



## 2023 Canada Games – PEI Ontario Team Selection

*The Ontario Team Selection could be modified until all dates of competition confirmed. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### Purpose

- ✓ The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the Ontario Fencing Association (OFA) to select athletes to the PEI 2023 Canada Games team.

#### Objectives

- ✓ The Ontario Team Selection (OTS) have been developed with the objective of selecting a team/athlete that will win more than 6 medals at the 2023 Canada Games.

#### Team Size

- ✓ The Ontario Team will have a maximum team size of 6 athletes (3 male, 3 female), and 1 coach and 1 team leader. One of the roles will be for a man the other role will be for a woman.
- ✓ The size of the team is subject to the restrictions of the Canada Games Organization Committee (CGOC).

#### Contact

For clarifications or questions on the contents of the OTS, please contact [tech\\_coordinator@fencingontario.ca](mailto:tech_coordinator@fencingontario.ca)

### **DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY (DMA)**

- ✓ The Technical Coordinator (TC) following consultation with the OFA High Performance Committee (HPC) is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the CGOC for the 2023 Canada Games.
- ✓ The CGOC mandates the OFA to determine the Team Selection policies for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the CGOC for the 2023 Canada Games.
- ✓ The TC is responsible for the initial nominations of individual and team athletes. All nominations, including alternates and staff, will be ratified by the HPC in consultation with the board.
- ✓ The TC is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.
- ✓ All OFA nominations are also subject to the approval of the CGOC.
- ✓ The TC has the final jurisdiction over the selection of the team. Where there is a lack of clarity or if unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, a final and binding decision will be made by the technical coordinator.

## **CGOC CRITERIA**

- ✓ The Canada Games Organization Committee has established that the Ontario Fencing Association may nominate a maximum of 6 eligible athletes to participate in the 2023 Canada Games and shall be subject to the following restrictions.
  - A maximum of 1 athlete per individual event
  - A maximum of 1 team for the team event

## **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing with the OFA
- ✓ Must remain in good standing with the OFA through to the conclusion of the 2023 Canada Games.
- ✓ Be under 17 as of December 31, 2022 (be born in 2006 or later).
- ✓ Be of Canadian nationality or have permanent resident status (Passport or permanent resident card in support).
- ✓ Be domiciled in Ontario. An athlete's permanent domicile or residence must be, at least 180 days before the opening of the Games, inside the recognized borders of the province of Ontario. A certificate from the establishment school attended by the athlete and last report card will automatically be required.  
\*Note that an athlete can only have one domicile.
- ✓ Be affiliated with Ontario as a competitive member of the Ontario Fencing Association (national affiliation).
- ✓ Mandatory participation (when selected) in preparatory training camp for the Canada Games (Jan 14, 15).
- ✓ Meet any other criteria described in the Canada Games technical package 2023.
- ✓ Excluded from the 2023 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\*

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

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 for the first time, carding status or competes in an excluded event after November 20, 2022 they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2023 Canada Games).

Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective P/T Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Eligibility Committee.

#### Alternate Athlete Requirements

- ✓ The deadline to replace a selected athlete by an alternate athlete is February 4, 2023.
  - Alternate athletes selected must also comply with all items contained in this document and must ensure that all administrative and financial obligations are fulfilled within 48 hours of notification of their pending team nomination.
- ✓ After this date, if an athlete becomes ill or injured and cannot start, he or she may be substituted by an athlete of the same gender competing in another weapon

#### Doping Control Requirements

- ✓ The CGC adopts the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Covenant as a fundamental commitment to engage in a cooperative and collaborative effort to eliminate doping in sport and to support harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping measures in Canada. Any Canada Games participant (athlete, coach, manager, technical support, or other person) found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation at the Canada Games (as determined pursuant to the CADP) will be subject to all of the penalties and consequences, as outlined in the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

#### Other

- ✓ Athletes named to compete in the 2023 Canada Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the OFA Team.
- ✓ Athletes named to the 2023 Canada Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the FIE.

### **PSO SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The Ontario Fencing Association (OFA) will identify the eligible athletes it will nominate as follows:

#### Individual (1 athlete per weapon) – 6 athletes (3 males, 3 females)

1. 1. Fencers ranked number 1 on the OFA Canada Games Rankings as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in the 6 weapons below will qualify for the Canada Games
  - 1<sup>st</sup> athlete in Women's Epee ranking.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> athlete in Women's Foil ranking
  - 1<sup>st</sup> athlete in Women's Sabre ranking
  - 1<sup>st</sup> athlete in Men's Epee ranking
  - 1<sup>st</sup> athlete in Men's Foil ranking
  - 1<sup>st</sup> athlete in Men's Sabre ranking

<b>Canada Games ranking (athletes born in 2006 and +)</b>			<b>Coeff</b>
<b>The 3 best results of the 4 competitions in the OFA Circuit (Cadet/ Junior) +</b>			Cad / Jun
Oct	15,16	OFA Cadet Circuit #1 (GTA)	1
Nov	19, 20	OUA / OFA Cadet / Junior Circuit #2 (Brock)	1 / 1,25
Dec	3,4	OFA Cadet Circuit #3 (Ottawa)	1
<b>The 2 best results of the 3 NAC (Cadet and Junior events) +</b>			
Dec, 2022	9, 12	Cadet / Junior - Salt Lake City, UT	1 / 1,5
Jan, 2023	6, 9	Junior - Louisville, KY	1,5
<b>The best 3 results (by point) of the 4 competitions at the Canada Cup (Cadet and junior events)</b>			
Oct	22, 23	Cadet / Junior - Vancouver	1 / 1,25
Jan	TBD	Cadet / Junior - TBD	1 / 1,25
<b>Attendance at the January (2023) OFA training camp is mandatory to be eligible for Canada Games selection</b>			
<b>The top athlete per weapon on the Canada Games ranking will qualify for the Canada Games.</b>			

<b>Grid points</b>	<b>OFA Circuit</b>	<b>NAC</b>	<b>Nationals</b>
<b>1</b>	100	200	175
<b>2</b>	80	180	150
<b>3</b>	60	160	120
<b>5</b>	40	130	80
<b>6</b>	35	125	75
<b>7</b>	30	120	70
<b>8</b>	25	115	65
<b>top 16</b>	20	80	40
<b>top 32</b>	15	70	30
<b>top 64</b>	10	50	20
<b>top 128</b>	5	30	10
<b>top 256</b>	/	10	/

- The number 2 ranked fencers in the OFA Canada Games Ranking as of February 1st, 2023, in each weapon will be nominated as alternate athlete.

### **Tie-Breaking**

Should two (2) or more fencers be tied with the same point total, the tie will be broken as follows:

- by the best NAC result (by points) among the designated NAC.

Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,

- by the best OFA result (by points) among the designated OFA competitions.

- Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken,

by the last NAC result (by points) in the OFA Canada Games ranking.

Team Criteria:

1. All athlete selected in an individual event will be automatically selected for the team event.

Performance Readiness

- ✓ Selections are conditional on the selected athlete following the OFA selection policies and competition and training camp plan.
- ✓ Taking part in the mandatory January training camp.
- ✓ Exemptions can be requested in advance of a specific event. Exemptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis once discussed between the High Performance Committee, the coaching staff of the Canada Games and the Technical Coordinator.

Injuries

- ✓ In the event that an athlete is deemed injured (or ill) his / her personal doctor shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the Ontario Team. The doctor's letter must be provided a maximum of 2 days before departure.

Removal of an athlete once selected

- ✓ The HPC may, at any time, and at their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Ontario Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with the CFF's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available at <http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-Conduct-Revised-Athlete-Agreement.pdf>
- ✓ The Ontario Team will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
- ✓ An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the CFF, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)

On Site Decision Making Authority (if it changes once the team is on site)

- ✓ During the actual competition period onsite at the 2023 Canada Games all final decision making authority will reside with the head coach, or the team leader in the absence of the head coach.

**CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES**

- ✓ On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Ontario Fencing Association shall determine the athletes it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2023 Canada Games Team.
- ✓ Also, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the OFA shall determine the athletes it will select as alternates.
- ✓ Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2023 Canada Games Ontario Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, the OFA shall submit its list of athlete and alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2023 Canada Games Ontario Team on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**Canada Games Council Appeal Policy**

Appeals relating to the Fencing Technical Package, or any decisions made by the CGC will be made in accordance with the CGC's Appeal Policy.

**STAFF SELECTION**

Coaches are directed to [http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/CFF\\_Coaching-Development-Model-EN-Final-2.pdf](http://fencing.ca/wp-content/uploads/CFF_Coaching-Development-Model-EN-Final-2.pdf) for comprehensive information on the Canadian Fencing Federation’s coaching pathway.

**Coach Selection**

- ✓ Coaches registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) **Competition-Development Context (certified status)** in one of the fencing disciplines of foil, epee or sabre.
- ✓ Coaches must be so certified no later than **90 days prior** to the opening ceremony (November 20, 2022).
- ✓ Please note that “NCCP Competition-Development Certified, Not Renewed” does not qualify under the coaching standards for the 2023 Canada Winter Games.
- ✓ Please refer to the CGC’s Coach Certification Policy for additional information: For more information on the coach certification pathway for Fencing, please see Appendix 1.

**TIMELINES SUMMARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Sept 1st, 2022	Athlete selection policies. Published/circulated
Sept. 1, 2022 – Feb 1, 2023	Qualification period
Feb 1st 2023	Date team will be selected
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	Date athlete must accept their selection (yes they will participate in the game or no thanks)
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	Timeline or deadline for filing an Appeal
Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	Deadline to have signed the Ontario Athlete Agreement or any required documents

**FUNDING**

- ✓ Ontario Team is dedicated to providing the necessary funds for an individual to compete at the 2023 Canada Games.