

## **SENIOR RANKING SCHEME AND SELECTION PROCEDURE 2011-2012**

### **DEFINITIONS**

"European zone" has the same meaning as ascribed to it by the FIE;

"overseas" means all other parts of the world;

"season" means the 12-month period starting on the 1st day of September of each year;

"Senior" applies to all fencing events, which are not cadet (U/17), junior (U/20), U23 or veteran (over 40);

"World Class Performance Team" means the Performance Manager and the relevant national GBR coaches in each weapon

"World Class Programme athlete" means any fencer named as being on the World Class Performance Programme

### **2011 – 2012 SENIOR RANKING SCHEME**

#### **Introduction and Background**

1. With effect from 1 September 1999 there has been a rolling ranking scheme for all fencers eligible to take part in Senior Competitions at home or overseas.
2. Responsibility for the calculation and administration of the Ranking Scheme shall ultimately lie with the Performance Manager whose decision on any ranking matter shall be final. It is expected that the Ranking Scheme in each weapon discipline will be carried out to the same rules, by a person or persons appointed by the Performance Manager.
3. Rankings will be calculated by aggregating all the points awarded to each fencer in accordance with the rules laid down in this document.
4. The relevant results will be the fencer's best **SIX** results of which no more than three results may be from overseas competitions.
5. Fencers may score points in any overseas competition - home world cup events count as overseas competitions.
6. In addition to the above and with the consent of the Performance Manager obtained prior to the overseas competition, any fencer who, in the main, trains/works/lives overseas may rely on results obtained from no more than two overseas competitions in place of two home competitions, subject to the proviso of paragraph seven below.
7. Where, in the circumstances described in the previous paragraph, a fencer is permitted to rely on points obtained from overseas competitions, the points obtained from such overseas competitions will not exceed the points which the fencer could have obtained in the strongest home competition (highest graded) with a multiplier of one, in the appropriate weapon in the preceding period of 12 months immediately before the overseas competition in question.

## **2011-2012 Points Ranking Scheme**

8. For all open competitions, FIE Grand Prix and World Cups, points will be awarded to fencers who reach the last 64 provided that they are placed in the top 75% of those competing.
9. To be awarded points fencers must have won at least **one** fight, either in the round of poules or in the direct elimination.
10. The same scoring rules will apply for competitions relied on under paragraphs six and seven dealing with foreign residence.
11. The points total scored in each competition is calculated by taking the grading multiplier (see Annex A) and multiplying this by the factor assigned to the fencer's final placing (see table on BF website) <http://www.britishfencing.com/uploads/files/placemultiplierplaces1-64.pdf>
12. Calculation of the senior ranking points will normally be done on a monthly basis on the first day of each month using the actual results of relevant competitions during the preceding period of twelve months ending on the last day of the previous month. No account shall be taken of the fact that a competition date may have been brought forward in a subsequent season so that the two succeeding results of the same competition may be included in the same period of 12 months.
13. The date of any relevant competition will be taken to be the date of the final so that the results of a competition whose final is on the last day of a month will be used to calculate the ranking points on the next day (being the start of a new month). By contrast, the results of a competition whose final is on the first day of a month will not be used to calculate ranking points until the beginning of the following month.
14. Points calculated in accordance with paragraph 13 will be used for seeding purposes at home competitions and will be published on the internet.

## **Notification of Results**

15. It shall be the responsibility of competition organisers to provide British Fencing with a complete set of that competition's results including the full entry list as soon as practically possible. Notification must be by electronic means (email or disc). Failure to notify British Fencing may lead to the results of a competition not being eligible for ranking points for the following season.
16. For all FIE championships (World and Zonal), Grand Prix and World Cup events, ranking list compilers will rely on the results published on the FIE website.

## **Calculation of Grading Multiplier for Relevant Competitions**

17. The method of calculating the multiplier for competitions will be as described in Annex A.

## **2011 - 2012 SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **FIE Grand Prix and World Cups**

18. Entry to FIE Grand Prix / World Cup competitions will be governed by the conditions of the particular competition and / or FIE regulations and any fencer must meet any such conditions / regulation to be considered for selection including holding an FIE licence.
19. FIE rules for providing referees for certain competitions now apply only to Satellite World Cups. If the size of the British contingent entered for a Satellite World Cup event requires the appointment of a British referee, then the International Operations and Logistics Co-ordinator (IOLC) should arrange for a referee or referees to be sent. The cost of the referee will be split between the competing athletes. However, especially for competitions outside the European Zone, if it proves impossible to identify a referee to attend the nominated event, due to reasons such as time or cost, then the Performance Manager will either restrict the entry to the maximum number of fencers allowed or the financial penalty will be shared by all the British entrants.
20. According to FIE rules, a financial penalty can be imposed if a fencer fails to turn up to an event. The fencer will be liable for this penalty.
21. Selection for World Cup Team events will be made by the Performance Manager in consultation with the appropriate lead national GBR coach. Any factors and results felt to be relevant may be taken into account in making the selection.
22. Fencers competing in the individual event will not automatically be selected for the Team event held at the same venue over the same period.
23. The top four fencers (Grand Prix) or top six fencers (World Cups) in the British Ranking at the time of selection, subject to fitness, will be entitled to be selected for individual events.
24. Any remaining places can be filled by fencers, subject to fitness, selected by the Performance Team. The Performance Team will be responsible for deciding how many of the remaining places are filled.
25. In making any selection decision the Performance Team shall not be obliged to have regard to the fact that selection (or non-selection) may affect a fencer's ranking in any other ranking scheme (Cadet, Junior, Veterans etc.).

### **Home FIE World Cup Events**

26. Entry to home FIE world cup competitions will be governed by the same conditions as entry to overseas FIE world cup competitions (para 23). The number of British entrants will be governed by the maximum number allowable under the FIE rules with the Performance Team being responsible for deciding how many of the places are filled.

### **World and European Championships 2012**

27. Selection to fence in the individual events at both the World (Women's Sabre and Men's Epee only) and European Championships from those fencers who have reached the qualifying standard will normally be made according to the order of the British Ranking,

subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs.

28. World Class Programme athletes may be selected even if not qualified, provided that no qualified fencer is displaced.
29. The qualifying standard for a Team to be automatically entered for the 2012 World Team Championships (WS and ME only) will be:
  - Top 8 in Team event at 2011 Senior European Championships and / or
  - Top 8 in Team event at 2011 Senior World Championships and / or
  - Top 10 in world cup team ranking
30. The qualifying standard for the 2012 European Championships will be one L16 (or better) result, or two L32 results from the following qualifying competitions:
  - 2011 Senior European Championships
  - 2011 Senior World Championships
  - FIE Grand Prix and World Cup competitions in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to the selection date - but subject to paragraphs 44 and 45
31. Any fencer who has been selected either by direct qualification or via a host nation place to represent GBR at the 2012 Olympic Games will be automatically selected for the 2012 European Championships. Should there be more athletes qualified than places available priority will be given to those athletes selected to represent GBR at the Olympic Games.
32. Notwithstanding the qualifying standard for individual events, any weapon which stands in the top 10 of the world cup team rankings at the relevant selection date, or finished in the top eight places in the Senior World or European Championships of the previous year may send a full team of four fencers to the European championships.
33. If an event has a NIF count of less than 600 then the result will be downgraded by one round (eg. a L16 result will count as equivalent to a L32). If an event has a NIF count of less than 300, then the result will be downgraded by two rounds (eg. a L8 result will count as equivalent to a L32). If an event has an incomplete L16 tableau then no qualifying result will count.
34. The Performance Manager has absolute discretion to vary these requirements in relation to the actual results at competitions with an overall intention of (a) ensuring fairness and (b) protecting against weak results counting as a qualifying standard.
35. Fencers selected for the individual competition shall not automatically be selected to fence in the team event at the European Championships.
36. The fencers for the team event will be selected by the Performance Team who may take into account any factors and results that they feel to be relevant in making the selection.
37. Fencers so selected, may fence in the individual event, even if not qualified, provided that in doing so, they do not deprive a qualified fencer from competing in the individual event.
38. Fencers may be selected to fence in the team event who are not fencing in the individual event.

39. The Performance Team may select to the World or European Championships any fencer who has not met the qualifying standard, provided that any such fencer does not deprive a qualified fencer from being selected.
40. For the purpose of selection for both the individual and team events at the World and European Championships, the Performance Team may in its absolute discretion modify the rules for points and the qualifying standard retrospectively where special circumstances affect the result of any particular competition (e.g. significantly reduced participation, walk-over result, or minimal entry).
41. If any conflict occurs between the above rules and anything published or appearing on the BF website these rules will have precedence.
42. Fencers may only be considered for selection if they have a satisfactory disciplinary record. The Performance Team reserve the right to omit a fencer from selection for any particular event if they deem that fencer's disciplinary record to be unsatisfactory.
43. Fencers are expected to maintain a satisfactory level of training and fitness. The Performance Team reserve the right to omit a fencer from selection for any particular event if they deem that fencer's fitness or training record is unsatisfactory. They may also request a fencer to demonstrate a satisfactory level of fitness.
44. Applications for the correction of errors in calculation of points for selection (save where such errors are not present two weeks before in which case they should be rectified as soon as is practically possible) or any mitigating circumstances which an athlete wishes to be taken in to account in the selection decisions, should be submitted in writing to the Performance Manager no later than two weeks before the identified selection date.
45. Any athlete who has not met the performance criteria in paragraphs 30 and 31 for automatic qualification for the World or European Championships, shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.

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## ANNEXE A

### CALCULATION OF GRADING MULTIPLIER FOR RELEVANT COMPETITIONS

| Event type  | Data needed   | NIF calculation method   | Maximum NIF   |
|---|---|--|---|
| World Cup (A-Grades)                              | World top 100 after the 2011 World Championships  | Sum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 to 20 count 60</li> <li>21 to 40 count 30</li> <li>41 to 100 count 10</li> </ul>   | No limit  |
| Satellites (overseas)                             | World ranking after the 2011 World Championships and GBR rolling rankings at 1st September or 1st March, whichever is the more recent                   | Sum:<br>For <b>foreign fencers</b> using World Rankings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 to 20 count 30</li> <li>21 to 40 count 15</li> <li>41 to 100 count 5</li> <li>100 to 200 count 3</li> <li>200 to last fencer with points count 1</li> </ul> For <b>GB fencers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GBR fencers 6, 3 or 1 as for GBR Opens</li> <li>OR</li> <li>0.75 times the number present, whichever is greater</li> </ul> | 1.5 times NIF for previous GBR Nationals.<br>(but see line below table) |
| Satellites (home)                                 | World ranking after the 2011 World Championships and GBR rolling rankings at 1st September or 1st March, whichever is the more recent                   | Sum as for Satellites (overseas)<br>OR<br>0.75 times the number present, whichever is greater<br>OR<br>As GBR Opens, whichever is the greater  | 1.5 times NIF for previous GBR Nationals                                |
| Overseas Opens (If nominated by weapon committee) | Past results of the event and the ranking points profile (i.e. best six results and position) of GBR fencers who obtained results at the past event(s). | 'Strength factor' times the number present. The 'strength factor' to be set in advance by the selectors within the range 0.33 to 0.75 based on a calibration of the event using the ranking points profile of three or more GBR fencers who have previously had results at the event   | NIF for previous GBR Nationals  |
| Other Overseas Opens                              | No data other than the event results  | 0.33 times the number present  | 0.8 times NIF for previous GBR Nationals                                |
| GBR Opens   | Rolling rankings as at 1st September or 1st March, whichever is the more recent   | Sum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 to 10 count 6</li> <li>11 to 20 count 3</li> <li>21 to 50 count 1</li> <li>Overseas fencers (See note below)</li> </ul> or 0.25 times the number present, whichever is greater   | No limit  |
| GBR Nationals                                     | As GBR Opens  | As GBR Opens times 1.2   | No limit  |

- Any competition that scores higher on the world cup ('A' grade) scoring format will be scored as an 'A' grade with no limit on the score.
- Where fencers are on the World Ranking list and GBR NIF, they are only counted once using the higher value.

Alternatively, overseas fencers participating in GBR Opens can be assigned a NIF value based on their performance in recent ranking periods (e.g. to 1st March or 1st September) and/or on their performance in the event. This will generally be done on their first appearance during the period concerned and the NIF value will then be retained for the remainder of the period.

If an overseas fencer does not have a full set of six results, then on the conservative assumption that their results represent their best performances, the results may be scaled up to give a points value equivalent to six results. The scaling factors can be calculated from the previous season's data taking all GBR fencers with a full set of six results and calculating the grand total sum of all six results divided by the total sum of all the best 'n' results (where n = 1 to 5) . For Men's Epee the factors are typically:

| Total no of results 'n' | Scaling factor |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1                       | 3.1            |
| 2                       | 1.9            |
| 3                       | 1.4            |
| 4                       | 1.2            |
| 5                       | 1.1            |

The equivalent points value is then used to determine where the fencer fits within the relevant GBR ranking list for the period in relation to the GBR NIF fencers.