



CFF Canada Cup Tournament Format

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Number of rounds of Poules

The following competition criteria must be met in order for an event to be considered as a Canada Cup Tournament.

Ranking at the beginning of the event

Competitors will be assigned their initial seeding in their age-appropriate event according to the following guidelines:

- The Canadian National Ranking, a combination of high performance and domestic results will be used to rank competitors. In age categories where a National Ranking does not exist, the Canadian Domestic Ranking will be used. The most recently published rankings will be used, noting that these may not reflect the most recent competition results for any given athlete.
- Foreign competitors (those that do not hold a valid CFF # but hold either a valid FIE # or valid USFA #) will be merged into the initial seeding based on their current FIE rank in relation to the other entries. For example, Foreign competitor 'X' is ranked 34th on the FIE rankings. Canadian competitor 'A' has an FIE ranking of 23rd while the next Canadian competitor 'B' has a ranking of 37th. Competitor 'X' would receive a seeding between competitors 'A' and 'B'. Foreign competitors that do not have a valid FIE ranking may be considered under the 'Special Circumstances' category.
- 'Special Circumstances' – It is possible that a competitor entered into the event does not hold a valid CFF domestic ranking, CFF HP ranking, or a FIE ranking. In these cases, the competitor will be identified as unranked. The Directoire Technique will consider each of these circumstances separately and may, given enough evidence, seed a competitor into the event with a ranking other than unranked. For example, Competitor 'X' holds a valid USFA # but does not hold a FIE #. Upon review, it is found that Competitor 'X' holds a current USFA ranking of 'A'. Further discussion with CFF coaches and the Directoire Technique indicate that the tournament seeding would be fairer if 'X' was assigned an initial ranking.
- Ranking will be posted on the CFF website ahead of the tournament with an appeal period with respect to ranking. After this period, a final competition ranking will be produced which will not be subject to change. The dates for these 'cut-offs' will be posted with the competition registration information.

ALL EVENTS, EXCEPT VETERANS

Entry Criteria

Competitors must meet the CFF's age criteria as well as any previously stated CFF technical qualifications to enter these events.

Announcement of Cut

FIE rule O.18 governs the announcement of a cut. Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the number of competitors who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the poules. The number of competitors cut must be between 20-25% of the competitors at the beginning of the poules. There will be a single round of poules that follow FIE rule O.17.

Number of competitors per Poule

Poules will be of the same or similar size as per FIE rule O.12.1 which governs the number of competitors per poule. When the number of entrants does not facilitate the application of this rule, the Directoire Technique will use a pool size that best meets the merits of equal balance and fairness, which can lead to a single large pool fenced over several strips.

Ranking after Poules

The rankings after the poules will be calculated as per FIE rule O.19.

Direct Elimination

A direct elimination rounds will follow the poule round. The remaining competitors, after a cut has taken place, will be placed into a Direct Elimination tableau based on the ranking after the poules. Direct Elimination from the tableau, as per FIE rules O.23 and O.24, will take place until the medalists are determined.

Final Classification

FIE rules O.28.1, O.28.2, and O.28.4 determine the final classification. FIE rule O.28.3 does not apply.

VETERANS EVENTS

Entry Criteria

Competitors must be aged 40 or over to enter these events.

Format and Ranking

Ranking will be according to the CFF Veterans Ranking (All age inclusive).

When possible, both men's and women's events should be held, with pools no smaller than 6 when possible. Poules will include all aged veterans, unless there are more than 6 entrants for each age category (50+, 60+, 70+).

Poule bouts will be fenced for 3minutes and 5 hits. Direct Elimination bouts for a maximum of two 3-minute periods or 10 hits.

Announcement of Cut

There will be no cut following the round of poules.

Ranking after Poules

The rankings after the poules will be calculated as per FIE rule O.19.

Direct Elimination

All competitors in an event will proceed to Direct Elimination.

Medals

Gold, Silver and two Bronze will be awarded to the overall veteran event podium athletes. Additionally, medals will be awarded according to the final ranking of competitors by both gender and age category.

Rule Clarification

The complete Veteran rules are found in the CFF Competitions Standards Booklet.

OTHER EVENTS

Organizers may add additional unofficial events. These additional events should, in no way, interfere with the running of the Cadet, Junior, or Senior events. It is requested that the organizers try and honor the following guidelines:

- Follow the CFF's Long term athlete development model;
- U15 events follow the general Cadet format and use Cadet rankings to seed event;
- Events with less than 6 competitors may consider 2 rounds of poules;
- Veteran events follow FIE rules;
- Tournament software should be FIE compliant (e.g. Fencing Time);
- Results must be submitted in a CFF compliant format;
- Follow FIE rules where appropriate.