**Competition Matrix**

**STEP 1**  
Rationale and context to the Competition Plan

**STEP 2**  
Positioning of Competition in Calendar

**STEP 3**  
Details of each Competition

**STEP 4**  
County / SSP Information of Competition

**Sport - Fencing**
Context of school competition within wider development of the Sport

What role does competitive school sport play in terms of the wider development of your sport?

- INCREASING PARTICIPATION
- DEVELOPMENT OF VALUES AND ETHICS OF THE GAME
- DEVELOPMENT OF SOUND FUNDAMENTALS
- DEVELOPMENT OF GAME/EVENT UNDERSTANDING
- DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITION EDUCATION ('HOW TO WIN')
- INITIATION OF A PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
- FEEDING SCHOOL TO CLUB LINKS

How is this ‘lived out’ by your National Competition Plan?

The format is easy to organise and self contained. The soft form of our sport is resource-light, hence more accessible than metal fencing and in a short time is able to bring children to a taste of competition which replicates in little the experience and atmosphere of a metal fencing competition (but in about 1/5 of the time and at a fraction of the cost). It has cross-curricular benefits of developing sporting behaviour, social and personal development, language development and ABC which is transferrable to other sports. Mini fencing is very close to metal fencing, the transition to metal fencing is quick and easy.

What other ‘departments’ are aware/have been involved in the development of the National Competition Plan?

- COACHING – the coordinator of England Fencing National Framework is working group is also Director of Coach Education and Management.
- PERFORMANCE
- CLUBS
- DISABILITY
- SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (where one exists)
  - England Fencing is held a conference on 29th March 2009 which emphasised the opportunities for clubs to get involved in links into SSPs to provide a robust pathway from ASCs/OSHL and Community clubs, from mini fencing to full metal fencing. Other conferences to publicise the initiative are planned for March and July 2010
  - Articles in fencing house magazine have and will spread the word about the frameworks and the competition format.
How are the competition plan and its priorities aligned with other work strands?

- Club links
- Coaching – NGB offers teacher training
- Leadership & Volunteering – have trialled a junior leader workshop.
- Other

What support/advice/guidance is available nationally to support the implementation of the competition plan?

- Web downloads
- Templates
- Young Leaders/Officials courses – junior leader workshop
- Teachers/Schools resource packs - Resource cards being developed. Manufacturer of the equipment includes a teacher’s guide with the kit compromising of 20 x 1 hour lessons.
- Other – PLTs and Teachers to deliver mini fencing programmes. Half day and whole-day workshops delivered by England Fencing.

How will the priorities of the competition plan, the rationale and other key information about this process be shared with colleagues at regional / county and local level?

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What support is available to help the implementation of the plan at a local level?

- Local coaches and club volunteers
- Teacher packs with equipment
- Resource cards being developed
**Positioning in National School Competition Calendar** - the aim is to identify clear ‘seasons’ which allows pupils to compete in 2 or more sports across the year.

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The competition calendar depends entirely on when mini fencing programmes are started.

For example if decide to hold SSP mini fencing tournament in July, you would need to ensure that sufficient primary schools have run their mini fencing programmes starting after Easter to allow 6 – 10 weeks of mini fencing programmes.
**STEP 3**

**Detail on each competition listed (this should include disability events where appropriate)**

*(List priority competition first)*

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<th>NAME OF COMPETITION</th>
<th>KEY STAGE / AGE GROUP</th>
<th>LEVEL e.g. A, B, C, D team</th>
<th>FORMAT OF COMPETITION</th>
<th>REGULARITY</th>
<th>ROUTE INTO COMPETITION FROM</th>
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<th>Dates of competition e.g. ‘window for SSP round’ ‘window for county round’ etc.</th>
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<td>Mini Fencing</td>
<td>Key stage 2 Years 5 and 6</td>
<td>Beginner</td>
<td>Team relay Can be 2 to 8 teams (preferably even numbers) and can be completed in 2 hours</td>
<td>Whenever significant numbers have been through a Mini Fencing programme</td>
<td>ASC / OSHL or sports unlimited mini fencing programme</td>
<td>Metal fencing at local secondary school and/or community club/and or fencing club. Depends entirely on when mini fencing programme is scheduled e.g. Term 1 – mini fencing Term 2 – Intra and inter school Term 3 – SSP mini fencing festival</td>
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Mapping document of target SSP’s

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<th>HIGH QUALITY VENUE FOR COUNTY FINALS – please state if the NGB can access preferential rates</th>
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