

BCFA 2027 WINTER CANADA GAMES SELECTION PROCESS

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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
- A member of the Canadian Fencing Federation High Performance Program (CFF-HPP), by December 31st, 2026.

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, **January TBDth, 2027**, 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, **January TBDth, 2027**, 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 May 1st 2026 and January 31st 2027

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 are projected to be used as selection events:

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

- 3) Fall (September or October 2026, Canada Cup), Cadet and Junior events
- 4) Winter (November/December 2026, Canada Cup) , Cadet and Junior events
- 5) **October 2026 North American Cup (NAC), Cadet Event (to be confirmed)**
- 6) **November 2026 NAC, Cadet and Junior events (to be confirmed)**
- 7) **January 2027 NAC, Junior event (to be confirmed)**

Important Notes:

- 1) **Qualifying events will be finalized at a later date and may change from the above once organizing bodies (CFF and USFA) finalize event schedules and dates.**
- 2) **The USFA is changing the structure of NAC competitions. Once the structure is published the qualifying criteria will be amended accordingly. Interested athletes should confirm with the BCFA that any events are qualifying events at prior to registration**

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