



OFA Commitment to High Performance Athletes

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1. The Ontario Fencing Association (OFA) is fully committed to financially and otherwise supporting Ontario High Performance Fencers to achieve optimum success nationally and internationally, within the limits of available resources.
2. For Provincial purposes, a High Performance athlete is defined as one who is striving for success at an international level, within an organized Provincial Team program.
3. The OFA is committed to transparency in all its dealings with athletes and other members. For each funding program, criteria will be developed by the High Performance Committee, within an overall budget approved by the OFA Board of Directors. Details of the program will be posted on the Ontario Fencing Association website prior to selection.
4. Designated rankings will be either Ontario High Performance ranking or the Canadian High Performance ranking as designated by the High Performance Committee in the selection criteria. In most cases, the most recent available designated ranking will be used to determine selection.

Minimum Criteria for Funding

5. Athletes who wish to qualify for funding support must:
 - be registered members in the current year of the Ontario Fencing Association (Excellence Level) and a license holder of the Canadian Fencing Federation
 - be registered in the appropriate Ontario High Performance Program
 - be actively competing for Ontario

Types of Funding

1. Quest and other outside funding programs administered by the OFA
2. Subsidies for camps and other activities related to HP training
3. Bursaries and Prizes
4. Non-cash awards such as equipment and travel subsidies
5. Coach support at competitions and training events

Note: Not all categories of funding are available in any given year

Ontario Fencing High Performance Committee

The OFA High Performance Committee will consist of the Executive Director and President of the OFA, and any other individual deemed by them to have superior knowledge of high performance sport and without conflicts of interest. The number of committee members may vary from time to time depending on need, but must number not less than three.