



## 2023 Ontario Winter Games – Renfrew Athlete and Coaches Selection Policies

### 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 Renfrew 2023 Ontario Winter Games (OWG).

#### Objectives

- ✓ Team Selection has been developed for the purpose of selecting a team/athletes who will learn and train to compete in their first Games.

#### Team Size

- ✓ The Ontario Team will have a maximum team size of 96 athletes (48 males, 48 females), 6 coaches, 1 PSO rep and 10 referees. Men and women will be equally represented within the staff.
- ✓ The size of the team is subject to the restrictions of the Ontario Winter Games Organization Committee (OWGOC).

#### Contact

For clarifications or questions on the contents of the OWGOC, please contact  
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#### OWG Information

- **Venue** - Opeongo High School, 1990 Cobden Rd, Douglas, ON, K0J 1S0
- **Dates** - Feb 2 to 5, 2023
- **Athlete / coaches accommodations** - Comfort Inn & Super 8 by Wyndham, 959 Pembroke St E, Pembroke, ON K8A 3M3; 1218 Pembroke St E, Laurentian Valley, ON K8A 7R9
- **Officials Accommodations** - Holiday Inn Express, 8 International Dr, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5
- **Medical support (2 physios)**
- **Team activities** (Team building, Learn to Compete Program, chat with an Olympian,...)
- **Registration** for the Ontario Winter Games Competition
- **Supervision, training and competition warm up** by certified OFA coaches
- **Hoodie** « 2023 Fencing OWG »
- **Cost** = \$350

### 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 for the 2023 Ontario Winter Games.
- ✓ The TC is responsible for the initial nominations of individual 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.
- ✓ 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.

### **OWGOC CRITERIA**

- ✓ The Ontario Winter Games Organization Committee has established that the Ontario Fencing Association may nominate a maximum of 96 eligible athletes to participate in the 2023 Ontario Winter Games and shall be subject to the change of number of participants per weapon.
- ✓ If a weapon has fewer participating athletes than qualified athletes, the additional places will be allocated to the weapon with the maximum number of entries.

### **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

- ✓ Must be a member in good standing with the OFA
- ✓ Be under 16 as of December 31, 2022 (be born in 2007 or later).
- ✓ 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).

### Alternate Athlete Requirements

- ✓ The deadline to replace a selected athlete by an alternate athlete is February 1st, 2023.

### Other

- ✓ Athletes named to the 2023 Canada Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the CFF.

### **OFA SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### Athlete Selection Process

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

#### Individual

- Top 3 athletes from each region will qualify (regardless of where they are in the overall ranking). See below for designated competitions, dates and ranking.
- Remaining spots will be attributed to the top athletes overall
- Top 16 athletes in each weapon and gender will qualify
- Points grid and results will be posted on the OFA page of the website within 72 hours after each competition
- Deadline selection: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

<b>OWG ranking (athletes born in 2007 and +)</b>			<b>Coeff</b>
<b>All results from the OFA designated events (Cadet, Junior) +</b>			Cad / Jun
Oct	15,16	OFA Circuit Cadet #1 (GTA)	1
Nov	19, 20	OFA / OUA Circuit Cadet #2/ Junior #1 (Brock)	1 / 1,25
Dec	3, 4	OFA Circuit Cadet #3 (Ottawa)	1

A coefficient applies according to the category. The junior event will count for 1.25 points in the rankings. Cadet events have a coefficient of 1.

<b>Grid points</b>	<b>OFA Circuit</b>
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	100
2	75
3	50
5	36
6	33
7	30
8	27
9	23
10	22
11	21
12	20
13	19
14	18
15	17
16	16
top 32	15
top 64	10
top 128	5
top 256	/

### **Tie-Breaking**

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

1. by the best result (by points) among the designated OFA events (Cad / Jun).

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

2. by the second-best result (by points) among the designated OFA events (Cad / Jun).

3. Should a tie still exist, the tie will be broken, by the last OFA result (by the place).

### Team Criteria:

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

### 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 Winter Games. The doctor's letter must be provided a maximum of 2 days before departure.

### 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 PSO representative and coaches.

### **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 1st, 2023, the OFA shall determine the athletes it will select as alternates.

### **STAFF SELECTION**

#### **Coach Selection**

- Head Coach – Certified Introduction to Competition (Comp Int) (Old NCCP Level III) + Respect in Sport
- Assistant Coaches – Certified Instructor Beginner (IB) (Old NCCP Level II)
- ALL COACHES – Making Ethical Decisions, Safe Sport, and First Aid

#### **Official Selection**

- Head official - N (national)
- Referees: Minimum P (provincial)
- Armourer, Secretariat – P (provincial)

### **TIMELINES SUMMARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Sept 1st, 2022	Athlete selection policies. Published/circulated
Sept. 1, 2022 – Dec 4, 2022	Qualification period
Jan 10th 2023	Date team will be selected
Jan 12th 2023	Date athlete must accept their selection (yes they will participate in the game or no thanks)
Jan 20th 2023	Deadline to have signed the OWG Athlete Agreement or any required documents