

International Cadet Management Group

British Cadet Ranking and Selection Scheme 2015-16

This scheme is for the purpose of:-

1. Compiling the British cadet ranking lists
2. Selecting fencers for the nominated international cadet competitions
3. Selecting the British team for the cadet European Championships
4. Selecting the British team for the cadet World Championships

Cadet European Championships – 29 Feb - 4 March 2016 Novi Sad, Serbia

Cadet World Championships – 1 - 4 April 2016 Bourges, France

1. Definitions

Cadet in this document refers to fencers who are under 17 on 1st January 2016 (Born 1999 or later).

Junior in this document refers to fencers who are under 20 on 1st January 2016 (Born 1996 or later).

BRC - British Ranking Competition – this includes all nominated domestic competitions apart from the British Cadet Championships (*previously called British Selection Competitions*)

Major Events - World or European Championships

EFC – European Fencing Confederation

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

ICMG - International Cadet Management Group

TP – Talent Programmes

2. The Cadet Season 2015-16

This starts with the first nominated BRC for each weapon after April 2015 and ends with the Cadet World Championships April 2016 when an end of season ranking will be produced [See 8 below]

NB Introduction of a carry-over of some points for the early part of the 16-17 season is under consideration

European Championship final selection date 21 December 2015

World Championship final selection date 8 Feb 2016

3. Cadet Ranking Scheme

3.1 Points will be awarded for:

- The **British Cadet Championships** (with a multiplier of 1.5)
- The fencer's best **two domestic** results.

Weapons will nominate at least three domestic events (BRCs) which cannot be open (senior) events.

- The fencer's best **two international** results from the following:
 - Three or four nominated European Cadet Circuit events abroad.
 - Manchester foil and Camden sabre UK EFC events.
[A maximum of four EFC events]
 - Additionally, for cadets who are also in their GBR junior squad, the best results from nominated junior international events can be used in place of the cadet international results.
- The Cadet European and Cadet World Championships will count towards the end of season GBR ranking.

Hence for the cadet ranking list the **best five results** from the selection events will make up the total - the best two domestic, the best two international, and the British Cadet Championships.

3.2 It is the responsibility of the Weapon Coordinator and TP coach to nominate the international events and set the BRC dates in consultation with the ICMG Chair.

The calendars for each weapon will be available on the website.

4. Selection for Nominated European Cadet Circuit events

4.1 The selectors will be the Weapon Coordinator and the TP Coach for each weapon. If necessary the ICMG Chair will be a third selector.

4.2 Normally 15 fencers per weapon will be selected for these squads taking into account:

- Cadets who are also in a GBR Junior squad and are nominated by the TP coach.
- The current cadet national ranking.
- Age, recent results and satisfactory training programmes.
- Any issue that may interfere with selection, such as owing money to British Fencing.
- Discretionary places that can be allocated by the selectors to a fencer if exceptional circumstances apply, such as residency abroad.

4.3 For an international cadet event in UK, however, up to 64 British fencers can be entered so there will be open entry up to this maximum.

*NB For all the **non-nominated** European Cadet Circuit events, any fencer can apply to be entered. No ranking points will be given. If more than 4 fencers wish to go the responsibility for providing referees and the cost will be shared by all. If necessary, selection will be in ranking order.*

5. Selection for Cadet European Championships 2016

[4 fencers for individual and team event]

5.1 Qualification level

1x L8 or 2x L32 (or better) in European Cadet Circuit events nominated as internationals or **at least 1x L16** in a Junior World Cup.

However for cadet internationals

If NIF count is < 700 the qualification level will be a L16 rather than a L32

If <500 it will be a L8 rather than a L32

AND if the international participation (for any reason) produces a significantly weaker event overall than in previous years the selectors reserve the right to downgrade results.

5.2 To count towards the qualification level a result must score points – see 8.3 below

5.3 The first three fencers will be selected from those qualified, in accordance with the order of the cadet ranking list. The fourth fencer and a non-travelling reserve will be selected by the TP coach.

If fewer than 3 fencers are qualified, the TP has the right to select any fencers for the individual event only or to complete the team as long as no qualified fencer is displaced.

6 Selection for Cadet World Championships 2016

[3 fencers for individual; team event TBC]

6.1 Qualification level

1xL8 or 1x L16 and 1x L32 (but as above for adjustments) in European Cadet Circuit events nominated as internationals or **1x L16** in Junior World Cups.

6.2 The first two fencers will be selected from those qualified, in accordance with the order of the cadet ranking list. The third fencer and non-travelling reserve will be selected by the TP coach.

If fewer than 2 fencers are qualified, the TP has the right to select any fencers as long as no qualified fencer is displaced.

7 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 British Fencing or their agent that an amount is owed.

8 Compilation of the Cadet Rankings

8.1 Points collators will publish

- an end of season ranking (after the Cadet Worlds) for 2014/15
- an initial seeding list, (the end of season ranking with fencers born in 98 removed).

8.2 Seeding of cadet BRCs

- If first BRC is for cadets only the initial seeding list will be used
- If the first BRC counting for cadets is an U20 event, it will be seeded using:
1. Current junior ranking 2. Initial cadet seeding list 3. Any other appropriate results
- If the first cadet only BRC occurs after any U20 BRCs counting for cadets, it will be seeded using:
1. The current Cadet ranking 2. Initial seeding list

8.3 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.

8.4 When counting the number of entries, any fencer who starts the competition will be included (even if they withdraw or are disqualified) and all starters will count towards the grading of the event, i.e. will be included in the NIF count.

8.5 Calculation of points

The points total scored in each competition is calculated by taking the grading points (NIF) total, representing the strength of the competition, and multiplying this value by the factor assigned to the fencer's final position. (See link below for places 1-64).

[Nominated Cadet events with repechage: the multipliers have been adjusted to allow for events with repechage from L32.]

The British Cadet Championships and any other domestic cadet events (except for EFC events in UK) will have a NIF total based on the top 50 of the Cadet ranking list **updated before each event**.

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

An additional multiplier will be applied as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Additional multipliers applied to NIF count - for the cadet ranking		
Domestic events		International events
GBR Cadet Championships	Cadet NIF x 1.5	
Junior BRCs	Junior NIF x 1.5	Junior World Cups, NIF x 15

Calculation of NIF count for the European Cadet circuit events nominated as international selection competitions:

[points allocated x international multiplier of 10]

The top 100 from the European Cadet ranking will be used as follows-

1-20 60 points

21-40 30

41-100 10

The ranking to be used will be the most recently updated list available before each of the nominated events.

Multipliers for places 1–64 and multipliers for places 1-64 with repechage from 32

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

NB: The ICMG reserve the right to amend selection dates and calendars if circumstances change, e.g. cancellation of any of the nominated events.

In the event of any selection dispute, the ICMG Chair will make the final decision.

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Cadet Ranking and Selection Scheme – additional notes

1. Nominated events
 - Nominated domestic events will now be called British Ranking Competitions (BRCs) for consistency with the Junior Ranking Scheme.
 - Junior World Cup results will count
2. Selection
 - In general squads of 15 will be selected; if places are declined the selectors have the discretion to offer those places to reserves but are not obliged to.
 - Cadets who are also in junior squads can be selected even if they are not in the top 15 of the relevant cadet ranking. This is in order to help rationalise their individual training and competition programmes.
 - Cadets who live abroad can apply or be considered for a discretionary place if they are unable to attend all the BRCs and want other results to be taken into account.
3. Team events abroad – wherever possible the extra competitive experience provided should be taken advantage of. Parents and coaches will need to liaise over team composition; the squad managers will assist if they can.
4. All fencers aiming to compete as part of a GBR squad should have a well-planned training and competition schedule. These will not now have to be submitted in advance but if any advice is needed please contact the Weapon Coordinator.
5. It is also expected that all these fencers will be able to meet at least the minimum fitness standards that are set by British Fencing's Talent Programme. It is hoped that the motivation for this will come from the fencers, with practical support by parents and coaches, as we do not have the staff to monitor this.
6. As for the 14/15 season, the ICMG will arrange for referees to attend the nominated EFC events; there will be a referee levy of £60 per fencer.
7. Parents will continue to be responsible for all other arrangements for fencers.
8. Fencers are reminded that they need to have an EFC licence, obtainable through the British Fencing office.
9. All entries to the EFC cadet circuit events have to be done by the British Fencing office using the confirmed list provided by the squad manager.
10. All queries about selection should go to the Weapon Coordinator; queries about squad trips to the squad manager.