

BRITISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Entry information for Regions: British Youth Championships (BYCs) 2019

Date: Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May 2019

Venue: EIS Sheffield

Closing Date for Regional Entries: Monday 25th March 2019

1. Method of Entry

1.1 Prior to the qualifying competition:

- 1.1.1 All competitors should be confirmed members of British Fencing (BF) - please email Head Office at headoffice@britishfencing.com who will be able to supply you with details to check all memberships. Proof does not need to be provided on the day.

1.2 At the qualifying competition:

- 1.2.1 Calculate the entry as outlined below and notify the qualifying fencers. If a fencer declares on the day of the qualifying event that they do not intend to compete at the BYC Finals event, they may be replaced with the next highest ranked fencer to complete the regions allocation. The original qualifier should still be included in your entry numbers for the purpose of calculating the correct number of qualifiers. No substitutions can be made after the day of the qualifying competition as per rule 2.3.5 below.
- 1.2.2 Ensure that the following information is obtained from all qualifiers: Surname and forename in full; membership number; date of birth [recorded day, month, year]. Please note that entries will NOT be accepted without this information.
- 1.2.3 A Parental Consent form will need to be filled in electronically prior to the finals event and will be available on the BF website. This will also be sent to all qualifiers using the email address on a fencers membership profile in advance of the event. Please do remind fencers to ensure their profile is up-to-date.
- 1.2.4 Advise all qualifiers that a list of finalists will be posted on the BF website as soon as possible after the closing date.
- 1.2.5 Please note that entries will only be accepted via the regions.

1.3 Before the closing date:

- 1.3.1 Complete the online entry through bf.sport80.com. One (or more) representatives from each region will be given 'admin' access to all athletes from that region to allow them to complete the entry process and a template for uploading the entries will be provided. For 2019, all fencers with byes should enter their regional event and be entered along with the rest of the fencers from that region. All fencers with byes will be contacted and advised of this and a list of fencers with byes will be available on the British Fencing website so you can check which fencers from your region are in receipt of a bye. Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer or card payment – please confirm this at the point of

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entry. Fencers with BYEs who do not enter their Regions qualifier will not be eligible to take part in the BYCs Finals event.

- 1.3.2 If Engarde has been used to run the qualifying competition, please keep a copy of the competition files until at least the date of the finals event so they can be requested if necessary.
- 1.3.3 If the qualifying competition has been run manually, please keep documentation until at least the date of the finals event so they can be requested if necessary. This information should include the draw for the first round together with copies of tableau, final tableau and any poules sheets from which qualifiers were promoted. Please note if requested these are only required for checking and are then destroyed. Regions are advised to make copies.

2. Rules

2.1 Eligibility:

2.1.1 Years of birth for this season are:

U12 – Born 2007 or 2008 U14 – Born 2005 or 2006

U16 – Born 2003 or 2004 U18 – Born 2001 or 2002

2.1.2 Fencers may only enter the Regional event in the Region they have specified on their British Fencing Membership. Fencers may only fence in one qualifying event in one region per season.

2.1.3 Fencers must be UK residents.

2.1.4 Entries will only be accepted via the Regions.

2.2 Competition Format:

2.2.1 The competitions are run under BF rules, subject to changes outlined in these rules. For the finals the formula is one round of poules without elimination, followed by Direct Elimination.

2.2.2 In the U12 & U14 competitions the maximum blade sizes are: Foil – size 3, Epee – size 2 and Sabre – size 2.

2.2.3 In the U16 & U18 Foil events size 5 blades will be used throughout and lame bibs and mask wires will be required.

2.2.4 In the U16 & U18 Sabre events 800N gloves will be necessary at the finals event as per BF rules – please see <https://www.britishfencing.com/an-important-safety-reminder/>

2.2.5 In the U12 events:

- In the DE Tableau fights are to 10 hits in 3 bouts of 2 minutes with a gap of 1 minute.

2.3 Other:

2.3.1 Qualification is calculated based on the below formula. Please note that fencers who enter, but do not fence (including those with BYEs), are not counted in this total.

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Thus:

For 1 - 15 entries 5 fencer qualify

16-18 entries - 6 qualify

18-21 entries - 7 qualify

22-24 entries - 8 qualify

25-27 entries - 9 qualify

28-30 entries - 10 qualify

If above 30 fencers please check with British Fencing.

- 2.3.2 Any fencer who reached the last 8 in their event at last year's BYC Finals may claim a bye in this year's finals in the same weapon regardless of age group. FENCERS CLAIMING A BYE MUST ENTER THE REGIONAL QUALIFYING COMPETITION, but do not need to fence. Wherever they finish in the Regional Competition they will qualify for the finals event in ADDITION to the number of qualifiers calculated.
- 2.3.3 Any other Byes are only allocated in **exceptional circumstances**. Any fencer who is **realistically** trying to qualify for the British Cadet or Junior teams for the 2018/19 season, and whose Regional Qualifying competition clashes with a nominated ranking event in that weapon, should contact Chloe Hobden at British Fencing ahead of the qualifying event so that the possibility of a bye can be discussed.
- 2.3.4 All fencers, both in the finals and the qualifying competitions, must be members of British Fencing and meet all the eligibility criteria outlined above. Any fencer found to have competed in a regional event without the appropriate membership, or who fails to meet the eligibility criteria, are liable to be disqualified from the finals event. If the disqualification affects the number of qualifiers the number of qualifiers will be reduced accordingly. If the disqualified fencer was one of the qualifiers the fencer may NOT be replaced by the next ranked entrant. No refunds will be made to disqualified fencers.
- 2.3.5 If a fencer who has qualified for the finals withdraws for any reason substitutions are not allowed after entries have been submitted.
- 2.3.6 The charge to the region is £10.00 for every entrant to the qualifying competition with an extra £35.00 for every qualifier to the finals event. It is entirely up to regions how they collect this from the competitors. Regions making a late entry must pay an additional £70.00.
- 2.3.7 Closing date for all entries is Monday 25th March 2019.
- 2.3.8 Regions entering over 50 fencers will be required to supply at least one referee each day of the competition. The referee should hold at least a level 2 qualification, but it can be in any weapon and it can be a different referee each day. Regions will be responsible for any expenses for the supplied referee. Names should be provided to events@britishfencing.com by Monday 25th March 2019. Failure to supply a referee will result in a levy of £200. This is based on a minimum cost, to cover accommodation, travel and food expenditure to bring in referees.
- 2.3.9 Please note in all rules and notifications "club" refers to an affiliated club registered with BF.
- 2.3.10 Continuing for 2019 – points will be awarded to fencers as per below. These will go towards their regions total score in the Finals event. At the end of the three days the totals for each region will be published on the BF website.
- 1st – 12 points
 - 2nd – 10 points
 - 3rd – 8 points
 - 5th – 8th – 6,5,4,3 points
 - L16 – 2 points
 - L32 – 1 point

For points to start it must be at a point in the tableau where at least one fencer has won a DE fight to get there. E.g. if there are only 28 fencers in an event points would only start from the L16. There is no reduction in points for smaller events or for starting points at say L16.