Cadet Nominated International Competitions 2015/16 Season

1. Information

British Fencing Administration

1. There are squad managers (SM) for each weapon - see Cadet Ranking and Selection Scheme document for contact details.
2. Pre-season SMs collect contact details for top 20 cadets, to be added to through the season.
3. Selection - as soon as updated ranking available, selectors confirm squad, according to the selection scheme; also select reserves if any.
4. List put on website.
5. SM sets up trip with online system ie fencers, reserves, deadline for acceptance, payment required, etc.
6. Failure to accept by deadline - with payment - results in place being offered to reserve
7. Allocation of referees done by SM + RefCom organiser.
8. Sport80 organise referee bookings and deal with payments and costs.
9. SM provides info and help to parents as much as possible
10. BF enters fencers once final list confirmed by SM.
11. Late withdrawals - if any reserves remain they can be offered a place if still time to be processed
12. Referee submits expenses form + receipts to Sport80; SM assists with queries.

Parents' Administration

1. Provide accurate contact details and update as necessary.
2. Prompt replies to selection notice, with immediate payment if accepting place.
3. Notify SM immediately of any changes
4. Obtain annual EFC licence for fencer from BF office
5. Arrange travel, hotel etc for fencer
6. Provide travel insurance for fencer that includes competing in such an event
7. Provide medical certificate on request if fencer has to withdraw late through medical reason

Questions

1. **What happens if my contact details change**?
   It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the SM has correct details
2. **Can a fencer appeal against non-selection**?
   There is no formal appeal process. With 15 places available it is unlikely that a suitable cadet will be missed out but fencers are welcome to submit a request in advance to be considered if they feel they have a good case and may not be selected.
3. **How will the fencers normally be selected**?
   The cadet ranking list will be used along with other factors such as other results, training programmes, fitness levels, age, etc. For example, for the last international event, a younger cadet might be selected over a final year cadet with no international points in the first two events.

4. **Can other fencers go to these nominated EFC competitions**?
   No - all GBR fencers have to be selected.
5. **Can any fencer go to the non- nominated EFC events**?
   Yes up to the limit of 20.
   Referees have to be provided or the fine paid if more than 4 go
   So up to 20 fencers can be entered - all would have to agree in writing to pay their share of any referee costs. However, BF may limit entries to 4 only to avoid any problems over this referee requirement.
6. **What happens if a fencer has to drop out after having accepted a place?**
   Unless a reserve is able to take that place, the competition levy will not be refunded.
7. **Can the selected fencers wear any GBR kit**?
   Yes – there are squad hoodies available to buy; anyone who already has a GBR tracksuit can wear it.
8. **Do all fencers require EFC licences**?
   Yes – obtainable via the BF office (in good time please)
9. **Do fencers still have to agree to the BF Code of Conduct**?
   Yes – by accepting a place in a GBR squad the fencer agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct. Anyone representing Great Britain is expected to behave in a way that does not bring British Fencing into disrepute.
10. **What will happen if a fencer misbehaves at one of the nominated events**?
    If someone sends a formal complaint to BF with sufficient evidence it will go through the normal disciplinary process
11. **Can my child's coach take them to a nominated event abroad**?
    As a parent, you are entitled to allow anyone to take your child abroad. If you choose to allow your child to travel with anyone other than their legal guardian, British Fencing would encourage you to undertake appropriate precautions and checks to determine their suitability. You should ensure that the responsible adult is given written authority and suitable instructions for them to make medical decisions etc. In principle, the more personal coaches that go abroad, the better for our clubs and the development of our young fencers.
12. **What will happen about the team events at some of these EFC events?**
    BF will not be involved in organising teams but teams can enter as these are unofficial events. If a referee for the individual competition is willing to stay on for the team day, any such arrangement will be between the referee and the parents/coaches involved. The referee portion of the levy though will not cover any additional costs incurred for the team event so this will need to be paid by all the fencers concerned.
13. **Who will the referees be at these EFC events?**
    They will normally be from the RefCom approved list. We aim to better prepare our international fencers by giving them access to international quality referees at domestic events and that means training British referees to the highest possible international standards. Referees sent on Cadet trips will be those considered capable at that level.
14. **What happens if something goes wrong on a trip?**
    Anyone travelling must ensure that their travel insurance covers them for their role at such a competition (athlete, parent, coach, chaperone). Many policies do not include sports competitions in their normal cover. [NB It may be necessary to clarify that this is NOT professional sport, merely an amateur youth event abroad].

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