

# SELECTION POLICY FOR U23 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 1. PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document lays out the BF selection policy for U23 European Championships.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- 2.1 All Fencers must fence in the U23 National Championships (or have received an advance authorised exemption): AND
- 2.2 Fencers must be ranked
  - 2.2.1 Top 15 GBR Senior Ranking with international points contributing at the Selection Date: OR
  - 2.2.2 Top 5 GBR Junior Ranking with international points contributing at the Selection Date : A N D
- 2.3 Selection is subject to the same general eligibility criteria (eg nationality, disciplinary status, fitness) as set out in the Senior GBR Selection Policy.
- 2.4 For the avoidance of doubt, athletes that do not meet the above criteria are *not eligible* for individual selection

### 3. PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTION

- 3.1 Up to 3 places will be available for athletes who have an FIE ranking point scoring L96 (or better) at Senior World Cup/Grand Prix in the current season. If more than 3 athletes exist places will be filled by order of FIE rankings at selection date.
- 3.2 If fewer than 3 athletes qualify by 3.1, the remaining places (up to 3) will be selected using the EFC U23 rankings. Athletes must be in the top 75 of the EFC rankings at selection date.
- 3.3 The 4th and any remaining places will be selected from athletes who have achieved a L8 in a nominated Junior World Cup in the current season ordered by Junior FIE ranking at date of selection.
- 3.4 Should there not be sufficient eligible athletes under 3.3, remaining places will be filled using 3.1 then 3.2.
- 3.5 For the avoidance of doubt, athletes that do not meet any of the above criteria are not eligible for individual selection.
- 3.6 If insufficient athletes qualify, selectors can use discretionary selection to select an athlete:
  - for an individual space based on medical grounds.
  - to make up a team where 3 athletes have already qualified.
- 3.7 If there is a calendar clash fencers representing GBR in the U23 European Championships will be automatically exempt from the requirement to compete at the Senior National Championships to be eligible to represent GBR in FIE and EFC competitions. There will be no related adjustment to ranking schemes and selectors will be informed of the clash.

### 4. SELECTORS

- 4.1 The selection panel will consist of 1 selector from each Junior Selection Panel (total of 3) and 1 selector from each Senior Selection Panel (total of 3) chaired by the chair of the International Senior Management Group. One representative of the GBR Athlete Development programme will be entitled to attend selection meetings.

### 5. APPEALS

- 5.1 The GBR Appeals Policy and Procedure applies to this selection.