

CADET SELECTION POLICY

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This scheme is for the purpose of:-

1. Selecting fencers for the nominated international cadet competitions
2. Selecting the British team for the Cadet European Championships
3. Selecting the British team for the Cadet World Championships

Cadet European Championships - Italy March 2019

Cadet World Championships – Torun Poland April 2019

1. DEFINITIONS

Cadet in this document refers to fencers who are under 17 on 1st January 2019 (Born 2002 or later).

Junior in this document refers to fencers who are under 20 on 1st January 2019 (Born 1999 or later).

BRC - British Ranking Competition – this includes all nominated domestic competitions apart from the British Cadet Championships

ADP – GBR Athlete Development Programme

BF – British Fencing

ICMG – International Cadet Management Group

Major Events - World or European Championships

EFC – European Fencing Confederation

2. THE CADET SEASON 2018-19

This starts with the first nominated BRC for each weapon after April 2018 and ends with the Cadet World Championships April 2019 when an end of season ranking will be produced

3. CADET RANKING POINTS

Please see separate document.

The calendars for each weapon will be available in the GBR section of the website.

4. SELECTION FOR NOMINATED EUROPEAN CADET CIRCUIT EVENTS

- 4.1 There will be a group of independent selectors for each weapon. If needed the ICMG Chair will be an additional selector.
- 4.2 15 fencers per weapon will be selected for these squads or a maximum of half the number of cadets on the ranking list.
- 4.3 Selection will take into account:
 - The cadet national ranking on the selection cut-off date.
 - Discretionary places allocated by the selectors to fencers if unusual circumstances apply, such as residency abroad or injury earlier in the season.
 - Any issue that may interfere with selection, such as owing money to British Fencing or a disciplinary sanction.

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- 4.4 For an international cadet event in UK, however, up to 64 British fencers can be entered so there will be open entry up to this maximum.
- 4.5 **Team events:** for those events which include a team event, teams have to be entered by the formal deadline and via the BF office. There will be an extra levy for all team fencers to cover the referee and administrative costs. Allocation of fencers to teams will be the responsibility of the weapon lead.
- 4.6 Selection cut-off dates are included in the calendars and the list of selected fencers will be announced as soon as possible after these dates. *(Please note –time is needed for the rankings to be updated and selectors to agree the list)*
- 4.7 Any athlete wishing to be selected for Great Britain at FIE or EFC competitions must compete in the National Championships in the relevant category – Cadet, Junior, U23 or Senior. Only in exceptional circumstances will an exemption be granted, which must be sought in advance from Head Office and have received written approval of the CEO. In the event an athlete is unexpectedly injured or ill a doctor's note will be required to be submitted to Head Office within one week of the date of the Championships.

5. NON-NOMINATED EUROPEAN CADET CIRCUIT EVENTS

- Any fencer can apply to be entered
- No ranking points will be given.
- If more than 4 fencers wish to go, referees will be needed so the responsibility for providing referees and the cost will be shared by all. [5-9 1 referee 10-15 2 referees]
- If necessary, selection will be in ranking order.

6. SELECTION FOR CADET EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

[4 fencers and non-travelling reserve for individual and team event]

6.1 Individual Event

6.1.1 Qualification level

At least **120 cadet points** from the best 2 results from European Cadet Circuit events nominated as internationals or from nominated Junior World Cups.

- 6.1.2 The fencers, including a non-travelling reserve, will be selected from those qualified, in accordance with the order of the cadet ranking list.

6.2 Team Event

- 6.2.1 If 3 or more fencers are qualified, the first 3 fencers will be selected for the team in order of ranking. The 4th place and reserve will be at the discretion of the selectors taking into account any factors that relate to team performance.
- 6.2.2 If only 1 or 2 fencers are qualified, they will be selected for the team and the other places and reserve will be at the discretion of the selectors – as above.
- 6.2.3 If no fencers are qualified, all places will be at the discretion of the selectors – as above.
- 6.2.4 All fencers selected for the team event will fence in the individual event as well.
- 6.2.5 A fencer who declines a team place will forfeit their individual place.

Note For those fencers interested in being selected for the GBR team for the Cadet European **team event** they are expected to attend the September and February ADP training camps as these will be designated GBR team development weekends, however, this is not compulsory (for cadets).

7. SELECTION FOR CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

[3 fencers and non-travelling reserve for individual; no team event]

7.1 Qualification level

At least **160 cadet points** from the best 2 results from European Cadet Circuit events nominated as internationals or nominated Junior World Cups.

- 7.2 The fencers, including a non-travelling reserve, will be selected from those qualified in order of the cadet ranking.
- 7.3 If fewer than 3 fencers are qualified, any qualified fencers will be selected and discretionary selections can be made in addition.

8. DISCIPLINE

The selectors will abide by any decision made as a result of any British Fencing disciplinary process.

No fencer will be eligible for selection if, at the relevant selection date, that individual has an overdue and unauthorised debt to British Fencing.

An overdue debt will be considered one which has not been paid within 30 days of notification from British Fencing or their agent that an amount is owed.

9. CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

The ICMG reserve the right to amend selection dates and calendars if circumstances change, e.g. cancellation of any of the nominated events.

10. SELECTION DISPUTES

In the event of any selection dispute, the ICMG Chair will make the final decision.

11. APPEALS & COMPLAINTS

- 11.1 Any athlete who has NOT met the relevant eligibility and performance criteria for automatic qualification for the 2019 Cadet European or World Championships, shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.
- 11.2 The Appeal Policy and Procedure will be published on the BF website.
- 11.3 Outside of matters that fall under the Appeal Policy and Procedure, general comments and complaints relating to selection can be sent to headoffice@britishfencing.com and will be handled according to the Comments and Complaints Policy.