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# Objectives of the U14 Competition and Ranking Structure

- Promoting the fun of competing in youth competitions in a safe environment.
- Providing localised competition experiences.
- Preparing fencers to transition to the U17 age group better.
- Encouraging positive behaviours and the development of resilience at an early age.
- Championing fair and inclusive competition experiences.
- Supporting existing youth competitions already delivers an excellent event for these age groups.
- Standardising best practices for competition organisers and, coaches and supporters.

Further information can be found <u>here</u>



#### **U14** Ranking Scheme

- Based on the existing structure for Cadets (U17) and Juniors (U20)
- Draft scheme now published and open for community consultation until 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – More information here



# Upcoming Domestic Competitions – U14 British Open Championships

- For all U14 compete licensed members of British Fencing, including fencers not eligible to compete for GBR and international visitors.
- Priority entry will be available for 2011,2012, 2013 (and those 2014 birth years who are age 10 on the day of the competition) up to 11th June. On 12th June 2024 entry will be opened to the 2010 fencers at 12 noon (BST).
- 2010 birth year fencers will not receive U14 BF ranking points or U17 BF ranking points.
- As the international U14 season starts to formalise, we expect in future to align the BF domestic U14 season dates and the dates where fencers transition age groups. This may impact future event eligibility.

**Event Webpage** 



# **Upcoming Domestic Competitions**

- Moulton U14 Elite Epee BRC 6-7<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- September 'A' Events 14-15<sup>th</sup> September, University of Nottingham (Foil and Sabre)

22<sup>nd</sup> September, London (Epee)

- Further events will be announced over the summer period.
- Proposed events can be found on the GBR Calendars
- Once entries are open, they will be visible to enter on Sport:80



#### **EFC U14 Circuit Events**

There is no intended change to the BF entry process for EFC U14s. There is a direct open application process for entry and some Home Nations have additional separate ranking/selection processes to allow athletes to attend in representational squads.



## EFC U14 Youth Fencing Festival

- To be held in Budapest, Hungary 28-30<sup>th</sup> June
- BF is the recognised National Federation responsible for submitting entries to the EFC events.
- Eligible fencers who wish to participate can now express interest in attending
- Further information can be found here



