

Security Policy for International Competitions & Training Camps

1. Purpose of Document

In the spring of 2017 the British Olympic Association (BOA) issued updated advice to all NGBs in light of recent terrorist activity in Europe.

The purpose of this document is to set out the British Fencing (BF) Security Policy designed to ensure that the recommendations set down by the BOA are adhered to.

The policy takes into account measures necessary to assist in the safeguarding of officials and athletes when travelling to and competing in international competitions and training camps in order to reduce any foreseeable related risks.

This policy covers all members of BF travelling abroad to compete or train.

2. British Fencing Roles & Responsibilities

In line with the recommendations from the BOA, BF will take the following precautions:

- BF (Head Office) will register all BF nominated* overseas competition and GB squad (Cadet, Junior, Senior) schedules with the relevant Foreign Office department. This ensures that the Embassy and Consular staff are aware of the BF squad's attendance.
- Where possible, BF will avoid nominating tournaments in high-risk countries. If it is not possible to substitute an alternative nominated overseas competition, BF will consider what additional security and medical advice is appropriate to support the team in the affected country.
- Where events are allocated a Team Manager (TM), the TM will check the FCO Travel Advice (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>) for the country/city hosting the event and will subscribe to the relevant alerts.
- For nominated Junior World Cups (JWCs), BF will provide the TMs and officials with a 24/7 contact number/helpline to facilitate the provision of emergency assistance. TMs will be encouraged to adopt the culture of daily "checking in and out" with the 24/7, and notification of any changes to arrivals, hotels, or competition venues.
- British Fencing will ensure that any officially appointed travel service has a 24/7 contact

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number/helpline to facilitate the provision of emergency assistance and that the details are communicated to anyone making use of this travel service.

- If at any time, BF feels it is necessary, additional training will be provided to key staff to educate them about the locations that they will be competing in, including the actions to take if involved in a terrorist attack.

*Nominated competition lists are published on the British Fencing website.

3. Athlete Roles & Responsibilities

- Athletes (and parents/guardians of athletes) travelling abroad to compete or train should check the [FCO Travel Advice](#) for that destination and subscribe to any relevant alerts.
- Where athletes are making arrangements independently of British Fencing, it is the responsibility of the athlete (or parent/guardian if U18) to ensure that they have any necessary 24/7 contact numbers and details needed in the event of emergency assistance being required.
- Unless British Fencing are entering athletes for an event (ie the event is nominated and/or an FIE event), it is the responsibility of the club, personal coach or parent to register their attendance allan.wilson@fco.gov.uk so as to “signpost” their attendance with the Embassy and Consular staff of that country.
- Anyone travelling abroad to fence should ensure that they have sufficient and appropriate travel insurance that specifically includes fencing (or officiating) at an amateur competition or training camp (NOT as a holiday activity).

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