

THE GB CUP 2018

Entry information for Regions: THE GB CUP 2018

Date: Saturday 23rd June 2018

Venue: David Ross Sports Centre, The University of Nottingham

Closing Date for Regional Entries: Friday 18th May 2018

1. Overview

- 1.1 Regions will nominate a new or existing event as a regional GB Cup qualifier. Based on placings in those events, the Regions would select the two highest placed fencers, who meet the eligibility criteria outlined below, to represent their Region at the national finals.
- 1.2 The qualifying events may include Regional Championships or Opens, which will be hosted and run by the Regions and the existing teams of competition organisers.
- 1.3 The GB Cup is a six-weapon event.
- 1.4 The GB Cup final will be organised by British Fencing, with the support of the Regions to ensure a suitable volunteer workforce is available to support the event.

2. Rules

2.1 Eligibility:

To be eligible to compete in the GB Cup final fencers must:

- 2.1.1 Be aged 16 or over on 1 January 2018.
- 2.1.2 Be ranked outside of the top 50 of National Senior rankings in their weapon for Women's Foil, Epee, Sabre and Men's Sabre and top 80 for Men's Foil and Epee as at 1 January 2018.
- 2.1.3 Have never represented their Nation at any level (including GB, home nations or other national equivalents).
- 2.1.4 Have never won a Senior Open event
- 2.1.5 Fencers may only enter the Regional event in the Region they have specified on their British Fencing Membership.
- 2.1.6 Fencers may only fence in one qualifying event per season.
- 2.1.7 Fencers may only enter the GB Cup in one weapon.
- 2.1.8 Fencers must be UK residents.
- 2.1.9 Entries will only be accepted via the Regions.

2.2 Competition Format:

- 2.2.1 The competitions are run under BF rules, subject to changes outlined in these rules. The format will be set to allow maximum fencing. As a minimum, there will be two rounds of poules followed by a DE but will finalise the format based on final size of entry.
- 2.2.2 In Foil events size 5 blades will be used throughout and lame bibs and mask wires will be required.

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- 2.2.3 In Sabre events 800N gloves will be necessary at the finals event as per BF rules – please see <http://britishfencing.com/news/latest-news/?n=841>

3. Qualification for the GB CUP:

- 3.1.1 Each Region will be able to enter two fencers per weapon in the GB Cup.
- 3.1.2 All fencers, both in the finals and the qualifying competitions, must be members of British Fencing and meet all the eligibility criteria outlined above. Any fencer found to have competed in a regional event without the appropriate membership, or who fails to meet the eligibility criteria, are liable to be disqualified from the finals event. No refunds will be made to disqualified fencers.
- 3.1.3 There is no charge to the region for entries to the qualifying competition.
- 3.1.4 The entry fee per fencer to the GB Cup is £27.00. It is entirely up to regions how they collect this from the competitors. Regions making a late entry must pay an additional £100.00.

4. Method of Entry

4.1 Prior to the qualifying competition:

- 4.1.1 All competitors should be confirmed members of British Fencing (BF) - please email Head Office at headoffice@britishfencing.com who will be able to supply you with details to check all memberships. Proof does not need to be provided on the day.

4.2 At the qualifying competition:

- 4.2.1 Calculate the entry as outlined below and notify the qualifying fencers.
- 4.2.2 Ensure that the following information is obtained from all qualifiers: Surname and forename in full; membership number; date of birth [recorded day, month, year]. Please note that entries will NOT be accepted without this information.
- 4.2.3 For qualifiers under the age of 18 a Parental Consent form will need to be filled in electronically prior to the finals event and will be available on the BF website. This will also be sent to all qualifiers under the age of 18 using the email address on a fencers membership profile in advance of the event. Please do remind fencers to ensure their profile is up-to-date.
- 4.2.4 Advise all qualifiers that a list of finalists will be posted on the BF website as soon as possible after the closing date.
- 4.2.5 Entries will only be accepted via the regions.

4.3 Before the closing date:

- 4.3.1 Complete the online entry through bf.sport80.com. One representative from each region will be given 'admin' access to all athletes from that region to allow them to complete the entry process and a template for uploading the entries will be provided. Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer or swipe – please confirm this at the point of entry.
- 4.3.2 If Engarde has been used to run the qualifying competition, please keep a copy of the competition files until at least the date of the finals event so they can be requested if necessary.
- 4.3.3 If the qualifying competition has been run manually, please keep documentation until at least the date of the finals event so they can be requested if necessary. This information should include the draw for the first round together with copies of tableau, final tableau and any poules sheets from which

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qualifiers were promoted. Please note if requested these are only required for checking and are then destroyed. Regions are advised to make copies.

5. Refereeing:

- 5.1 Each region will be required to provide a minimum of one referee. Failure to provide this will result in a £100 charge to cover the cost of a referee replacement.
- 5.2 British Fencing will also supply a number of FIE and pathway referees.
- 5.3 Some self-refereeing may be necessary.