

## SENIOR SELECTION POLICY 2015 – 2016

### Definitions

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

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

“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 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 other ranking scheme (e.g. Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veterans).
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 selection decisions, should be submitted in writing to the Performance Director no later than two weeks before the identified selection date.

### FIE Grand Prix and World Cup Events

7. 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 an FIE licence.
8. 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.
9. The top two fencers in the Senior 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.

10. 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.
11. Fencers selected may be given individual performance targets, which will be used in determining discretionary selection as the season progresses.
12. Fencers for the Team events will be selected by the Performance Team who will take into account any factors and results that they feel to be relevant in making their decision.
13. Fencers competing in the individual event will not automatically be selected for the Team event at the associated World Cup.

### European Championships 2016

14. Selection to fence in the individual event at the European Championships will initially be made from those fencers who have reached the necessary qualifying standard, subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs. In addition, any athlete qualified for the Olympic Games in Rio 2016, will be selected to fence.
15. The qualifying standard for individuals for the 2016 European Championships will be **45 points**, based on the result / points table below, from the first **SEVEN** FIE international WC / GP competitions.
16. 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

17. Notwithstanding the qualifying standard for individual events, any weapon which stands in the Top 10 of the world cup team rankings at the 31<sup>st</sup> April 2016 may send a full team of four fencers to the 2016 European championships.
18. Fencers selected for the individual competition shall not automatically be selected to fence in the Team event at the European Championships.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. For the purpose of selection for both the individual and team events at the 2016 European 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).
22. Any athlete who has not met the performance criteria in paragraphs 15 and 16 for automatic qualification for the 2016 European Championships, shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.

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NB Please note that there is a separate selection document for the European Zone Championships and Olympic Games 2016 in addition to the World Team Championships 2016.