

# Alberta Fencing Association's Ranking and Qualification Guidelines

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## ***Introduction***

The Alberta Fencing Association has an initiative to provide additional developmental opportunities and funding for Alberta fencers. The Alberta Fencing Association's athlete identification system is composed of two parts:

1. Rankings based on results from World-Wide competitions and
2. Non-ranking qualifications.

## ***Results from Competitions***

### **Ranking Categories**

The ranking of AFA fencers will be done for the following categories:

1. Foil
  - a. U13 Men and Women;
  - b. U15 Men and Women;
  - c. Cadet Men and Women;
  - d. Junior Men and Women;
  - e. Open Men and Women;
2. Epee
  - a. Cadet Men and Women;
  - b. Junior Men and Women;
  - c. Open Men and Women;
  - d. U13 and U15 Categories will be monitored and rankings will be generated once participation increases;
3. Sabre
  - a. Open Men and Women;
  - b. Junior, Cadet, U15 and U13 categories will be monitored and rankings will be generated once participation increases.

### **Age Categories**

Age categories are defined as the following:

1. Open – any age;
2. Junior – must be less than 20 years old as of January 1 of the year of the next FIE Cadet/Junior World Championships;
3. Cadet – must be less than 17 years old as of January 1 of the year of the next FIE Cadet/Junior World Championships;
4. U15 – must be less than 15 years old as of January 1 of the year of the next FIE Cadet/Junior World Championships;
5. U13 – must be less than 13 years old as of January 1 of the year of the next FIE Cadet/Junior World Championships.

### **Points Categories**

Points will be awarded to a fencer based on their results from a competition as well as the strength of the competition. Equal points are awarded in each of the following categories

1. First;
2. Second;
3. Third;

4. Fourth through Eighth;
5. Ninth through Sixteenth;
6. Seventeenth through Thirty-Second;
7. Thirty-third through Sixty-Forth.

No points will be awarded for finishing below sixty-fourth place.

### **Competition Strength**

The AFA encourages all of its fencers to compete in age appropriate and skill appropriate events worldwide. The AFA recognizes the following strength of tournaments:

1. Level 1
  - a. Local AFA sanctioned tournaments;
2. Level 2
  - a. AFA sanctioned Provincial Championships;
  - b. CFF sanctioned Western Canadian Championships;
  - c. CFF sanctioned Elite events;
  - d. CFF sanctioned National Competitions;
  - e. USFA sanctioned Regional Youth Circuit events;
3. Level 3
  - a. USFA sanctioned NAC Division II events;
  - b. USFA sanctioned NAC Division III events;
4. Level 4
  - a. USFA sanctioned NAC Division I events;
  - b. USFA sanctioned NAC Junior events;
  - c. USFA sanctioned NAC Cadet events;
  - d. USFA sanctioned NAC Youth events;
5. Level 5
  - a. FIE sanctioned World Cup events;
  - b. FIE sanctioned Junior World Cup events;
  - c. FIE sanctioned Cadet World Cup events;
  - d. FIE sanctioned Grand Prix events;
6. Level 6
  - a. FIE sanctioned World Championships;
  - b. FIE sanctioned Junior World Championships;
  - c. FIE sanctioned Cadet World Championships;
  - d. Olympic Games.

### **Points Grid**

The following chart shows the points' grid:

Place	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
1	10	20	20	100	200	300
2	8	16	16	64	120	200
3	6	9	9	42	60	120
4	3	5	5	20	32	60
5	3	5	5	20	32	60
6	3	5	5	20	32	60
7	3	5	5	20	32	60
8	3	5	5	20	32	60
9	2	3	4	6	15	30
10	2	3	4	6	15	30
11	2	3	4	6	15	30
12	2	3	4	6	15	30
13	2	3	4	6	15	30
14	2	3	4	6	15	30
15	2	3	4	6	15	30
16	2	3	4	6	15	30
17	1	2	3	5	6	10
18	1	2	3	5	6	10
19	1	2	3	5	6	10
20	1	2	3	5	6	10
21	1	2	3	5	6	10
22	1	2	3	5	6	10
23	1	2	3	5	6	10
24	1	2	3	5	6	10
25	1	2	3	5	6	10
26	1	2	3	5	6	10
27	1	2	3	5	6	10
28	1	2	3	5	6	10
29	1	2	3	5	6	10
30	1	2	3	5	6	10
31	1	2	3	5	6	10
32	1	2	3	5	6	10
33	-	1	2	2	2	3
34	-	1	2	2	2	3
35	-	1	2	2	2	3
36	-	1	2	2	2	3
37	-	1	2	2	2	3
38	-	1	2	2	2	3
39	-	1	2	2	2	3
40	-	1	2	2	2	3
41	-	1	2	2	2	3
42	-	1	2	2	2	3
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44	-	1	2	2	2	3
45	-	1	2	2	2	3
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47	-	1	2	2	2	3
48	-	1	2	2	2	3
49	-	1	2	2	2	3
50	-	1	2	2	2	3
51	-	1	2	2	2	3
52	-	1	2	2	2	3
53	-	1	2	2	2	3
54	-	1	2	2	2	3
55	-	1	2	2	2	3
56	-	1	2	2	2	3
57	-	1	2	2	2	3
58	-	1	2	2	2	3
59	-	1	2	2	2	3
60	-	1	2	2	2	3
61	-	1	2	2	2	3
62	-	1	2	2	2	3
63	-	1	2	2	2	3
64	-	1	2	2	2	3

## **2004-2005 Competition Schedules**

1. AFA sanctioned tournaments
  - a. See [http://www.fencing.ab.ca/tournament\\_listings.asp](http://www.fencing.ab.ca/tournament_listings.asp)
2. CFF sanctioned tournaments
  - a. See [http://www.fencing.ca/competitions\\_home.htm](http://www.fencing.ca/competitions_home.htm)
3. USFA sanctioned tournaments
  - a. See <http://www.usfencing.org/>
4. FIE sanctioned tournaments
  - a. See <http://www.fie.ch/Competitions/Calendar.aspx>

## **Fencing Season**

The fencing season begins on September 1st and ends on August 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The season is broken down into 4 unequal quadrants (based on overall tournament activity). These quadrants are:

1. Period 1 - September 1 until October 31;
2. Period 2 - November 1 until December 31;
3. Period 3 - January 1 until April 30;
4. Period 4 - May 1 until August 31.

## **Point Degradation**

The points earned during the previous season are used as seeding points for the current fencing season but degrade with time. The previous season's points are used in the current season in the following manner:

1. Period 1 – add ½ of the previous year's points to this season's points;
2. Period 2 - the previous season's points which were added degrade to ¼ of their original value;
3. Period 3 & 4 – the previous season's points which were added degrade to zero.

## **Qualification Criteria**

The ranking system above will identify the best fencers in Alberta. The AFA will provide developmental opportunities and limited funding to those top fencers who also meet the following criteria:

## **Competition Criteria**

1. Cadet, Junior and Open categories
  - a. Must attend at least ½ of all AFA sanctioned competitions;
2. U13 and U15 categories
  - a. Must attend at least a majority of all AFA sanctioned competitions. A majority is defined as a number more than half due to the limited number of AFA events.
3. Allowances will be made for missed competitions based on a case by case basis. Athletes, or their legal guardians, must submit to the AFA VP Elite the reason for missing an AFA competition prior to the next AFA competition or else they are deemed to have missed the competition.

## Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct is modified from the CFF's National Team requirements. AFA athletes are expected to adhere to the following code of conduct in order to be considered for developmental opportunities and funding. CFF National Team members are only required to adhere to the CFF requirements.

### 1. General:

- a) Treat fellow participants with respect at all times.
- b) Work cooperatively with designated coaches, managers, and / or team leaders.
- c) Demonstrate a high degree of professionalism in your Provincial Team involvement.
- d) Ensure that one's activities and / or behaviour does not jeopardize the safety of oneself or fellow participants.
- e) Provide information and opportunities for fellow participants to be meaningfully involved in the decisions that affect them.
- f) Do not engage in any type of derogatory behaviour or offensive language with fellow participants.
- g) Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate in others, all forms of harassment and discrimination related to gender, race, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, etc.
- h) Advocate the positive aspects of sport, i.e. sporting excellence, fair play, honest competition and effort, while refraining from any practices that would suggest favouritism or cheating.

### 2. Specific:

- a) Team Uniform – If you are on the AFA Provincial team, wear the designated Alberta Team uniform at all times when at a competitive venue, and on other occasions as directed by the team leader / manager.
- b) Team Support – Actively support Alberta Teammates, when otherwise not directly involved yourself.
- c) Commitment – Take part in all required team functions and meetings. Also, participants who are no longer involved in the competition should make it a practice to observe succeeding rounds, including the finals.
- d) Alcohol – If under the legal drinking age, refrain totally from the use of all alcoholic beverages. If over the legal drinking age, avoid alcohol consumption to a level which would reasonably be expected to impair performance and / or result in disruptive or unsafe behaviour.
- e) Illegal Substances – Refrain from using banned substances in contravention of the rules of the IOC, FIE and CFF. Actively discourage the use of performance-enhancing drugs.
- f) Consideration of Others – Refrain from activities and behaviours which may interfere with or distract others, thereby lessening their ability to focus on the competition.
- g) Initiation Activities – Refrain from pranks, jokes, initiation ceremonies and other activities which endanger, embarrass and / or ridicule others.

- h) Hygiene – Practice daily cleanliness routines (body and clothing), particularly in consideration of close quarter living with fellow participants.
- i) Curfew – Respect curfew times set by coaches / manager and be particularly sensitive to disturbing behaviour during designated “quiet times.”

### ***Conclusion***

It is hoped that the new ranking system and qualification criteria will:

- a) Provide a transparent mechanism for identifying the best fencers in Alberta;
- b) Encourage attendance at AFA events;
- c) Provide recognition for non-AFA events;
- d) Encourage attendance at more developmental events;
- e) Build a strong Alberta Fencing team.

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