

# **CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION JUNIOR AND CADET SELECTION POLICIES 2010-2011**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This document contains the general selection principles and identifies the selection competitions, which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will use to select the fencers for the 2011 Junior and Cadet World Championships. This information will allow athletes and their coaches to develop their annual training and competition plans for the season.

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, if they have questions 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. 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 athletes for the 2011 Junior and Cadet World Championships and any other competitions that may not already be included in this document.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly via the CFF web site. 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. KEY CHANGES FROM 2009-10**

There are no significant changes to selection policies for the Junior/Cadet World Championships from 2009-2010.

However, due to significant changes to the 2010-2011 FIE (no Junior World Cup in Canada) and USFA competition calendars there is an impact on the list of international selection competitions from previous years. There is also a change to the procedure to register for Junior FIE competitions in 2010-11. All fencers (and their parents) and personal coaches should carefully review the list of international selection competitions and the entry procedure for Junior World Cups for 2010-2011.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTIONS**

To be eligible for selection for any FIE competition a fencer must:

- 1) have a validated 10-11 CFF license;
- 2) have a 10-11 FIE license for Canada;
- 3) be a Canadian Citizen or a Canadian landed immigrant; and
- 4) meet any published selection criteria for the respective competition.

### **4. HP SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The HP Selection Committee will make the final selections for the Junior/Cadet World Championships. In each weapon, the committee will consist of:

- 1) the HP Director,
- 2) a member designated by the CFF Board of Directors,
- 3) the National Coach (for the respective weapon), and
- 4) an athletes representative named by the Athletes Council.

**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 organised 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”.
4. If a selection was made in a way not consistent with the published selection process.

### **5. CADET/JUNIOR/DIV I NACS**

**NACs organized by the USFA, will often be designated as international selection competitions for the Junior and Cadet HPP Selection Rankings. Please refer to page 12 (cadet) and page 13 (junior) for a complete list.**

**There are no selection criteria to compete in Cadet and Junior NACs.**

**The USFA does impose a minimum standard for DIV I NACs.** They require that a fencer have a C rating or higher to register. Since our two systems are different, the CFF has negotiated a policy with the USFA whereby (in each weapon) the CFF will award temporary C rating to all Junior fencers ranked in the top 8 and all Cadet fencers ranked in the top 4 on the respective HPP ranking (on the registration deadline of any DIV I NAC).

Fencers are responsible for their own registration and travel arrangements to these competitions. Before booking flights for NAC events, please confirm all dates, locations and registration deadlines on the USFA web site ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)).

## **6. JUNIOR WORLD CUPS (JR FIEA)**

### **A. Designated Junior World Cup (International Selection Competitions)**

In 10-11, in each weapon, three Junior World Cups will be designated as junior international selection competitions (see page 13). **Participation in one of these competitions (or the 2010 Senior Worlds) is part of the minimum criteria for selection to the Junior World Championships.**

### **B. Non-designated Junior World Cups**

These do not count for the Junior HPP Selection Rankings, however, they do serve a role in an athlete's development by providing valuable international experience.

Fencers must follow the entry procedures for Jr FIEA competitions to be considered for selection to these competitions.

**FOR ALL COMPETITIONS HELD OUTSIDE OF CANADA, THE CFF IS NOT IN A POSITION TO SEND ANY COACHES OR SUPPORT PERSONNEL. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MINORS TRAVEL WITH AN ADULT (PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CLUB/PROVINCIAL COACH).**

**FURTHERMORE, ALL FENCERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN FLIGHT AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNIOR WORLD CUPS.**

## **ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR JR FIEA COMPETITION**

**Minimum Qualification Standard:** To be eligible to compete in a Junior FIE A competition held outside of Canada, a fencer must

- 1) Have a valid FIE licence; and
- 2) be ranked in the top 12 on the Junior HPP Selection Rankings on the selection deadline for the respective Jr FIEA competition.

**Registration deadline:** 35 days (5 weeks) before the first day of competition of any Jr FIE A competition.

**Entry Procedures:** Fencers must complete the "[Junior World Cup entry form](#)" (available on CFF website in the High Performance section) before the registration deadline to be considered for selection for a Jr. FIEA competition. Submission of this form does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. If a fencer is not selected, the entry fee will be refunded to the fencer.

**Entry fee:** As of September 1, 2010, the fee to compete in a Junior World Cup competitions is \$100.00. This fee is to offset the cost of CFF obligations to provide an international referee for the competition or for the CFF to pay the fine assessed by organizers for Jr FIE A competitions when the CFF cannot send an International Referee.

**Late entries:** Will not be accepted

**Entry Limitations:** CFF will select a maximum of 9 fencers for any Jr FIEA competition, since 10 or more fencers in any competitions require that the CFF provide a second referee or pay an additional fine to the organizers.

**Final Entry Selection:** Within five business days after the deadline, the list of selected fencers for the competition will be finalized. The list of selected fencer will be compiled using the Junior HPP Selection Rankings as published on the CFF website at the deadline. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection. The list is then emailed out to all fencers (and their personal coaches), who have submitted the entry form to the e-mails provided on the form, and to the pertinent national coaches.

**Confirmation of Attendance to International Competition:** Fencers are required to confirm their participation in the Junior World Cup by replying to the selection email sent to all fencers within 48 hours.

**Withdrawals from a FIE Competition:** Withdrawals must be received by the CFF by e-mail at [hppc@fencing.ca](mailto:hppc@fencing.ca) and [hpd@fencing.ca](mailto:hpd@fencing.ca), at least 14 days prior to the first day of the competition. Voice mail is not acceptable. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show up at the competition will be fined **\$1000 and will be suspended from any future international selections until the fine is paid.** This is a fine assessed by the FIE to the CFF and it will be passed on to the athlete at fault. Exceptions to this fine 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 by e-mail with the withdrawal request **before** the scheduled competition.

## **7. 2011 CADET AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Date:** April 4-14, 2011  
**Location:** Mer Morte, JOR  
**Qualification period:** April 1, 2010 to the selection date  
**Selection date:** February 7, 2011  
**Minimum standard:** Cadets - CT  
Juniors - JB **AND** participation in either:  
1) one Jr FIE A listed among the junior international selection competitions; or  
2) the 2010 Senior World Championships.

### **To confirm a selection, a fencer must:**

- a) be registered in the CFF HPP (If not already registered, a selected fencer will be invited to join the HPP and must submit all required documentation by February 22, 2011);
- b) participate in any mandatory training camp(s) for the respective weapon;
- c) have a 10-11 FIE license;
- d) travel with the team as organized by the CFF; and
- e) Stay with the team at the designated hotel during their stay in Jordan.

### **MANDATORY TRAINING CAMPS**

**Mandatory training camps** for all selected Juniors and Cadets will be scheduled in February/March to prepare them for the Worlds. Participation is required to confirm their selection for the 2011 Cadet/Junior World Championships.

The date, duration and location of the camps in each weapon are still to be confirmed. No training camps will be added with less than three weeks' notice.

**Any fencer who does not attend these camps will have their selection revoked by the Selection Committee.** Details of the camp(s) will be included in the notice of selection that will be distributed to all selected athletes by e-mail.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Any junior or cadet criteria identified below must be achieved during the qualification period.** For each event, the selection committee will select team members using the respective age group HPP Selection Rankings on February 7, 2011.

### **FUNDING**

The CFF will fund the support staff, selected by the National Coaches and HPD, to support all selected athletes for this event. The athlete funding formula will be announced at the time of selection but all selected athletes should be prepared to cover the full cost (travel, hotel and meals) of taking part in this event (estimated to be \$2500 to \$3000).

## **A. Junior individual events**

**I. First, any junior fencer who was selected for the 2010 Pan-Am or 2010 World Championships and who met the “B” standard (or higher) in 09-10, will be pre-selected for the same junior event.** This selection is conditional on the athlete:

- 1) registering in the 2010-2011 CFF HPP by the October deadline;
- 2) following the 2010-2011 (Senior) National Team Program for the respective weapon as designed by the National Coach.

This pre-selection will be made on November 15, 2010 and will be reconfirmed by the HP Selection Committee on the selection date provided that the athlete has respected the above conditions. Should any fencers not respect all of the conditions stated above, they must qualify in the same manner as all other junior fencers starting with point II below.

**II. Second, fencers who have met the “JB” standard (or higher) will be selected.** If more than three fencers have qualified by I and II, the selection will be made using the “Junior HPP Selection Rankings”.

**III. If less than 3 fencers qualify for any of the junior events,** the highest ranked fencer(s) on the “Cadet HPP Selection Rankings” who has been selected for the same cadet event will be selected to take part in the junior event to gain additional international experience.

## **B. Cadet individual events**

**I. First, any cadet fencer who has been selected for a junior individual event will be selected for the same cadet event.**

**II. Second, fencers who have met the “CT” standard will be selected.** If more than three fencers have qualified by I and II, the selection among CT fencers (II) will be made using the “Cadet HPP Selection Rankings”.

## **C. Junior Team Event**

Should three fencers be selected for a junior event, the CFF will enter a team in that weapon. The three fencers who competed in the individual junior event will be selected automatically.

The National Coach (NC) will have the option of selecting a 4<sup>th</sup> team member from the Junior fencer ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the same event on the Junior HP Selection Rankings (provided that they are willing to go to the Worlds for the team event only) OR by retaining the top ranked cadet. The NC may choose not to select a 4<sup>th</sup> fencer.

The National Coach will also have the authority to remove a fencer from the team should a fencer not follow the program (training and observation) that has been set up by the National Coach prior to the team event at the Junior/Cadet World Championships.

## **8. ATHLETE IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS**

The Athlete Identification (ID) standards form the basis of all CFF selections (National Teams, World Cups, CFF funding opportunities and Sport Canada AAP support). These standards can only be achieved by obtaining specific results in designated international selection competitions during the qualification period for the respective age categories.

When fencers compete in designated international selection competitions (see p. 12 for Cd and p. 13 for Jr), their results will also be considered for the Athlete ID standards. The point grid on page 10 indicates the junior/cadet ID standard and points that will be awarded for the corresponding result (depending on the strength of each competition). Any athlete who achieved a Senior Athlete ID (HP, A or B) on the Final 09-10 HPP Rankings will have that standard transferred to the Junior Rankings and it will be prioritized ahead of any Junior Standards.

The various Junior/Cadet Athlete ID categories and the results required to achieve the various standards are as follows:

**Junior HP (JHP):** Two “JHP” results in designated junior international selection competitions

**Junior A (JA):** Two “JA” results in designated junior international selection competitions

**Junior B (JB):** Two “JB” results in designated junior international selection competitions

**Cadet Team (CT):** Two “CT” results in a designated cadet international selection competition

### **Athletes Assistance Program eligibility**

Any fencers who have met the JHP/JA standard **may** be eligible for Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) from Sport Canada for 11-12. Achieving the standard does not guarantee AAP support, since Sport Canada only provides a limited number of cards to the CFF each season. Please refer to the AAP Criteria in the HPP Selection Criteria which will be published in November 2010.

## 9. JUNIOR/CADET POINT GRIDS

### A. Canadian competitions

The following point grid will be used to award selection points for the CSC/Nationals:

placing	Sr	Jr	Cd
1	24	18	12
2	20	15	10
3	16	12	8
5-8	12	9	6
9-12	8	6	4
13-16	4	3	2

### B. International competitions

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

	HPWC	WCA		WCB		INT/JHPWC	DEV/JWC		JINT	JDEV/CDEV					
# of fencers ranked in FIE top 128	> 64	49 to 64		25 to 48		11 to 24	0 to 10								
	# of fencers ranked in Jr FIE top 64					>31	16 to 31		6 to 15	0 to 5					
1	200	HP	160	HP	130	HP	110	HP	60	HP	40	JHP	30	JA	
2	160		130		110		90		HP	50	A/JHP	35	JA		26
3	130		110		90		70		HP	40	A/JHP	30			22
top 8	110		90		70		50		A/JHP	30	B/JA	25	JA	18	JB
top 12 <sup>1</sup>					60		40		A/JHP	25		B/JA		20	JB
top 16	90		70		50		30			20	15		10	6	
top 24 <sup>1</sup>					40		25		B/JA	15	JB	10	CT	2	
top 32	70		50		30		20			10		5		CT	
top 64	50		A/JHP		30		B/JA		20	10	JB	5	CT		
top 96 <sup>2</sup>	30	B/JA													

1. Points/ID only awarded if a "repechage" or pools are held to obtain this placing.

2. Points/ID only awarded if promoted from the preliminary round.

**NOTES**

1) For junior and cadet competitions, the strength of a competition will be determined by the total number of fencers present at the competition who are ranked in the top 64 of the Junior FIE World Rankings.

- > 31 = JHPWC
- 16 - 31 = JWC
- 6 - 15 = JINT
- 0 - 5 = JDEV/CDEV

2) For senior competitions, the strength of a competition will be determined by the total number of fencers present at the competition who are ranked in the top 128 of the FIE World Rankings.

- > 64 = HPWC
- 49 - 64 = WCA
- 25-49 = WCB
- 11-24 = INT/JHP
- 0 - 10 = DEV/JWC

3) In order to earn points and Athlete ID criteria in designated international competitions a fencer must place in the DE bracket (4, 8, 16, 32, 64) in which 40% of the competitive field has placed. For example:

JHP with	99 entries	X 40% = 40	Top 64 earn points and ID standard
JINT with	39 entries	X 40% = 16	Top 16 earn points and ID standard

4) The strength of each designated international selection competition will be pre-set at the beginning of the season. Should a designated competition’s calculated strength (based on the FIE Junior Ranking the day after the competition) be greater than the pre-set category, the higher category will prevail.

5) For Cadet age group competitions, a fencer can only earn a CT standard.

## **10. JUNIOR/CADET SELECTION RANKINGS**

**The Junior/Cadet Selection Rankings will be used to rank athletes for all HPP selections.**

**Overview:** Athletes will be ranked first by the Athlete ID standard that they have achieved during the selection period, then by the total number of selection points. The order of priority for the Athlete ID standards is:

- 1) HP/A/B (on Final 09-10 HPP Ranking)
- 2) JHP
- 3) JA
- 4) JB
- 5) CT (for Cadet rankings only)

The 2010-2011 Selection Rankings will be reset to zero with the 2010 Jr World Championships. The first update of the 2010-2011 Cd and Jr HPP Rankings will be published after the 2010 Jr/Cd Nationals.

For the Final 2010-2011 Jr and Cd HPP Selection Rankings, the 2011 Jr/Cd Nationals/CSC will replace the 2010 Jr/Cd Nationals/CSC and the 2011 Jr Worlds will replace the 2010 Jr Worlds.

Fencers will be ranked within each age group for selection purposes by the point total of a + b as follows:

### **Cadet HPP Selection Rankings**

#### **a. Canadian component (best 4 results count)**

1. Cadet National Championships	Repentigny, QC	July 1-4, 2010
2. Junior National Championships	Repentigny, QC	July 1-4, 2010
3. Cadet CSC#1	TBD, EAST	October 2-4, 2010
4. Junior CSC#1	TBD, EAST	October 2-4, 2010
5. Cadet CSC#2	TBD, WEST	January 28-30, 2011
6. Junior CSC#2	TBD, WEST	January 28-30, 2011

#### **b. International component (all results count)**

The results obtained at the following competitions:

1. NAC – Cadet	Milwaukee, WI	November 19-22, 2010	(CDEV)
2. NAC – Junior	Milwaukee, WI	November 19-22, 2010	(JINT)
3. NAC – Cadet	Dallas, TX	January 14-17, 2011	(CDEV)
4. NAC – Junior	Dallas, TX	January 14-17, 2011	(JINT)

## Junior HPP Selection Rankings

### a. Canadian component (best 4)

1. Junior National Championships	Repentigny, QC	July, 1-4, 2010
2. Senior CSC#1	Repentigny, QC	July, 1-4, 2010
3. Junior CSC#1	TBD, EAST	October 2-4, 2010
4. Senior National Championships	TBD, EAST	October 2-4, 2010
5. Junior CSC#2	TBD, WEST	January 28-30, 2011
6. Senior CSC#2	TBD, WEST	January 28-30, 2011

### b. International component

The **best 4** results obtained among the following six competitions:

<b>WE</b>	<b>ME</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>MF</b>	<b>WS</b>	<b>MS</b>
Jr NAC Milwaukee, WI 19-22.11.2010 (JINT)	Jr NAC Milwaukee, WI 19-22.11.2010 (JINT)	FIE Jr A Luxembourg, LUX 06.11.10 (JINT) Register by 02.10.2010	FIE Jr A Luxembourg, LUX 06.11.2010 (JINT) Register by 02.10.2010	Jr NAC Milwaukee, WI 19-22.11.2010 (JINT)	Jr NAC Milwaukee, WI 19-22.11.2010 (JINT)
FIE Jr A Dijon, FRA 09.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 04.12.2010	FIE Jr A Lignano, ITA 08.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 04.12.2010	Jr NAC Milwaukee, WI 19-22.11.2010 (JINT)	Jr NAC Milwaukee, WI 19-22.11.2010 (JINT)	FIE Jr A Dormagen, GER 04.12.2010 (JINT) Register by 30.10.2010	FIE Jr A Dormagen, GER 04.12.2010 (JINT) Register by 30.10.2010
Jr NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JINT)	Jr NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JINT)	FIE JR A Waldkirch, GER 04.12.10 (JINT) Register by 30.10.2010	FIE Jr A Lignano, ITA 09.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 04.12.2010	FIE Jr A Lignano, ITA 08.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 04.12.2010	FIE Jr A Lignano, ITA 09.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 04.12.2010
D1 NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JWC)	D1 NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JWC)	Jr NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JINT)	Jr NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JINT)	Jr NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JINT)	Jr NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JINT)
FIE Jr A Moedling, AUT 23.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 18.12.2010	FIE Jr A Bale, SUI 22.01.11 (JINT) Register by 18.12.2010	D1 NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JWC)	D1 NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JWC)	D1 NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JWC)	D1 NAC Dallas TX 14-17.01.2011 (JWC)
FIE Jr A Goteborg, SWE 06.02.2011 (JINT) Register by 31.12.2010	FIE Jr A Goteborg, SWE 06.02.2011 (JINT) Register by 31.12.2010	FIE Jr A Lyon, FRA 06.02.2011 (JINT) Register by 31.12.2010	FIE Jr A Moedling, AUT 23.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 18.12.2010	FIE Jr A Phoenix, USA 22.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 18.12.2010	FIE Jr A Dourdan, FRA 23.01.2011 (JINT) Register by 18.12.2010

**PLUS** the result obtained at the 2010 World Championships, Paris, FRA Nov 3-13, 2010.

**REMINDER:** In each weapons, a fencer must take part in one of the three Junior FIEA competitions listed above or the 2010 Senior World Championships to meet part of the minimum standard required for selection to the 2011 Junior World Championships.

## **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 respective HPP Selection Rankings. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,
- 2) by the single best international result (by points) among the international selection competitions. Should a tie still exist the, tie will be broken,
- 3) by the best result (by placing) in the most recent international selection competition.

## **HP Selection Ranking Updates**

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

- 1) any CSC/Nationals; and
- 2) any designated international selection competition.