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NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION BOOKLET
2025/2026
Veteran

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UPDATE HISTORY

V1.1 Added the location of the Veterans Cup East

V1.2 40-49 fencers are a permanent fixture in the world

International Competitions: Evaluation of Results: corrected typo maximum of five results

INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains the selection policies which the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF) will use to select the athletes who will represent Canada at the 2026 World Veteran Championships. This information will allow athletes and their coaches to develop their annual training and competition plans for the season.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the material contained within this Handbook, readers are advised to consult with the Veteran committee (info@cffveterans.com) if they have questions about any element contained within.

Similarly, the dates of international selection competitions are accurate as of the date of publication of this Handbook, but dates and events can and do change. Please verify competition details before making final travel arrangements. Furthermore, it is the athletes' (and their personal coaches') responsibility to be familiar with the information found in this document.

CHANGES TO THIS HANDBOOK

Any changes to this Handbook shall be communicated directly to all CFF Veterans. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this Handbook that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes.

SELECTION RULES

SELECTION OBJECTIVE

The Canadian Fencing Federation has established this selection framework to ensure a fair and unbiased process for identifying athletes who can represent Canada with distinction and achieve podium performances at major international veteran events.

SELECTION TEAM COMPOSITION

Selection is based on the total number of points accumulated at designated [ranking competitions](#).

PUBLICATION TIME

The finalized national team roster for the World Veteran Championship shall be announced no later than 14 days after the conclusion of the final selection event of the designated fencing season. Team composition will include four fencers per age category, per gender, and per weapon.

The confirmed age categories for the World Veteran Championships are 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+. The FIE has confirmed the 40-49 age category will be included in the World Veteran Championship.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

In instances where two or more fencers have identical point totals, the following tie-break protocol will apply:

1. Highest placement in the corresponding age division at the CanAm Veterans Cup
2. If a tie remains, the highest placement in the corresponding age division at the National Championships.
3. If a tie remains, selection will be resolved by a coin toss.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

Fencers must meet all seven criteria to be eligible for national team selection.

1. Possess a valid license issued by the Canadian Fencing Federation for the duration of the selection period
2. Hold an active FIE license registered in Canada
3. Completed in at least one of the selection competitions
4. Be a Canadian citizen
5. Meet all published eligibility requirements for the specific competition
6. Have purchased the official Canadian Fencing Federation veteran tracksuit
7. Acknowledge and adhere to the Canadian Fencing Federation [Code of Conduct](#)

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

In pursuit of an equitable and merit-based selection process that duly acknowledges competitive excellence on the international stage, the following provisions shall govern the consideration of international competition results for national team selection:

1. **Scope of International Competitions** For national team selection, international competitions shall be defined as the World Championships, the CanAm Cup, competitions within the European Veteran Circuit, and the North American Cups.
2. **Evaluation of Results** A maximum of five results, determined by the highest point values earned, shall be considered in the evaluation of each fencer's performance per weapon.
3. **Recognition Threshold** The selection process shall recognize results from no more than five international competitions per fencer per weapon.
4. **Exclusion of Surplus Results** In instances where a fencer has participated in more than five international competitions per weapon, only the first five results shall be considered. All additional results shall be excluded from the selection process.

SELECTION POINTS

SELECTION COMPETITIONS

Veteran team selection for the 2026 World Veteran Championship is based on the points earned in an event (e.g. 50-59WS) at a selection competition.

If there is no separate event for an age group or fewer than four fencers are competing in an age group, then results from the corresponding combined event will be used for ranking.

Competition	International Competition	Category	Year	Comments
World Championships	Yes	1	2025	
CanAm Cup	Yes	2	2026	
European Veteran Circuit	Yes	2	2026	
North American Cups	Yes	2	2026	
Canadian National Championships		3	2026	
Canadian Veteran Cups		4	2026	1 result

SELECTION POINTS PER CATEGORY

Result	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
1	350	200	150	100
2	250	150	100	75
3	225	100	75	50
5	150	80	60	40
6	130	60	45	30
7	110	40	30	20
8	100	30	25	15
9 to 12	80	20	15	10
13 to 16	60	15	10	7
17 to 32	40	8	8	4
33 to 64	20	4	4	0

The Veteran Cup West has been awarded to the Canada Cup #3 in Calgary. The Veteran Cup East has been awarded to the Challenge Desjarlais in Montréal.

When selection points are awarded based on a combined event, the competition points will be adjusted based on the number of fencers in an age group (ME50-59) who are competing in the combined event.

No. of Fencers	Points Awarded
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%