



BRITISH FENCING

Junior (U20) Ranking and Selection Scheme 2010-11 final version

Selection for British Teams

The qualifying and ranking scheme to select the team for the World and European Championships is described here. This scheme must also be used for selection for participation in U20 World Cup events.

Junior World Championships – Jordan April 2011

Junior European Championships – TBC (location & date)

Qualifying dates

The scoring period for Junior fencers starts on the 1st September 2010. No competitions will count for selection before this date *except* the 2010 Junior World Championships; this event will count towards selection for the Junior European Championships in November 10 (selection for this is part of the 09-10 points system) & towards the 2011 World Championships in April 11. The scoring period ends at the date set by the weapon committees: for 2010-11 the final selection date for the world championships is:-

7th February 2011 (note earlier date)

Team training day: 19th March 2011

Eligibility

“Junior” in this document refers to fencers who are under 20 on 1st January 2011 (Born 1991 or later).

Discipline

Fencers shall only be considered eligible for selection if they have a satisfactory disciplinary record in the relevant season. The selectors reserve the right to omit a fencer from selection for any event if they deem that fencer’s disciplinary record to be unsatisfactory.

Fitness

If any fencer’s fitness is in doubt they will be asked to satisfy the International Committee as to their fitness to prepare adequately or compete. This may be established by fitness testing and/or medical reports as directed by the selectors/International Committee or by using data from the National Academy Programme. Selection will be provisional on fitness being confirmed to the satisfaction of the selectors/IC. Testing may be carried out at the team preparation days for selected fencers.

Training

Fencers must satisfy the International Committee that they are undertaking an appropriate training program before being selected to compete in the World or European championships. Fencers who are selected will be expected to attend the team preparation days for the events: 19th March 2011 for the World Championship team.

Junior World Championships 2011 – 3 fencers per weapon plus 4th for team only

Qualifying standard

The minimum qualifying standard for selection will be 7500 points from the best 3 international results in the following events:

- The April 2010 Junior World Championships
- Four U20 World Cup events selected by the weapon committee
- The November 2010 Junior European Championships

Selection for the first two places will be made in order of the ranking list determined by the scheme described here as on 7th Feb 2011 from fencers who have gained the qualifying standard as above.

The third place will normally be selected in the same way as the first two places from qualified fencers using the ranking system described. However the selectors, with good cause, may select the third fencer in place of a higher ranked fencer regardless of qualification.

If there are insufficient qualified fencers, the selectors and International Committee may consider any other fencer for selection.

The reserve or fourth fencer for the team event may be any fencer chosen by the selectors.

The International Committee reserves the right, in the light of exceptional circumstances, (eg cancellation of nominated world cups), to modify the qualifying standard and to consider a fencer recommended for selection who has not reached the standard described above.

Junior European Championships 2011 – 4 fencers per weapon

Selection scheme tbc when date is confirmed.

Junior Points Scheme

Points will be awarded for:-

1. The British Junior (U20) Championships.
2. The fencer's best three domestic results. Weapon Committees will select (nominate) four domestic events. Only two of these domestic events may be senior opens except that for epee, for the 2010/11 season only, three senior opens may be used.
There will be no selection events between 1st April & 1st September.
3. The fencer's best three international results. Weapon Committees will select (nominate) four junior World Cup events, the junior European Championships & the junior World Championships.

Hence for the junior ranking the best seven results will count: the British Junior Championships, the best three domestic and the best three international competitions (from the nominated list as described above).

NB. Junior world cup events taking place in the UK e.g. Eden Cup, count as international events.

Selection for Junior World Cups

The weapon captain will be responsible for this process.

Normally the squad will comprise a maximum of 9 fencers. Exceptionally 12 may be sent eg if the weapon is particularly strong with depth (as long as 2 referees can be provided).

If at least 6 fencers are being entered, the top 6 on the GBR junior ranking at the selection date will be selected automatically.

If any of the top 6 are not available, fencers ranked below 6 do not have an automatic right of selection.

The weapon captain will offer the remaining places, either by using the ranking order or, in cases where selection deviates from the ranking order, to fencers as determined by the selection panel after taking other factors into account.

All fencers will train, eat and be accommodated as a squad under the direction of British Team Officials immediately prior to and during the event.

Points for junior ranking

30% of the previous season's total points will be carried over onto the new season's ranking list, and will be removed after the **4th selection (nominated) competition** (domestic or international).

The 2009/10 end of season points score used for carry over will include only the most recent World Championship (i.e. 2010) result plus the best 3 overseas results from the 2009/10 season.

Points are awarded to fencers who reach the **last 64** of a selection competition, provided that in doing so they are placed in the **top 50%** of those competing (this number must not be rounded, 50% is within, and 50.1% is not) for international events and top 75% for domestic events.

When measuring the number of entries any fencer who starts the competition will be included (even if they withdraw or are disqualified) & all starters will count towards the grading of the event, i.e. will be included in the NIF count.

Calculation of points

The points total scored in each competition is calculated by taking the grading points (NIF), representing the strength of the competition, and multiplying this value by the factor assigned to the fencer's final position (see link below to table*). An additional multiplier will be applied as shown in Table 1

Table 1. Additional multipliers applied to NIF count for junior rankings	
Domestic events	International events
Senior NIF x 2	Junior world cup NIF x 10
Junior NIF x 1	

Note: here world cup includes World and European Championships

Table 2. Calculation of NIF count for junior World Cup events	
Junior World ranking	Points awarded per fencer
1-20	6
21-40	3
41-100	1

The NIF count is calculated using the top 100 of the junior World ranking updated **before each nominated junior World Cup event.**

U20 domestic events will have a NIF score based on the adjusted top 50 of last season's final U20 ranking (ie. fencers who have left the age group will be removed from the top 50). The NIF will be calculated by awarding 6, 3 and 1 points for those in the top 10, 11-20 and 21-50 respectively.

Any domestic junior events (BSC competitions) counting towards British team selection will have a minimum NIF of 75, however, if the actual NIF is lower than this and selection between two candidates is close enough for the results from such a BSC event to have an effect, the NIF for the BSC event will be recalculated (for the purpose of the selection process only) to reflect the actual strength of the event.

Calculation of NIF count for senior events

For details of the system used to calculate points for all senior events please refer to the senior version of the ranking scheme.

Multipliers for places 1 – 64

*See table on website – International section

http://www.britishfencing.com/international/selections_and_rankings/points_multipliers_for_places_1-64/

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