

GBR U23 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 SELECTION POLICY

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1. PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document lays out the BF selection policy for the Under 23 European Championships 2020

2. DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

“**Athlete Development Team (ADT)**” means the Athlete Development Programme (ADP) Manager, ADP Coaches and Weapon Managers.

“**U23 Selection Team**” means three of the senior selectors, one from each weapon, in conjunction with three ADP representatives, one from each weapon.

“**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

“**Under 23 or U23**” in this document refers to fencers who meet the FIE eligibility criteria for that category - fencers who are under 23 on 1st January 2020

“**Disciplinary Record**” means the record of

the status, outcome and resulting sanction of any disciplinary cases and complaints relating to breaches of BF Codes of Conduct and/or BF Policy within the last 18 months

- a) any current disciplinary sanction imposed by BF, Home Country Associations, FIE and/or any other relevant authority.

“**British Senior Ranking**” means the Senior Ranking list compiled by British Fencing according to the published associated ranking scheme document. For the avoidance of doubt, unless specifically stated otherwise, this is the rolling ranking

“**Under 23 European Ranking**” means Under 23 ranking lists compiled by the European Fencing Confederation, which is published on the European Fencing Confederation website at <https://www.eurofencing.info/rankings/individual-rankings>

3. GOVERNANCE

This document is approved by the BF Board and published on the BF website

The BF Board delegates the implementation and execution of the policy including any related processes, procedures and structure to the CEO

In turn, the CEO delegates responsibilities as follows:

U23 Selection Team

- Selection for the European U23 Championships

The names of the individual members of the U23 Selection team will be published on the BF website

This document will be reviewed annually. Any changes will be approved by the BF Board

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

4.1 ALL EVENTS (NON-NOMINATED, NOMINATED TEAM/INDIVIDUAL, EUROS AND WORLDS)

1. Fencers will only be considered for selection if they have a satisfactory Disciplinary Record. The U23 Selection Team reserves the right to omit a fencer from selection for any 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. If any conflict occurs between the above rules and anything published or appearing on the British Fencing website, these rules will have precedence
4. Applications for the correction of errors in the calculation of ranking points should be sent to rankings@britishfencing.com and BF Head Office headoffice@britishfencing.com within 48 hours of the ranking points being published
5. Any mitigating circumstances or discretionary case which an athlete wishes to be taken into account in the selection decisions should be submitted in writing using the appropriate form available on the British Fencing website. These should be sent to BF Head Office no later than two weeks before the identified selection date.
6. 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, U23 or Senior.

In exceptional circumstances an exemption may be granted

- 6.1 Exemptions must be sought in advance of the relevant National Championships from British Fencing Head Office by email or in writing at least 2 weeks before the date of competition
- 6.2 Exemptions must have the written approval of the CEO
- 6.3 In the event of injury or illness preventing participation in the relevant championships, a valid signed doctor's note will be required, and must be submitted to Head Office within one week of the date of the Championships
- 6.4 The only other exception would be if an athlete does not have British Nationality at the point of the National Championships but subsequently receives British Nationality

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7. In making any selection decision the selectors 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
8. Athletes must be compliant with the BF Anti-Doping Policy at all times. Failure to comply will normally result in non-selection or de-selection
9. Entry to the European U23 Championships will be governed by the conditions of the particular competition and / or EFC regulations and any fencer must meet such conditions / regulation to be considered for selection, including holding a BF Membership and an EFC licence
10. According to EFC rules, a financial penalty may be imposed if a fencer fails to turn up to an event. The fencer will be liable for this penalty

5. EUROPEAN U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

5.1 PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTION

11. Three places will be available for athletes ranked within the top 30 of the EFC U23 ranking at the time of selection. If there are more than three fencers ranked in the top 30 of the EFC U23 rankings, the highest three fencers will be selected
12. In the event that three fencers cannot be selected per point 1, then the top 3 U23 fencers with FIE points contributing to their total at the cut off date, and ranked within the top 20 of the British Senior Ranking (once non-GBR athletes have been removed), will be eligible for selection. Selection will be in ranking order.
13. If three fencers cannot be selected per points 1 and 2, discretionary places can be allocated, taking into account past performances at –
 - Senior Satellites/World Cups/Grand Prix/European and World Championships
 - Junior World Cups/European and World Championships
 - World University Games
 - European U23 Circuit/European U23 Championships
14. A fourth place and a reserve may also be allocated by the selectors, taking into account the same criteria as outlined in point 3.
15. The selection cut-off date for the U23 European Championships will be 1st March 2020.

6. RANKING PUBLICATIONS & SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. The aim is to publish updated GB Senior rankings at the start of every month.

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17. It is the athlete's responsibility to check rankings and selections and take appropriate action. Selected athletes will receive an email with instructions about accepting their place.
18. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their email address in the membership platform and check it regularly.
19. In accepting selection an athlete (and the parent/guardian for a minor) is agreeing to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of selection and all relevant BF Codes of Conduct, policies and procedures as published on the BF website.

7. APPEALS & COMPLAINTS

20. Errors in ranking point calculations identified after selection should be notified to rankings@britishfencing.com and headoffice@britishfencing.com. (see above)
21. Any athlete who has NOT met the relevant eligibility and performance criteria for automatic qualification for the European U23 Championships 2020, shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.
22. The Appeal Policy and Procedure will be published on the BF website.
23. Outside of matters that fall under the Appeal Policy and Procedure, general comments and complaints relating to selection can be sent to headoffice@britishfencing.com and will be handled according to the Comments and Complaints Policy.