



# BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (BYCs) 2017

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## British Youth Fencing Championships 2017

### Method of entry:

#### Prior to the qualifying competition:

All competitors should be confirmed members of British Fencing - please email Head Office at [headoffice@britishfencing.com](mailto:headoffice@britishfencing.com) who will be able to supply you with details to check all memberships - proof does not need to be provided on the day.

#### At the qualifying competition:

- a) Calculate the entry as outlined below and notify the qualifying fencers. For 2017, if a fencer declares on the day of the qualifying event that they do not intend to compete at the BYC finals event, they may be replaced with the next highest ranked fencer to complete the regions allocation. The original qualifier should still be included in your entry numbers for the purpose of calculating the correct number of qualifiers. No substitutions can be made after the day of the qualifying competition as per rule 11 below.
- b) Ensure that the following information is obtained from all qualifiers; entries will NOT be accepted without it: Surname and forename in full; membership number; date of birth (day, month and year)
- c) A Parental Consent form will need to be filled in electronically prior to the finals event, and will be available on the BF website. This will also be sent to all qualifiers using the email address on a fencers membership profile nearer to the event. It may be wise to remind fencers to make sure their profile is up to date
- d) Advise all qualifiers that a list of finalists will be posted on the BF website as soon as possible after the closing date.
- e) Please note, apart from U10 events where entries must be sent directly to the Organiser, entries will only be accepted via the regions

#### Subsequently and before the closing date:

- f) Complete the online entry. One (or more) representatives from each region will be given "Admin" access to all athletes from that region to allow them to complete the entry process and a template for uploading the entries will be provided. **For 2017, all fencers with bye's should enter their regional event and be entered along with the rest of the fencers from that region. All fencers with bye's will be contacted and advised of this fact, and a list of fencers with bye's will be available on the British Fencing website so you can check which fencers from your region are in receipt of a bye.** Payment can be by cheque or bank transfer - please confirm this at the point of entry. Fencers with byes

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who do not enter their Regions qualifer will not be eligible to take part in the BYCs.

- g) If Engarde has been used to run the qualifying competition, please keep a copy of the competition files until at least the date of the Finals event so they can be requested if necessary.
- h) If the qualifying competition has been run manually, please keep documentation until at least the date of the Finals event so they can be requested if necessary. This information should include the draw for the first round together with copies of tableau, final tableau and any pool sheets from which qualifiers were promoted. Please note if requested, these are only required for checking and are then destroyed - Regions are advised to make copies.

U10 Foil, Epee and Sabre - Entries must be made directly to the Organiser

### Rules:

#### 1) Eligibility:

a) Years of birth for this season are:

U10 - Born 2007, 2008 or 2009    U12 - Born 2005 or 2006

U14 - Born 2003 or 2004            U16 - Born 2001 or 2002

U18 - Born 1999 or 2000

b) Fencers may only enter the Regional event in the Region they have specified on their British Fencing Membership. Fencers may only fence in a qualifying event in one region in any season.

c) Fencers must be UK residents.

d) Apart from the U10 Events, entries will only be accepted via the regions.

2) The competitions are run under BF Rules, subject to changes outlined in these rules. For the Finals the formula is one round of pools without elimination, followed by Direct Elimination.

3) In the U12 & U14 Competitions, the maximum blade sizes are: Foil - size 3, Epée - size 2 and Sabre - size 2.

4) In the U16 & U18 Foil Events size 5 blades will be used throughout, and lame bibs and mask wires will be required (please see separate notes).

5) In the U16 & U18 Sabre events, 800N gloves will be necessary at the finals event as per BF rules - please see <http://britishfencing.com/news/latest-news/?n=841>

6) In the U10 Events the maximum blade size is size 0

7) In the U10 and U12 Events:

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- a) In the DE Tableau, fights are to 10 hits in 3 bouts of 2 minutes, with a gap of 1 minute.
- b) In the U10 event the pool fights are for 5 hits with a time limit of two minutes.
- 7) Qualification is calculated on 1 in 4, or part of 4, of those fencers actually fencing in the qualifying competition with a minimum number of 4. Please note that fencers who enter, but do not fence, are not counted in this total; this includes fencers eligible for byes.
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| Thus: Fencers | Qualifiers          |
| 17 or more    | 1 in 4 or part of 4 |
| 1-16          | 4                   |
| -4            | All                 |
- 8) Any fencer who reached the last 8 in their event at last year's British Youth Championship Finals may claim a bye in this year's Championships at the same weapon, regardless of age group; this includes finalists from the U10 events. **FENCERS CLAIMING A BYE MUST ENTER THE REGION QUALIFYING COMPETITION, but need not fence. Wherever they finish in the Region Competition, they qualify for the final series in ADDITION to the number of qualifiers calculated in rule 7.**
- 9) Any fencer who is realistically trying to qualify for the British Cadet or Junior teams for this season, and whose Region Qualifying Competition clashes with a nominated competition in that weapon, should contact Katie Rhodes at British Fencing as soon as possible and in any event before the Regional Qualifying Competition, so that the possibility of a bye can be discussed. The fencer will be treated like any other fencer with a bye and will need to enter their regional qualifying event even if they do not fence.
- 10) All fencers, both in the finals and the qualifying competitions, must be members of British Fencing and meet all the eligibility criteria outlined above. Any fencers found to have competed in the Regional Event without the appropriate membership, or who fail to meet the eligibility criteria, are liable to be disqualified. If the disqualification affects the number of qualifiers, the number of qualifiers will be reduced accordingly. If the disqualified fencer was one of the qualifiers, the fencer may NOT be replaced by the next ranked entrant. No refunds will be made with respect to disqualified fencers.
- 11) If a fencer, who has qualified for the Finals, withdraws for any reason or is disqualified, substitutions are not allowed after entries have been submitted.
- 12) The charge to the Region is £6.00 for every entrant to the qualifying competition with an extra £22.00 for every qualifier. It is entirely up to regions how they collect this from the competitors. Regions making a late entry must pay an additional £50.00
- 13) Closing date for entries is 31st March 2017.
- 14) Please note in all the rules and notifications - "club" refers to an affiliated club registered with BF.

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15) Continuing for 2017 - points will be awarded to fencers as per below, and these will go towards their regions total score. At the end of the 3 days, the totals for each region will be published on the BF website.

1<sup>st</sup> - 12 points

2<sup>nd</sup> - 10 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - 8 points

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - 6, 5, 4, 3 points

L16 - 2 points

L32 1 point

For points to start, it must be at a point in the tableau where at least one fencer must have won a DE fight to get there. E.g. if there are only 28 fencers in an event, points would only start from the Last 16. There is no reduction in points for smaller events or for starting points at say, L16.

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