

JUNIOR WOMEN'S FOIL 2009/10 RANKING AND SELECTION SCHEMES v2

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Ages Juniors must have been born in **1990** or later.

Junior European Championships 3– 9 November 2009 Odense

Selection date will be immediately after the 2009 GBR Senior Championships.

The junior ranking to be used for selection will be compiled as follows:-

- The ranking used for the Junior World Championships' selection plus
- Any Junior World Championships result (will be added as a 4th international result) with
- The 2009 GBR Senior Championship results replacing that of 2008.

Selection will be made in accordance with the order of this ranking. The first 3 on the ranking will be selected automatically; the 4th place (and reserves) will normally be selected in ranking order unless the selectors consider that there are special reasons to nominate a lower ranked fencer. The selectors or International Committee may also decline to select a full team if they consider that the results do not merit selection.

Junior European Championships 2010 - as this date may be changed the selection rules will be confirmed in Nov/Dec 2009 if possible.

Season and Selection dates

- The season will run from 1 July 2009 until 15th February 2010.
 - The World Championship Junior team will be selected immediately after the last nominated competition.

NB: The team will be subject to ratification by the International Committee in February 2009.

Junior Nominated Competitions

Juniors count their best 7 results, being the GBR Junior Championships, plus 3 domestic competitions and 3 foreign competitions:

a) **British Junior Championships** 4 October 2009

b) Best 3 from the following 5 domestic competitions:

Senior Nationals	25 July 2009
British Selection Circuit London	12/13 September 2009
Welsh Open	14 November 2009
British Selection Circuit Gateshead	16 January 2010
Essex Open	23 January 2010

c) Best 3 from the following international competitions.

Junior World Cups

Bratislava	10 October 2009
Leszno	28 November 2009
Bochum	12 December 2009
Budapest	5 January 2010
Lyon	6 February 2010

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(The NIF count for Budapest and Lyon will be taken from the World Ranking list as of 1 January 2010.)

Junior World Championships Baku 3-10 April 2010

Qualifying standard

The minimum qualifying standard for selection will be 7500 points from the best 3 international results in the following events:

- The 5 Under-20 World Cup events nominated above;
- The 2009 Junior European Championships
- The 2009 Junior World Championships

For any of these results to count fencers must be placed within the **top 50%** of those taking part.

Selection for World Championships

Selection for the first two places will be made in order of the ranking list as at the selection date from fencers who have gained the qualifying standard as above.

The third place will normally be selected in the same way as the first two places using the ranking system described. However, the selectors or the International Committee alone may select the third fencer in place of a higher ranked fencer.

The reserve or fourth fencer for the team event may be any fencer chosen by the selectors.

The Performance Director may select any Pathway fencer to fill unselected places, even if they have not reached the qualifying standard.

Please note that the International Committee reserves the right, in the light of exceptional circumstances, to modify the qualifying standard and in particular to consider a fencer for selection who has not reached the standard described above, or to not include a scoring result if the strength of the competition is not sufficient.

Additional Conditions for Selection

All the above selections are subject to **fitness and satisfactory behaviour** throughout the season. Fencers must satisfy the International Committee that they are training adequately before being allowed to compete in the World or European championships. Fitness assessments for the European's Team must be complied with and we expect the fencers who are selected for the World Championships to attend the training day for the event, **21 March 10**.

- The selectors reserve the right to permit an individual fencer to score points at an alternative Junior World Cup if he is prevented from participating in one of the above 5 as a result of the need to represent British Fencing in an official capacity elsewhere. Results in Senior World Cups will only be taken into account in exceptional circumstances.

Ranking points

Points will be awarded as set out in the overall scheme –see British Fencing website. 30% of the previous season's total points will be carried over onto the new season's ranking list, and will be removed after the **4th selection (nominated) competition** (domestic or international) after 1st September.

Notes on overseas competitions

Paul Sibert will coordinate all arrangements. Entries are done by Kim at British Fencing, once approved by the selectors and Performance Director

- Remember that if you accept a place at a Junior World Cup and then withdraw without a doctor's certificate, the FIE will fine you **500 Euros**.
- **If anyone drops out too late to include a reserve they will still be liable for their share of the officials' costs.** The costs of the officials required to go will be shared between all fencers entered.
- All fencers *must* have travel insurance. An annual policy is usually cheaper if a number of trips are anticipated – British Fencing can assist you with this. Please note that 'family' policies may only be valid when the principal policy holder is in the party. Please also check that fencing is covered.
- To obtain reduced cost, or sometimes free, medical treatment in European Economic Area countries or Switzerland, you need a European Health Insurance Card ("EHIC"). Full details may be obtained from the Department of Health website and the EHICs may be obtained on line, by phone or post. It is strongly recommended that you obtain this form.
- Make sure you are up to date with all normal immunisations, including meningitis. Hepatitis A and Typhoid are also advisable for many countries.
- Overseas trips usually cost an average of around £250 involving a flight, taxi fares, 1-2 nights accommodation, meals, entry fees and a contribution to the cost of sending a referee/official.
- We do appreciate the huge costs involved for the parents of fencers eligible to compete abroad and do not want any potential team member to drop out because of financial reasons. We therefore suggest that fencers should do their best to find sponsors and we will always be happy to provide official letters of support providing we are sure that the fencer is training satisfactorily.
- At the competition itself, the Chef de Mission will be responsible for fencing matters for the whole British contingent.
- The whole group are expected to act as a mutually supportive British squad and to behave responsibly. All fencers and accompanying adults should familiarise themselves with British Fencing's code of conduct for fencers travelling abroad, in particular the points relating to consumption of alcohol and unruly behaviour.
- Remember to apply for an FIE licence (for all FIE events) or renew it in good time via the British Fencing office.
- Standard FIE kit is essential at Junior World Cups
 - All foils and body wires must be checked, including weight testing, before travelling.
 - For Junior 'A' Grades, electric jackets must have the surname & GBR marked on the back in the correct way.
 - The GBR strip must be down **both legs of the breeches and the back arm.**
- Doping Control is carried out at all Junior FIE events. Check that any medication you are taking or have taken recently is allowed. A **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)** is required for any banned substance taken for medical reasons. (See British Fencing website for information and forms or contact Clare for advice).

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