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Definitions

“World Class Performance Team” means the Performance Director, National Coach(es), relevant GBR weapon coaches and the WCP support team

“World Class Programme Athlete” means any fencer named as being on the World Class Programme at any level (Podium, Podium Potential, Performance Foundations and Talent)

“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

“Senior” applies to all fencing events, which are not cadet (U/17), junior (U/20), U23 or veteran (over 40)

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. 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 ranking scheme.
5. If any conflict occurs between the above rules and anything published or appearing on the British Fencing website these rules will have precedence.
6. 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

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selection decisions, should be submitted in writing to the Performance Director no later than two weeks before the identified selection date.

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 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

8. Entry to FIE Grand Prix and 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 a BF Membership and an FIE licence.
9. 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.

FIE Grand Prix and World Cup Competitions

Selection for Men's Foil and Men's Sabre - Senior World Class Programme Weapons

10. Selection for the individual event at FIE Grand Prix and World Cup competitions will initially come from those athletes who are identified members of the British Fencing World Class Programme (WCP) at any level.
11. The selection of athletes from the WCP will be done by the Performance Team based on the following factors:
 - Commitment to an agreed and signed off training programme
 - Fitness and injury considerations
 - Progression against agreed individual goals
 - Results against performance expectations
12. Any athlete seeking selection who is not part of the WCP in these two weapons, will need to submit a request in writing to the Performance Director at least two weeks before the published selection date, providing performance based evidence to support their request for selection.

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13. Fencers selected who are not part of the WCP, will be given individual performance targets which will be used in determining discretionary selection as the season progresses.
14. Fencers for the Team events will be selected from athletes on the WCP by the Performance Team who will take into account any factors and results that they feel to be relevant in making their decision.
15. Fencers competing in the individual event will not automatically be selected for the Team event at the associated World Cup.

Selection for Men's Epee, Women's Foil, Women's Sabre and Women's Epee - Non Senior World Class Programme Weapons

16. The top ranked fencer in the British Ranking at the time of selection, subject to fitness, will be entitled to be selected for the individual event at both Grand Prix and World Cup competitions.
17. The remaining quota places may be filled by fencers, subject to fitness, selected by a Panel nominated by the Performance Director. All selections will be signed off by the Performance Director. The Performance Director alongside the Team of selectors will be responsible for deciding how many of the remaining places are filled.
18. All fencers selected will be given individual performance targets, which will be used in determining discretionary selection as the season progresses.
19. Fencers for the team events will be selected at the same time as the individual event by the selection Panel and will be signed off by the Performance Director. The Panel will take into account any factors and results that they feel to be relevant in making their decision.
20. Fencers competing in the individual event will not automatically be selected for the Team event at the associated World Cup.

European and World Championships 2017

21. Selection to fence in the individual events at both the European and World Championships 2017 will initially be made from those fencers who have reached the necessary qualifying standard, subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs.
22. The qualifying standard for individuals for the 2017 European Championships will be 45 points, based on the result / points table below, from the **first SIX** FIE international WC / GP competitions.

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23. The qualifying standard for the 2017 World Championships will be 60 points, based on the results / points table below, from **all EIGHT** FIE international WC / GP competitions in addition to the 2017 European Championships (as appropriate).

24. Points will be calculated on the following basis:

Result	Points Awarded
L64	5
L32	15
L16	30
L8	45
L4	60
L2	75
1st	90

25. Notwithstanding the qualifying standard for individual events, any weapon which stands in the Top 10 of the world cup team rankings at the 7th April 2017 may send a full team of four fencers to the 2017 European championships. If a team finishes in the top eight places at the 2017 European Championships, they may send a full team of four fencers to the 2017 World championships. All other Team selections will be discretionary.

26. Fencers selected for the individual competition shall not automatically be selected to fence in the Team event at either the European or World Championships 2017.

27. Fencers for the Team event 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.

28. Fencers selected for the Team event 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.

29. For the purpose of selection for both the individual and team events at the 2017 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).

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30. Any athlete who has not met the performance criteria in paragraphs 22 and 23 for automatic qualification for the 2017 European and World Championships, shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.

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