



2023 Canada Winter Games Fencing Technical Package



Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the Host Society by detailing competition formats and scoring procedures, assist Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Chefs de Mission in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coach certification by stating minimum requirements, and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "Train to Compete" phase of its Long Term Development (LTD) model, or other suitable phase of LTD as justified by the NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to the Canada Games primarily by NSOs, following the Canada Games Council's (CGC) [Principles that Govern Technical Packages](#). As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO.

Relevant Games stakeholders, specifically Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSOs) and P/T team staff, are encouraged to review the Technical Package in detail to ensure a thorough understanding. If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC for consideration. Timelines for requesting changes to major elements of the Technical Package (i.e. team sizes, age categories, eligibility restrictions, events, competition formats) are outlined in the Principles that Govern Technical Packages. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six [6] months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package by Games stakeholders early.

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1. SPORT: FENCING

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Athletes

3 Males, 3 Females.

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event.

2.2. Staff

1 Coach, 1 Manager.

If female athletes are being sent, one staff member must be female.

If male athletes are being sent, one staff member must be male.

2.3. Additional Team Staff*

- Apprentice Coach
 - See [Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program](#)
 - See [Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program](#)
 - Apprentice coaches have the same access as athletes and team staff.

- Venue Pass Holder
 - See [Venue Pass Holder Policy](#)
 - Venue Pass Holders do not have access to the field of play
 - Venue Pass Holder's venue access
 - Sport Operational Zone (Zone 2)
 - Back of House Zone (Zone 3)

* Additional team staff positions are administered by the P/T Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Team's process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

2.4. Support for Participants

The Canada Games Council recognizes there can be barriers to participation/attendance at the Canada Games. The below policies have been developed to provide support to participants when required:

- [Support for Nursing Mothers Policy](#)
 - [Participant Assistant Policy](#)
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3. CLASSIFICATION

Under 17 as of December 31, 2022.

Year of birth: 2006 or later

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's [Eligibility Policy](#).

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
 - 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.

4.2. Coaches

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.

5. **COMPETITION**

5.1. Events

The competition will be fenced according to FIE Regulations as of December 31st, 2022 unless otherwise stated in this technical package.

Men shall compete in Sabre, Foil and Épée.

Women shall compete in Sabre, Foil and Épée.

Fencers will compete in one weapon only, except in the event of an on-site substitution due to force majeure. Team alternates will be drawn from the same gender in alternate disciplines.

A province/territory may enter 1 fencer in each weapon event.

Individual Event

A seeding of participating athletes from first to last will be established from the December 31st, 2022 Canadian Fencing Federation senior domestic rankings. This seeding will be published on www.fencing.ca on January 31st, 2023. The published seeding may not be appealed.

Athletes will be placed into one pool fenced on two pistes.

All pool bouts will be run as the standard 5 hits 3 minute bouts as according to FIE rule t.38.

The top 8 athletes advance to the standard FIE direct (single) elimination round (FIE rule t.39) of 15 hits, maximum of 9 minutes divided into 3 periods of 3 minutes, each period is divided by a 1 minute pause. The two semi-final losers will both be classified third and will both be awarded bronze medals. The quarterfinal losers will fence for positions 5 to 8.

Team Event

The team event will be fought using a modified mixed team relay model. In this model, the 6 fencers of one team fence the 6 fencers of the opposing team (6 relay bouts). Only fencers of the same weapon and gender will compete against each other.

The bouts will be fought in the following order:

- a) Women's sabre
- b) Men's sabre
- c) Men's foil
- d) Women's foil
- e) Women's épée
- f) Men's épée

Mixed gender specific teams will be comprised of 6 athletes and no alternates. There is no provision for additional substitutions of the original athlete.

Each 'lap' (bout) of the relay consists of five hits (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30); the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.

The first two opponents fence until one of them has scored five hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes. The next two opponents fence until one of their scores has reached ten hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes, and so on with successive bouts, cumulatively, of five hits.

If by the expiry of 3 minutes of fencing time the intended score for the bout has not been achieved, the next two fencers take up the score where it was left off and fence up to the maximum score intended for their bout as normal, within the time limit of 3 minutes.

The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time.

If at the end of regulation time for the last bout the scores are equal, the match continues for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute, fought for by the fencers of the last bout in the match. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

Teams will be seeded according to the individual events aggregate points into an incomplete tableau of 16 allocating the necessary number of byes. Teams will compete in an integral elimination format. All positions shall be fenced for positions 1-8.

Each province/territory may submit one team.

Seeding of teams will be based on the individual events using the aggregate points of the 6 athletes making up the team.

Illness or Injury

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. The ill or injured athlete must obtain a note from a physician at the venue or polyclinic stating that the athlete has sought medical attention for his or her condition. As specified in the FIE rules, the ill or injured athlete will not be permitted to return to competition on the same day. In order to return to competition, the athlete must immediately

present a medical certificate to the CFF Technical Representative. The ill or injured athlete can qualify for individual event finals. The ill/injured athlete does not have to be replaced (if he/she is not replaced, he/she is still considered a team member). The substitute athlete may continue to compete in his/her original event.

6. TIE BREAKING RULES - COMPETITION

In the case of a tie for one of the eight positions for the individual event finals (including a tie between 8th/9th), ties will be broken as follows:

- a) The winner will be determined by the number of victories;
 - b) In the case of a tie in the number of victories, a fencer with a better individual indicator (the total of hits scored minus the total of hits received) from the whole competition will be placed higher;
 - c) In the case of equality of indicator, the fencer with the most hits scored will be placed higher;
 - d) In the case of perfect equality of the indicator and the number of hits scored, a drawing of lots will be used.
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7. REGISTRATION & EVENT ENTRIES

7.1. Canada Games Council Registration Deadline

All participants (athletes, coaches, managers and additional team staff) must be registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system no later than 14 days prior to the Opening Ceremony (February 4, 2023).

7.2. Event Entry Deadline

Event entries for each participant will be confirmed at the Coach/Manager meeting held prior to the first event.

8. SPORT SCORING POINTS

Sport scoring points are a tool used to determine the performance of a P/T Team across all events within a sport. At the conclusion of an event, sport scoring points will be awarded using the following criteria:

8.1. Individual Events

- Athletes will be ranked from first through last place
- If an athlete is disqualified, the athlete will not receive sport scoring points
- If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between competitors (i.e. If two athletes are tied for ninth then each competitor would receive 78 points $[(79+77)/2]$ and 11th place points would be awarded to the next finisher)
- Each event will be scored separately
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below

Pos	PTS	Pos	PTS	Pos	PTS
1st	100	6th	85	11th	75
2nd	97	7th	83	12th	74
3rd	93	8th	81	13th	73
4th	91	9th	79		
5th	88	10th	77		

8.2. Team Event

- Teams will be ranked from first through last place
- If a team is disqualified, the team will not receive sport scoring points
- If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between teams (i.e. If two teams are tied for ninth then each team would receive 21.5 points $[(23+20)/2]$)
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	50	6th	33	11th	17
2nd	47	7th	30	12th	13
3rd	43	8th	27	13th	10
4th	40	9th	23		
5th	37	10th	20		

9. FLAG POINTS

Games to Games performance by a P/T Team at the Canada Games is measured by accumulated Flag Points. Every P/T Team is awarded Flag Points for its ranked performance in each sport in which it competes.

In Fencing, Flag Points will be awarded together for female and male events based on the total of sport scoring points awarded.

After ranking the P/T Teams from first to last, and after any ties have been resolved as detailed in Section 10 (Tie Breaking Rules - Flag Points), Flag Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	20	6th	10	11th	3
2nd	18	7th	8	12th	2
3rd	16	8th	6	13th	1
4th	14	9th	5		
5th	12	10th	4		

10. TIE BREAKING RULES - FLAG POINTS

Provinces will be ranked according to the total points accumulated from the individual and team classification. In the case of a tie, the province/territory with the greater number of first places (individual or team) will be ranked higher. If still tied, the team with the greater number of second places, then third places, etc. will be ranked higher.

11. MEDALS

The Canada Games will award medals to athletes only.

Gold: 12 Silver: 12 Bronze: 18

12. COMPETITION UNIFORM

Fencing uniforms include fencing jacket, fencing breeches, underarm plastron, fencing glove and knee-high socks. This uniform is the responsibility of individual fencers.

FIE 350N (CE level 1) or better clothing standards for international competitors are required.

FIE 350N (CE level 1) or better masks are required.

Each province/territory is required to provide their fencers with an arm band or patch identifying the province/territory.

Non marking soled shoes will be allowed in the fencing gymnasium.

Competition uniforms must follow all regulations outlined in the CGC's [P/T Team Uniform and Sponsorship Policy](#).

13. EQUIPMENT

The following minimum required equipment is the fencer's responsibility:

Foil: two electric foils, two body cords, two mask cords, one electric foil vest, one mask, one glove

Épée: two electric épées, two body cords, one mask, one glove.

Sabre: two electric sabres, two body cords, one electric sabre vest, one electric sabre mask and two mask cords, two sabre manchettes or conductive sabre gloves.

Women must provide chest protectors in accordance with current FIE rules for competition; men must provide athletic cups.

All equipment must be in working order.

14. PROTEST & APPEALS

14.1. 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](#).

14.2. Competition Protests and Appeals

All protests and appeals shall be in accordance with FIE rules.

Against a decision of the Referee:

- No appeal can be made against the decision of the Referee regarding a point of fact, except as permitted in FIE rules o.105 and t.60-t.63 for video refereeing.
- If a fencer infringes this principle, casting doubt on the decision of the Referee on a point of fact during the bout, they will be penalised according to the FIE rules (cf. t.158-162, t.165, t.170). But if the Referee is ignorant of or misunderstands a definite rule, or applies it in a manner contrary to the Rules, an appeal on this matter may be entertained. A point of fact includes, but is not limited to, any ruling by the referee analysing what happened on the piste, such as the validity or priority of a hit, whether a fencer left the side or end of the piste or if a person's behaviour is a Group 3 or Group 4 offence.

Appeals must be made courteously but without formality, and should be made verbally to the Referee immediately and before any decision is made regarding a subsequent hit. Appeals must be made:

- In individual events, by the fencer;
- In team events, by the fencer or the team captain.

Other protests and appeals:

- Complaints and protests which are not concerned with a referee's decision must be made in writing without delay; they must be addressed to the Technical Representative.

15. ANTI-DOPING

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](#).

16. APPENDICES

Please review the attached appendices as they form an integral part of this technical package.

- APPENDIX 1 - Coach Certification Requirements
- APPENDIX 2 - Performance Guidelines

APPENDIX 1 - COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Coaches are directed to

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.

APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective NSO, at the request of the CGC and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC), to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of LTD. These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.

Please consult the Canadian Fencing Federation's [LTAD document](#) and refer to page 18 for information regarding Train to Compete level athletes.