

International Youth Committee

British Junior Ranking and Selection Scheme 2014-15 update1

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 – 1-5 March 2015 Maribor Slovenia

Junior World Championships – 6-12 April 2015 venue tbc

Please note however that, as there is an ongoing review of the GBR ranking schemes, this document may be subject to certain amendments.

Definitions

Junior in this document refers to fencers who are under 20 on 1st January 2015 (Born 1995 or later).

BSC - British Selection Circuit event – this includes all nominated domestic competitions apart from the British Junior Championships

Major Events - World or European Championships

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

IYC – International Youth Committee

WCP - World Class Programme

PD – Performance Director

Performance Team in this document means PD / Head Technical Coach / WCP Weapon Coach (as appropriate)

TP – Talent Programmes

The Junior Season

A **rolling ranking** will be introduced this season to take over once the carry-over has been dropped. Any new BSCs that weapons choose to nominate after the selection dates below can count for this rolling ranking. There will then be no need for any carry over into the 15/16 season.

For 2014-15 the final selection dates set by the IYC are:-

European Championship selection 15th December 2015

World Championship selection 16th February 2015

The carry-over of points (as previously published) will be:

50% of best 3 international points (to include Europeans and Worlds)

50% of 2014 Junior National Championship points

These points will be dropped after the second BSC event.

The rolling ranking will then come into play; this will include the best results – as detailed below- from all the 14/15 BSCs and internationals.

[NB There will not be any varied weighting for competitions through the next extended season but this will be reviewed by May 2015]

Junior Ranking Scheme

Points will be awarded for:-

1. The fencer's best **three domestic (BSC)** results.
2. The fencer's best **three international** results.

Weapons will select (nominate) four Junior World Cup events.

The Junior European and Junior World Championships can also count for the rolling ranking .

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

3. The **British Junior Championships** with a multiplier of 1.5

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

It is the responsibility of the 2 weapon co-ordinators, in conjunction with the lead TP coach, to select the nominated events.

The calendars for each weapon squad will be available on the British Fencing website and from the Weapon Coordinator.

Selection for Junior World Cup Events

The weapon co-ordinator, (or assistant co-ordinator if any conflict of interest), and Lead Talent Coach for the weapon, (or TP manager if any conflict), are the selectors and will be responsible for this process. If necessary, the final decision rests with the PD.
The squad will comprise a maximum of nine fencers.

First international event – the GBR 2014 Junior Champion + the three highest ranked fencers in the Junior British Ranking on the selection date will be selected. Additional places may be allocated by the selectors up to a maximum of nine attending fencers.

Subsequent international events - fencers ranked 1-4 in the Junior British Ranking on the selection date will be selected. Additional places may be allocated by the selectors up to a maximum of nine attending fencers.

Automatic places

- GBR Junior National Champion – first international of the following season (2015/16)
- Top 8 Euros/Worlds - first two junior internationals
- Top 4 in Euros/Worlds - all four junior internationals

All the above are conditional on fitness and carrying out an approved personal training programme.

British Junior Teams

The World Class Programme is responsible for the selection and management of the junior teams for the European and World Championships

Conditions of selection

Fencers must satisfy the Performance Team that they are undertaking an appropriate training programme before being selected to compete in the Junior World or European Championships. Any team preparation days must be included in the training programme. Their periodised training programmes and fitness test scores must be submitted to the Lead Talent Coach by 31.7.14

[http://britishfencing.com/uploads/files/fitness_prerequisites_for_international_selection_\(cadets&juniors\)_2014-15v4.docx](http://britishfencing.com/uploads/files/fitness_prerequisites_for_international_selection_(cadets&juniors)_2014-15v4.docx)

Selection for Junior European Championships 2015

[4 fencers for individual and team event]

Qualification level

7500 ranking points from the best three results in the nominated Junior World Cup events

The team of four plus non-travelling reserve will be selected from those qualified in accordance with the order of the Junior ranking list on the selection date above. However, the Performance Team reserve the right to select fencers for the European Championships who are not in the top five of the Junior ranking list or who are not qualified, provided that no qualified fencer is displaced.

Selection for Junior World Championships 2015

[3 fencers for individual, 4 for team event]

Qualification level

7500 ranking points from the best three results in the nominated Junior World Cup events.

Additionally the Performance Team reserve the right to select any team placed in the top eight of the Junior European Championships.

Selection for the first two places will be made in order from the Junior ranking list (determined by the scheme described here) on the selection date from fencers who have gained the qualifying standard as above.

The third, fourth and reserve places are discretionary and will be decided by the Performance Team.

If there are insufficient qualified fencers, the Performance Team may select any other fencer.

The Performance Team in consultation with the IYC, reserves the right, in the light of exceptional circumstances, (e.g. 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.

No fencer will be eligible for selection if, at the relevant selection date, that individual has an overdue and unauthorised debt to British Fencing.

An overdue debt will be considered one which has not been paid within 30 days of notification from BF or one of the authorised Team Managers that an amount is owed.

Fitness

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

Training

Fencers must satisfy the Performance Team that they are undertaking an appropriate training programme before being selected to compete in the European or World Championships. Fencers who are selected will be expected to attend any team preparation days for the events and these must be included in their individual training programme submitted as above.

Compilation of the Junior ranking list

The initial ranking list will be compiled using the carry-over of points as described above. These points will be dropped after the second BSC when the rolling ranking will start using all BSCs and nominated internationals from July 2014 onwards.

This initial ranking will be used for calculating the NIF and for seeding the first BSC 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	International events
Senior NIF x 2	Junior World Cup NIF x 10
Junior /U23 NIF x 1	
Junior British Championships NIF x 1.5	
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 international 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 Junior Ranking List, **updated before each BSC event**.

This NIF will be calculated by awarding 6, 3, and 1 points for those in the top 10, 11-20 and 21-50 respectively.

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. If the NIF value is higher when calculated as if a Junior-only event, the higher value will stand.

Multipliers for places 1 – 64 See table on website – International section

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

NB: The Performance Team and/or the IYC reserve the right to amend selection dates and calendars if circumstances change, e.g. cancellation or date change of any of the nominated events.

In the event of any selection dispute, the Performance Director will make the final decision

Please see also the Youth Trips section <http://www.britishfencing.com/GBR/youthtrips/>

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