



Junior Selection Policy 2016-2017

Definitions

“World Class Performance Team” means the Performance Director, Talent Pathway Manager, National Weapon Coaches, Talent Coach(es), Weapon Managers

“World Class Programme athlete” means any fencer named as being on the World Class Programme at any level (Podium, Podium Potential, Talent, TIC)

“An overdue debt” will be considered one that has not been paid within 30 days of notification that an amount is owed to British Fencing, by British Fencing or one of the authorised Team Managers

“Junior” in this document refers to fencers who meet the FIE eligibility criteria

General Principles / Criteria for Selection

1. Fencers will only be considered for selection if they have a satisfactory disciplinary record. The Performance Team reserves the right to omit a fencer from selection for any particular event if they deem that fencer’s disciplinary record to be unsatisfactory.
2. No fencer will be eligible for selection if, at the relevant selection date, that individual has an overdue and unauthorised debt to British Fencing.
3. Fencers are expected to maintain a satisfactory level of training and fitness. The Performance Team reserves the right to request a fitness test or omit a fencer from selection for any particular event if they deem that their fitness or training record to be unsatisfactory.
4. Fencers must be aged 16 by the date of the competition to be considered for selection for that competition. The only exception would be where the Performance Director in consultation with the Lead Talent Coach, identifies an athlete whose development would be significantly hindered by non selection.
5. In making any selection decision the Performance Team shall not be obliged to have regard to the fact that selection (or non-selection) may affect a fencer’s ranking in any other ranking scheme (e.g. Cadet, Senior, Veterans).

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6. If any conflict occurs between the above rules and anything published or appearing on the British Fencing website these rules will have precedence.
7. Applications for the correction of errors in the calculation of points for selection or any mitigating circumstances which an athlete wishes to be taken in to account in the selection decisions, should be submitted in writing to the Performance Director no later than two weeks before the identified selection date.
8. 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 or Senior. Only in exceptional circumstances will an exemption be granted, which must be sought in advance and have received written approval of the Performance Director. 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.
The only exception would be if an athlete does not have British Nationality at the point of the National Championships but subsequently receives British Nationality.
This will be applied to the National Championships held after 1st September 2016

FIE Junior World Cup Events

9. Entry to FIE Junior World Cup competitions will be governed by the conditions of the particular competition and / or FIE regulations and any fencer must meet any such conditions / regulation to be considered for selection, including holding an FIE licence.
10. According to FIE rules, a financial penalty can be imposed if a fencer fails to turn up to an event. The fencer will be liable for this penalty.
11. The top two fencers in the British Junior Rankings list at the time of selection, subject to fitness, will be entitled to be selected for the individual event.
12. The third ranked fencer in the British Junior Rankings list at the time of selection, subject to fitness, will be entitled to be selected for the individual event, ONLY if they have international points counting towards their ranking.
13. The remaining quota places may be filled by fencers, subject to fitness, selected by the Performance Team. The Performance Team will be responsible for deciding how many of the remaining places are filled.
14. Selectors will select 9 fencers plus 3 reserves.
15. All fencers selected will be given individual performance targets, which will be used in determining discretionary selection as the season progresses.

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16. Fencers for the Team events will be selected at the same time as the individual event by the Performance Team who will take into account any factors and results that they feel to be relevant in making their decision.
17. Fencers competing in the individual event will not automatically be selected for the Team event at the associated World Cup.

European and World Junior Championships 2017

18. Selection to fence in the individual events at both the European and World Junior Championships will initially be made from those fencers who have reached the necessary qualifying standard, subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs.
19. If there are more than four fencers who have reached the qualifying standard for the European Championships, the first three fencers with the highest points calculated from the table below will be selected. If fencers are on equal points, the highest individual result will count. If results are the same, the fencer with the highest Junior FIE World ranking, updated after the last nominated WC will be selected. The fourth fencer will be selected by the Performance Team.
20. If there are more than four fencers who have reached the qualifying standard for the World Championships, the first two fencers with the highest points calculated from the table below will be selected. If fencers are on equal points, the highest individual result will count. If results are the same, the fencer with the highest Junior FIE World ranking, updated after the last nominated WC, will be selected. The third fencer will be selected by the Performance Team. The Performance Team will determine, on a weapon-by-weapon basis, whether to select a fourth/reserve place. If the decision is to select, this selection will be made by the Performance Team.
21. The qualifying standard for individuals for the 2017 Junior European Championships will be **20 points**, based on the result / points table below, from the **FIRST THREE** of the nominated FIE international competitions.
22. The qualifying standard for individuals for the 2017 Junior World Championships will be **25 points**, based on the result / points table below, from **FOUR** of the nominated FIE international competitions.
23. The selection date for the Junior European Championships will be no later than be the 9th January 2017.
24. The selection date for the Junior World Championships will be no later than the 6th February 2016.
25. Points will be calculated on the following basis:

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Result	Points Awarded
L64	5
L48	7
L32	10
L16	15
L8	20
L4	30
L2	40
1st	50

26. Notwithstanding the qualifying standard for individual events, any weapon, which makes a L8 in one of the nominated FIE international team competitions, may send a team to the 2017 Junior European Championships.
27. Notwithstanding the qualifying standard for individual events, any weapon, which makes a L6, may send a team to the 2017 Junior World Championships.
28. Fencers selected for the individual competition shall not automatically be selected to fence in the Team event at the Junior European and World Championships 2017.
29. Fencers for the Team events will be selected by the Performance Team who may take into account any factors and results that they feel to be relevant in making the selection.
30. Fencers selected for the Team events may fence in the individual event, even if not qualified, provided that in doing so they do not displace a qualified fencer from competing in the individual event.
31. For the purpose of selection for both the individual and team events at the 2017 Junior European and World Championships, the Performance Team may in its absolute discretion modify the rules for points and the qualifying standard retrospectively where special circumstances affect the result of any particular competition (e.g. significantly reduced participation, walk-over result, or minimal entry).
32. All fencers provisionally selected or qualified for the 2017 Junior European and World Championships may be required to undertake a medical and fitness test, carried out by the Performance Team, prior to confirmation of selection.
33. Any athlete who has NOT met the performance criteria in paragraph 17 for automatic qualification for the 2017 Junior European or World Championships, shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.

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