BCFA 2027 WINTER CANADA GAMES SELECTION PROCESS

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Amended May 24th to include dates of Montreal and Richmond Canada Cups

Amended August 5th th to include NAC details and additional information regarding eligibility requirements and appeal process

Amended August 6th to remove Junior NAC as tiebreaker and remove January NAC as not an eligible event for Canadians

Amended August 7th to remove all NAC events after further review of NAC eligibility requirements and to change notification and appeal dates

Amended August 23rd to clarify selection dates, CFF HP requirements, ranking process and add section on appeals process after discussion with Viasport.

Amended October 5th to clarify that the May Nationals counts as a Canada Cup Competition in the event of a tie-breaker

INTRODUCTION

This document describes the selection process for the 2027 Canada Winter Games, to be held February 27th – March 14th, 2027, in Quebec City.

Athletes and their personal coaches are responsible for reviewing and understanding the selection criteria. Any questions regarding the criteria can be sent to info@bcfencingassociation.com

Athletes and their personal coaches are responsible for reviewing the Canada Games Fencing Technical Package: 36 2027 Technical Package - Fencing - PUBLISHED.pdf - Google Drive

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, 2026.
- Year of birth: 2010 or later
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- A full member of the BCFA by December 31st, 2026.
- Training and living in British Columbia in the 2026/27 season (i.e BC must be the primary residence of the athlete)
- A member of the Canadian Fencing Federation High Performance Program (CFF-HPP), by **November 1st, 2026**.

For further clarity, the Canada Games eligibility criteria defines primary residence as" *An athlete's primary residence must be located, for at least 180 days prior to the Opening Ceremony, within the recognized boundaries of the province/territory they wish to represent. An athlete can only have one primary residence"*

The Canada Games eligibility criteria can be found here: Corporate Resources

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
- ○ Junior World Championships

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event after November 29, 2026, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2027 Canada Games).

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selection of athletes will be made by the BCFA Board of Directors and communicated to all eligible athletes by 11:59PM, **December 14thth, 2026**, at the latest, 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.

Note: selection will be based on the total number of qualifying points achieved across all qualifying competitions.

APPEAL PROCESS

Any appeals on the final selection of athletes must be made by 11:59PM, **December 18thth, 2026**

Appeals will only be considered based on incorrect awarding or calculation of selection points or incorrect interpretation of athlete eligibility requirements. **Athletes and coaches are encouraged to clarify any concerns around the eligibility requirements and selection process in advance of the selection date by email to info@bcfencingassociation.com**

Any athlete wishing to appeal the selection decision should email the BCFA at info@bcfencingassociation.com by the appeal deadline with a detailed explanation as to the basis for the appeal.

The appeal will be determined by a sub-committee of the BCFA established by the President of the BCFA and comprised of the BCFA administrator and two BCFA board members who have no relationship with any athlete who may be impacted by the appeal.

To clarify, a relationship exists if a board member is a family member, personal coach, or coach at the same club of the appellant or other impacted athlete

As appeals must be based on a clear error in determining the selection (i.e a mis-calculation of selection points or incorrect interpretation of eligibility requirements) both the appellant and any other athlete impacted will be notified within 7 days of the date the appeal was received of the final decision. Such notification will include an explanation of the error made.

The decision of the sub-committee will be final.

Qualifying events

Selection will be based on competitions occurring between May 1st 2026 and December 4th 2026

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) May Nationals, (May 2026) Cadet and Junior events)
2) BC Provincial Championships (September 12-13th 2026), Cadet and Junior events

3) September 2026 Canada Cup, Montreal, (September 25th- 27th) Cadet and Junior events
4) November 2026 Canada Cup, Richmond , (November28-30th) Cadet and Junior events

Points grid:

Points will be awarded as follows:

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

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 Canada Cup or May Nationals will be selected.

If this results in a further tie the athlete with the best result at any Cadet Canada Cup or May Nationals 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

Note: selection will be based on the total number of qualifying points achieved across all qualifying competitions.