

British Cadet and Junior Rankings 17-18

Simplification Proposal for the 2017/2018 season

Recently British Fencing has undertaken a review of the Cadet and Junior ranking schemes. This review was instigated on the back of a series of issues arising with the current system.

The challenge with the existing system is that it is relatively complicated for parents and young athletes (and sometimes coaches) to understand. This complexity results in frequent challenges and appeals which create a significant, and in the long term unsustainable, workload for British Fencing Head Office and the volunteers involved.

The review sought to determine whether points could be more simply linked to results (in a similar way to the FIE) leading to easier calculations, a reduction in errors and less labour intensive ranking investigations and appeals whilst still producing a fair comparison of results.

The resulting proposals for change were then circulated for consultation.

So far, Ranking Coordinators, the Cadet International Management Group, Junior and Cadet Selectors, and many of the coaches of the current squad fencers have been consulted and their views taken into account.

Our next step is to ask for input from the wider community – specifically are there any concerns which have not been fully addressed or unforeseen problems that this system will create?

All responses should be sent to headoffice@britishfencing.com marked 'C&J Ranking Consultation' (Please do not assume that social media comments will be seen and automatically taken into account.)

1. What is proposed?

- 1.1 No NIF score
- 1.2 Points given according to the round reached eg L32 L8 etc. No points unless fencer makes it to DE stage
- 1.3 Apply the conditions **at least L128 for internationals**, (to make allowances for the huge numbers in some events); top 80% and at least L64 for domestic events

(Note – If domestic ranking events apply a cut between poules and DE this must be no greater than 20%.)

1.4 Multipliers

Domestic Events

- 1.4.1 Nationals x2 (existing is x 1.5)
- 1.4.2 For juniors only x1.5 for U23 and senior events (no change)
- 1.4.3 For cadets x1.5 for Junior BRCs nominated for cadets as well (no change)

International Events (inc UK based internationals) - EFC and Junior World Cups

- 1.4.4 **If** weapon selectors consider that the nominated International events (held in UK or otherwise) vary significantly in standard they **may** vary the multipliers as follows:

Category:

A – 10x multiplier for the strongest events (no change)

B – 6x for intermediate standard

C – 3x (usually for Internationals held in UK which by definition have a much larger proportion of GB fencers, for example Manchester Cadet, Eden Cup - no change)

To be decided before the start of the season by the weapon selectors ie to go into the 17/18 Ranking Schemes.

- 1.4.5 For Cadets counting a Junior World Cup result an additional multiplier of 1.5 will be applied.

2. Proposed points chart (combined with 4.3 above)

Result	128	64	32	[24*]	16	[12*]	8	3 rd	2 nd	1st
Points	2	4	8	[12]	16	[20]	24	32	36	40

*only for cadet events with repechage from 32

[Any top 4 result is excellent hence the differential in points is less than between earlier rounds.]

3. Changing to new system

The current (16/17) Junior Ranking is rolling, the cadets have a carry-over of 30%

Recalculate results for Junior, division factor for Cadets

3.1 **Juniors** - After the Junior World Championships, all results in the **Junior** Rankings to be converted to the new system but using the previous season multipliers (ie 1.5 rather than 2 for the Nationals.)

3.2 **Cadets** - divide the carry-over of 30% by 50

4. Fencers with equal points

With this system there will be more fencers with exactly the same total number of points. We will use the FIE model and rank the fencers by the highest number of points scored in any one nominated competition; international then, if still equal, domestic. However, if the highest scores of two fencers are equal they will be given equal ranking

5. Selection for squads

5.1 **Cadets – No Change** - the selection process will not change ie based on GBR ranking but with various other criteria. 15 places per squad. For fencers with equal points at risk of non-selection the actual results (including, but not limited to placings, scorings, opponents) will be taken into account by the selectors (as with all discretionary selections). For more information please see the separate selection document when finalised.

5.2 **Juniors** - The details of the selection scheme are under review but the GBR ranking will continue to be used.

6. Selection for GBR Teams

- 6.1 Cadets - A minimum qualification level of points will be set by the selectors at the start of the season probably using the best 2 international results as before.
- 6.2 Juniors – have a separate selection scheme which will be reviewed at the end of the 16-17 season

7. Other Notes

- 7.1 During 17/18 season we will be working towards an automated ranking system. To assist with this transition, any nominated cadet and junior domestic tournament for the 17/18 season must be run on the Sport:80 platform.
- 7.2 Non-British fencers: If resident in UK **and** BF members, they can appear on the GBR rankings but with their country noted and without an actual ranking number.