) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

“Senior Card” (SR/C1)

A “Senior card” (SR) is awarded to those athletes who meet the “Senior card” criteria. Such an athlete receives \$1,500 per month, (\$18,000 a year tax-free) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

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

“Development Card” (D)

A “Development card” (D) is awarded to those athletes who meet the “Development card” criteria. Such an athlete receives \$900 per month, (\$10,800 a year tax-free) and payment of post-secondary tuition fees at schools approved by Sport Canada.

National Team Selections

Should an athlete who has met the carding criteria decline a National Team selection (World Championships/Paralympics), 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). 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.

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 for their respective weapon as published by the CFF. Carded athletes must also assume responsibility for ongoing reporting as outlined by the HPP or requested by the National Coaches.

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.

Duration of Carding Status

Carding (D and SR) status cannot be awarded indefinitely. Athletes at the “SR” level must also demonstrate potential to reach the “SR International” level. Athletes can be carded a maximum of 8 years at the D or SR level without ever reaching the SR1 level.

Carding Cycle and Qualification Period

The table below indicates the qualification period and funding cycles through 11-12:

Fencing season	Qualification period	Funding cycle
09-10	September 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009	November 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010 (13 months)
10-11	November 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010	December 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 *
11-12	December 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 *	September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012 *

* to be confirmed

Athlete Agreement

All carded athletes must sign the CFF HPP Athlete Agreement and return it each year to the CFF by December 1st. Failure to sign and respect the agreement will result in suspension of financial support by Sport Canada.

Criteria and Prioritization of Athletes for the Sport Canada AAP

Each year, the CFF meets with Sport Canada to determine which athletes in WC HPP have qualified for the AAP. Athletes will be prioritized for carding based on the results/ranking that they have achieved during the qualification period as follows:

Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)

- 1) **SR1 Card - Worlds Top 8:** Athletes who place in the top 8 (and top half of the field) at the 2010 World Championships will be nominated for an **SR1 Card**. SR2 maintenance criteria: this card may be renewed to SR2, if the athlete registers for the 2011 HPP.

Senior Card (SR/C-1)

- 2) **SR Card - Top 16 Standard:** Athletes who are ranked in the top 16 (and top half of ranked fencers) on the IWFC World Rankings, as per Paralympic quota (2 per country), in any one of their events, at the time of the AAP review meeting with Sport Canada, will be nominated for an **SR/C1 Card**
- 3) **SR Injury Card:** Athletes who were carded at the SR/C1 level the previous year and who meet the injury cards clause criteria.

Development Card (D)

- 4) **D Card –Top 24 Standard:** Athletes who are ranked in the top 24 (and top half of ranked fencers) on the IWFC World Rankings, as per Paralympic quota (2 per country), in any one of their events, at the time of the AAP review meeting with Sport Canada, will be nominated for an **D Card**.
- 5) **D Injury Card:** Athletes who were carded at the SR, C-1 or D level during the previous carding cycle and who meet the injury cards clause criteria.

NOTE:

Should more athletes qualify than cards available in any of the categories above, athletes will be prioritized based on the World Ranking in their best event. If a tie still exists, the athlete who has more World Ranking points earned in their best event will be ranked higher.

Injury Cards

Injury Cards: Athletes who were carded at the SR2, SR, C-1 or D level during the 09-10 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 September 1 of each year**. Each case will be evaluated by the WCHP 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.