

New Brunswick Fencing Provincial Team

Fencing-Esprime New Brunswick maintains a Provincial Team program to support our competitive fencers and provide a path for progression through the provincial to the national level. This program is designed to recognize competitive fencers, provide training opportunities for competitive fencers, and provide support for fencers who represent the Province while abroad.

Joining the Provincial Team

To join the Provincial Team, you will need to meet the following requirements:

- Submit the Provincial Team application form, including:
 - Application form with athlete information
 - Training plan for the year
 - Competition plan for the year
 - Signature of personal coach
 - Intention to compete at the upcoming Canadian National Championship in their chosen event(s)
 - Code of Conduct agreement
- Be in good standing with FENB and have paid your CFF membership for the year
- Be ranked in the Top 32 of for the weapon, gender, and age category for which you are applying. Provincial Teams are available for Cadet, Junior, Senior, and Veteran categories. Categories may be added for Under 23. Large field categories (events with more than 160 competitors in the corresponding domestic rankings) allow for applications from fencers who are in the top 20% of the national ranking.

Applications to the Team must be submitted by: January 6, 2017. Selection will be completed by January 13, 2017 and a Team meeting will be held on the 14th. Athletes who apply after this deadline may still be accepted into the Team program, if additional positions are still available. The Athlete Development Committee will make the determination if these additional athletes are accepted.

Team Benefits

Coaching support: Members of the Provincial Team will be extended coaching support at out of Province events. The Athlete Development Committee will attempt to select an attending coach, and will provide financial support for that coach to support our Team athletes. **National events, and national High Performance Program designated events,** will be prioritized. Support may include advice and feedback during the event, warm-up lessons where appropriate, suggestions for further training based on performance, and general assistance in preparing for and competing at the event.

Team Training Camp: A training camp will be held in March to prepare for the National Championships. This camp will be arranged by FENB and the Athlete Development Committee. For the 2016/2017 season, a camp will be run in Montreal. The camp will be (5) days in duration, and will include training partners from the host province of Quebec. Team members will be responsible for transportation to and

from the camp (car-pooling is encouraged). FENB will designate event lodging and arrange billeting where possible for Team members to stay. FENB will coordinate chaperons or supervision for minors that travel to the camp. As well, FENB will pay for a large portion of the venue fees and coaching fees for the camp.

Training following team camp: Team members will be encouraged to attend training sessions between the Team camp, and Nationals. Space and supervision for additional training will be coordinated through FENB. These “mini camps” will provide more opportunities for the Team to train together, to bout together, and share their development. Personal coaches who want to support the Team will also have additional opportunities to build relationships with those fencers.

Summer camp (tentative): Plans will be communicated soon about a summer training camp within the province.

For fencers who have entered the national High Performance Program, and are attempting to make National Team in a category, FENB will provide additional financial support. FENB may provide financial assistance for these fencers towards the events that are part of the National Team program.

Team Purpose

Members of the New Brunswick Provincial Team are expected to be training towards performing at the National Championships each year, in their chosen event(s). The Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) has proposed that after 2017, participation in the National Championships will require being in the top 32 of the event's national ranking, or qualify by competing at a qualifying event just prior to the Championships. Members of the Provincial Team should therefore be trying to meet this requirement. It is also expected that Team members are preparing to be competitive at that level, not just meet the minimum qualifications.

Provincial Team members should aspire to be competitive at the National level, and be seeking to improve their skills and performance with support from the provincial organization.

Provincial Training Squad

Fencer who have not yet qualified for the provincial team are invited to join the Provincial Training Squad. Provincial Squad members should be prepared to attend all training camps within the province. Squad members should also be preparing to compete outside of the province, but do not have to commit to competing at the National Championships. Squad member should submit the same application as Team members for joining the Provincial Team. Squad members are eligible to participate in the Team Training Camp, if additional spots are available.