

BRITISH RANKING COMPETITION (BRC) APPLICATION PROCESS AND STANDARDS

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1. APPLICATION PROCESS AND APPROVAL CRITERIA

Only one A, B, or C British Ranking Competition (BRC) of the same weapon, age, and gender category can be held on the same calendar day. BF reserves the right to prioritise its events in the BF calendar (A events).

1.1 CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL - B EVENTS

BF will allocate B events to individual event organisers based on suitability and previous delivery performances. Organisers interested in running a B event should contact events@britishfencing.com. BF may also reach out directly to organisers to run B Events.

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The Home Nations of Welsh Fencing, Scottish Fencing, England Fencing and Northern Ireland Fencing are given priority for hosting B events - should they wish to run them.

1.2 CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL - C EVENTS

For C events, Organisers are only permitted one event of the same weapon, age, and gender category per season.

Events may be run by the same event organiser but hosted in different locations around the country (more than 25 miles from each other)

E.g. -

Elite Epee (Moulton, Northampton) and

Elite Epee (Ashstead, Surrey)

Series Events, such as the Leon Paul Junior Series, can hold more than one event per season as these are delivered by separate clubs or individuals, on their behalf, throughout the UK. These events would be considered separate and can be sanctioned as they are in different areas of the country and don't clash.

E.g., LPJS Bristol, Manchester, Fighting Fit (London), and Salle Boston.

C events should avoid clashing unless they are over 100 miles apart. If they do not clash, we may sanction both events at BF's discretion.

C events will not be sanctioned if they clash with GBR Performance camps.

Organisers are required to submit an [application form](#). The BF team then assesses applications, and organisers are informed of whether their event has been approved to become a BRC event.

1.3 CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL - D EVENTS

D events should avoid clashing with other events where possible, but it is recognised that the audience for these events differs.

BF will have the final discretion and work with organisers to find alternative dates if the initial application is declined due to a date clash.

Organisers are required to submit an [application form](#). The BF team then assesses applications, and organisers are informed of whether their event has been approved to become a BRC event.

2. EXPECTED STANDARDS FOR ALL BRC EVENTS

All British Ranking Competitions (BRCs) must be run to the below standards:

- The event format is pre-agreed with BF and publicised on event entry information.
- Fully trained Welfare Officer/s are present throughout the competition.
- Medical provision throughout the event, at minimum access to a trained First Aider - venues may provide this cover. Organisers must confirm the medical provision with the venue ahead of the event.
- Minimum piste placement as per BF Safety guidelines (17th Edition) / Suitable space between pistes and at the end of pistes
- Visible promotion of the BF Fair Play Code and reminders and guidance for parents and spectators
- All events must comply with the BF Sanctioned Events Policies
- All members of the organising committee to be members of BF (supporter membership minimum)
- Documented Risk Assessment (for insurance purposes): this and your pre-event health and safety checklist must be reviewed on the event day. Must be available to BF upon request.
- Earliest scheduled start time: 8 am, Latest scheduled finish time: 8 pm

2.1 ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR B BRCS

- Open to all eligible Compete BF Members
- Conductive pistes from L16 (Foil, Epee). Marked out and safe (Sabre).
- There is no self-refereeing. Ideally, referees should be at least Level 2 (at the weapon being fenced) and Level 3 from L8.
- Designated Head Referee
- Refreshments are available, including access to refill water bottles
- Temperature control of competition hall(s)
- Strong wi-fi connection throughout the venue
- The BF Membership Platform (Sport80) will be used to process all event entries and associated fees. No offline or on-the-day entries are permitted.

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- All official email communications regarding the event must be sent through the BF Membership Platform. Organisers are not permitted to use the entrants' personal data for any purpose other than the management of the event.
- Organisers are to use computer technology to run the competition (Fencing Time/En Garde) to run competition. They must upload results to the BF Platform within 24 hours of the completion of the ranking event in the correct format. A guide to uploading result files can be found [here](#).
- Organisers are expected to update results online throughout the event and publish the results link.
- Organisers must have a backup computer/laptop and printer for use if the primary computer fails.
- Organisers will work with BF to run L2 Referee courses and other training opportunities where possible.
- Score and time boxes used from DE at a minimum.

2.2 ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR C BRCS

- Open to all eligible Compete BF Members
- Safe and marked-out pistes.
- Referees are expected to be provided, and referees should have reasonable competence.
- Access to drinking water from refillable bottles
- Temperature control of competition hall(s)
- The event must be sanctioned on the BF Membership Platform (www.bf.sport80.com). Organisers are permitted to take entries through external systems. If using an external system to take event entries, organisers must use the membership lookup tool to check the validity of entries)
- Organisers are not permitted to use the entrants' personal data for any purpose other than the management of the event.
- Organisers are to use computer technology to run the competition (Fencing Time/En Garde) to run competition. They must upload results to the BF Platform in line within 24 hours of completing the ranking event in the correct format. A guide to uploading result files can be found [here](#).
- Organisers are expected to update results online throughout the event and publish the results link.

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- Organisers must have a backup computer/laptop and printer for use during the event if the primary computer fails.
- Score and time boxes from the DE stage are recommended (but not essential)

2.3 ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR D BRCS

- Closed Events - such as Regional or County Championships, National Closed Events (Home Country Closed) and Intermediate Events
- Safe and marked-out pistes.
- Referees are expected to be provided, and referees should have a level of competence. Self-refereeing is allowed if insufficient numbers are available.
- The event must be sanctioned on the BF Membership Platform (www.bf.sport80.com). Organisers are permitted to take entries through external systems. If using an external system to take event entries, organisers must use the membership lookup tool to check the validity of entries)
- Organisers are not permitted to use the entrants' personal data for any purpose other than the management of the event.
- Organisers may use computer technology to run the competition (Fencing Time/En Garde) to run competition. They must upload results to the BF Platform within 24 hours of the completion of the ranking event in the correct format. A guide to uploading result files can be found [here](#). If not using computer technology to run the competitions, organisers must ensure they can provide results in the correct format file for result upload ([click here to download template](#))
- Organisers should have a backup computer/laptop and printer for use if the primary computer fails.
- Electric boxes are recommended (but not essential)

Failure to comply with expected standards for an event may cause the event to be downgraded to a lower category.