

# Canada Games 2023

# Selection Package

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## FENB Athlete Selection Policy

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### Philosophy:

The selection of fencers to represent NB shall support the beliefs that:

1. Team members should demonstrate a personal commitment to regular disciplined training as established by the program leaders.
2. Team members should demonstrate fair play and team cooperation both on and off the piste and are expected to abide by the FENB Code of Conduct.
3. Team members should be selected on evidence that they are ready to perform at a National level within the Under-17 age category.

*Note: If a participant is not maintaining a regular training program or breaches the code of conduct removal from the training squad, core team, or final team may result.*

### General Prerequisites:

1. Age: Born in 2006 or later
2. Membership: Current member in good standing of Fencing Escrime NB & Canadian Fencing Federation
3. Meets the requirements of the 2023 Canada Games Technical Package

[CWG 2023 Technical Package - Fencing](#)

4. 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 any of the following events:
  - Senior World Championships
  - Olympic Games
  - Pan American Games
  - FISU Games
  - Cadet/Junior World Championships
  - Grand Prix events\*
  - Senior World Cup events\*

\*If an athlete has competed at a World Cup or Grand Prix event that was held in Canada, they may be ruled eligible.

## Three Step Selection Process:

<b>STEP 1.</b> Select and evaluate the Training Squad	September 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022
<b>STEP 2.</b> Select and evaluate Core Team	July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022
<b>STEP 3:</b> Select members of the Final Team	January 1, 2023 - January 15, 2023

## STEP 1

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### Select Training Squad (September 1, 2021 - October 1, 2021)

Open entry to the 2023 Canada Games Training Squad. Deadline for entry into the Training Squad is October 1, 2021. Late registrations will be accepted until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Athletes who are interested in joining the Canada Games 2023 Training Squad should complete the application form by following this link.

[CWG 2023 Training Squad Application](#)

### Criteria for Training Squad Selection

1. Meet the prerequisites stated in "General Prerequisites".
2. Submit a completed application form with a commitment to the FENB Code of Conduct (Appendix 1) signed by the fencer and the parent or guardian.
3. All FENB fencers who meet general prerequisites shall be accepted into the Training Squad.

### Evaluation of the Training Squad (September 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022)

1. The names of training squad members are to be published by FENB starting on September 1, 2021. FENB will continue to update the list and ranking of all Training Squad members for the duration of the selection process.
2. **TRAINING:** FENB will host several weekend training camps between September 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022. Members of the Training Squad are expected to attend as many training camps as they can leading up to Core Team selection.
3. **COMPETITION:** Training Squad members are expected to participate in a minimum of five (5) eligible competition events between September 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022.
  - a. Events will only be counted in the Under-17 (Cadet) age category.
  - b. Points will be awarded according to a published formula. (Appendix 2)
  - c. Competition performance will be assessed using the highest five (5) event total of points acquired in eligible competitions between **September 1, 2021 & July 1, 2022.**
  - d. Only events that occur after an athlete is registered in the Training Squad program will be counted towards their performance points.
  - e. Any event published and sanctioned by the CFF or USFA, plus the Quebec Youth Circuit will be eligible as a selection competition as long as it meets the requirements above.
  - f. Athletes are encouraged to participate in as many competitions as they can, including the 2022 National Championships. **Athletes must participate in at least one out-of-province competition meeting the above requirements during the 21-22 season.**

## Illness / Injury / Family Emergency Clause:

1. Fencers unable to participate in selection competitions due to serious illness, injury, family emergency, or other exceptional circumstances must submit a letter to the Executive Director outlining the specific reason they were unable to participate.
2. If the Selection Committee determines that this fencer had a reasonable chance of making the Core Team prior to the exceptional circumstance, it has the authority to add this fencer to the Core Team. In this case, no fencer may be dropped from the Core Team by reason of this addition.

## Financial Assistance:

Athletes who face financial barriers to attending one of the mandatory out of province competition events may apply for assistance from Fencing Escrime NB.

[Financial Assistance Application](#)

## STEP 2

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### Select Core Team (July 1, 2022 - August 1, 2022)

Core Team Selection Committee (see appendix 3) will select members for the Core Team from the Training Squad as of the end of Step 1.

1. Date: The Core Team is to be selected no later than **August 1, 2022**.
2. The Core Team of a maximum of 18 fencers: 3 men's foilists, 3 men's epeeists, 3 men's sabreurs (9 males maximum) and 3 women's foilists, 3 women's epeeists, 3 women's sabreurs (9 females maximum) shall be selected.
3. An individual may be designated in a maximum of one weapon within the core team.

### Criteria for Core Team Selection

Fencers will be selected based on the following criteria:

**COMPETITION PERFORMANCE:** Based on best five (5) event totals of approved competitions between September 1, 2021 & July 1, 2022.

**TIE BREAKER:** In the event that two athletes are tied for a position in the Core Team, the athlete with the highest ranking at the 2022 Provincial Championships will be chosen.

**NB PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022:** Athletes who place first in their event at the NB Provincial Championships will be awarded a position on the core team.

### Evaluation of Core Team (August 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022)

Evaluate the competitive performance of the Core Team, particularly between Core Team members and athletes from other provinces.

The names of Core Team members are to be published by FENB starting on August 1, 2022. FENB will continue to update the list and ranking of all Core Team members for the duration of the selection process.

1. **TRAINING:** FENB will host a minimum of 2 weekend training camps between September 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
2. **COMPETITION:** Core Team members are expected to participate in a minimum of four (4) eligible competition events between August 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
  - g. Events will only be counted in the Under-17 (Cadet) age category.

- h. Points will be awarded according to a published formula. (Appendix 2)
  - i. Competition performance will be assessed using the highest four (4) event total of points acquired in eligible competitions between August 1, 2022 & December 31, 2022, in addition to the 2022 Provincial Championships.
  - j. Any event published and sanctioned by the CFF, USFA or the Quebec Youth Circuit will be eligible as a selection competition as long as it meets the requirements above.
2. **PHYSICAL CONDITIONING EVALUATION:** All Core Team Athletes will complete a fitness evaluation during this time frame.
  3. **TEAM COHESION EVALUATION:** All Core Team Athletes will be evaluated on their ability to work effectively with other team members including coach and manager both within weapon teams and within the larger team to enhance the overall performance of the team.

## STEP 3

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### Selection of Final Team (January 1, 2023 - January 15, 2023)

Based on performance during Step 2, the Canada Games Selection Committee (see appendix 3) will select Final Team members to participate in the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

1. The Core Team will be evaluated up to no later than December 31, 2022.
2. A final team of a maximum of 6 fencers: 1 men's foilist, 1 men's epeeist, 1 men's sabreur and 1 women's foilist, 1 women's epeeist, 1 women's sabreur shall be selected.
3. One alternate per Final Team position shall also be designated. The alternate may only participate if one of the team members is unable to attend the Canada Games.
4. An individual may only be selected in one event.
5. In the event that no athletes have achieved any competition points during the evaluation period for a specific weapon/gender, or no athlete has accepted the appointment of a specific weapon/gender position on the final team, FENB will coordinate a one-time selection competition. All eligible athletes who were included in the original training squad will be invited to compete for the available spot. FENB will determine the format of the selection event and communicate this to eligible athletes.

### Criteria for Final Team Selection:

Fencers will be selected based on four criteria:

**PHYSICAL CONDITIONING EVALUATION:** 10%

**TEAM COHESION EVALUATION:** 10%

**COMPETITION PERFORMANCE:** 80%

Based exclusively on the best four (4) event totals of eligible competitions between August 1 & December 31, 2022, in addition to the 2022 Provincial Championships.

**TIE BREAKER:** In the event that two athletes are tied for a position in the Core Team, the athlete with the highest ranking at the 2022 Provincial Championships will be chosen.

### Announcement of Selection

The Selection Committee shall not disclose the results of selection to any member other than the FENB Executive Director. Once the FENB Executive Director has received the selection report, the CG Coach or

Manager shall inform each fencer individually of the results of selection. This may be done verbally but must also be confirmed in writing within 7 days of receiving the selection report. Alternates will also be notified of their status by the CG Coach or Manager.

## Appeal of Selection Decision

An appeal shall be heard ONLY on the grounds that the Selection Committee:

1. made a decision for which it lacked authority;
2. failed to follow procedures in the approved selection criteria;
3. made a decision which was influenced by undue bias;
4. failed to consider relevant information or considered irrelevant information.

## Process and Timelines for Appeal

1. The athlete shall have 72 hours to request an appeal in writing to the Chair of the Appeals Committee.
2. The Appeals Committee shall first decide whether the appeal has grounds for a hearing. To aid this decision, all selection documentation from the selection committee must be available for review.
3. If there are no legitimate grounds, the Chair of the Appeals Committee shall contact the athlete advising her/him of the decision. This will be followed up with a formal letter to the athlete.
4. If the Appeals Committee feels there are grounds for an appeal hearing, the following procedures will take place:
  - a. The Chair of the Appeals Committee shall select a designated place, date and time to hear the appeal. This will be done no later than 72 hours upon receipt of the appeal request.
  - b. The Appeals Committee shall hear the athlete's complaint. He/she may be accompanied by an athlete advocate (parent or guardian or legal advisor etc.)
  - c. The Appeals Committee shall hear from the selection committee.
  - d. The Appeals Committee will make a final decision at the appeal hearing and the decision shall be final and binding.
  - e. The chair of the Appeals Committee will contact the athlete no later than 24 hrs. after the hearing by phone to advise her/him of the outcome and this will be followed up by a formal letter and copy of the appeal findings and recommendation.
  - f. The chair of the Appeals Committee will contact the Head Coach by phone to advise her/him of the outcome. This will be followed up by a copy of the formal letter to the athlete and copy of the appeal findings and recommendation.

## Policy regarding athletes injured after final selection

In the event of illness or injury to a fencer who has made the Final Team, the fencer must submit a letter from a physician indicating that this fencer is fit to compete. This letter must be received by the Executive Director of Fencing Escrime NB no later than two days before team departure for the Games. If the athlete is not determined to be fit to compete by a physician, the alternate shall be informed that they will be advanced to the Final Team.

# Appendix 1

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## Code of Conduct for Members

FENB believes it is important to promote respectful behaviour among its members. In particular, members are expected to behave in a manner that shows:

- a. respect for themselves
- b. respect for fellow participants including teammates, opponents and coaches
- c. respect for the rules of the sport both in word and spirit
- d. respect for the work and decisions of officials and other support volunteers
- e. respect for the safety of themselves and others

These expectations include practice environments, competition environments, team travel to and from events and any other events in which members of FENB participate.

Specific guidelines regarding behaviours:

1. Refrain from speaking or acting towards others in demeaning ways (eg. comments or behaviour that is sexist, racist, abusive, or harassing).
2. Refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any banned substances.
3. Refrain from pranks or other activities that endanger or ridicule others.
4. Refrain from organizing or participating in activities related to hazing rituals.
5. Refrain from arguing with tournament officials or displaying anger over the outcome of a fencing match.
6. Refrain from activities or behaviours that may interfere with or distract others, thereby lessening their ability to prepare for or focus on the competition.
7. Refrain from purposely breaking or ignoring the rules to gain an advantage in a fencing match.
8. Follow specific guidelines set by coaches and managers for behaviour within the event or program.

# Appendix 2

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## FENB Competition Points System for CG 2023 Team Selection

FENB Canada Games 2023 Squad members will earn selection points within the designated selection period from any tournaments provided that:

1. the events have unrestricted entry
2. the events are for the appropriate age category (Under-17/ Cadet)
3. the results are submitted for ranking to the CFF or equivalent national federation

### Competition Points System

Each athlete will earn a base number of points based on the **number of athletes entered** in the competitions and **their own progress** within the competition. After these base points are determined, a **scaling** will be applied based on the level of the competition. Higher level events such as National Championships will have more potential points to earn to reflect the higher challenge of that event.

1. **Athletes Points** - these are calculated according to the number of fencers competing in a given event. The first-place fencer receives participation points equal to the number of competitors in the event. The second-place fencer receives one point less and so on until the last place fencer who receives one point. (See example below.) Bronze medal winners will both be awarded the same number of points. **Points will only be awarded for fencers that place in the top 50% of the field.**
2. **Round (progression) Points** - these are awarded, cumulatively, each time a fencer wins an elimination bout. After the initial round of pools, all fencers are placed in an elimination table. The elimination rounds progress (depending on the number of competitors) as follows: 64,32,16,8,4,2,1. In all events, **points will only be awarded for fencers that place in the top 50% of the field.**
3. **Scaling** - The total points a fencer receives from an event will then be multiplied by a scaling that reflects the level and difficulty of the competition. Any member of the program can ask the CG coach or FENB Executive Director for clarification on what scaling a specific competition will receive. The scaling is as follows:

a. NB and Maritime local events:	1.0
b. Quebec/Ontario/US Regional events:	1.8
c. Quebec/Ontario Regional Plus (provincial championships, ROC, etc)	2.0
d. National/NAC (includes Eastern Championships)	2.6

## Sample Point Allocation for an event with 20 competitors:

Rank	Participation Points	Round Points	Total Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	20	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	19	16	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	18	12	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	18	12	30
5 <sup>th</sup>	16	8	24
6 <sup>th</sup>	15	8	23
7 <sup>th</sup>	14	8	22
8 <sup>th</sup>	13	8	21
9 <sup>th</sup>	12	4	16
10 <sup>th</sup>	11	4	15
11 <sup>th</sup>	10	4	0
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14 <sup>th</sup>	7	4	0
15 <sup>th</sup>	6	4	0
16 <sup>th</sup>	5	4	0
17 <sup>th</sup>	4	0	0
18 <sup>th</sup>	3	0	0
19 <sup>th</sup>	2	0	0
20 <sup>th</sup>	1	0	0

### Mixed Events:

If an event has less than 6 athletes in either gender, it will be considered a mixed event, and points will be awarded as per the above chart regardless of gender.

If an event has 6 or more athletes of one gender and less than 6 athletes of the other gender, it will be considered a mixed event and points will be awarded as per the above chart regardless of gender.

If an event has 6 or more athletes of both genders, the event will be split, and a women's and a men's event will take place separately, with separate rankings.



**Point Total:** The total points (participation plus progression) earned by each competitor in each event of the competition are recorded on a Canada Games Results Reporting Form. As stated earlier, only Under-17 events will be counted.

## Appendix 3

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### Selection and Appeal Committees

#### Selection Committees

1. Shall be appointed by the FENB Executive Director no later than June 15, 2022 for Core Team Selection and no later than December 15, 2022 for Final Team Selection.
2. Shall consist of three members of Fencing-Esgrime NB (voting) plus the CG Coach (ex-officio). Excluded from this committee are CG training squad members, their relatives, and personal coaches of squad members (other than the CG Coach).
3. The Selection Committee is responsible for
  - a. reviewing reports of participation in designated training camps, fitness evaluation and competition performance.
  - b. reviewing written reports of breaches of the code of conduct, or absence from designated events due to illness, injury, or family emergency,
  - c. applying the established selection criteria, and
  - d. reporting this selection to the FENB Executive Director, in writing, no later than July 30, 2022 for the Core Team stage, and January 14, 2023 for the Final Team stage.

#### Appeals Committee

Shall be appointed by the FENB Executive Director no later than August 1, 2022 and shall be comprised of:

1. Chair of the Committee (FENB Executive Director)
2. FENB member not involved in the Canada Games program
3. Coach not currently involved in the Canada Games program
4. Competitive fencer not currently involved in the Canada Games program

The Appeals Committee is responsible for:

- i. Receiving requests for an appeal to the final team selection
- ii. Reviewing selection documentation related to the appeal
- iii. Hearing appeals and requesting feedback from Selection Committee
- iv. Making a final decision on appeals and informing the complainant of the result.