

BCFA 2023 WINTER CANADA GAMES SELECTION PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

This document describes the selection process for the 2023 Canada Winter Games, to be held February 18th – March 5th, 2023, on Prince Edward Island.

Athletes and their personal coaches are responsible for reviewing and understanding the selection criteria and funding attendance to qualifying competitions. Any questions regarding the criteria can be sent to president.bcfa@gmail.com

Athletes and their personal coaches are responsible for reviewing the Canada Games Fencing Technical Package: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/155UbNavupL3VBPE8WJ1i0N_0QIzdv1ub/view>

This document and the selection criteria may be modified by the BCFA Board of Directors to provide clarity or to make necessary amendments due to Force Majeur. No retrospective changes will be made to the selection criteria.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Any BCFA Board member with a conflict of interest will declare such conflict prior to coach and athlete selection.

NUMBER OF ATHLETES SELECTED

6 athletes will be selected by the BCFA Board of Directors, three male and three female, one per weapon category, with gender defined as per the Canada Games gender equity policy ([Gender Inclusion Policy.pdf - Google Drive](#))

All athletes will compete in both the individual and gender specific team events, with gender defined as per the Canada Games gender equity policy.

COACHING STAFF

One coach and one manager will be appointed by the BCFA Board of Directors, one male and one female. All staff must meet Canada Games coach eligibility requirements.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Athletes must be:

- Under 17 as of December 31, 2022.
- Year of birth: 2006 or later
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- A full member of the BCFA by December 31st, 2022.
- Training and living in British Columbia in the 2022/23 season

- A member of the Canadian Fencing Federation High Performance Program (CFF-HPP), by December 31st, 2022.

Per the Canada Games Fencing technical package, excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team Members - Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following events:
 - Senior World Championships
 - Olympic Games
 - Pan American Games
 - FISU Games
 - Cadet/Junior World Championships
 - Grand Prix events
 - Senior World Cup events

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selection of athletes will be made by the BCFA Board of Directors and communicated to all eligible athletes by 11:59PM, February 4th, 2023, after the last qualifying event is held.

Due to the uncertainty around competitions prior to the selection date, any cancelled events will not be included in the selection criteria.

Athlete ranking will be updated within one week after each qualifying event and posted on the BCFA website (<https://www.bcfencingassociation.com>) Only athletes registered in the CFF-HPP will be included in the rankings.

APPEAL PROCESS

Any appeals on the final selection of athletes must be made by 11:59PM, February 6th, 2023, and will be reviewed by the BCFA board of directors within 48 hours. If appeal decision is not accepted by the athlete, athletes may further appeal at their own expense via the ViaSport Sport Law Connect Program ([Dispute Resolution Resources | viaSport](#)).

Qualifying events

Selection will be based on competitions occurring between June 2022 and January 31st 2023

Athletes do not have to attend each qualifying event, but are advised that attendance at each event is encouraged. No points be awarded for events missed for any reason, including injury.

The following will be used as selection events:

- 1) BC Provincial Championships (June 2022), Cadet and Junior events
- 2) Fall (September) Canada Cup (CC), Cadet and Junior events
- 3) Winter (January) CC, Cadet and Junior events
- 4) October North American Cup (NAC), Cadet Event
- 5) December NAC, Cadet and Junior events
- 6) January NAC, Junior event

Points grid:

Points will be awarded as follows:

place	BC Provincials cadet	BC Provincials Junior	Cadet CC	Junior CC	Cadet NAC	Junior NAC
1st	6	10	20	40	80	160
2nd	4	8	16	32	64	128
3rd	3	6	12	24	48	96
Top 8	2	4	8	16	32	64
Top 16	1	2	4	8	16	32
Top 32		1	2	4	8	16
Top 64			1	2	4	8

Points will be updated after every qualifying event and published on the BCFA Website (<https://www.bcfencingassociation.com>).

In the event of a tie, the athlete with the best result at any Junior NAC will be selected.

If this results in a further tie, the athlete with the best result at any Cadet NAC will be selected.

If this results in a further tie the athlete with the best result at any Junior Canada Cup will be selected.

If this results in a further tie the athlete with the best result at any Cadet Canada Cup will be selected.

If this results in a further tie the athlete with the best result at the Junior BC Provincials will be selected

If this results in a further tie the athlete with the best result at the Cadet BC Provincials will be selected

In the event that a selected athlete is determined to be ineligible or declines selection, the athlete with the next highest number of ranking points or tie-breaking criteria will be selected