



BRITISH FENCING

British Junior Ranking and Selection Scheme 2011-12

This scheme is for the purpose of

1. Compiling the British Junior ranking lists
2. Selecting fencers for the nominated Junior World Cups
3. Selecting the British team for the Junior European Championships
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Junior European Championships – Porec March 2012

Junior World Championships – Moscow April 2012

Definitions

Junior in this document refers to fencers who are under 20 on 1st January 2012 (Born 1992 or later).

BSC means British Selection Circuit event

Major Events means World or European Championships

NIF stands for Notional International Fencer and refers to the score worked out for each competition that gives an objective measure of the standard of that event.

Qualifying dates

The scoring period for Junior fencers starts on the 1st June but for 2011 there will be no selection events between 1st June and 1st September.

The scoring period ends after the last selection event before the relevant selection date.

For 2011-12 the final selection dates set by the International Committee are:-

European Championships - after last nominated event in December 2011

Team preparation day 19th February 2012

World Championships 7th February 2012 (unless extension granted by IC)

Team preparation day 18th March 2012

Junior Points Scheme

Points will be awarded for:-

1. The British Junior Championships.
2. The fencer's best three domestic results. Weapon Committees will select (nominate) four domestic events. Only two of these domestic events may be senior opens
3. The fencer's best three international results. Weapon Committees will select (nominate) four Junior World Cup events.

Hence for the Junior ranking list the best **seven** results will count: the British Junior Championships, the best three domestic and the best three international competitions (from the nominated list as described above).

NB. Junior World Cup events taking place in the UK e.g. Eden Cup, count as international events.

Fencers resident abroad (new)

Fencers living permanently abroad may include points from up to 3 events in their country of residence to count in place of the UK domestic selection events. Each event must be nominated beforehand for approval from the weapon; the results will need to be published and easily available and full details must be sent immediately after the event to the weapon manager.

For 2011/12 only overseas events between 1st September and the selection date for the European Championships can be used.

See appendix 1 for further details.

The Junior British Championship results cannot be replaced by points from any other event.

Selection for Junior World Cup Events

The weapon manager will be responsible for this process.

Normally the squad will comprise a maximum of 9 fencers. Exceptionally 12 may be sent eg if the weapon is particularly strong (as long as 2 referees can be provided).

The fencers will be selected in the order of the Junior British Ranking on the selection date. One place can be allocated to a fencer not in the top 9 (or 12) of the ranking list if exceptional circumstances apply.

The selection panel will be required to approve this decision.

All fencers will be accommodated as a squad under the direction of British Fencing Officials immediately prior to and during the event. This is a condition of participation.

Selection process for GBR Junior Teams

The teams will be proposed to the International Committee by the weapon manager.

If the proposed selection does not follow the order of the ranking list, the selection panel process will be used.

The International Committee will be responsible for selecting these teams.

There is an appeal procedure that can be used in certain circumstances. (see BF website)

Selection for Junior European Championships 2012 [4 fencers for individual and team event]

Qualification level

2x L64 or 1x L32, in nominated Junior World Cups, where the fencer has won at least one DE fight or had a bye through a DE round. For a L64 to count they must be in the top 50% of the number competing.

The team of 4 + reserve will be proposed for selection by the weapon manager from those qualified, in accordance with the order of the Junior ranking list on the selection date above. However, the International Committee reserve the right, in exceptional circumstances, to select fencers for the European Championships who are not in the top 5 of the Junior ranking list or who are not qualified, provided that no qualified fencer is displaced. If only 3 fencers are qualified, a 4th to complete the team can be proposed for selection.

Selection for Junior World Championships 2012 [3 fencers for individual, 4 for team event]

Qualification level

7500 points from the best 3 results in the 4 nominated Junior World Cup events

Selection for the first two places will be proposed to the International Committee by the weapon manager in accordance with the order of the Junior ranking list on the selection date above from fencers who have gained the qualifying standard.

The third place is discretionary but will be proposed in the same way as the first two places unless there are exceptional circumstances. If there are insufficient qualified fencers, any other fencer may be proposed.

The fourth fencer for the team event and the **reserve** may be any fencers proposed by the weapon manager.

The International Committee reserves the right, in the light of exceptional circumstances, (eg cancellation of nominated Junior World Cup events), to modify the qualifying standard for both Championships and to consider a fencer recommended for selection who has not reached the standard described above.

Discipline

The selectors will abide by any decision made as a result of any British Fencing disciplinary process.

Fitness

If any fencer's fitness is in doubt they will be asked to satisfy the International Committee as to their fitness to prepare adequately or compete. This may be established by fitness testing and/ or medical reports as directed by the International Committee or by using data from the National Academy Programme. Selection will be provisional on fitness being confirmed to the satisfaction of the International Committee. Testing may be carried out at the team preparation days for selected fencers.

Training

Fencers must satisfy the International Committee that they are undertaking an appropriate training program before being selected to compete in the European or World championships. Fencers who are selected will be expected to attend the team preparation days for the events:

19th February 2012 for the European Championship team.

18th March 2012 for the World Championship team.

Compilation of the 2011/12 Junior ranking list

The rankings will start from 0 at the beginning of the season. Points coordinators will publish an initial ranking list (the final ranking from 10-11 with fencers born in 91 removed) to be used for calculating the NIF for junior events and for seeding the first event.

Points are awarded to fencers who reach the **last 64** of a nominated competition, provided that in doing so they are placed in the **top 50%** of those competing (this number must not be rounded, 50% is within, and 50.1% is not) for international events and top 75% for domestic events. When measuring the number of entries any fencer who starts the competition will be included (even if they withdraw or are disqualified) & all starters will count towards the grading of the event, i.e. will be included in the NIF count.

Calculation of points

The points total scored in each competition is calculated by taking the grading points (NIF), representing the strength of the competition, and multiplying this value by the factor assigned to the fencer's final position (see link to table on website – places 1-64). An additional multiplier will be applied as shown in Table 1

Table 1. Additional multipliers applied to NIF count for junior rankings	
Domestic events	
Senior	NIF x 2
Junior	NIF x 1
International events	
Junior World Cup NIF x 10	
Table 2. Calculation of NIF count for junior World Cup events	
Junior World ranking	Points awarded per fencer
1-20	6
21-40	3
41-100	1

The NIF count is calculated using the top 100 of the Junior World ranking updated **before each nominated junior World Cup event.**

Domestic events will have a NIF score based on the Initial Junior Ranking List. The NIF will be calculated by awarding 6, 3 and 1 points for those in the top 10, 11-20 and 21-50 respectively.

Any domestic junior events counting towards the Junior ranking list will have a minimum NIF of 75, however, if the actual NIF is lower than this and selection between two fencers for Major Events is close enough for the results from such an event to alter the selection, the NIF for the event will be recalculated (for the purpose of the selection process only) to reflect the actual strength of the event.

Calculation of NIF count for senior events

For details of the system used to calculate points for all senior events please refer to the senior version of the ranking scheme.

Multipliers for places 1 – 64

*See table on website – International section

http://www.britishfencing.com/international/selections_and_rankings/points_multipliers_for_places_1-64/

Appendix

Overseas Based Fencers- Trial for 2011/12 season

This applies to any junior fencer resident abroad from 1st September to 31st December

Overseas based fencers may substitute up to three domestic events with results from overseas events with the following conditions:

1. Events must be substituted like for like (i.e. Junior for a Junior) so a maximum of two Senior events can be included
2. Events must be nominated before the start of the season (1st September) and approved by the IC. No changes may be made after this date apart from a change of date of the event. The IC's decision is final.
3. All nominated events must fall between the start of the GB domestic calendar (1st September for 2011) and the selection date for the European Championships.
4. On any particular GB selection date, an overseas based fencer may only count as many events as have been completed on the domestic circuit at that date, counting events like for like (junior for junior etc).
5. If the overseas fencer has completed fewer events than domestic fencers on any GB selection date, no further consideration will be made.
6. Results from nominated events must be verifiable by the points co-ordinators i.e full details published.
7. Fencers must supply results plus verifiable supporting information, such as sources for local National rankings, full competition results etc, to the points co-ordinators.
8. Results must be notified within 14 days of the event. If results & supporting evidence are not supplied in time for any GB selection date, the rankings will be published without taking account of the result for the purpose of team selection. They will not be added retrospectively
9. NIF calculations will be arbitrarily calculated based on the GB NIF system and any modification factor, according to supplied data and an assessment made by the points coordinators. Their decision will be final.
10. The NIF for any event will be limited to a maximum of 75.

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