

# SENIOR RANKING SCHEME

With effect from 1st September 2013



BRITISH FENCING

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Season</b>	The 12-month period starting on the 1st day of September in each year.
<b>Senior</b>	Open to fencers aged 13 or over before 1st January in the calendar year of the competition.
<b>Open</b>	A single gender, individual competition held in the UK which any Senior member is permitted to enter on payment of the appropriate fee.
<b>Competitions Committee</b>	The British Fencing Competitions Committee or a representative nominated by the Committee to take decisions on ranking issues.
<b>FIE Competition</b>	Any individual Senior competition appearing on the FIE calendar including such events held in the UK.
<b>Competition</b>	A contest between a group of individuals using a single type of weapon (e.g. "Men's Foil", "Women's Sabre") organised in accordance with British Fencing rules.
<b>Event</b>	One or more Competitions typically held in the same venue, under the same organising committee over a period of no more than a few consecutive days (e.g. UK Opens, FIE Competitions) and intended to be repeated on an annual basis.

## Revision History

V8.1	01/10/2013	First published version
V8.2	03/10/2013	Replaced "Junior" with "U13" in 4.1 (typo)
V8.3	07/10/2013	Corrected U13 definition for Opens

# 1 Overview

## 1.1 Purpose of the Ranking System

The British Fencing National Ranking System is a benefit of membership and provided as a service to members.

These rankings are intended to:-

- Provide a quantitative means for members to evaluate their performance over time and by comparison with other fencers.
- Provide data for organisers to assist in ranking UK domestic Events.
- Provide assistance to selectors where ranking is a component in selection.

## 1.2 Background

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999 there has been a rolling ranking scheme for all fencers eligible to take part in Senior Competitions.

Responsibility for the administration of the Ranking Scheme lies with the Competitions Committee whose decision on any ranking matter shall be final. The Ranking Scheme in each weapon is carried out to the same rules by the identified ranking co-ordinators.

Rankings are calculated by aggregating the points awarded to each fencer in accordance with the rules laid down in this document.

## 1.3 Contacts

Any queries regarding these rules should be sent in the first instance by email to Peter Smith at [peter.smith@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:peter.smith@englandfencing.org.uk).

## 2 Rules

### 2.1 Eligibility

All British Fencing members are entitled to a place on the ranking irrespective of nationality or prior affiliation with another FIE country (c.f. section 4).

- Inclusion on the BFA ranking list does not guarantee eligibility for selection, even in cases where an automatic selection is determined by ranking. Factors such as nationality, fitness and discipline will normally form an integral part of the selection rules and fencers should refer to the scheme in question to determine their eligibility.

### 2.2 Qualifying Results

Fencers may score points in any Open Competition (c.f. 2.6) or in any official FIE Competition.

### 2.3 Points Calculation

Points are awarded to fencers who reach the last 64 provided that they are placed in the top 75% of those competing.

- The 75th percentile limit shall be rounded down to the next lowest whole number. For example, in a competition with 85 competitors only those ranked 1 to 63 shall be awarded points (75% of 85 is 63.75).

The points scored in each competition are calculated by taking the grading multiplier and multiplying this by the factor assigned to each final placing (c.f. section 3).

The fencer's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results of which no more than **FOUR** results may be from FIE Competitions.

### 2.4 Timing

Calculation of the ranking points will normally be done on a monthly basis on the first day of each month using the actual results of relevant competitions during the period of twelve months ending on the last day of the previous month. No account shall be taken of the fact that a competition date may have been brought forward in a subsequent season so that the two succeeding results of the same competition may be included in the same period of 12 months.

The date of any competition shall be taken to be the date of the final.

### 2.5 Ranking Method

Fencers will be ranked in descending order of total points scored starting at rank number 1.

Where two or more fencers have the same number of points they will be assigned an equal ranking.

The positions following any equality shall be calculated as if no equal rankings existed. For example, after two fencers placed 10<sup>th</sup> equal, the following ranking assigned shall be 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 2.6 Duties of Competition Organisers

Organisers must ensure that all competitors are in possession of current British Fencing membership which includes entitlement to enter Open Competitions or that they fall within the definition of “overseas” (c.f. 4.2).

Organisers must provide British Fencing with a complete set of results from first to last place as soon as practically possible and in any event no later than 7 days after the final.

- From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, failure to notify British Fencing will lead to automatic penalties ranging from reduction in ranking points for a single Competition to the entire Event being ineligible for ranking points. Further details will be published in due course.

Notification must be in an approved format and by email to the address published on the British Fencing website.

- The results should include BFA numbers for all competitors whenever possible. From 1st September 2014 this will become mandatory.

## 3 Grading Multipliers

### 3.1 Method of Calculation

Event type	Data needed	NIF calculation method	Maximum NIF
Opens	BFA rolling rankings at 1st September or 1st March, whichever is the more recent	<p><b>Method 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 to 10 count 6</li> <li>• 11 to 20 count 3</li> <li>• 21 to 50 count 1</li> <li>• Overseas fencers (c.f. 4.2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Method 2</b> (if greater)</p> <p>0.25 times the number present.</p>	No limit
Senior British Championships	As Opens	As Open times 1.2	No limit
Satellites	<p>World ranking after the most recent World Championships or Olympic Games.</p> <p>BFA rolling rankings at 1st September or 1st March, whichever is the more recent</p>	<p><b>Method 1</b></p> <p>For <b>all fencers</b> with World Rankings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 to 20 count 30</li> <li>• 21 to 40 count 15</li> <li>• 41 to 100 count 5</li> <li>• 100 to 200 count 3</li> <li>• 200 to last fencer with points count 1</li> </ul> <p><b>For BFA members without a world ranking</b> 6, 3 or 1 as for Opens</p> <p><b>Method 2</b> (if greater)</p> <p>0.75 times the number present.</p>	1.5 times NIF for previous Senior British Championships
World Cup (A-Grades)	World ranking after the most recent World Championships or Olympic Games	<p>Sum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 to 20 count 60</li> <li>• 21 to 40 count 30</li> <li>• 41 to 100 count 10</li> </ul>	No limit
Overseas Opens	N/A	With effect from 1/12/2013 no points will be awarded for non FIE overseas events. Points gained before this date will continue to be valid for 12 months from the competition date.	

➤ For FIE competitions, results will be as obtained from the FIE website.

### 3.3 Final Position Multiplication Factors

Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier
1	20.00	17	5.60	33	2.00	49	1.68
2	18.00	18	5.56	34	1.98	50	1.66
3	16.00	19	5.52	35	1.96	51	1.64
3	16.00	20	5.48	36	1.94	52	1.62
5	13.00	21	5.44	37	1.92	53	1.60
6	12.96	22	5.40	38	1.90	54	1.58
7	12.92	23	5.36	39	1.88	55	1.56
8	12.88	24	5.32	40	1.86	56	1.54
9	8.88	25	5.28	41	1.84	57	1.52
10	8.84	26	5.24	42	1.82	58	1.50
11	8.80	27	5.20	43	1.80	59	1.48
12	8.76	28	5.16	44	1.78	60	1.46
13	8.72	29	5.12	45	1.76	61	1.44
14	8.68	30	5.08	46	1.74	62	1.42
15	8.64	31	5.04	47	1.72	63	1.40
16	8.60	32	5.00	48	1.70	64	1.38

## 4 Fencers

### 4.1 Universal Membership Requirement

Any fencer of any nationality who attends a UK club for longer than the insurance threshold (currently 12 hours of active participation) must have BFA membership. In order to enter UK Open Competitions the grade of membership must include a competition licence.

- Currently, this just means that Social and U13 membership grades are not acceptable but this will change under the new membership scheme to be introduced during 2014.

### 4.2 Overseas Fencers

Fencers who do not attend a UK club may be considered overseas and are allowed to enter Opens as guests at the sole discretion of the Competition Organiser.

Competition Organisers are not required to check FIE or National Federation licences for overseas fencers but must take all reasonable steps to ensure that only genuine overseas fencers are permitted to take advantage of this concession.

### 4.3 Calculation of NIF for Overseas Fencers

Overseas fencers participating in Opens will be assigned a notional NIF value based on their world ranking (if any) and otherwise on the NIF of BFA members finishing below them in the final ranking.

For overseas fencers with a world ranking:

World Ranking	NIF assigned
1-20	30
21-40	15
41-100	5
101-200	3
201 to last place with points	1

For all other overseas fencers:

Total NIF of fencers finishing lower	NIF assigned
12+	6
8-11	3
4-7	1
0-3	0

Only NIFs allocated to BFA members on the most recent ranking shall be included for the purposes of calculating a notional NIF.

The notional NIF calculated shall be valid only for the single Competition and shall not influence future calculations.

#### 4.4 Calculation of NIF for BFA Members

NIF values shall be assigned to members based on their position in the ranking list twice a year, on 1<sup>st</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> March. The NIF assigned shall be used to calculate the grading multiplier for competitions until the next biannual assignment.

Ranking	NIF assigned
1-10	6
11-20	3
21-50	1